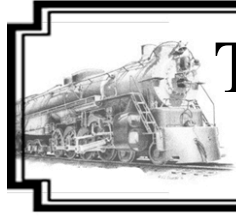


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# The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic



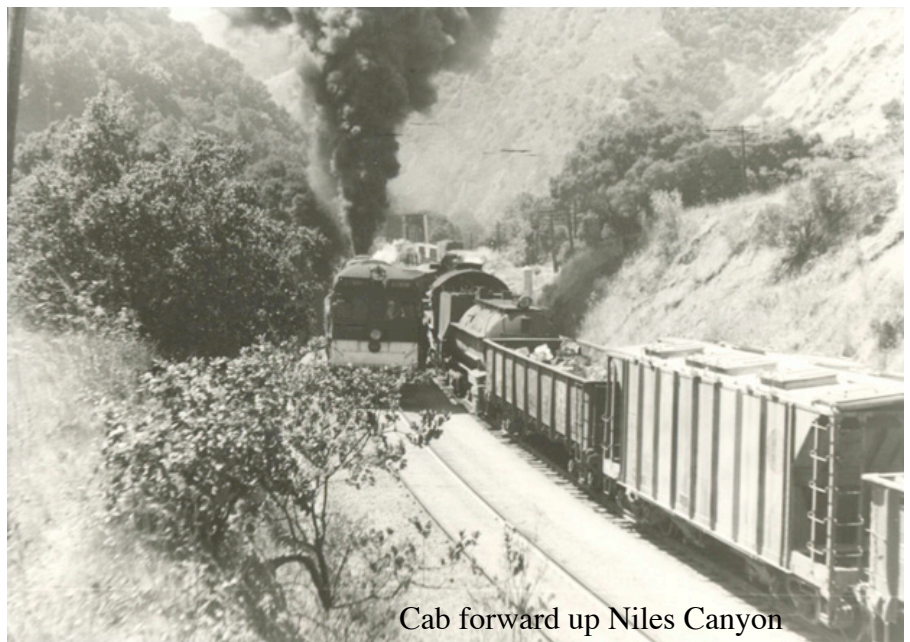
## Wednesday, May 9, 2012

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

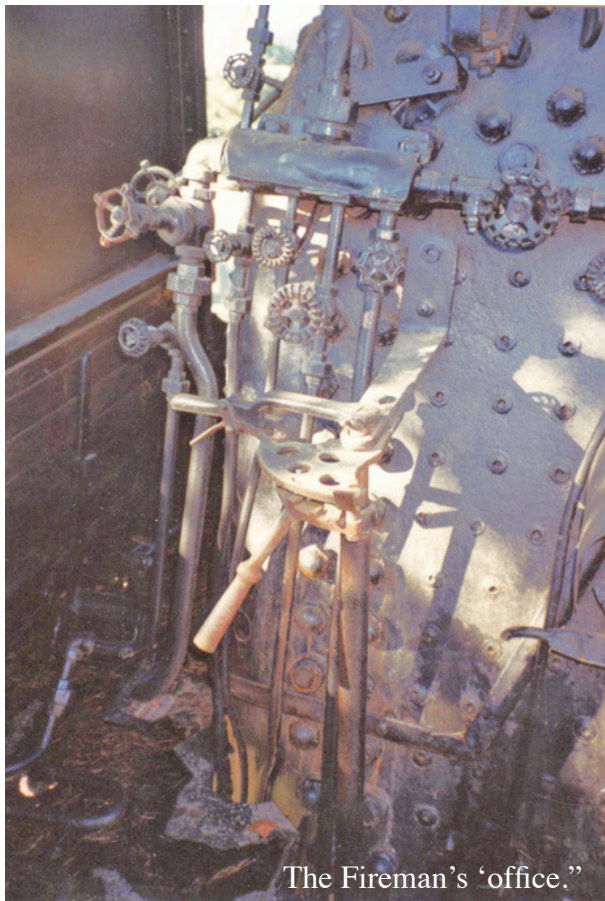
**Time:** 7:00 PM - Swap Meet set-up by 6:50

### *How to Drive a Steam Locomotive*

Back in the mid-1950s, Barry Anderson, our presenter this month, was fortunate enough to work as a fireman on steam locomotives on the Southern Pacific in California. For five



Cab forward up Niles Canyon



The Fireman's 'office.'

years, at the end of steam, he fired everything from diminutive 0-6-0s to the massive cab forwards. On Wednesday, May 9, he'll share his experiences with us and explain what "all those valves" in a steam locomotive cab were for. He'll talk about how firemen and engineers operated steam, highballing on the main line, firing helper engines and some of the colorful men he worked with.

