

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



Wednesday, November 10, 2010

Location: The Summer Hill Assisted Living Community in Oak Harbor [map on page 3].

Time: 7:00 PM

Agenda:

1. Come early for the MASSIVE swap table from Roger Ferris and crew [see below].
2. Welcome, introductions and announcements.
3. Roger Ferris, CJ Riley and Bobj Berger : Make 'n Take clinic.

Make 'n Take Structures

Roger Ferris is scheduled to return with a new Make 'n Take presentation. Last year everyone made a wonderful old style building from cardboard, styrene and simple tools. We look forward to what Roger will bring for us to make this time!

Please bring a square, a steel straight edge, a cutting pad, a sharp X-Acto knife with #11 blade and a 6" or longer mill file.



Also, Roger, CJ and Bobj will be bringing their famous *Mart of Estate Sale* traveling swap meet! Come early to see what items have been acquired for sale in the past year. Remember, this is a sale with a purpose, Roger keeps track of what is sold and returns the proceeds to the spouses of the previous owners - a terrific service to the families of model railroaders who have finally 'tied up in the big roundhouse in the sky.'

The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic						
Model Railroad Calendar for November 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
						OLY-OPS 2010
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Clinic at Summer Hill 7:00pm <u>Make n' Take</u>			Boeing Empl. 31st Annual Swap Meet Kent, Sat. 9:30-4:00 bemrrc.com
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Also: Great Train Expo Puyallup Sat/Sun greattrain expo.com						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Thanksgiving		Jack Tingstad's Annual Open House - open to the public.
28	29	30				
Come and see the <i>Cloud City</i> & <i>Western</i> ! See note p. 6						



questions from the group. From his original address, he added some more technical data as to how the ties were made, which was very interesting. Thank you, John!

October's Clinic

John White reprised his Keynote address to the PNR Convention concerning his role in starting the concrete tie business in North America for our clinic group on the 13th. His talk was well received and was followed by many



Local Modeling Progress

Jerry Husted has been busy incorporating commercial baseboards into a sizable N-scale layout up in Anacortes. From Jerry:



“To jump-start a layout, I read the ads by TERRAIN FOR TRAINS which furnished 30" deep by 48" wide pre-formed plastic bases on which you laid track, wired, and added scenery. I ordered one module -- the HIGH SIERRA design. After months of waiting, it finally came. In the meantime, a jumpstart on a base came from SIEVERS Benchwork. Perfect decision -- benchwork assembled in 2 hours and I fastened it to the plastic module with a piano hinge in back. At my age, I decided that crawling under a layout was really out of the question. Also I ordered casters for the bottom of the legs, so the module could roll around easily.

“I subsequently added the adjoining module - TOWN OF ROCKY RIDGE and connected it to the original module and each module was hinged separately to work on either one as needed.

“Both modules lacked a switchyard, decent townsite, and passing tracks. So I built benchwork for 30" deep by 80" wide, covered it with 3/8" plywood and was ready for the final part. Honestly, I lack planning ability, visualization of what to do and then thought of calling Tom Hawkins, whom several others highly praised for his layout design talent. Tom came over and in several hours, had sketched out a perfect layout for my missing ingredients. It even showed a turnaround loop.

“What fun filling in this new area with trackwork, and join it to the original HIGH SIERRA! Talk about new challenges, especially adding an electronic reversing module from TONY'S TRAINS. John Mann suggested I add another reversing loop on the HIGH SIERRA module, to get the trains head-ended back to the switching module (another electronic module to purchase from good old Tony's Trains).”



Ever wonder why Dick Haines' railroad is called the ***Big Stump Little Lump Lumber & Ore Railway***? Well, the ***Big Stump*** part has been answered! Below are pictures of the Big Stump itself, right in the *Gonzales Memorial Grove* where the sign indicates that this was the:

Tallest tree in the World.
Tenth wonder of the World.
Supplied wood to build 47 homes!
Inspect it for yourself - only 50 cents.



The large tree beside the stump was another of Susan Gonzales' fantastic trees - great job Susan!!



Dilapidated Building Competition Rules

Introduction

The purpose of this competition is to build a dilapidated building according to the specifications below.

The entries will be judged by Jack Hamilton, MMR and NMRA Western Director, at our June meeting in 2011.

Baseboard

- Material of your choice.
- Maximum base board size 20" x 15". Minimum size 10" x 7.5".

Building

- The building must be framed and clad in wood and should be scratch built. No kits.
- Building size, type and shape to your choice. There are no height restrictions.
- The building can be 3 sided as part of a back scene. No restrictions on depth of building.
- The building can be abandoned or occupied.
- No outhouses however High Tech, except for the humorous award.
- Roofing and foundation materials can be your choice.
- Windows, doors, chimneys etc can be Grandt Line or similar, Wood Framed, Metal or Plastic.
- The building must show signs of age and distress and also should show evidence of structural damage, failure or collapse.

