

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



**Wednesday, June 8, 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 [about 6:45].
2. Welcome and Introductions.
3. Volunteers for next season.
4. Judging by Jack Hamilton, MMR, Western Director NMRA and Di Voss, MMR
5. Presentation: Jack Hamilton on Tools for Model Railroaders

## **The Proper Tool for the Job** (and other modeling myths)

A good mechanic has the correct tool to do every job. Believe that and you will never get the job done. The crescent wrench and water pump pliers were made for guys who know how to improvise and get on with it. If duct tape is a primary tool in your box, you are ready to move into the big time. In this clinic we will be taking a look at some of the different or unique tools used in modeling. You will be surprised at where some of the tools come from and what other people think they should be used for. This clinic hopes to open your mind to different opportunities to acquire tools to make a difference in the hobby. Most importantly, the clinic should give you some hints on how to visit stores that no real man would enter and how to see things for what they really are.



Jack Hamilton and Di Voss

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Clinic at Summer Hill Jack Hamilton and Tools			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Cascade Rails 2011, National Railway Historical Society (NHRs) annual convention. Info:- 253-495-7500, <a href="http://www.cascaderails2011.com">www.cascaderails2011.com</a> In Tacoma, headquarters will be the Hotel Murano.					
26	27	28	29	30		

## Last Month's Clinic:

From Gordon Garnhart's Grab Iron report:

The guest speaker for the evening was Glendale historian Craig Williams of the community organization Friends of Glendale and also the South Whidbey Historical Society. Glendale is a very small community on the eastern shore of Whidbey Island, near the south end below Clinton. His topic, "The Glendale Logging Railroad and other Whidbey Island Shortlines" was well received. Craig illustrated his presentation with many interesting slides, and described fascinating historical details of equipment, structures, operations and the careers of logging entrepreneurs.

Craig has been researching the history of shortline railroad operations on Whidbey Island for over ten years. He talked about the early logging operations on South Whidbey Island, how these activities shaped the community of Glendale and the logging railroad that once ran through the Glendale area. Most of his material covered the Glendale Logging Railroad which followed the ravine of Glendale Creek northwest and then north into what was, in the nineteenth century, a densely wooded area. He also discussed a less extensive logging railroad that operated in the Keystone vicinity. Very little evidence of these operations exists today. At the conclusion of his slide presentation, Craig passed around examples of old growth wood, a fish plate, a rail bolt and a length of chain used to link rail cars.

If you have not yet signed up to receive notifications about the Electronic Grab Iron [the official 4th Division publication for news of the division] just go to: [4dprn.org/grabiron/](http://4dprn.org/grabiron/) and click on subscribe. You will receive an email when something has been posted and can then just go on over and read it!!

**Well, this is it! You have about 10 days to get it finished!!! Judging at the June 8th Clinic.**

## **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 - revised**

- Best entry irrespective of scale.
- Most humorous irrespective of scale.
- Peoples choice irrespective of scale.
- 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*



## JACK TINGSTAD'S CLOUD CITY & WESTERN

Read about this moderate sized, HO mountain railroad next month in

**Model Railroad  
Hobbyist magazine™**

**Jack Tingstad's layout is featured in the May issue of MRH magazine!**

The pictures are spectacular!! Download it from: [model-railroad-hobbyist.com/](http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/)

This is a free magazine to read on the computer - don't even consider printing the whole thing - they are usually around 125 pages long!!

Coming within the next several months should be a feature on Nick Muff's Kansas City Union Station layout and in July (?) a feature on the *Pilchuck Division of the BNSF*, of yours truly.

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## *S w a p   T a b l e*

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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EXTRA 2011 WEST

**X2011**

2011 NMRA National Convention  
July 3 to 9, 2011 - Sacramento, California

There is still time to sign up for and attend the NMRA convention in beautiful Sacramento in July, just check the website: [www.x2011west.org/](http://www.x2011west.org/)



*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 2011/2012

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

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DATE	COORDINATOR	SUBJECT	PRESENTER
09.14.11	Jim Tartas	Visit to Nick Muff.	Nick Muff
10.12.11	John White	Q & A- Panel of Experts.	5 Experts !
11.09.11	Al Frasch	Wellington Disaster	Martin Burwash
12.14.11	John White	Wassail and Other Delights.	John White
01.18.12	Rich Blake	Virtual RR [Track Planning]	Rich Blake
02.15.12	John White	Riding the Head End over the Cascades.	Tim Miller
03.14.12	Rich Thom	Steam from the Cape to Victoria Falls	Rich Thom
04.11.12	John White	The Reality and Model of the Everett & Monte Cristo	Di Voss
05.09.12	Al Frasch	How to Drive a Steam Locomotive	Barry Anderson
06.13.12	G & V Jones	How to Airbrush. In and o/s G & V Jones Garage	Dave Clarke

## Back up Offerings

Local N Scale Manufacturer. Gold Medal Models [Loren Perry]  
Electronics. [Harper/Mann/Jones ?]  
Hands On Track Building. [Mann]  
Back Drop Painting. [Who ?]

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All underlined have  
been confirmed.

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## Extreme Emergency Reserve.[ In case of last minute presenter cancelation].

A Ride on the Orient Express- Slide Show [John White]

## Volunteers or Press Ganged

NMRA Liaison and Reportage  
Keeper of the Purse [aka the Bucket]  
Layout Design Aficionado  
The DCC Man  
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Refreshments  
Keeper of the Rolls[aka the Membership Roster]  
Librarian  
Clean-up Artists  
Competition Shepherd  
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Jack Tingstad  
Tom Hawkins  
John Mann  
Al Frasch  
Phil & Susan Gonzales  
Rich Thom  
Susan Gonzales  
Vera & Gordon Jones  
Steve Jaffray  
John White



At the June Clinic we will be asking for volunteers to step up [or re-step up?] and fill some of the 'postions' listed here - this is your chance to help keep the clinic growing!



# Local Modeling Progress

Dick Haines just keeps on doing spectacular work on his **Big Stump Little Lump Lumber & Ore** layout north of Oak Harbor in the Dugualla Bay area of Whidbey Island. The first picture shows the use of a mirror to blend in a couple buildings into the backdrop - it takes a second to figure out where the mirror is located. Good job!



Next, we have the new area down under the ramp that goes from the upper yard to the lower yard. Though not totally finished, you get a great idea of how it will look when done.





And, from Gordon Jones up in Anacortes, here are a few new pictures of two buildings and a mine elevator for the Simpatico mine he is building for the *V & G RR*, TJ's Pub and TJ's Brewery and a dog grooming salon. The brewery and the elevator are scratch built and the dog salon was a kit.





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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	Al Frasch	South Whidbey Logging Railroad [The Glendale narrow gauge railroad]	Craig Williams

**June 8, 2011**

**Judging of Scratch Built Competition  
Clinic on Tools for Model Railroaders**

**Jack Hamilton, MMR**

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