The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic						
Model Railroad Calendar for May 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Clinic at Summer Hill in Oak Harbor			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						Annual Train Show & Swap Meet Freighthouse Square Tacoma
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
see: <a href="http://www.tnwmrr.org">www.tnwmrr.org</a>						
27	28	29	30	31		
						June 2nd is supposed to be the 4D Mini- Meet see 4DPNR.org

## Last Month's Clinic:

After Di Voss so graciously, along with Al Carter, judged the 2012 Rolling Stock Competition, "Didrik Voss entertained the group with a very interesting and informative slide presentation entitled, "The Reality and the Model of the Everett & Monte Cristo Railway." Di discussed his prototype modeling of the *Everett & Monte Cristo Railway*. The *Everett & Monte Cristo Railway* in Di's basement is a prototype of a short line constructed in 1893 from the City of Everett 55 miles east to Monte Cristo for the purpose of removing gold from the Cascade Mountains. This short line was underwritten by John D. Rockefeller. It was standard gauge and connected to the Northern Pacific in Hartford, Washington. The line also provided a route to transport the large trees in the Cascade Mountains for the construction of buildings and other 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."





# *The Miscellaneous Information Page*

## **Martin Burwash at Wellington**

Jim Tartas sent a note about a Martin Burwash YouTube video where he walks a few people through the area where the Wellington Disaster occurred. As you might remember, Martin was our clinic presenter back in November where he read from his book *Vis Major*. To watch the video try: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOzfUiz599w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOzfUiz599w)

Or, maybe a little better and shorter, another person's video of the same day:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHTyu8Ecqyc&feature=fvwp](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHTyu8Ecqyc&feature=fvwp)

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## ***The Swap Table Will Return in May!!***

***For the last chance of the year, bring anything that you wish to sell/trade/give away to the Summer Hill clinic side room prior to the clinic. Please have the name of the seller/donator on the items along with a price.***

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### **To All Our Skagit Valley and Whidbey NMRA Club Members and Friends:**

Have you seen the library list lately? No? Have you used it lately? No? Maybe you haven't even been aware of it. If not, please see me after the next meeting. Though it is nearly two years old, there are literally, hundreds of books, DVD's, VHS tapes and magazines covering every topic of model railroading that you can think of available for your use anytime. These resources are not housed in one room but are made available by members of the club who have volunteered to allow these books, DVD's, tapes and other items to be borrowed.

How It Works: You see on the Library List that Jack Tingstad has rock molds available and you are ready to start building rocks for your railroad. You contact Jack at the next meeting and let him know (or phone or email) and he brings them in for you to borrow. Except that Jack loaned his rock molds to John White and hasn't seen them since. So you ask Phil Gonzales and of course, he brings you an entire box.

I know a couple of people have made use of the list and I am hoping that we can generate more interest. If you have any books, magazines, movies, etc to add to the list, you can contact me at: [fishnutztoo@frontier.com](mailto:fishnutztoo@frontier.com)

Hey Rich B. I just saw the book *Railroads in the Woods* by John Labbe on the list, could you bring it to the next meeting for me to read? Thank You!

- Susan (looking to pass on the Library List to another volunteer)

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Al Carter has graciously assumed the maintaining of the clinic roster! If you need to contact a clinic member, Al can provide you the necessary contact info either by e-mail ([tabooma@msn.com](mailto:tabooma@msn.com)) or phone (360-399-1226).

## **P r e - C l i n i c   D i n n e r   G e t - T o g e t h e r :   P i z z a   + !**

Come and enjoy the camaraderie and meet our speaker, Barry Anderson and his wife, Hilda.

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!

