

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

The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic

Wednesday, October 14, 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. Dick Billings from Anacortes based *Fine N-Scale Products* will give a Manufacturers Overview



Clinic Presentation:

Anacortes' own Dick Billings runs a business called ***Fine N-Scale Products***. He is well known around the country as being one of the best resin casting manufacturers in the model railroading business. He has a line of N-scale products - hence the name of the company! But he also does the castings for

some other well known companies.

Dick will talk about how he got started in the business, where he fits in the model railroad business universe and even do a casting right there at the clinic! He will touch on topics such as how a product goes from an idea to out the door, how the current realities in the market place effect his business, is the move to ready-to-run products changing what he does, and maybe how to actually take a product from store shelf to layout. Dick will also be happy to answer any questions you might have.



The SV&W Model Railroading Calendar for October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	Sat and Sun 3 LYNDEN, WA 25TH Annual Lynden Lions Club Show 9am-5pm www.lyndentrainshow.com
Sat and Sun 4 BrickCon Lego Expo, Seattle Center 11am-3pm www.brickcon.org	5	6	7	8	9	10 BSME Open House in Alger 11am www.bsme.org
11	12	13	14 Clinic in Oak Harbor at 7:00 Dick Billings talks about the Business of Model Railroading	15	16	Sat and Sun 17 Sequim No. Oly. Peninsula Train Show & Swap Meet 10am-4pm contact: e78milrd@q.com
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Coming in Nov: Boeing Employees Swap Meet in Kent Nov. 14 World's Greatest Hobby Show in Puyallup Nov. 21-22

The Last Clinic:

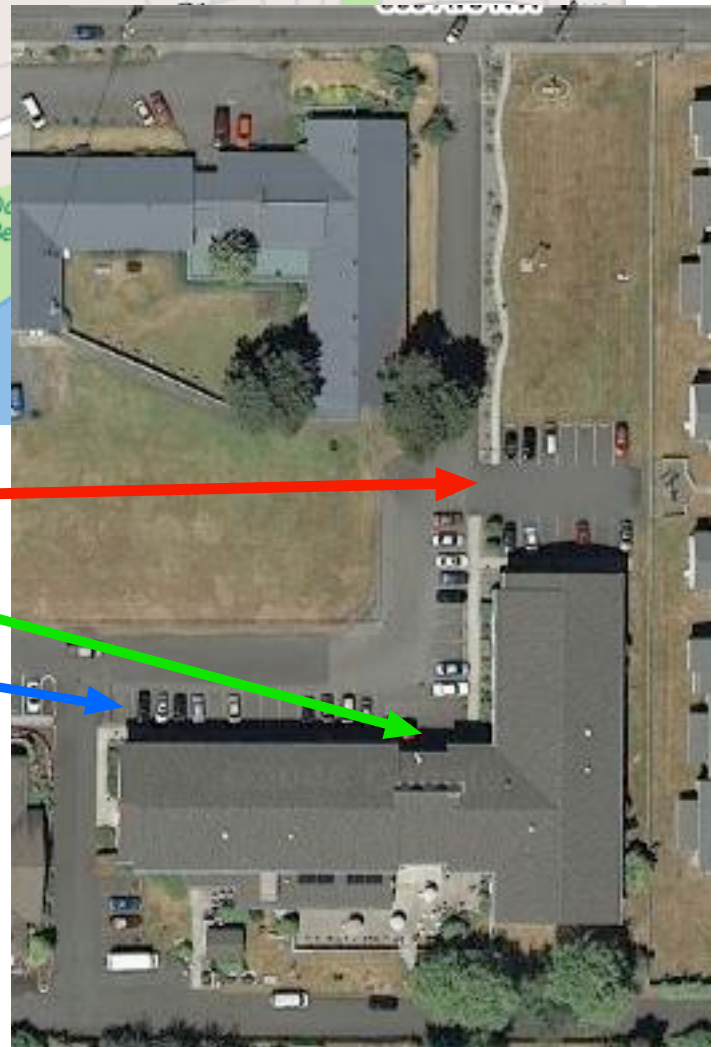
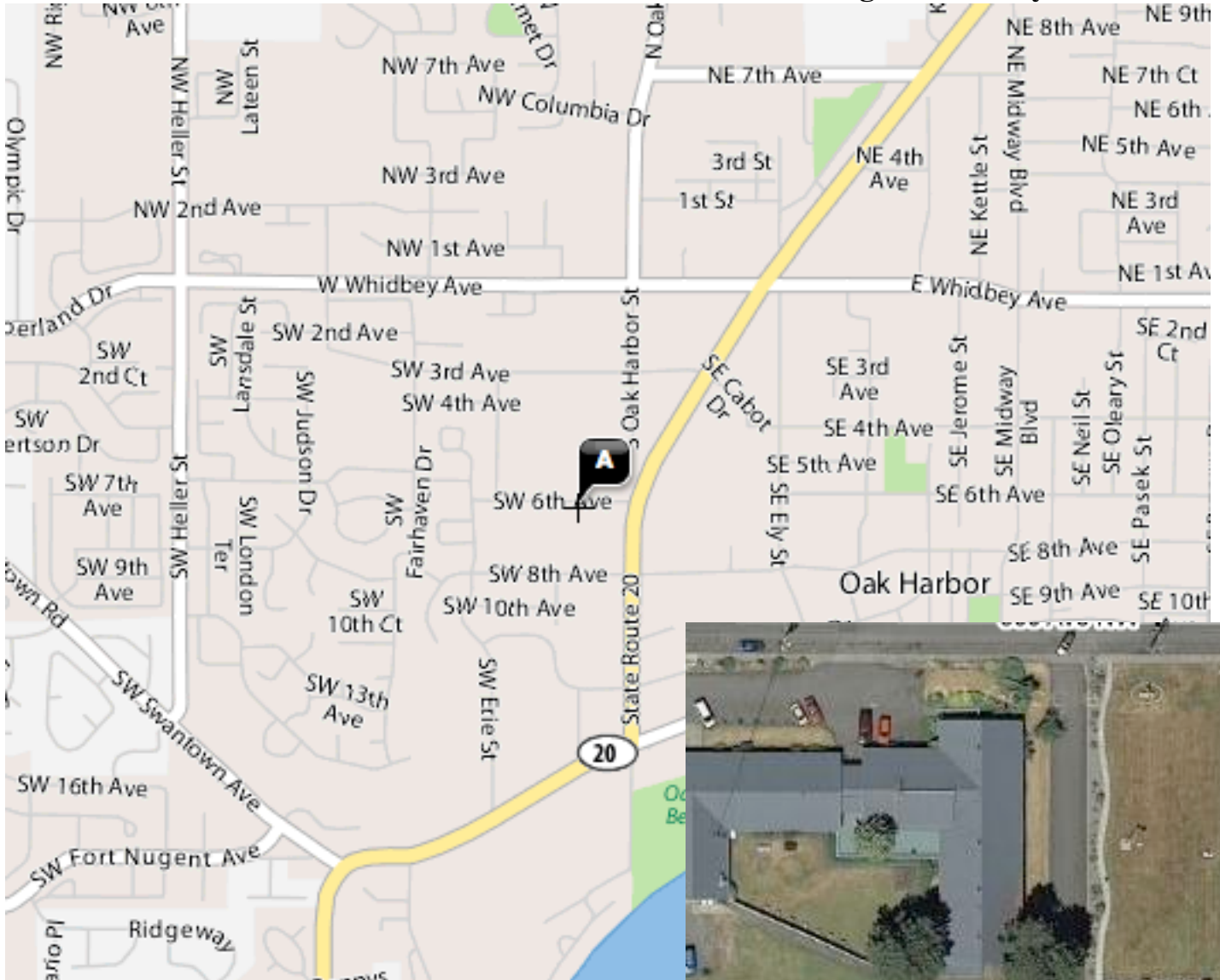
Noted author **Noel Holley** spoke about the electrification on the Great Northern line through and near **Cascade Tunnel** - everyone agreed that he was very knowledgeable and told the story of GN Electrics extremely well. Thanks Noel! and Dan for arranging for Noel to come!

