

The 4th Division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the NMRA Presents

# The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic

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**Wednesday, January 14, 2009**

**Location:** The Dugualla Community Hall, north of Oak Harbor

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Business:**

1. Introductions and items for 'the good of the order.'
  2. 'Show and tell' time & the new "Sales Table."
  3. Signaling Presentation by Dan Gould and Bill Harper.
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## Prototype Signaling & Whistles 1900-2008

Bill Harper and Dan Gould will present a superb clinic concerning everything you ever wanted to know about railroad signaling and whistling. They will begin by discussing the historical timeline of rail signaling.

Included will be descriptions of the generic track signals used in Great Britain, NORAC, Santa Fe and Union Pacific covering aspect, indication, and meaning

in color. A few wayside signs will be included. This will introduce rules 251 and 261. Discussion will continue on to Prototype blocks, treadles, and detection systems and how the model industry applies these. Using a 19th century Northern Pacific rule book from the

web, they will introduce the flagging system and whistle signal systems (they will provide hand outs for the whistle lists). Finally, Bill and Dan have agreed to try to answer any questions you might have on the topic!



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Door prizes courtesy of the great people at  
Performance R/C Hobbies, Burlington

## The SV&W Model Railroading Calendar for January 2009

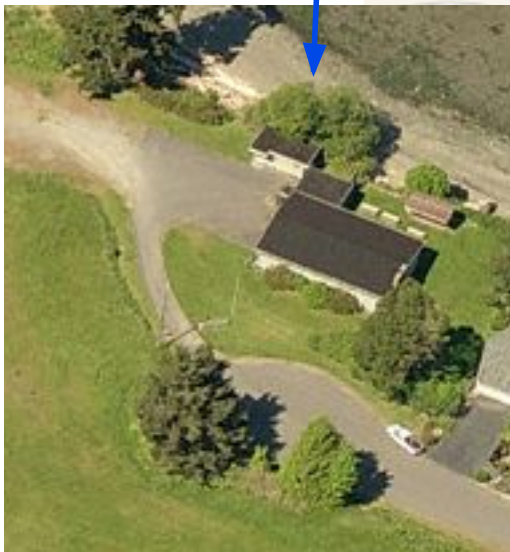
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Op Session on Jack's CC&W 10:30 email: harvego@whidbey.net				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Clinic@ Dugualla Comm Hall 7:00 Signals&Whistles			35th Annual Pacific Science Center Train Show	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10am-6pm in Seattle A 4 Div NPR event info: <a href="http://www.4dprn.org/PSCshow.htm">www.4dprn.org/PSCshow.htm</a>			Op Session on Al's Pilchuck Div 10:30 email: afrasch@whidbey.com			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					Monroe Train Show [Sat&Sun] <a href="http://www.unwclub.org/unwshow.html">www.unwclub.org/unwshow.html</a>	

Please e-mail Jack or Al if you wish to participate in either/both of the Operation Sessions so that they can prepare. And, remember to try and watch "Extreme Trains" on the History Channel! These are one hour episodes on numerous topics, from coal, steam, intermodals, passenger trains and .....

## New and Improved Maps to the Dugualla Community Hall



Please contact Al Frasch at [afrasch@whidbey.com](mailto:afrasch@whidbey.com) or Dick Haines at [arc1@att.net](mailto:arc1@att.net) if you need further directions and/or maps to the Dugualla Community Hall for the monthly clinic.



**"Clubhouse" sign on right side of road.  
The turn is hard to see in the dark, but is just after the trees on the left.**



## Model Railroad Activity on Whidbey & Fidalgo Islands



Norm Myers has been busy in his new condo on the Oak Harbor waterfront. The scale is HO.

Meanwhile, in Coupeville, Rich Thom is busy with benchwork and wiring on his HO scale Coldwater Creek & Cascade logging railroad.



