

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

The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Location: The home of Phil and Susan Gonzales in Oak Harbor

Time: 7:00 PM

Business:

1. Introductions and items 'for the good of the order.'
2. Visiting the *Eastern Sierra Pacific* and 'hanging out'



The Eastern Sierra Pacific

The Eastern Sierra Pacific is an 11' X 16' freelance standard gauge HO railroad that has been under construction for almost 5 years. It is loosely based on the Carson-Colorado railroad line that ran from Carson City to Keeler. The track plan is a folded dog bone. The ESP runs under the motto of: We know where you are going before you do. It is set in early WWII. Our railroad connects to the

coast (because we like boats and water) in our (slightly seedy) city of Seaside and to the eastern United States at Piru. From Seaside we run to LA. the refineries and other points west via staging. From Piru we run to Chicago and points east via staging. A branch line runs to the Owens Valley and eastern Sierra region. Negotiations are under way for more real estate and as soon as land can be acquired, tracks will be run from Laws to Carson City staging for ore smelting.

Control is with a Digitrax Zephyr with remote plug in panels. Turn-out control is a combination of caboose ground throws and tortoise machines. The layout is planned for operations and I think it will keep 4-6 operators busy for a full evening or afternoon. Working on the railroad has been a lot of fun for both of us.

Carpooling to our small house is encouraged. [See map on page 4] Parking on the street around the corner (Orchard Loop) should be okay. We will clear that with the neighbors. Please bring a folding chair if you have one.

Our plan is, weather permitting, to hang out in the backyard, but if that gets rained on we will be crowding into the house. I expect we will be very close friends after this if we weren't before.



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June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9 Clinic Layout Visit to Phil & Susan Gonzales' Home		10	11
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As you can see, yet again not much going on this month, 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.spshts.org

July 14-17, Spokane, WA

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

July 17 - 18, Ilwaco, WA

Clamshell Railroad Days at Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum - columbiapacificheritagemuseum.org

Sept. 12-15, East Glacier Park, MT

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

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Sept. 16-18, Lynnwood, WA

Cascadian International, PNR 2010 Regional Convention. Embassy Suites hotel.

Our own John White is scheduled to give the Keynote address at the Banquet on Saturday!
Info:- www.4dpnr.org/CascadianInternational2010.htm, Stu Rogers, sturogers@comcast.net

Put this on your calendar: Summer Barbecue

John Marshall and his lovely wife have 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 at which time those who wish to attend should RSVP to John directly at 360.678.5448

From Susan Gonzales:

I will be updating the **lending library list** and need volunteers to add to it. For the benefit of newcomers, we have compiled a list of how-to-books, magazines and videos (both vhs and dvd's) that some members are willing to lend to others.

We do not actually have a "library" as in a building. How it works is that say you are working on something, scenery for instance, and you want to know how to make rocks. You look down your list and see that Jack Tingstad has not only a book on scenery, but he has rock molds to lend (or he would if John White would ever give them back) so you e-mail or call Jack and he brings them to the next meeting (or not because John White still has them) and you use them until the next meeting. If you do not have a library list let me know. I will be working on a new list this month and hopefully, have it ready for the next meeting. If you have something you want to make available for loan, just e-mail me with the title, author and year. Thanks for all the help! Susan Gonzales