Scenery and additions

- The judge will be asked to judge the building itself [see prize list].
- Vehicles, animals and people are to your choice.
- Trackage, rolling stock, etc are not a requirement and have no value in judging.
- Scenery to choice but the emphasis of the judge will be on the building.

Prize Categories

- Best building in each scale [G, O, HO, N, Z.]
- Most humorous irrespective of scale.
- Best diorama irrespective of scale
- Peoples choice irrespective of scale [Building Only].
- Three Honorable Mentions.

Prizes

- All category winners will receive an Illuminated Scroll with their name and prize category, and a Gift Certificate at Performance R/C Hobbies.
- Competitors can enter buildings in more than one scale or category but only one entry in each scale or category.
- If a competitor receives more than one award he/she will receive only the illuminated scroll for the second award. The Gift Certificate will go to the Runner Up.
- In the event of disputes the Competition Shepherd's and Judges decisions are final!

Steve Jaffrey
Competition Shepherd

The Miscellaneous Information Page

Cloud City & Western Open House

Saturday and Sunday, November 27th and 28th, Jack Tingstad will have his 10th annual Open House for the public at his **Cloud City & Western** home layout in Coupeville [508 Broadway]. He typically gets 150+ people per day through his layout - many coming year after year! So, bring your family and tell your friends, one of the finest model railroads in the Northwest is open for your viewing pleasure! Times are 10AM to 4PM each day.



Admission is a can or two of food for the local food bank, thank you.

If you missed any issue of this Newsletter and/or just want to look back at the last year or so of what has been going on with the clinic group, be sure to go to the 4th Division website [www.4dpr.org] and choose the tab on the left marked **Newsletters**. And while you are at it, take a look at the other items, especially the **Grab Iron**, which is now an online only official publication for the 4th Div.

Swap Table

We will be having a Swap Table before each clinic that is held at Summer Hill prior to the clinic itself. However, due to Roger Ferris' huge Estate Sale this month and the Wassail in December, our swap table will return in January.

Frontier Discount Cards

Great news, Terry Johnson, Pres. of Frontier Building Supply, **will** be extending the discount program on a year by year basis. Therefore, make sure you are a paid up member of the NMRA on January 1st, 2011 in order to get the 2011 discount card!! See nmra.org for membership information. New cards will be issued to current [1/1/11] members at the January clinic.



If you have any information, good websites, things for sale of a model railroad nature or whatever, send me a note and I will add it to this page in the future editions as space permits.



HEARTBEAT Serving Wounded Warriors

A few years ago Janice Buckley of Snohomish, Washington started an organization known as “Operation Homefront Washington.” The original intent of this fledgling organization was to provide support for the spouses and families of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In mid-2009 the organization changed it’s name to “Heartbeat Serving Wounded Warriors” the revised mission whilst still supporting the families of our troops overseas now include support for our wounded troops and families when the warriors returned home.

Heartbeat will continue to serve families of the wounded with emergency services, such as rent assistance, gift cards for food, utilities and air travel for the wounded.

Heartbeat will also provide support and encouragement for newly-arrived wounded at Madigan Hospital at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Heartbeat is developing many new services to help both the wounded and their families and also for the Combat Nurses and Medics who return home to find there is no support network to help them recover from the traumas they faced in the battlefields giving support to the wounded.

At our last meeting a suggestion was made to collect some railroad kits for the wounded to provide some very necessary Occupational Therapy for the wounded as they begin the slow process of recovery. I talked to Janice Buckley recently and she welcomed the idea which builds on other regions of the Heartbeat organization who have tried this idea with great success.

Please turn out your cupboards and look for kits which you may never use and consider buying a few kits at the Estate Mart which Bobj Berger, C.J.Riley and Roger Ferris will organize at the November meeting.

I know these kits will be appreciated by these young men and women as they endeavor to return to normal life after some devastating wounds and traumas.

Thank You,

John White
Program Co-ordinator.

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.

Date	Coordinator	Subject	Presenter
Sept. 8, 2010		Milwaukee Road Electrification	Noel Holly
Oct. 13, 2010		Concrete Ties in North America	John White
Nov. 10, 2010	John White	Make and Take & Estate Sales	Roger Ferris, MMR Bob Berger, CJ Riley
Dec. 8, 2010	John White	Wassail and Other Delights on the SVER	John White
Jan. 12, 2011	John White	“How to Build a Dilapidated Building”	Steve Jaffray
Feb. 9, 2011	John White	New Zealand Railways	Max Maginness, MMR
Mar. 9, 2011		“East Broad Top” & “Cumbres & Toltec” Video	Rich Thom
Apr. 13, 2011		Water Effects	Dick Haines
May 11, 2011		Building Roads and Streets	Al Carter, MMR
June 8, 2011		Judging of Scratch Built Competition Presentation by Jack Hamilton	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 and Announcement Flyers	Al Frasc
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	Steve Jaffray
Meeting Co-ordinator	John White