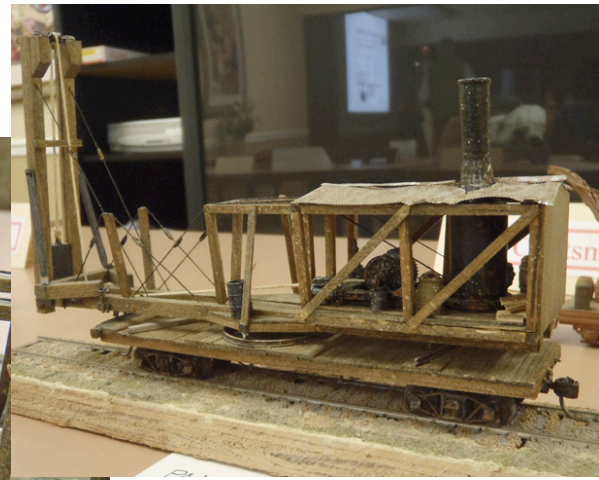
They have pizza, pastas, Greek specialties, seafood and salads!

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.*

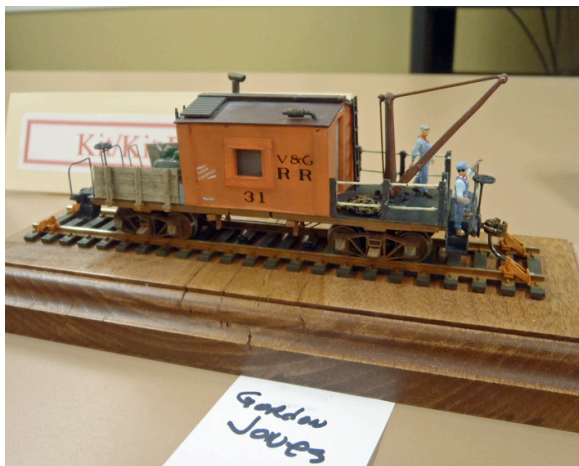


# ***The 2012 Rolling Stock Competition Results!!***



**Craftsman Kit 1st Prize  
Tom Hawkins**

**Craftsman  
Kit 2nd  
Place  
Doug  
Greenfield**



**Kit or  
Kitbashed 1st  
Place  
Gordon Jones**



**Kit or  
Kitbashed 2nd  
Place  
Susan Gonzales**





**Kit or  
Kitbashed 3rd  
Place  
Jim Tartas**

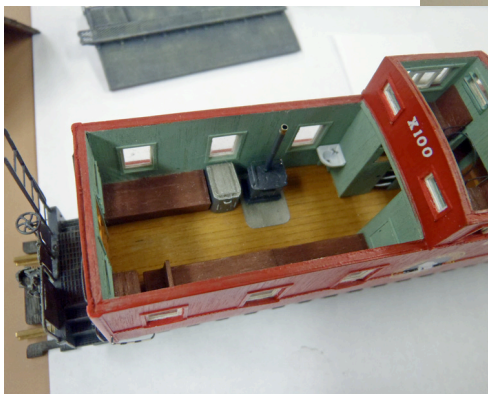
**Ready to Run  
1st Place  
Rich Blake**



**Ready to Run  
2nd Place  
Thurlow  
Powell**



**Scratchbuilt  
1st Place  
Steve Jaffray**







**Scratchbuilt  
2nd Place  
Rich Blake**



**Honorable  
Mention  
Scratchbuilt  
Al Frasch**



**Previously  
Built Award  
Winner  
Terry  
Kandzor**

**A BIG thank you to Di  
Voss and Al Carter for  
judging the models and  
Jack Tingstad for  
'shepherding' the  
competition this year!!**

The decorative scrolls were made  
by Al Frasch.