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Last Month's Clinic

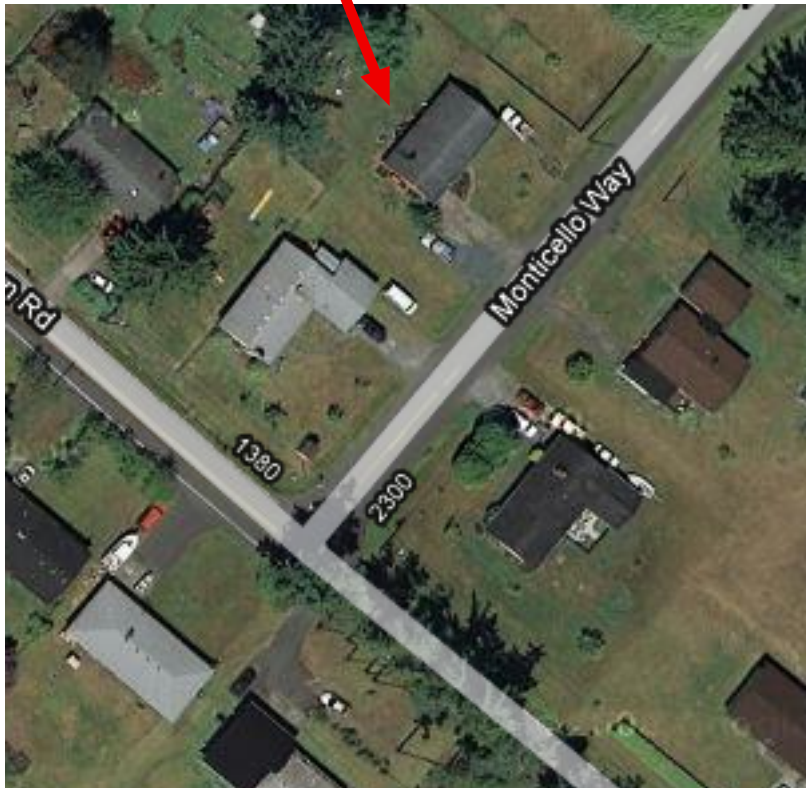
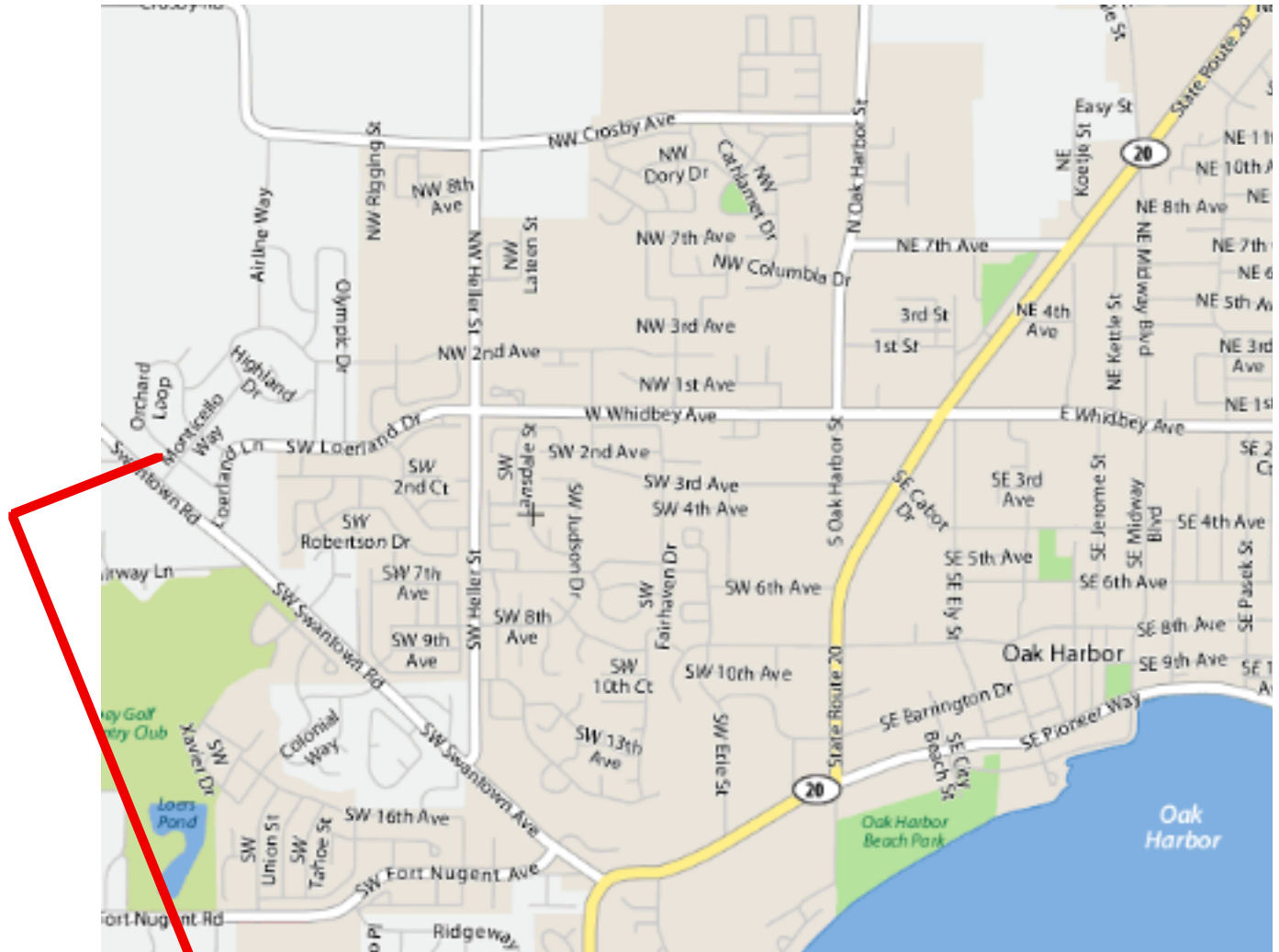
The May Clinic featured John Mann with a discussion concerning all the great things that DCC will do for the model railroader besides just make the locomotive go forward and backwards! John showed many decoder options, sound options and an example of the Digitrax signal system. He also supplied a multipage handout with further information and sources of information for those who want more.



