

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

# The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic

## Wednesday, April 11, 2012

**Location:** Summer Hill meeting room in Oak Harbor.

**Time:** 7:00 PM

### *The Reality & The Model of the Everett & Monte Cristo Railway*

Didrik Voss will discuss his prototype modeling of the Everett & Monte Cristo Railway. The Everett & Monte Cristo Ry in Di's basement is a prototype of a shortline constructed in 1893 from the City of Everett to 55 miles east to Monte Cristo for the purpose of removing gold from the Cascade Mountains. This shortline was underwritten by John D.

Rockefeller. It was standard gauge that connected to the Northern Pacific in Hartford, WA. The line also provided a route to transport the large trees in the Cascade Mountains for the construction of buildings and structures along the west coast. Most of the buildings on the layout are scratchbuilt or extensively kitbashed - from the 10-hammer stamp mill in Monte Cristo to the smelter in Everett.

Didrik is a Master Model Railroader and is currently serving as the Manager, Standards & Conformance Dept. for the NMRA. In the past he has been a Director and Editor of the Grab Iron in the 4th Division. He lives in Mill Creek, WA, with his wife Mary Kay. His layout has been featured in the Gazette (2001) and Model Railroad Craftsman (June 2004)

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## The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic Model Railroad Calendar for April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			<b>Clinic @ 7pm The Everett &amp; Monte Cristo Ry. By Di Voss</b>			<b>9th Annual Olympia Model RR Layout Tour See info on Misc Info Page</b>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



### Last Month's Clinic:

#### From Gordan Garnhart's Grab Iron article:

"The main program of the evening was a showing of a series of still photographs and videos of steam railroading taken by Rich Thom. By the 1980s, steam had disappeared from most of the world's railways, and large numbers of steam locomotives remained in service in only three places: China, India, and South Africa. South African steam was some of the most unique anywhere, with designs tailored to the region's railway lines, laid mostly with light rail, steep grades, and sharp curves. South Africa was the first to use the 4-8-2 "Mountain" wheel arrangement, years before the USA, and also famous for its Garratt locomotives, an articulated design widely used in Africa, Australia, and many other parts of the world, but never adopted in America. Steam development culminated with 4-8-4 locos, including the famous condensing locos that hauled both freight and

passenger trains on the double track main crossing the waterless Great Karoo. And all this was narrow gauge—South Africa's rails are laid to a gauge of only 3'6".

"This program was based on two visits to the region: one in 1980, to both the Republic of South Africa and its northern neighbor Zimbabwe, where together well over 1,000 steam engines were still in service. The steam fleet of the National Railways of Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia Railways) was 100% Garratts at that time. A second visit was made in 2000, when only "museum" steam remained in South Africa. The program included both still photos and video.

"Along the way, Rich included the story of the Garratt design; visited the "Big Hole" in Kimberley (which produced over 14 million carats of diamonds); the Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River; the engineering features of the great 4-8-4 condensers; and of course (since this is Africa!) some four-legged critters, too. He also showed a ride behind the "Baby Garratts" on South Africa's "narrow-narrow" gauge—2-foot gauge miniatures of their larger 3'6" gauge counterparts. His travels covered several rail lines from Capetown in South Africa to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. As always, he provided a running commentary filled with historical facts, statistics, and humorous remarks that held everyone's attention for over 90 minutes."



## **Okay, it is April and now is the time to see what you have!!**

Di Voss will judge the competition prior to his clinic discussion on the Everett & Monte Cristo Railway. Winners will be announced after Di's presentation.

### **Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Group** **Piece of Rolling Stock Competition Rules**



#### Introduction

The purpose of this competition is to build a piece of rolling stock according to the specifications below.

The entries will be judged by Di Voss [MMR, NMRA Standards and Conformance Department head,. Also, with his brother, the NMRANet development person] at our April meeting in 2012.

Display of model

Material of your choice.

On rails or plain surface. Only the rolling stock will be judged.