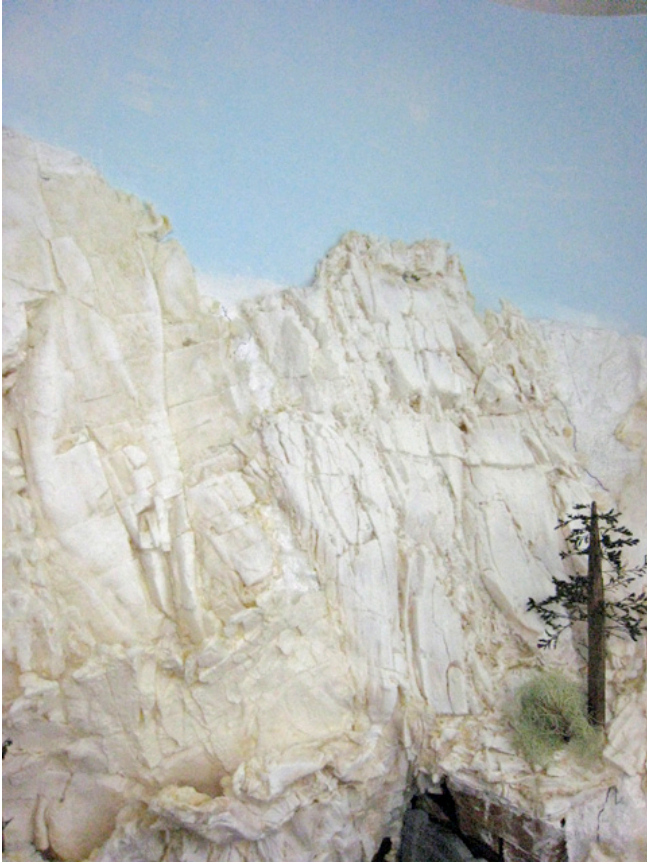
Photos by Rich the Younger

**The People's  
Choice Award  
Steve Jaffray**





# Local Modeling Progress



Jim Tartas has been at it again with mountains growing right inside his layout room! Maybe a mountain building clinic is in his future??



And Al Carter decided that he wanted to donate an old building to the *Pilchuck Division of the BNSF*. On a massive 36 wheel flatbed and complete with police escort, it was trucked in to the Burlington area and added to the Pilchuck Antiques/Railfan location as the headquarters of the Cascade Outfitters company. Thank you, Al.



## **Calendar Dates/Topics for the 2012/2013 Clinic Season:**

1. Sept 12th: Logging and Live Steam by Eric Eriksson (Gordon/Vera Jones coordinators)
2. Oct 10th: Mini Clinics:  
Using dry transfer letters, John W.,  
Removable flat car loads - John W. unless we have another volunteer,  
Tuning trucks - Phil Gonzales,  
Switch Stand - Rich B.,  
Steve Jaffrey - silkspan and Micro Mark's rivet decals and  
Susan G. - Bruce Acrylic filler.  
If you have made a flat car load or other loads and would like to share how you did it, please bring the cars this night.
3. Nov 14th: The Tabooma County Railway: Choosing a Private Roadname - Developing a Plausible History by Al Carter
4. Dec 5th: Wassail at John White's
5. Jan 9th: Locomotive Tune-ups (both steam and diesel) By John Mann and Tom Hawkins
6. Feb 13th: Streets & Highways, Including Street Trackage by Al Carter
7. Mar 13th: Track Construction Methods in the Real World by John White
8. Apr 10th: DCC Sound Systems Hands-On Test Track by Bill Harper/John Mann
9. May 8th: Backdrop Clinic by Al C. and Jack T.
10. Jun 13th: Open House at Dick Haines
11. Aug 8<sup>th</sup> : Annual summer BBQ at John Marshall's

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

\*\*\*\*still under discussion are the operating sessions and possibly having Dr. Muff do a clinic for us. Al C. is working on getting Dr. Muff to present a clinic and might trade one of his clinics or we could have him for the following year. The operating sessions and assorted details are still being worked on. More on this in the Fall.



# 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 Frasch	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
04.11.12	John White	The Reality and Model of the Everett & Monte Cristo + Competition Judging	Di Voss
<b>05.09.12</b>	<b>Al Frasch</b>	<b>How to Drive a Steam Locomotive</b>	<b>Barry Anderson</b>
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 Frasch  
Phil Gonzales  
Al Carter  
Vera & Gordon Jones  
Curt and Iver Johnson  
- open -  
Susan Gonzales  
Rich Blake  
John White

Reminder that the Keeper of the Purse job will be open in September. Someone needs to volunteer or be press ganged for this position. Must know how to use abacus. Anyone interested?? Let Rich B. or Susan know.