

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

The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Location: Summer Hill Retirement community, second floor

Time: 7:00 PM

Business:

1. Introductions and items 'for the good of the order.'
2. John White discusses Tools, Jigs and such items - **see note page 3!**
3. **Group discussion concerning Clinics for next Clinic Season - see page 4!**
4. John Mann presents: DCC - What the Heck is it All About?

John Mann & the World of DCC

Have you been wondering what the exciting world of DCC holds beyond just making things move? Do you have an interest in prototypical operation beyond that of just looking like the real thing? Is it really worth the expense, or effort, to add DCC to your layout? Do you want animation, automation, transponding, sound, signaling, CTC, or even a computerized dispatching system? Do you want to use your custom-made DC-era control and occupancy panels with your new Digitrax® Super Chief or NCE® Pro Cab? Do you want to pester a youngster with impossible questions in an effort to learn more, or engender a lively discussion of the pros and cons of buss wire sizes?



If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, or if you're just looking for a warm place to sit and eat a few cookies, plan to attend the *Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic* Wednesday, the 12th of May, same bat-time, same bat-channel.

The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic

May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 BSME Open House 11-4 www.bsme.org
9	10	11	12 Clinic at Summer Hill @ 7:00 PM	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	June 19: Bremerton Northern's Swap Meet 10-4				

As you can see, not much going on this month either, but do plan on one of these activities this summer and in September:

June 30-July 3: 20th Annual O Scale West, Santa Clara, CA

See web site: www.2010oscalenational.com to see layouts open in the Northwest as part of the convention.

July 14 (Wed), Spokane, WA

SP&S Historical Society Convention. Info:- www.spschs.org

July 14-17, Spokane, WA

Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association Annual Convention; Mirabeau Park Hotel. Info:-
m1amikea@gmail.com, www.nprha.org

Sept. 12-15, East Glacier Park, MT

Great Northern Historical Society Annual Convention Info:- www.gnrhs.org

Sept. 16-18, Lynnwood, WA

Cascadian International, PNR 2010 Regional Convention. Embassy Suites hotel. Info:-
www.4dpmr.org/CascadianInternational2010.htm, Stu Rogers, sturogers@comcast.net

Also, if you know of other activities going on, let me know so that I can share them with the group!

And, for your viewing pleasure: A couple of videos from Rich Blake of a layout up in the Bellingham area and at the Bellingham RR Museum are viewable on YouTube with the following links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CUAG0Cjw9Ms>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9lR4VHRokw>

For the information of the group, we have the following statistics from John White

Attendance Statistics

	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010 [7 events]
<u>Minimum</u>	12	14	14	13	19	22
<u>Maximum</u>	23	27	24	23	27	35
<u># of diff.attendees...</u>	44	43	33	31	45	50
<u>Average Attendance</u>	17	19.5	17	18	23	27

Note: 2004-2008 was held at the Mt. Erie Fire Hall on Fidalgo, 2008/2009 at Dugalla Community Hall north of Oak Harbor and 2009/2010 at the Summer Hill Assisted Living in Oak Harbor

Put this on your calendar: Summer Barbecue

John Marshall has again invited our Model Railroad Group to their lovely home in Coupeville for a **Summer Barbecue** on Wednesday, August 18th at 5:00pm. It will be a semi-potluck as John will provide the meat and we will provide all the side dishes, desserts etc. and our own beverages of choice.

We will send out a reminder in July when those who wish to attend should RSVP to John directly at 360.678.5448

Due to time constraints at last month's clinic the following spectacular presentation will indeed occur this month - promise!!!

Tools and Jigs

John White asks that you bring any special tools, jigs or such that you have made that make the building of a layout or structure easier to the **Clinic on May 12th**. Do you have a jig to make trestle bents? A jig for making scratchbuilt windows? Car frames? Track laying? Tunnel Portals? Retaining Walls? Benchwork? A jig for gluing? A jig for making turnouts? Trees? A tool you made for uncoupling? Other jigs and tools that you use?

Bring them to share with everyone.

Also, please take a look at the DRAFT calendar on the next page for next season's Clinics and be prepared to put in your 2¢ worth on the dates and/or topics and/or order of clinics, thank you.

Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic Schedule 2010/2011

Notes: All regular meetings are held at the Summer Hill Community in Oak Harbor from September through June on the dates shown starting at 7:00 pm or as otherwise announced.

NMRA Membership is encouraged, but not a requirement for attendance.

Private House Visits are by invitation. All other meetings are open to the Public.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Sept. 8, 2010		Milwaukee Electrification == OR == History of Whatcom County RRs	Noel Holly Bellingham Museum
Oct. 13, 2010		Designing & Painting a Backdrop	
Nov. 10, 2010	John White	Make and Take & Estate Sales	Roger Ferris, MMR Bobj Burger
<u>Dec. 8, 2010</u>		<u>Wassail and Other Delights on the SVER</u>	<u>John White</u>
<u>Jan. 12, 2011</u>		<u>"How to Build a Dilapidated Building"</u>	<u>Steve Jaffray</u>
<u>Feb. 9, 2011</u>	<u>John White</u>	<u>New Zealand Railways</u>	<u>Max Maginness, MMR</u>
Mar. 9, 2011		Water Effects	Dick Haines
<u>Apr. 13, 2011</u>		<u>"East Broad Top" & "Cumbres & Toltec" Video</u>	<u>Rich Thom</u>
May 11, 2011		Building Roads and Streets	Al Carter, MMR
June 8, 2011		Judging of Scratch Built Building Competition Weathering a Boxcar and Tank Car Make and Take Car Loads	Jack Hamilton, MMR ???????

Backup Subjects:

Supplier Presentation: Who?
BNSF Who and What about ?
Swap Meet

Volunteers or Press Ganged

NMRA Liaison and Reportage	Gordon Garnhart
Keeper of the Purse [alias the Bucket]	Jack Tingstad
Layout Design Aficionado	Tom Hawkins
The DCC Man	John Mann
Newsletters, Announcement Flyers & Catalyst	Al Frasch
Casino Operators and Door Prizes	John Mann & Dan Gould
Refreshments	Phil & Susan Gonzales
Keeper of the Rolls[alias the Membership Roster]	Rich Thom
Librarian	Susan Gonzales
Competition Shepherd	??????
Meeting Co-ordinator	John White

Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Group

Clinic Schedule 2009/2010

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<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
<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	‘Layout Operation Considerations’ Demonstration of unusual tools, jigs & fixtures-	Frasch/Tingstad/Thom Group.
May 12, 2010	J.Mann	‘DCC- What is it?’ 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

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Facilities Co-Ordinator & Door Keeper
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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