The Clinic ended with door prizes from Performance R/C being won by several attendees. A great **THANK YOU** to **Performance R/C in Burlington** for their support throughout the year!! If you need any modeling 'stuff' see Suzy and tell her you are part of the Skagit Valley & Whidbey Clinic group!



Directions to the Gonzales' House in Oak Harbor



The address is 2403 Monticello Way, Oak Harbor 98277. Just off of Swantown Road

Cascadian International 2010 Registration Form

September 15–18, 2010

IDENTIFICATION (as you want it to appear on your name tags):

First Name:		Last Name:	
Companion First Name:		Last Name:	
Youth First Name: (under 18 yrs):		Last Name:	
Youth First Name: (under 18 yrs):		Last Name:	
Address:			
City:	State/Prov:	Zip/Postal:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:		
Email:	NMRA #:		

REGISTRATION FEES

Description	Qty	Price	Total
Full Fare: Includes convention and Saturday banquet, clinics, layout tour admissions, and contests		\$ 75	\$
Full Fare Except Banquet: Includes convention, clinics, layout tour admissions, and contests		\$ 40	\$
PNR/NMRA Surcharge: all non-NMRA members (includes 6-month trial membership)		\$ 10	\$
Family Members: persons accompanying Full Fare registrant, as per above list (excludes banquet)		\$ 20	\$
Banquet only: additional tickets (before September 16, 2010)		\$ 35	\$

PROTOTYPE TOUR FEES

Description	Qty	Price	Total
St. Gobain Glass		\$ 20	\$
Boeing Everett Factory Tour		\$ 17	
Special "Secret" Prototype Tour		\$ 15	

TOTAL

Total Payment Enclosed (no refunds after August 15, 2010)			\$
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Mail your completed registration form and payment inside an envelope to: CI2010, Norm Curtis, Registrar, 17126 38th Ave West, Lynnwood, WA 98037-7009, CurtisNorm@yahoo.com. Make checks or money orders payable to 4DPNR Cascadian International 2010 or use Paypal button at 4dPNR.org/CascadianInternational2010.htm. Hotel reservations: Embassy Suites, 20610 44th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA, 1-800-Embassy and mention "Cascadian International 2010."

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	<u>Tom Hawkins</u>	<u>Designing & Painting a Backdrop</u>	<u>Tom Hawkins</u>
<u>Nov. 10, 2010</u>	<u>John White</u>	<u>Make and Take</u> <u>& Estate Sales</u>	<u>Roger Ferris, MMR</u> <u>Bobj Burger</u>
<u>Dec. 8, 2010</u>	<u>John White</u>	<u>Wassail and Other Delights on the SVER</u>	<u>John White</u>
<u>Jan. 12, 2011</u>	<u>John White</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>
<u>Mar. 9, 2011</u>		<u>"East Broad Top" & "Cumbres & Toltec" Video</u>	<u>Rich Thom</u>
<u>Apr. 13, 2011</u>		<u>Water Effects</u>	<u>Dick Haines</u>
May 11, 2011		Building Roads and Streets	Al Carter, MMR
June 8, 2011		Judging of Scratch Built Barn Competition Presentation by Jack Hamilton	Jack Hamilton, MMR

Backup Subjects:

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

Still a DRAFT
but closer!!

Volunteers or Press Ganged

NMRA Liaison and Reportage
Keeper of the Purse [alias the Bucket]
Layout Design Aficionado
The DCC Man
Newsletters and Announcement Flyers
Casino Operators and Door Prizes
Refreshments
Keeper of the Rolls[alias the Membership Roster]
Librarian
Competition Shepherd
Meeting Co-ordinator

Gordon Garnhart
Jack Tingstad
Tom Hawkins
John Mann
Al Frasch
John Mann & Dan Gould
Phil & Susan Gonzales
Rich Thom
Susan Gonzales
????? ← Any Volunteers???

John White

Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Group

Clinic Schedule 2009/2010

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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	‘Layout Operation Considerations’	Frasch/Tingstad/Thom
May 12, 2010-	J.Mann	‘DCC What is it?’ Semi Advanced	John Mann
<u>Jun. 9, 2010</u>	J.White	Layout Visit to the Eastern Sierra Pacific	P. & S.Gonzales

Volunteers

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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