

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

 **The Skagit Valley & Whidbey**   
**NMRA Clinic**

**Wednesday, April 13, 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. Swap Meet still goin' on.
2. Welcome and Introductions. And ideas for next season's clinic presentations/visits.
3. Presentation: Dick Haines and Water Effects.

## Water Effects for Model Railroaders

**Water.** Essential for life. Interesting properties.  
Easy to model.

Dick Haines will cover various subjects related to modeling water on your layout including available products, special surface detailing, dynamic lighting to create motion, the importance of the scene's background and other topics. He will bring several sample products.

**Water.** Solid, liquid, gas/vapor (fog, clouds). Which phases do you want to model?

Come to the Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic in Oak Harbor for a very informative evening.



Layout of John White

## The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic Model Railroad Calendar for April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						WSMRR/ BSME Open House in Alger 11am-4pm info: <a href="http://www.bsme.org">www.bsme.org</a>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Clinic Dick Haines and Water Effects			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**Also:**

The 12th annual Mini-Meet of Santa Fe Railway fans and modelers in the Northwest will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat., April 9, 2011, at Messiah Lutheran at 410 H Street N.E. Auburn. The Mini-Meet will feature clinics on Santa Fe's 3800-Class 2-10-2s & HO models, Building SFRHMS Passenger Car Kits, Modeling Santa Fe's Southern California Packing Houses, and a Santa Fe slide show by Doug Nighswonger. Admission is just \$8.

### Last Month's Clinic:

Rich Thom presented the third in a series of clinics based on his travels around the world to document the final days of steam



locomotives. This presentation was about the East Broad Top and the Cumbres & Toltec [left]. Some spectacular shots of steam in action, including in cab video. Included was some footage of how a rotary snowplow works from the inside of OY plow. A great job Rich! Might there be a fourth clinic if we can talk him into it?

**Hey! We are getting closer to June, so get out the ol' Scratchbuilding materials and Scratch build!!**

## **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

John White has provided the following stats for the clinic:

## Attendance Statistics

[Excluding residents but including Presenters]

	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011
Minimum	12	14	14	13	19	22	17
Maximum	23	27	24	23	27	35	34
# of diff. Attendees	44	43	33	31	45	55	45
Average Attendance	17	19	17	18	23	26	25

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## Got Clinic Program Ideas?

It is not too early to begin thinking about next season's clinic line-up. If there is something either model or prototype that you want to know about - or want to present information about - write the ideas down and be prepared to present the ideas at our **April meeting**. Remember, this is your clinic!

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## 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.

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## 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.

See [nmra.org](http://nmra.org) for membership information.

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Don't forget to take a look at *Model Railroad Hobbyist* magazine - always free monthly publication! Charlie Comstock was up in March to interview/video/photograph the layouts of Nick Muff, Jack Tingstad and yours truly for future inclusion in the magazine - so keep downloading and maybe you will see one or more of these layouts in the magazine! <http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/>



*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.*

# 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
<b>Apr. 13, 2011</b>		<b>Water Effects</b>	<b>Dick Haines</b>
May 11, 2011	Al Frasch	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 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
Clean-up Artists	Vera & Gordon Jones
Competition Shepherd	Steve Jaffray
Meeting Co-ordinator	John White