

The 4th Division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the
National Model Railroad Association Presents

The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic

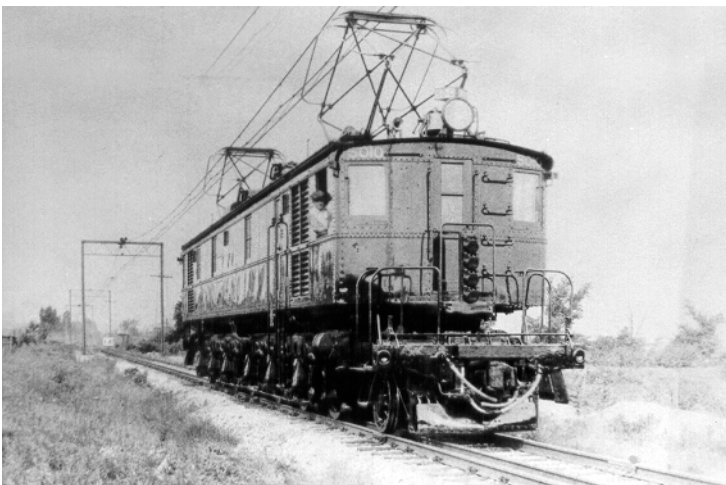
Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Location: Summer Hill Community in Oak Harbor [second floor Community Room] - see map on page 3

Time: 7:00PM

Business:

1. Introductions and items 'for the good of the order.'
2. "Show & Tell" and the Sales Table.
3. A Prototype Presentation - **Great Northern Electrification** presented by noted author Noel Holley.



Great Northern Railway Electrification presented by Noel Holley

Noel Holley has been a railroad fan since the age of one and an electric railroad fan since the age of three. He became a fan of overhead wire powered trains as a result of

riding the last run of Portland's Council Crest streetcar. His interest in "steam railroad electrification" began with pictures of the Great Northern and the Milwaukee Road in books. In high school, he scratch-built O-gauge interurban cars. In college, he switched to HO and began modeling heavy electrics. Noel has lived in Seattle since 1975 and calls it his home.

The CLINIC

The clinic presents the history of the Great Northern electrification in slides and verbal commentary. The historical knowledge was acquired from a number of books, both technical and non-technical, and from interviews with retired railroaders. The presentation includes both the 3-phase electrification which operated from 1909 to 1927, and the single-phase electrification which operated from 1927 to 1956. Noel will also discuss why the GN abandoned this operation and what it would look like if it still existed today. There will be an example of HO scale Great Northern overhead wire work on display.



