

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

The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Location: Summer Hill meeting room in Oak Harbor. Note this meeting is the THIRD Wednesday due to the 32nd National Narrow Gauge Convention being on the second - and they didn't even ask if they could use OUR day!

Time: 7:00 PM

Logging, Sawmilling and Logging Railroads in Western Washington

Eric Erickson, our featured clinic presenter for the meeting September 19, 2012 is a retired engineering manager for the Seattle Water Department since 1988. He has spent years doing research about Logging and Sawmilling in Washington State leading to a number of books about the subject as well as transportation histories. He has provided numerous interactive slide show histories on both subjects throughout Western Washington. His latest book, *Mile Post: A History of the Arlington-Darrington Branch of The Northern Pacific Railway : 1899 to 2009*, will be available for sale (\$40.00 each) at the clinic.



Eric will be presenting an interactive slide show about logging and sawmilling including logging railroads at our clinic on September 19th.



He is Vice-President of the Anacortes Antique Machinery Show which will hold its free annual show from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, **September 8th in Anacortes**. Featured are antique fire apparatus, old tractors, engines and more.

His other activities have included:

Life member and past Board member of the Issaquah Historical Society
Past Board member of the Association of King County Historical Organizations
Past Board member Black Mountain Forestry Center
Member of the International Order of Hoo-Hoo's
Past Historian for the Pacific Northwest Section American Water Works Association (States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho)

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Model Railroad Calendar for September 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						Antique Machinery Show Anacortes
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
			32nd National Narrow Gauge Convention in Bellevue http://www.seattle2012.com/			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Clinic at Summer Hill at 7:00 in Oak Harbor			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
		Also on the 8 & 9th: In La Conner the 18th Annual Northwest Logging Modelers Convention Info:- Lloyd Lehrer 310-951-9097 (9 to 9 PST) loggingmodeler@gmail.com				

Last Month's Clinic:

In August, we had the pleasure of visiting John and Felicia Marshall's garden layout in Coupeville. The well attended potluck dinner and layout visit showed off John's new addition to the railroad - well done John! Now if we could just talk him into continuing down the hill another 50 feet!?!



The Miscellaneous Information Page

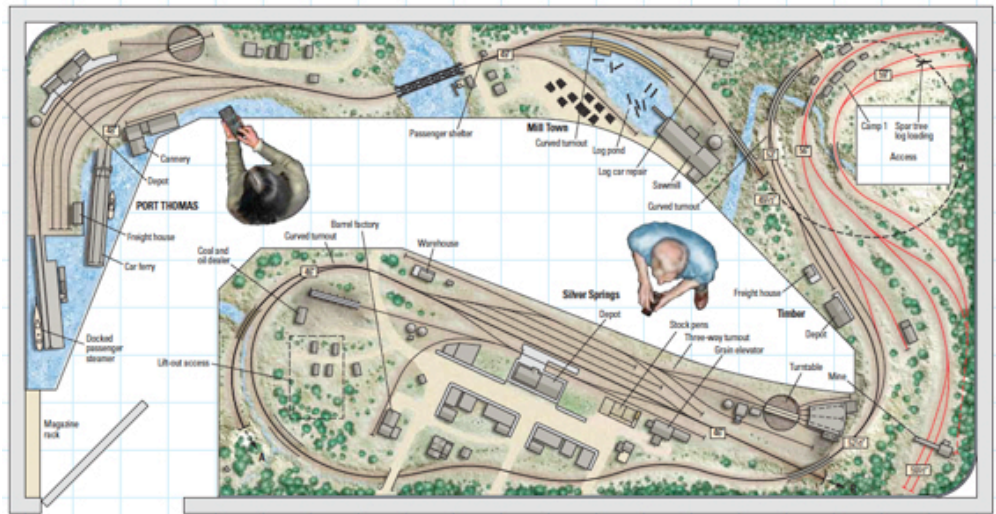
Tom Hawkins Wins 3rd Place!

From Tom:

"In April I submitted an entry to Model Railroader's 2012 Track Plan Contest. Got the surprise of my life when on May 9th I received notice that I had won third-place, and that my article would be published in the October 2012 issue.

The contest rules were that the track plan could be any scale, and has to fit a space not larger than 200 sq. ft. My layout space is just slightly larger, 10'-3" x 20', so I redesigned my layout to fit a 10 X 20 foot space, which didn't require much change. My prize is \$200 plus \$75 per page for the article. Anyway, check out the article in the October issue."

Well done Tom!! Our layout design guru indeed!



From the Model
Railroader Website - see
the October MR, page 64,
for the REAL Thing!!



The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Group has its own Yahoo! Online Group!

From Rich Blake:

As mentioned at the last couple clinics concerning social media information sharing, I have created a Yahoo Groups page for our use. It is the Skagit Valley and Whidbey Model Railroading group or sv_and_w. The links below will take you directly to the group. In order to post you must have a Yahoo account which is simple to set up. The moderator (me) will also have to accept you as a member. This is a private group that is not open to the public, it is designed for club use only. We can post any questions or information for each other on this group as well as photos and files. If you have railroading stuff to sell then this could be a medium for advertising as well. For real-time information it is hard to beat and all messages are archived and searchable.

The Link: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sv_and_w (note those underscores)

To get ahold of the list moderator i.e. Rich Blake: sv_and_w-owner@yahoo.com

At last check, there were 15 members of the group, so consider joining today!!

Pre-Clinic Dinner Get-Together: Pizza +!

We will again be getting together at the
San Remo Mediterranean Grill in Oak Harbor [421 NE Midway Blvd] at about 5:15.
They have pizza, pastas, Greek specialties, seafood and salads!

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 Layout Progress



Jim Tartas has been working on perfecting the look of his mountains which were made from Bragden molds. I think we can all agree that they are looking very 'mountainlike!'



The new Burlington Intermodal Yard is ready for business just north of the current Burlington Yard and is served by my *Pilchuck Division of the BNSF* with a transfer run to/from the major Intermodal Yard in Edmonds.

Remember, Jack Tingstad, John White and I (Al Frasch) are open for the National Narrow Gauge Convention visitors Wednesday, September 12th from 10 - 3. **There is still time to register and enjoy the convention** - see www.seattle2012.com

I am always looking for pictures showing the progress of local layouts! So, send them to me with information about what they represent. Remember, if I don't get your pictures, I have to use mine.....



Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic Schedule

2012/2013

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

DATE	SUBJECT
Aug 8th	Annual Potluck BBQ at John Marshall's
Sept 19th	Logging and Live Steam by Eric Erickson
Oct 10th	Mini Clinics
Nov 14th	The Tabooma County Railway: Choosing a Private Roadname - Developing a Plausible History by Al Carter
Dec 5th	Wassail at John White's - (note: first Wednesday)
Jan 9th	Locomotive Tune-ups (both steam and diesel) by John Mann and Tom Hawkins
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 Carter and Jack Tingstad
Jun 12th	Open House at Dick Haines

Volunteers or Press Ganged

NMRA Liaison and Reportage	Gordon Garnhart
Keeper of the Purse [aka the Bucket]	- open -
Layout Design Aficionado	Tom Hawkins
The DCC & Audio Visual Main Mann	John Mann
Newsletters and Announcement Flyers	Al Frasch
Refreshments	Phil Gonzales
Keeper of the Rolls[aka the Membership Roster]	Al Carter
Clean-up Artists	- open -
The Tin Can Gaffers	Curt and Iver Johnson
Competition Shepherd	- open -
Program Organizer	Susan Gonzales
Clinic Chair	Rich Blake
Clinic Chair (retired)	John White