The attendance was very good with several residents coming by to add to the 23 "regulars" in the room.

Door Prizes were donated by the good people at Performance R/C Hobbies in Burlington 360-755-9464



Directions to Summer Hill - An Assisted Living Community



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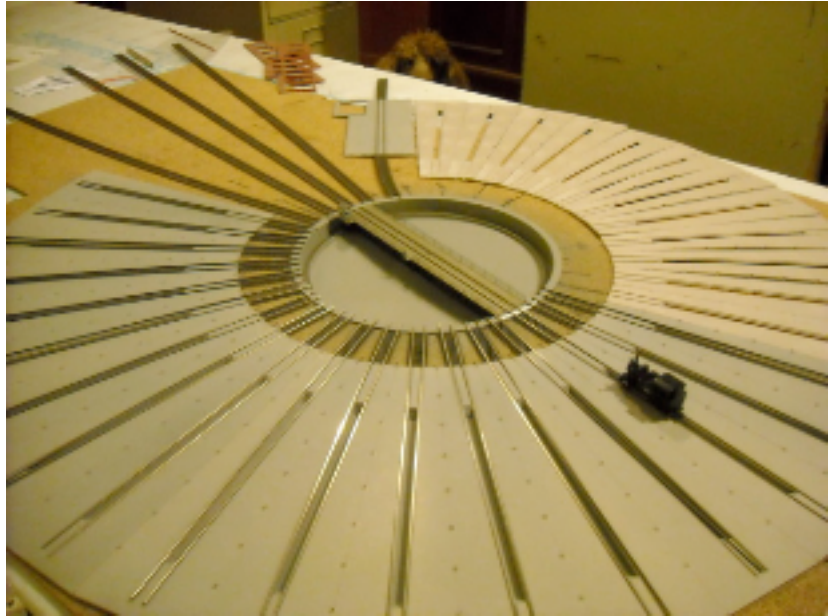
NOTE:

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.

Some pictures from local layouts (and layouts to be)

John Mann up in Anacortes, has decided that the little ol' 3 or 4 stall roundhouse just won't cut it - instead, he has started the laying out of the footprint for a potential 30 (that's thirty!) stall roundhouse using a Walthers indexed turntable. He has been collecting the numerous kits needed to build the actual roundhouse and it looks like it should be a spectacular scene!



And on my layout, the *Pilchuck Division of the BNSF*, there has been an addition just to the east of Delta Yard, where the Truss Imports company has moved in and is already getting carloads and truck loads of merchandise and is even repairing that leaky roof that the previous owners were too cheap to fix. The building is a classic British card kit by Metcalfe.



Now if you don't want to keep seeing pictures of my railroad, you need to send in pictures of what you are up to!! Also, if you are participating in the 1' X 2' Challenge, why not let us see what you are doing so we can see your progress - we promise not to copy!!

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>
<u>Sept. 9, 2009</u>	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 - A Manufacturers Overview</i>	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 & Susan Gonzales 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 Frasch
John Mann
Dan Gould
Phil & Susan Gonzales
Rich Thom
Susan Gonzales
John White