The SV&W Model Railroading Calendar for September 2009

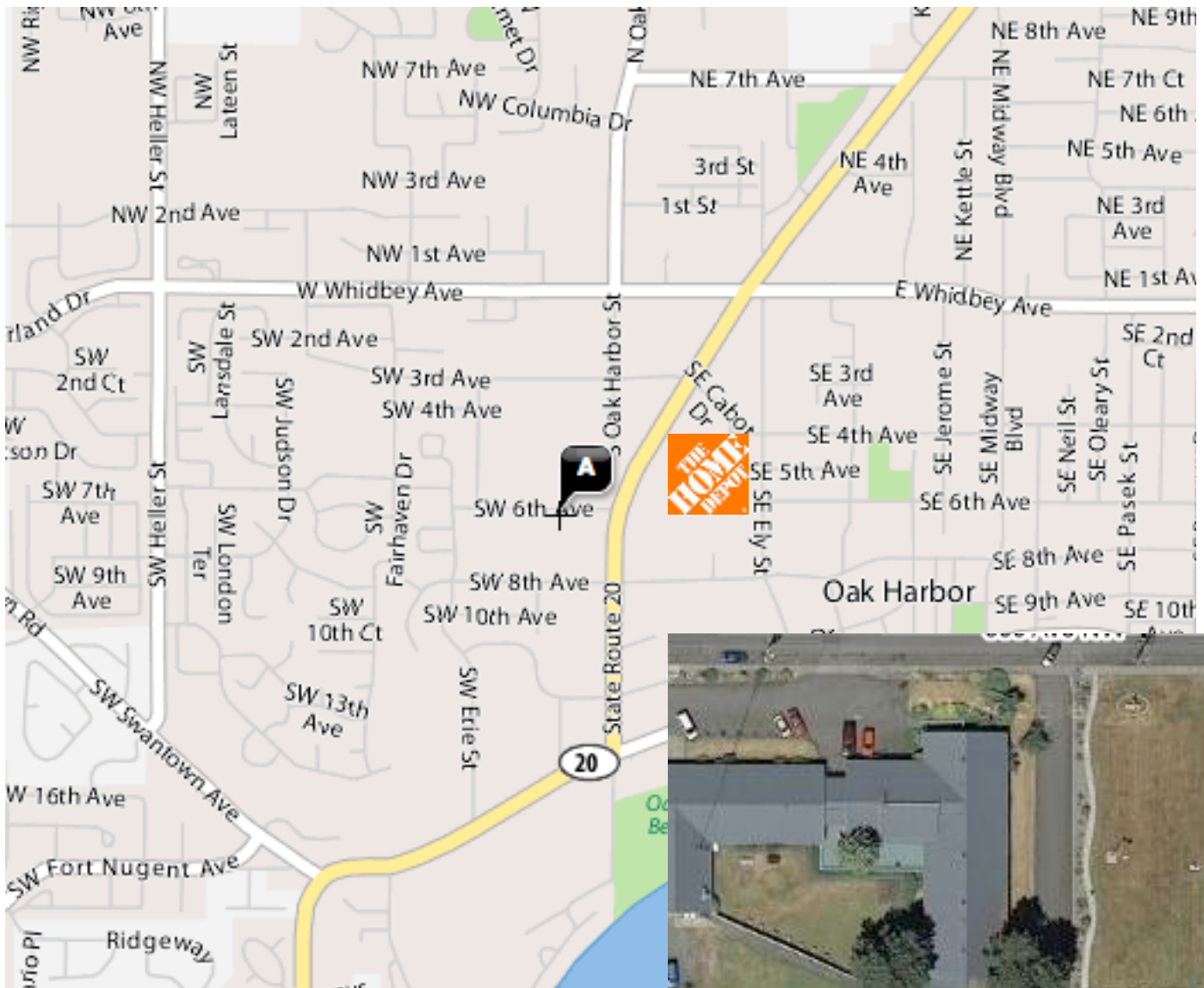
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Clinic at Summerhill in Oak Harbor 7:00pm [see map on page 3]	10	11	12
13 VICTORIA, BC Victoria Model Railway Show 250-595-4070	14	15	16	17 Northern Lights 2009. PNR Regional Convention Edmonton, Alberta www.northernlights2009.ca	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 VANCOUVER, WA SW Washington Model Railroaders Open House www.swwamodel railroaders.com
27	28	29	30	Coming up Oct 3-4: LYNDEN, WA 25TH Annual Lynden Lions Club Show & SEATTLE, WA BrickCon Lego Expo http://www.brickcon.org/public_exhibition		

Last Clinic in June:

Dick Haines
presented a great
talk about
weathering:



