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# THE FLIMSY BOARD

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2017 Canadian Pacific Railroad Christmas train. *(Photographer unknown)*

## **NEXT CLUB EVENTS:**

December 4, 2017 – BNMR Board meeting, 6:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

December 4, 2017 - BNMR Business meeting, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

December 12, 2017 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton



## The Semaphore Board

### December 2017



The Retsil Veterans Home show had few problems. Besides the usual bridge track problems, we were again shorthanded part of the time. Sunday, Bob called in sick but everyone stepped up to cover his assigned operating time. Vern, one of two to operate using DC, found that the wireless DC throttle will shut down after a while if no buttons are pushed. He also found that if there was a short, the wireless receiver had to be shut off and then back on before the train could be moved. Apparently, this last is a change from our original wireless throttle. Maybe that is why our original throttle failed. Again, the residents appreciated us displaying our trains. The next show at Retsil is being planned for April 13-15. The club calendar has been changed, so please change yours.

Last September, we had our meetings at a fire station in Bremerton. Luckily, we didn't get kicked out. The fire department reserves their right to deny access up to the time of the meeting. That leaves little time for notification to you of the meeting change and for finding an alternate place. Therefore, the Board has decided that we will try having "late dinner" meetings for those months where the first Monday is a holiday. At this time, we are waiting until January to reserve for September. The calendar will identify the location and times (should change be needed) after the reservations are made.

This month we have our elections at the December 4 general membership meeting. All offices, except for two director positions, are up for election. Currently, we have nominations for all positions, but will be accepting additional nominations at the meeting, if any.

Tom Barrett

## **BNMR Year Schedule:**

December 4, 2017 – Board meeting, 6:00. Contact the President to confirm.  
December 4, 2017 – Annual Election Meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton  
December 12, 2017 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,  
January 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Annual Dinner & BNMR Business Meeting, (**delayed one week because of New Year's Day being a holiday**) at The Family Pancake House on Kitsap Way, Bremerton.  
January 9, 2018 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,  
January 12-15, 2018 – Pacific Science Ctr Show, Seattle (no K W layout)  
February 5, 2018 – Board meeting, 6:00. Contact the President to confirm.  
February 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton  
February 13, 2018 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,  
February 23-25, 2018 – SHOW – United North West Train Show & Marketplace, Monroe  
March 5, 2018 – Board meeting, 6:00. Contact the President to confirm.  
March 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton  
March 13, 2018 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton  
April 2, 2018 – Board meeting, 6:00. Contact the President to confirm.  
April 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton  
April 13 – 15, 2018 – SHOW – Retsil Veterans' Home Show, Port Orchard  
April 10, 2018 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton  
April 27 – 29, 2018 – SHOW – Brookdale Montclair Poulsbo  
May 7, 2018 – Board meeting, 6:00. Contact the President to confirm.  
May 7, 2018, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton,  
May 8, 2018 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton  
June 4, 2018 – Board meeting, 6:00. Contact the President to confirm.  
June 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton,  
June 12, 2018 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton  
June 16, 2018 – BNMR Swap Meet, Bremerton  
July 2, 2018 – Board meeting, 6:00. Contact the President to confirm.  
July 2, 2018, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton,  
July 10, 2018 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,  
August 6, 2018 – Board meeting, 6:00. Contact the President to confirm.  
August 6, 2018, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton,  
August 14, 2018 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,  
August 19 – 27, 2018 – SHOW – Kitsap County Fair, Bremerton (TBC)  
September 10, 2018 – Board meeting, 6:00. Contact the President to confirm.  
September 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, (**delayed one week because of Labor Day**), 7:00 P.M. at a location to be determined.  
September 11, 2018 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton.  
October 1, 2018 – Board meeting, 6:00. Contact the President to confirm.  
October 1, 2018, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton  
October 5 – 7, 2018 – SHOW – Lynden Lions Model Train Show, Lynden  
October 9, 2018 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,  
November 2-4 2018 – SHOW – Retsil Veteran's Home Show, Port Orchard  
November 5, 2018 – Board meeting, 6:00. Contact the President to confirm.  
November 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton  
November 13, 2018 – NMRA 4<sup>th</sup> Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**InterMountain** (<http://www.intermountain-railway.com/>): Upcoming HO and N Scale Product Releases – In their “Value Line” Gunderson 50' High Cube Double Door Boxcars. Featuring sharp painting and lettering, prototype accurate paint schemes, operating couplers and InterMountain metal wheelsets. (This version of the model features Dreadnaught Ends and a flat roof. Future releases will showcase other variations of this car.) Available in Burlington Northern; Milwaukee Road; Santa Fe – Quality; Union Pacific; Minnesota, Dakota & Western (ex-MILW); Santa Fe (Large logo); CP Rail (ex-MILW); BNSF; BNSF (new image); Golden West Services – SP.

