

Mt Vernon NMRA Clinic Newsletter

February 8, 2018

7:00 PM, Thursday, February 8

Mount Vernon Senior Center

1401 Cleveland Street, Mt Vernon

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The Program

Rich Blake of the Skagit Valley / Whidbey Island Clinic will present “**Logging Speeder Evolution of the Pacific Northwest.**”



Figure 1 # 22 built by Gibson Manufacturing, Seattle

One of the most important vehicles to Northwest logging operations was the speeder. During the days when there were more rails than roads in the backwoods, the speeder became one of the most versatile rail vehicles throughout most logging operations to get people and equipment to remote areas along the lines. Speeders functioned not only as a Maintenance of Way (MOW) vehicle but also as an ambulance, school bus, crew transport, fire watch, grocery getter and light locomotive from the early steam days well into the modern era. Rich will review some of the common features on speeders and how they were deployed in western logging operations along with some interesting local historical information on speeder manufacturers in the Pacific Northwest.

Rich always gives a well prepared and well documented Clinic! Don't miss this one!

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.

What's Coming around the Curve?

- February 24,25 [United Northwest Model RR Club's Show and Swap Meet](#),
Monroe
- March 8 Mt Vernon Clinic: Dale Bearden, "Scratch Building Wood
Structures"
- April 12 NO MT VERNON CLINIC, SEE SATURDAY, APRIL 14
- April 14 Joint Clinic, Mt Vernon Senior Center
- April 15 [4th Division Spring Meet](#), Bellevue
- June 7 – 10 [NMRA Pacific Northwest Region Convention](#), Spokane
- September 15-19 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://4dpr.com>. If you would like to subscribe to the Grab Iron, go to <http://4dpr.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 if you wish to join NMRA.

Another benefit of being an NMRA member is access to the NMRA Partnership program. It's a member benefit that truly has a tangible payback. The NMRA has partnered with model railroad manufacturers of all sizes, giving them exposure on the NMRA website in return for providing generous discounts to NMRA members.

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