Directions to Summer Hill - An Assisted Living Community



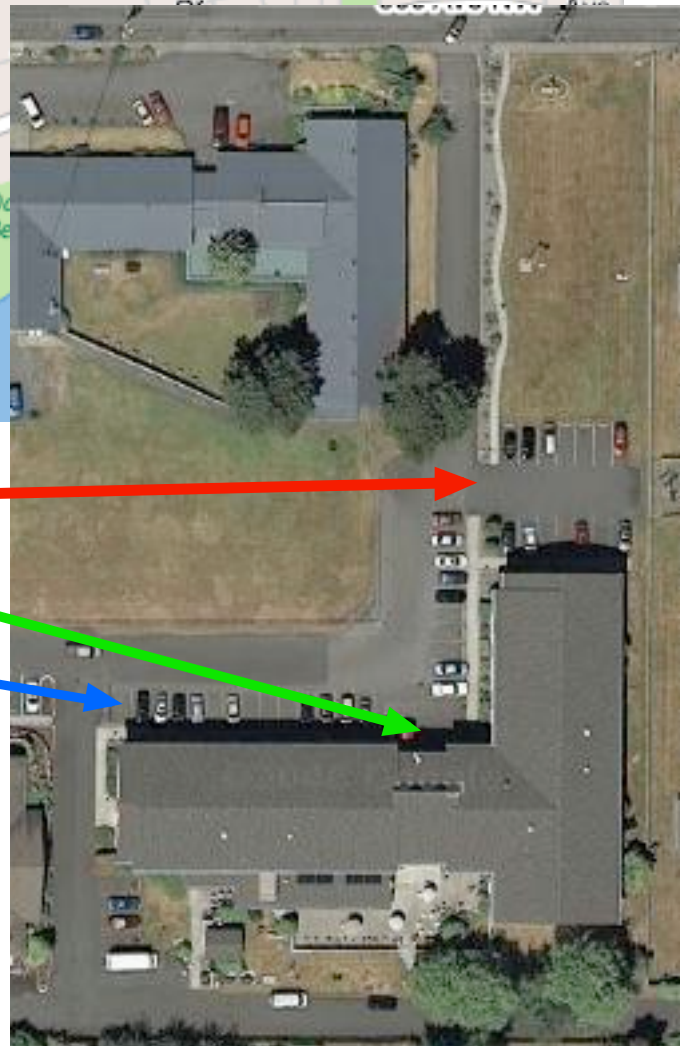
Address: 165 SW 6th Avenue in Oak Harbor

Please park here
and enter here
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there, park at the
end out here)

NOTE:

Members should be aware that the front door will be locked but a member of our group will be on hand to open it to our members until 7:05pm. after which a member of the building staff will open it but :

1. The staff member will have no way of knowing the caller is a bona fide member of our group and
 2. We do not want our group to become a nuisance to the night staff by calling them down to open the door if we can avoid it.
- Hence, please be prompt.



Announcement

Skagit Valley and Whidbey NMRA Group – Diorama Building Contest.

At our penultimate meeting at Jack Tingstad's home in May it was suggested by David Laws that we organize a diorama building contest as part of our 2009/2010 program.

To further this idea, at the September meeting each member will be given a piece of two inch thick Styrofoam 12" X 24" [288 sq.in.] on which to build his/her diorama. If you need to build a smaller diorama as a "pop-out" on your own pike then make the "pop-out" part of the 24" X 12" diorama.

The resulting masterpieces will be judged by Jack Hamilton, MMR., the President of the Pacific North West Region of the NMRA., at the March 10th. meeting in 2010. A six month window in which to think about it, start it, think again and restart it, working to completion by March 2010.

This contest will be known as "The 288 Challenge" and the winners will be awarded a magnificent prize of as yet undetermined value and consist. Notice the word winners as besides a Grand Prize Winner chosen by Jack Hamilton, other prizes will be chosen by a Popular Vote; Funniest; Most Original/Creative; and possibly a Novice prize, if we can define a Novice.!

The name of the participant should be written on the bottom of the foam and should not be visible when judging takes place.

The rules are simple and as follows.

Scene Size:	Foam size to be no larger or smaller than 12" X 24"
End Diaphragms if reqd.:	1/4" thickness maximum.
Back Scene and Fascia if used:	1/4" thickness maximum.
Scale:	Any Scale, your choice.
Gauge:	Any gauge, your choice.

The scene/diorama must contain at a minimum the following:

1. A section of track, any gauge.
2. A structure or part thereof.
3. Scenery, to your choice.
4. A person or persons.
5. A piece of track oriented Rolling Stock e.g., a loco. rail car, coach, tram, MofW. Car, etc.
6. Whatever else fires your imagination to make your diorama a winner.

The Skagit Valley and Whidbey NMRA group will provide one initial piece of foam 12" X 24" for the base. All other materials will be supplied by the participant, who will retain ownership of his/her masterpiece.

David Laws has volunteered to Mastermind this project for our group. You see what happens if you volunteer or suggest something!

John White. Program Coordinator

Jack Culver, MMR 1919 – 2009

Jack Culver, Master Model Railroader #320, passed away on June 14, 2009. Jack, who turned 90 on June 2nd, was the founder of what is now the Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Group which met in the Anacortes Railroad Station. He was a long time member of the NMRA and a very innovative and creative model railroader. When Jack needed or wanted something that was not readily available or too expensive he made it from scratch. He was very good at making special tools to do various tasks including building his own etching tank. Jack and I made our own circuit boards for several projects including the detection circuits that I use on my hidden track.

