

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

The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Location: 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. Rich Thom presents an evening of Narrow Gauge trains from around the world!!

Clinic Presentation:

NARROW GAUGE ON THREE CONTINENTS

A Video by Rich Thom



Guatemala



India

We'll visit three remote and scenic narrow gauge railroads:

- **Ferrocarriles Guatemala**—Baldwins once hauled bananas on this extensive system which evokes memories of Colorado narrow gauge
- **The Kalka-Simla Railway** in northern India, a steep climb to one of India's most famous "Hill Stations"
- **The Jiayang Coal Railway**—one of the most remote of the remote—in the far west of China's Sichuan Province

The program is intended to be *informative but mostly fun*, including:

✓ For modelers—scenes proving that there's a *prototype for everything*

✓ *Mostly steam*—but diesels & railcars thrown in for "those people"

✓ Possibly the *ugliest* steam locomotive on earth

✓ A *quiz* for attendees and a *valuable prize* for the winner

✓ Proof that your photographer does some *really stupid things* to "get the shot"!

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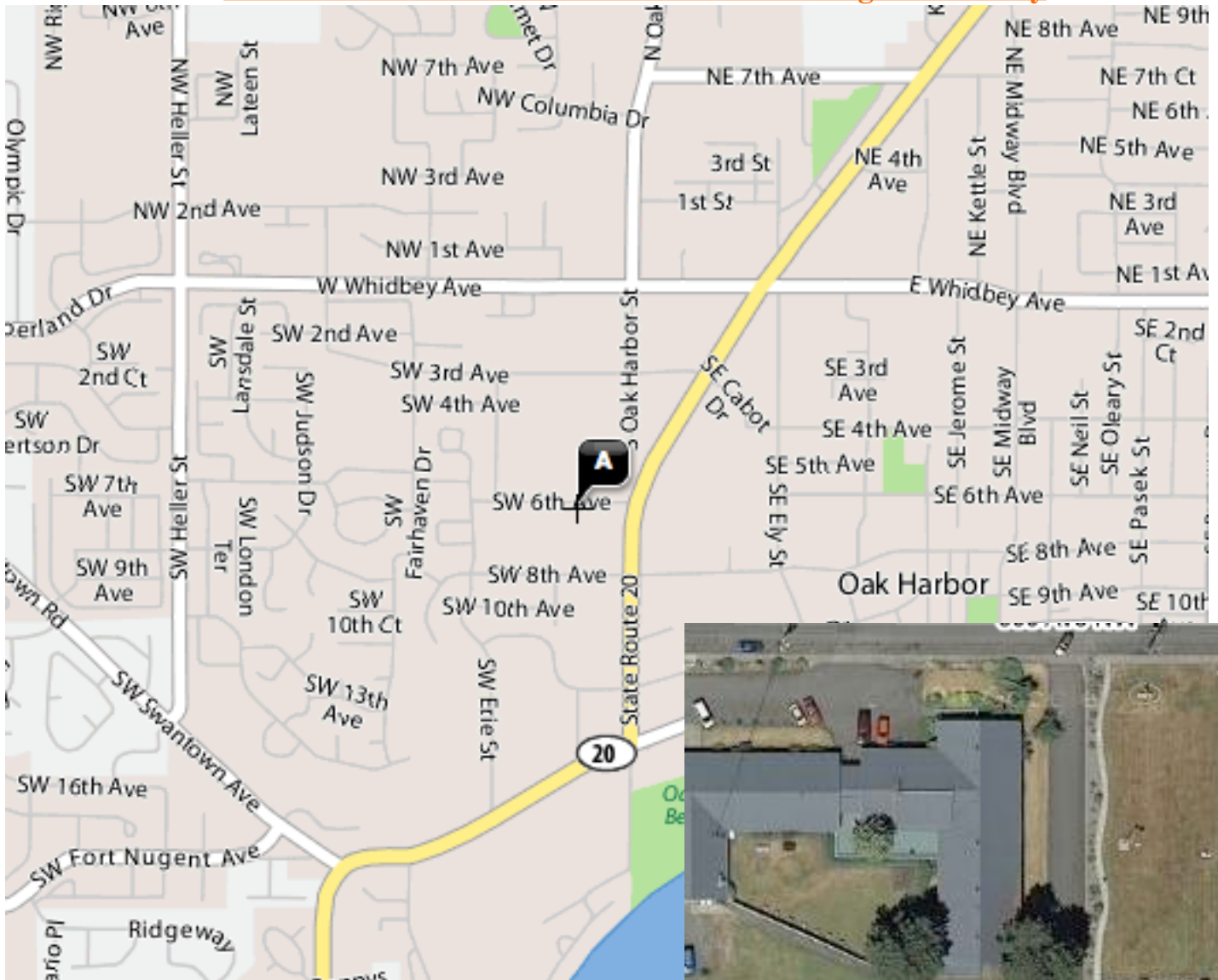
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<div>1</div> <div>2</div> <p>From Dec. 26th to Jan. 2nd, the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma is having its "14th Annual Model Train Festival" Open 10am - 6pm every day. See: www.wshs.org/wshm/festivals/modeltrains.aspx for more information.</p>			
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<div>10</div>	11	12	<div>13</div> <p>Clinic at Summer Hill "Narrow Gauge on 3 Continents" by Rich Thom 7:00pm</p>	14	15	<div>Sat - Mon 16</div> <p>Pacific Science Center Model Railroad Show</p>
<div>17</div> <p>10 - 6pm each day See www.4dpr.org/PSCshow.htm for more info</p>	18	19	20	21	22	<div>23</div>
<div>24</div>	25	26	27	28	29	<div>30</div>
<div>31</div>	<p>In February: The United Northwest Model RR Club 19th annual Train Show and Swap Meet, Evergreen Fairgrounds Sat/Sun Feb. 6/7 see: www.unwclub.org/unwshow2010.html</p>					

