

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



**Wednesday, February 9, 2011**

**Location:** Summer Hill in Oak Harbor [email me if you need directions].

**Time:** 7:00 PM [earlier to browse the Swap Table]

**Agenda:** 1. Welcome and introductions as needed.

2. Clinic Presentation: New Zealand Railways, Max Maginness, MRR

## **Railways of New Zealand A Trip through History**

New Zealand railways have a history nearly 150 years old. There has been an unique variety of British, American and home grown construction, equipment and operating practices used over this period. More recently many museums, often with vintage equipment in operating condition, have formed. In 2006, Max Maginness was able to tour ten of these in detail including an operating lake steamer originally treated as part of the railway network and a very scenic tourist trip. The February 2011 clinic will be a presentation pictorially covering the visit.

If you are fascinated by the technology of past eras and something quite different from the glories of the NP and GN this should prove interesting.

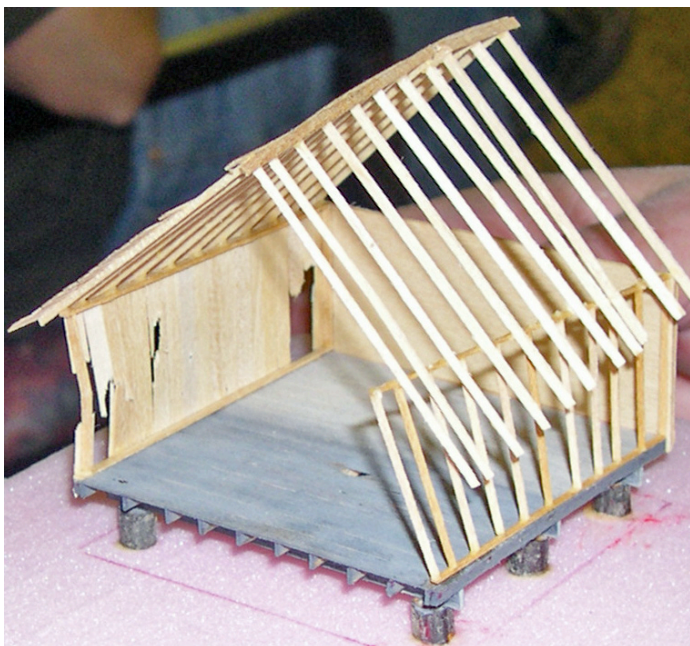
The clinician, Max Maginness, MMR, is originally from New Zealand and models the railways there as they existed in the 1960's.



The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic						
Model Railroad Calendar for February 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
						<b>The Monroe Train Show!!</b> Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
For more information: <a href="http://www.unwclub.org/unwshow.html">www.unwclub.org/unwshow.html</a>			<b>Clinic at Summer Hill Railways of New Zealand</b>			<b>WSMRR/BSME Open House in Alger</b> 11am-4pm info: <a href="http://www.bsme.org">www.bsme.org</a>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

Last Month's Clinic: We were regaled with much information on the construction of

dilapidated buildings by the master himself, Steve Jaffray! He showed many examples of "how to's" and different products to use for roofs, walls and aging of such. Thank you Steve!





# Accidents Can Happen

At a recent operation session on Jack Tingstad's *Cloud City & Western*, there was a little boo-boo. It seems that a throttle went berserk and a train decided to back-up very quickly over the Cloud City turntable. Very quick reaction by an engineer on the ground was able to stop the train just before descending into the valley below to join the wreckage of a previous train. These pictures were taken by a bystander using one of those new-fangled Brownie cameras and secreted out of Colorado, if the

CC&W's board of directors were to see these, heads would surely roll! All names of the guilty individuals are being withheld pending determination of cleanup costs and responsibilities - and to give them time to get out of the state. It is known that there were no injuries or deaths, unlike the previous accident in the river bottom, where bodies are still visible!



# **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 Jaffray

Competition Shepherd

# The Miscellaneous Information Page

From Rich Blake: Some items that may be of interest to members

March 5<sup>th</sup> Pacific Model Loggers Congress annual show, Elsie Oregon

<http://www.pacificmodelloggerscongress.com/>

May 21<sup>st</sup> MRSR Rainier Rambler steam up triple header

[http://www.railserve.com/jump/railfan\\_excursions.cgi?http://www.railsnw.com/Tours/charter/rainier/rainier\\_rambler.htm](http://www.railserve.com/jump/railfan_excursions.cgi?http://www.railsnw.com/Tours/charter/rainier/rainier_rambler.htm)

It was announced at the last clinic that Suzy at **Performance R/C Hobbies** will be donating kit construction tool kits for the Wounded Warriors donation program in lieu of door prizes for the clinics - bravo! John White and Dan Gould are spearheading that endeavour. If you would like to help, contact either of them, I am sure they can use your assistance.

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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.4dpnr.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 Division.

## Swap Table

The Swap Table continues!! If you have anything to sell/trade/give away just bring it to the Summer Hill meeting room by about 6:45. Please make sure that any price is clearly labeled and the owner's name is shown.



## Frontier Discount Cards

Okay, still time to (re)apply for your Frontier Building Supply Discount Card for 2011!! Please email me [Al Frasch] or John White with your name and NMRA number and we will have your spiffy new discount cards ready for you at the next Clinic.

Remember, you must be a current NMRA member to qualify.

If you join or renew in the future, just let us know and we will make up your new card too!!

See nmra.org for membership information.



*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.*



# Local Modeling Progress

Susan Gonzales has been at it again! Her newest tree [on the right] joins others on Dick Haines' *Big Stump, Little Lump Lumber & Ore Railway*. See the November Newsletter for close-up pictures of the *Gonzales Memorial Grove Visitor Center*.



Norm Myers has been very busy since the last time his layout appeared in the Newsletter in March of 2010. These show how the main yard is coming along, the cattle yard, and the wonderfully high rock walls being built in the corner of the layout. We hope someday to be able to share pictures of the Grand Opening!





# 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 Bobj 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	[tentative date]	South Whidbey Logging Railroad [The Glendale narrow gauge railroad]	Craig Williams
June 8, 2011		Judging of Scratch Built Competition Presentation by Jack Hamilton	Jack Hamilton, MMR

## 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
Clean-up Artists	Vera & Gordon Jones
Competition Shepherd	Steve Jaffray
Meeting Co-ordinator	John White