#### Rolling Stock

The rolling stock may be of any type [Revenue, non-revenue] or any scale and any prototype.

Piece must be weathered to some degree and decaled or hand lettered.

Commercial parts on scratch built rolling stock are permitted.

To win prize money Rolling Stock must have been built specifically for this competition.

Other older scratch built or craftsman kits that have not won prizes may be entered for illuminated Scrolls only.

#### Additions

The judge will be asked to judge the rolling stock itself [see prize list].

Animals and people and other details may be added to rolling stock.



#### Prize Categories

Best rolling stock in each category [kit or kit bashed, scratch built, craftsman kit, ready to run]. The builder will decide which category he/she wants to enter a particular model in.

Peoples choice irrespective of category.

Three Honorable Mentions.

#### Prizes

All category winners will receive an Illuminated Scroll with their name and prize category and a monetary cash award.

Competitors can enter rolling stock in more than one category but only one entry in each category.

If a competitor receives more than one award he/she will receive only the illuminated scroll for the second award.

In the event of disputes the Competition Shepherd's and Judge's decisions are final!



Jack Tingstad, Competition Shepherd

# The Miscellaneous Information Page

## **Ninth Annual Olympia Model Railroad Layout Tour.**

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, April 14th, as this is the date of the Ninth Annual Olympia Model Railroad Layout Tour.

There will be at least eight layouts on the tour. Various scale and gauge combinations will be represented, including N, HO, On30 and 3/8n20. Jim Younkins' N scale Mud Bay & Southern and Greg Wright's 3/8n20 Consolidated Republic Mining Railroad have been featured in national publications. Most of the layouts are in various stages of construction, which will give visitors an opportunity to see each builder's construction methods.

As with previous years, a few of the layouts will be open early, while a few will stay open later, which will give visitors the opportunity to see as many layouts as possible.

We hope that you will take the opportunity to visit our layouts. There aren't many chances to see these many layouts at one time without spending the money to attend a convention.

Additional information, including how to request a tour map, will be provided soon. In the meantime, please contact me if you have any questions.

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From John White:

Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Group								
Attendance Statistics (Excluding residents but including Presenters)								
	2004/ 2005	2005/ 2006	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	2009/ 2010	2010/ 2011	2011/ 2012
<b>Minimum</b>	12	14	14	13	19	22	22	20
<b>Maximum</b>	23	27	24	23	27	35	34	37
<b>No. Different Attendees</b>	44	43	33	31	45	55	56	50
<b>Average Attendance</b>	17	19	17	18	23	26	27	30
<b>No. of Meetings</b>	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	7

## **Pre-Clinic Dinner Get-Together: Pizza + !**

Come and enjoy the camaraderie and meet our speaker, Di Voss.

We will again be getting together at the

San Remo Mediterranean Grill in Oak Harbor at about 5:15.

421 NE Midway Blvd - just a block south of the Chinese place, near Sears!

They have pizza, pastas, Greek specialties, seafood and salads!

For those that might be new to these newsletters, the "back issues" are available online at our 4th Division website [www.4dPNR.org](http://www.4dPNR.org) under the Newsletters category. This service is thanks to the 4th Division and their webmaster, Al Lowe.