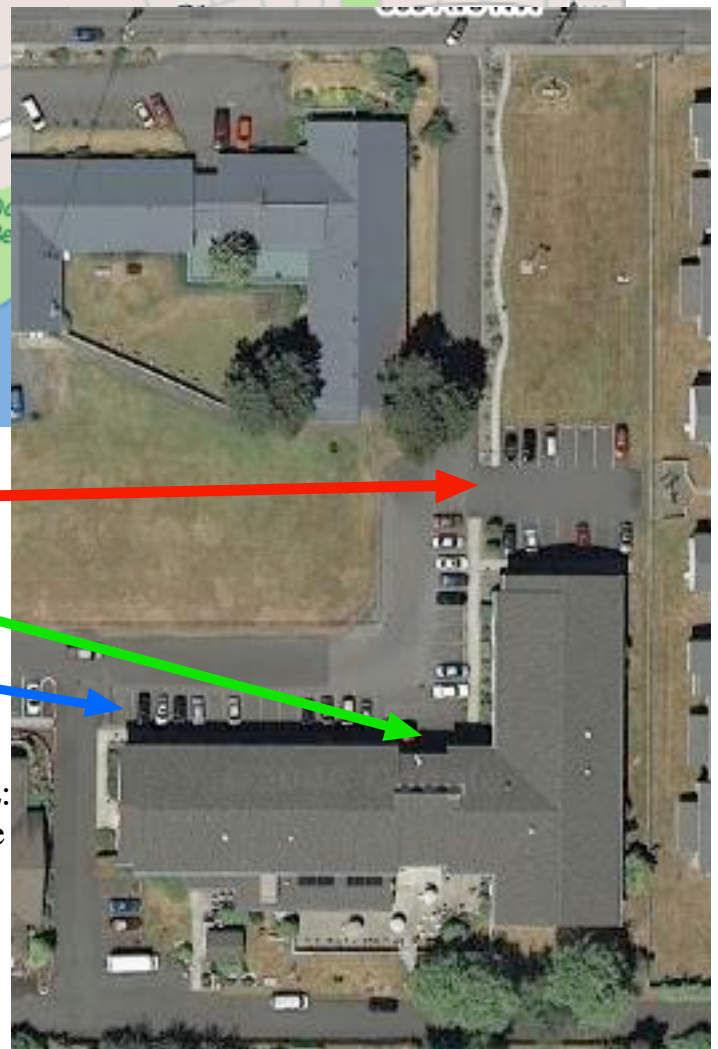


Note: the show at the Pacific Science Center is the main fundraiser for the 4th Division of the PNR (our division!) and is contracted by the PSC to put on this show. There is always need for helpers to tend exhibits, run errands and such. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Frank Dekker at rekkedrails@juno.com or Jeff Moorman at kb7rr@arrl.net.

Directions to Summer Hill - An Assisted Living Community



Please park here
and enter here
(If parking full
there, park at the
end out here)



Street addr: 165 SW 6th Ave

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.

From the December Wassail at John White's layout in Anacortes:



Twenty-five model railroad fans turned up for good operating, great rail fanning and great camaraderie. Thank you John and Valerie for your outstanding hospitality.



Local Layout Progress

Just to wet your appetite for the February clinic at Tom Hawkins layout in Anacortes, here are a couple of preview pictures of what Tom and Joyce have been doing. One should note that Tom has scratch built many his buildings to fit era and space, and Joyce was the artist for the backdrops.



A reminder that previous editions of this Newsletter are available for viewing on the 4th Division website, just hit the **Newsletters** button the left side to get to them and others from the area. The address is: **www.4dpnr.org**

Reminder: must be finished by March Clinic!!

The “288 Challenge” Information

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

If you are having any problems/questions, David Laws and/or John White would be happy to answer them at davidmlaws@hotmail.com or johngevw@comcast.net.

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	Fine N Scale Products—A Manufacturers Overview	Dick Billings
Nov. 11, 2009	J.White	‘Make and Take Buildings’ Hands on	Roger Ferris
Dec. 9, 2009	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
Feb. 10, 2010	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	Layout Visit to the <i>Eastern Sierra Pacific</i>	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
Newsletter & 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
Diorama Shepherd
Meeting Co-Ordinator

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