

# Mt Vernon NMRA Clinic Newsletter

December 2017

7:00 PM, Thursday, December 14

Mount Vernon Senior Center

1401 Cleveland Street, Mt Vernon

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## The Program

Tonight, we'll feature a series of Mini Clinics. Lined up are Mike O'Brien: "Forest Floor Scenery - Materials and Techniques"; Roger Johnson: "Couplers 101--Keeping It (the train) Together"; Tom Buckingham: "Mounting Tortoise Switch Machines from above" and Ted Becker: "LEDs, Electronics and Varieties".

## Tool Time, Show and Tell and the Table in the Back

If you've found a tool or gadget especially helpful, bring it in and share it with the Clinic. If you've been working on a project, bring it in as well. If in photo form, let Ted know so he can have the laptop fired up.

We also encourage folks to bring along items for sale or swap, or even "freebies" – we'll have a table for those items in the back.



"Santa, you can forget the two front teeth, I want a Northern Pacific Switch Stand for Christmas!"

## **Announcements**

This is John's last year as editor of the Newsletter and the Clinic Report and will pass the baton after the May Clinic. Please let Ted or John know if you would be interested. Painful to remind you of the obvious: No volunteer for editor: no Newsletter or Clinic Report.

This is Paul Kormer and Dan Gould's last year with responsibility for refreshments. If interested, let Ted know. And, the same painful reminder as above.

## **What's Coming Around the Curve?**

January 11 "Bring Your Own Project" to the Mt Vernon Clinic. More details will be sent out in the next few weeks.

January 13-15 Pacific Science Center Train Show, Seattle

September 16-19 Great Northern Railway Historical Society Convention, Bellingham

For other NMRA events in the area please refer to the 4th Division Grab Iron, online at <http://4dpnr.com>. If you would like to subscribe to the Grab Iron, go to <http://4dpnr.com/grab-iron-overview/>.

## **Arrival & Entry**

As a courtesy to the other attendees, please try to arrive before 7:00. If you are unavoidably late, please enter quietly without interrupting the proceedings. We are not permitted to have the main Northeast entry door unlocked nor are we permitted to prop it open. Entry is through the rear door at the Southwest corner of the building which is kept open in the evening.

## **Sponsorship**

The Mt Vernon Model Railroad Clinic is a NMRA sanctioned event. The 4th Division of the Pacific Northwest Region of NMRA provides funding of operating budgets for clinics in the division including ours. Thus, NMRA membership is heartily encouraged. If you are not quite ready to sign up for a full membership, you might want to try the [6-month Rail Pass](#) trial membership for only \$9.95. It includes 6 months of NMRA Magazine, plus all regular member benefits (except

voting). Please let Al Carter know at [tabooma@msn.com](mailto:tabooma@msn.com) if you wish to join NMRA.

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