*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.*



*More Everett & Monte Cristo Railway Pictures*  
*[Courtesy of Di Voss]*





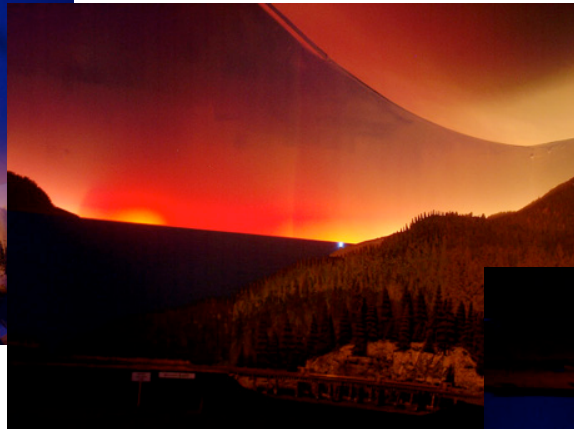
*From Susan Gonzales and Rich Blake*

### **Calendar Dates (proposed schedule) for the 2012/2013 Season:**

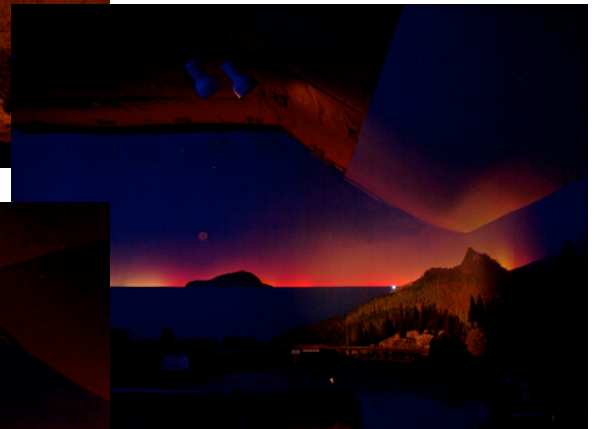
Sept 12th	Logging and Live Steam by Eric Eriksson (Gordon/Vera Jones coordinators)
Oct 10th	Mini Clinics (using dry transfer letters, John W., removable flat car loads, John W. unless we have another volunteer, tuning trucks, other topics?)
Nov 14th	The Tabooma County Railway: Choosing a Private Roadname - Developing a Plausible History by Al Carter
Dec 5th	Wassail at John White's
Jan 9th	Locomotive Tune-ups (both steam and diesel) By John Mann with an assist from another person yet to be named.
Feb 13th	Streets & Highways, Including Street Trackage by Al Carter
Mar 13th	Track Construction Methods in the Real World by John White
Apr 10th	DCC Sound Systems Hands-On Test Track by Bill Harper/John Mann
May 8th	Backdrop Clinic by Al C. and Jack T.
Jun 13th	Open House at Dick Haines

What do you think? Be prepared for a short discussion about the schedule at the April Clinic.

Back up clinics by Rich Thom or Rich Blake can be put together in the event of a no-show or epic failure.



The sun slowly sets over Tacoma on Dick Haines' ***Big Stump, Little Lump Lumber and Ore Railway*** in Oak Harbor.



# 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.

**NMRA Membership is encouraged**

See [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT COORDINATOR</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
09.14.11	Jim Tartas	Visit to Dr. Nick Muff's KCS Layout	Nick Muff
10.12.11	Rich Thom	Q & A Panel of Experts.	5 Experts !
11.09.11	Al Fresch	Wellington Disaster Vis Major	Martin Burwash
12.14.11	John White	Wassail and Other Delights.	John White
01.11.12	Rich Blake	Virtual Railroading	Rich Blake
02.8.12	John White	Logging and Narrow Gauge Extravaganza	
03.14.12	Rich Thom	Steam from the Cape to Victoria Falls	Rich Thom
<b>04.11.12</b>	<b>John White</b>	<b>The Reality and Model of the Everett &amp; Monte Cristo + Competition Judging</b>	<b>Di Voss</b>
05.09.12	Al Fresch	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

## Volunteers or Press Ganged

NMRA Liaison and Reportage  
Keeper of the Purse [aka the Bucket]  
Layout Design Aficionado  
The DCC & Audio Visual Main Mann  
Newsletters and Announcement Flyers  
Refreshments  
Keeper of the Rolls[aka the Membership Roster]  
Clean-up Artists  
The Tin Can Gaffers  
Competition Shepherd  
Program Organizer  
Clinic Chair  
Clinic Chair (retired)

Gordon Garnhart  
Jack Tingstad  
Tom Hawkins  
John Mann  
Al Fresch  
Phil Gonzales  
Al Carter  
Vera & Gordon Jones  
Curt and Iver Johnson  
Jack Tingstad  
Susan Gonzales  
Rich Blake  
John White