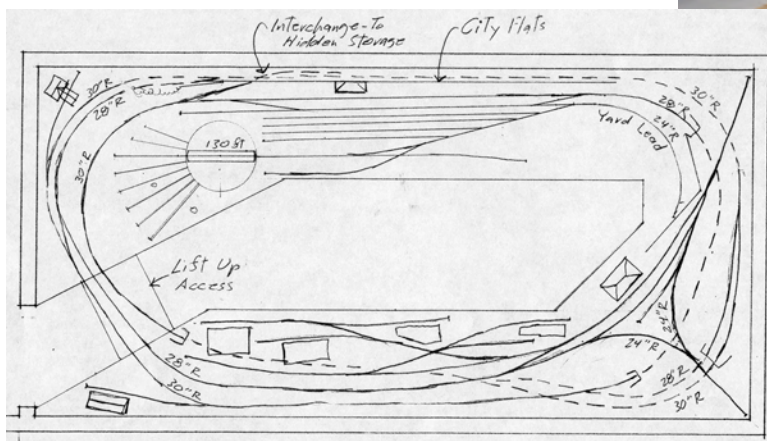
Down in Freeland, high above Double Bluff, Colin Truss has built a beautiful OO-scale British model railroad. And yes, the kids have been trained very well to operate the layout. The clinic will be traveling to Colin's home for the March Clinic.



On Fidalgo, John White has been very busy adding on to the existing (shown above at the Wassail in December), with a new 40 foot section and a new DCC control/dispatching area.



In Anacortes, Jim Tartas has been very busy building benchwork for his HO Steam Era layout. The plan was finalized with the assistance of Tom Hawkins and should provide great operating for a crew of four when completed.



On Al Frasch's *Pilchuck Division of the BNSF*, the original Talgo Pendular 200 Amtrak Cascades trainset rides the rails. The inset picture was taken in 1997 just north of Mt. Vernon. The new green and brown trainsets didn't arrive until 1999.



And, finally, the sun has set on Dick Haines' original *Big Stump - Little Lump Lumber and Ore Rwy* that was in the small room off his office. The new BSLLL&O is currently under construction in the attic space and progressing very well indeed!! Pictures of the new layout next month!

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**Working on the railroad?? Everyone would love to see what you have been doing in the hobby - please send pictures and descriptions to Al at [afrasch@whidbey.com](mailto:afrasch@whidbey.com) for inclusion in future editions!**



# **Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Group**

## **Clinic Schedule 2008/2009**

**Notes:** All regular meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month through June @ 7:00pm. at the Dugualla Community Hall, just North of Oak Harbor [Maps available upon request].

NMRA membership is encouraged but not essential.

Private House visits in Dec.2008 and March & May 2009 are by invitation. All other meetings are open to other like minded souls.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Co-Ordinator</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
<del>Sept. 3, 2008</del>	<del>Steve Jaffray</del>	<del>Soldering Techniques Revisited.</del>	<del>Bill Rutledge</del>
<del>Oct. 8, 2008</del>	<del>Jack Tingstad</del>	<del>Use of Natural Materials for scenery.</del>	<del>Paul Scoles</del>
<del>Nov. 12, 2008</del>	<del>Al Frasch</del>	<del>All Aboard Washington - Passenger Rail</del>	<del>Lloyd Flem,</del>
		<del>Government &amp; Corporate Affairs Director</del>	
<del>Dec. 10, 2008</del>	<del>John White</del>	<del>Wassail and More Nonsense.</del>	<del>John White</del>
<b>Jan. 14, 2009</b>	<b>Dan Gould</b>	<b>Prototype Signalling &amp; Whistles 1900-2008</b>	<b>Bill Harper</b>
Feb. 11, 2009	Rich Thom	Steam Around the World Vol.III	Rich Thom
Mar. 11, 2009	Colin Truss	Operating on God's Wonderful Railway And Pendon GWR Museum Video.	Colin Truss
April 8, 2009	John White	Track Laying, Transitions & Superelevation.	John W/Tom Hawkins
May 13, 2009	Jack	Staging and Operations.	Jack Tingstad
June 10, 2009	Dick Haines	Weathering Buildings	Dick Haines
July 2009		Bellingham S.M.E. Visit on a Saturday.	
Aug. 2009		Summer Pot Luck Barbecue @ Duagalla Hall	
Volunteers	Gordon Garnhart	NMRA Liason & Reporter	
	Dick Haines	Facilities Co-Ordinator & Landlord	
	Jack Tingstad	Keeper of the Purse	
	Al Frasch	Function Calender & Announcement Flyers	
	Rich Thom	Membership Secretary	
	John Mann	Technology Guru	
	Dan Gould	Casino Operator & Door Prizes	
	Phil & Susan Gonzales	Refreshments	
	John White	Meeting Co-Ordinator Extraordinaire	