Jack was also one of the founders of the Corvallis, Oregon model railroad club and started a club on Orcas Island after he and his wife Nan moved to the island in 1979. Nan designed their house on West Sound which included Jack's layout room and two shops, one for the railroad and one rather large shop for all his other interests. He was into sailing, model sailboats and airplanes, and falconry.

Joyce and I first met Jack and Nan at a Memorial Day sailing regatta in Eugene, Oregon in 1969. One day Jack asked if anyone was interested in going for a ride in Maggie and I asked "what is Maggie?" She was a 16 foot steam launch and as we were steaming about the lake I said I was interested in steam engines but the ones that ran on rails, and we had been friends ever since.

Jack, You Will Be Missed.

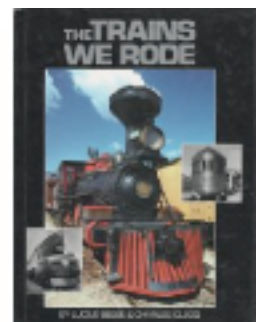
Tom Hawkins

Lending 'Library' reminder:

Susan Gonzales will be coordinating a lending system, but needs your help in 'listing' books, tapes, DVDs and periodicals that you would be willing to let others borrow for a month between Clinics. I works like this: you send Susan at

fishnutztoo@verizon.net your list of items that you would be willing to let others borrow, then she makes the list known via printed or email lists to the group. If you would like to borrow something, email or call the owner or tell him/her at the next Clinic and the owner of the item can bring it to a Clinic or you can arrange to pick up the item so that you can read/view it. Then, just bring it back to the next Clinic to give back to the owner of the item. Susan will NOT have any of the items herself - she is just the list maker for the lending!

So, what Susan needs is a list of items that you would be willing to lend and a short description of said item! Sounds like a great idea!



Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Group

Clinic Schedule 2009/2010

Notes. All regular meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month September through June @ 7:00pm. at the Summer Hill Community in Oak Harbor or as otherwise advertised.

NMRA membership is encouraged but not essential.

Private House visits are by invitation. All other meetings are open to the public.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Co-Ordinator</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Sept. 9, 2009	D.Gould J.White	Prototype-GN Electrification Issue of 1ft.x2ft. Foam Bbds.for Min.layout	Noel Holley J. White
Oct. 14, 2009	A.Frasch	<i>Fine N-Scale Products</i> - A Manufacturers Overview	Dick Billings
Nov. 11, 2009	J.White	'Make and Take Buildings' -Hands on	Roger Ferris
<u>Dec. 9, 2009</u>	J.White	Wassail or Was'l' and other delights	John White
Jan. 13, 2010	R.Thom	"Narrow Gauge on 3 Continents" steam video	Rich Thom
<u>Feb. 10, 2010</u>	T.Hawkins J.White	Layout Visit FastTracks Turnout Construction Demo	Tom Hawkins White/Frasch
Mar. 10, 2010	Gonzales J.White	'Make and Take Trees' Hands on Judging of 1ft. x 2ft. Modules	Phil & SusanGonzales Jack Hamilton
Apr. 14, 2010	A.Frasch J.White	'Operational Methods' Demonstration of unusual tools, jigs & fixtures	Frasch/Tingstad/Thom Group.
May 12, 2010	J.Mann	'DCC- Beyond Decoders' Semi-Advanced	John Mann
<u>Jun. 9, 2010</u>	J.White	LayoutVisit	P. & S.Gonzales
July ? 2010	W.Harper	Visit to Oak Harbor Club	William Harper

Volunteers

NMRA Liason & Reportage
Facilities Co-Ordinator & Door Keeper
Keeper of the Purse. [alias the bucket]
Layout Design Aficionado
Function Calender,& Announcement Flyers
Troubleshooter and Electrical Guru
Casino Operator and Door Prizes
Refreshments
Keeper of the Rolls [alias the membership roster]
Register of videos and books for loan
Meeting Co-Ordinator

Gordon Garnhart
Dick Haines
Jack Tingstad
Tom Hawkins
Al Frasc
John Mann
Dan Gould
Phil & Susan Gonzales
Rich Thom
Susan Gonzales
John White