**Bowser** (<http://bowser-trains.com/>): Is now taking orders on their HO Scale GLa 2 Bay Hopper cars. Available in multiple road numbers: Baltimore & Ohio Capitol Dome Scheme; Blue Coal D&H (Fantasy); Blue Coal DL&W (Fantasy); Blue Coal RDG (Fantasy); BR&P Late Scheme; Cambria & Indiana (Original Order); GB&W Black w/Red Logo; Lehigh Valley Black w/White Diamond; Ontario & Western; PRR Circle Keystone; PRR MOW Yellow No Keystone; PRR MOW Yellow Simplified; PRR Shadow keystone; and Waddell Coal (Fantasy).

**Athearn** (<http://www.athearn.com>): Announced new road numbers in their HO Scale RTR 57' PC&F Mechanical Reefer. Model features: Razor sharp printing and painting; weighted for optimum performance; McHenry scale knuckle spring couplers installed; machined RP25 profile 33” metal wheels with RP25 contours operate on all popular brands of tack; Minimum radius: 18”. Available in multiple road numbers: UPFE; GWS; GB&W; BAR; FGE; and ARR.

Prototype History: Pacific Car and Foundry responded to the railroad's migration from ice stored in bunkers as a primary cooling system to the diesel mechanical systems. The mechanical reefers could keep a more regular temperature, often times colder than what the ice bunker cars could at the time. Initially mechanical



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reefers were used primarily in frozen food service. This would soon change as mechanical refrigeration began to replace ice-based systems. Soon after, mechanical refrigeration units replaced the "armies" of personnel required to re-ice the cars. Several different deliveries of the PC&F 57' mechanical to many different railroads occurred in the mid to late 1960s. Many have been rebuilt and are still in service today. Bangor and Aroostook often leased its reefer fleet to Pacific Fruit Express in the off season for the railroad. This turned out to be a peak season for PFE in California.

### **RAILROAD TRIVIA**

Approximately what year did the Chinese come to work in Canada on the Canadian Pacific?

(Answer in next month's Flimsy)

### **Answer to last month's question:**

Did the Chicago, Milwaukee & Gary Railway ever reach Chicago, Milwaukee, or Gary?

No. The Illinois, Iowa & Minnesota Railway was created in 1904 and built a line north from a connection with the Milwaukee Road at Delmar that ended at East Joliet. In 1905, a second line was built from Aurora to Rockford. The construction of this line sparked a protest among residents in Rockford because of increased railroad tariffs imposed to support it; at the time, there was already more than one railroad operating between Rockford and Chicago, and the residents felt yet another railroad line was unnecessary.

The two lines of the II&M were separated between East Joliet and Aurora, so trackage rights were sought between these two points on the EJ&E, thus giving the II&M a whole route that ran in a generally northwest-southeast direction. In 1908, the II&M was renamed the Chicago, Milwaukee & Gary Railway (which is a misnomer, since the railroad never actually visited any of its namesake towns). The CM&G was leased to the Milwaukee Road in 1922, who purchased the entire railroad outright in May of 1930, and subsequently abandoned the northern-most section of track between Rockford and Kirkland. While under Milwaukee Road, the



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line was primarily used to transfer coal from the mines of central & southern Indiana to the Milwaukee Road mainline for powering steam locomotives, etc.

*MERRY CHRISTMAS*



*Happy Chanukah*

