

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



Wednesday, January 9, 2013

Location: Summer Hill meeting room in Oak Harbor.

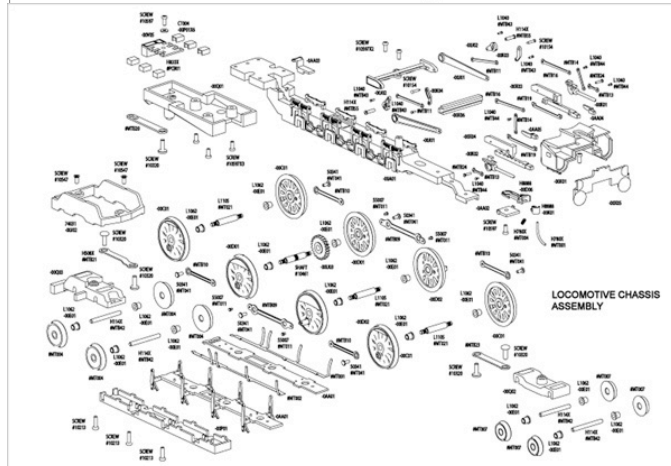
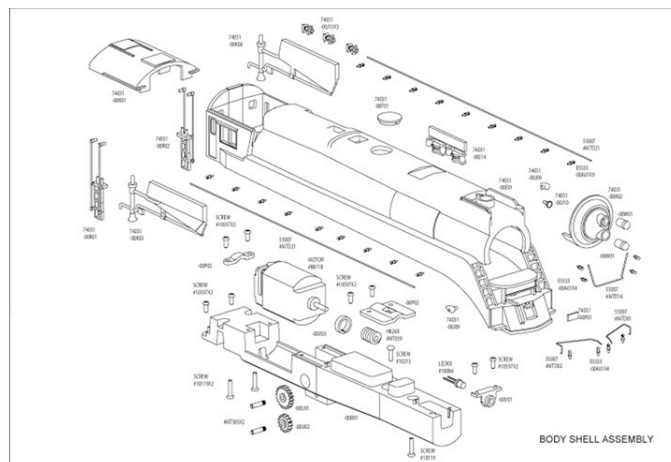
Time: 7:00 PM (earlier for Swap Meet Table)



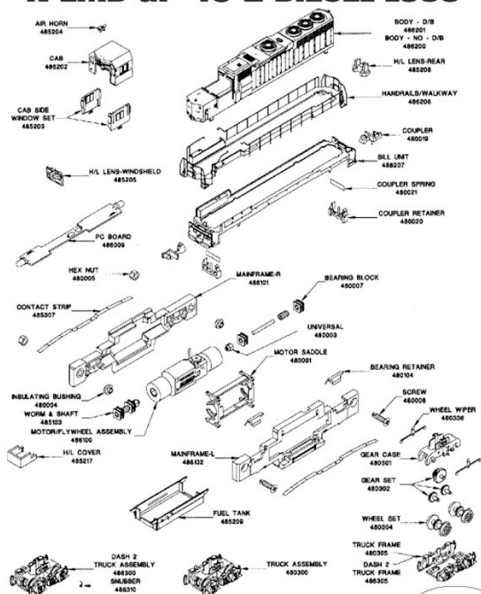
Locomotive Tune-ups (both steam and diesel)

John Mann and his trusty sidekick, Tom Hawkins, will cover the basics of loco maintenance including cleaning, lubing, minor repairs, and simple upgrades.

The video projector hooked up to a video camera on a tripod for close-ups of an example loco or two will make this a very interesting and educational clinic. If you have a balky locomotive, bring it to the clinic and see it fixed before your very eyes!



N EMD GP-40-2 DIESEL LOCO



See, even though N-scale is smaller, it has fewer parts than HO!! And, who would have guessed that there were sooooo many parts on a steam locomotive?? No wonder they cost more than diesels! And I didn't even copy the tender....

The Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA Clinic						
Model Railroad Calendar for January 2013						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Clinic at Summer Hill @ 7:00 Fix that locomotive!			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						Pacific Science Center Show
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		Feb 2 and 3
						Monroe Train Show

Further information about January events:

In case there is still time after receiving this Newsletter: Dec 21- Jan 1, Tacoma, WA **15th Annual Model TrainFestival** Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Avenue 10 am to 6 pm every day

Info:- www.wshs.org/wshm/ Museum entrance fees are \$8 / 7 / 6

Info for the **PSC show** on the **Miscellaneous Info** page, but their website is www.pacificsciencecenter.org/Special-Events/railroad-show.

The biggest model train event of the year is of course: Feb 2-3, Monroe, WA

The **United Northwest 22nd Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet** to benefit Snohomish County 4-H Foundation, Evergreen State Fairgrounds 14405 179th Avenue SE Monroe, WA 98272 The 2013 Show will be in the same area but in different buildings. Hours: Sat. 10AM - 5PM Sun. 10AM - 4PM. Admission (100% Goes to Charity): Adults (18+): \$8.00 Juniors(10-18): \$6.00 Seniors (65+): \$6.00 Kids (9 & under): FREE! w/paid adult Admission Valid for Both Days! Free Parking! For more info see <http://www.unwclub.org/unwshow.html>.

Pacific Model Loggers Congress at Camp 18 in Elsie Oregon is happening on March 2nd.

<http://www.pacificmodelloggerscongress.com/>

Something to plan towards for logging interested modelers. Also they have a good variety of logging model contest categories that is fun to build something for. At the very least it is a good excuse to drive out to the WA/OR coast during the off season, avoiding the crowds and traffic.

Last Month's Clinic:

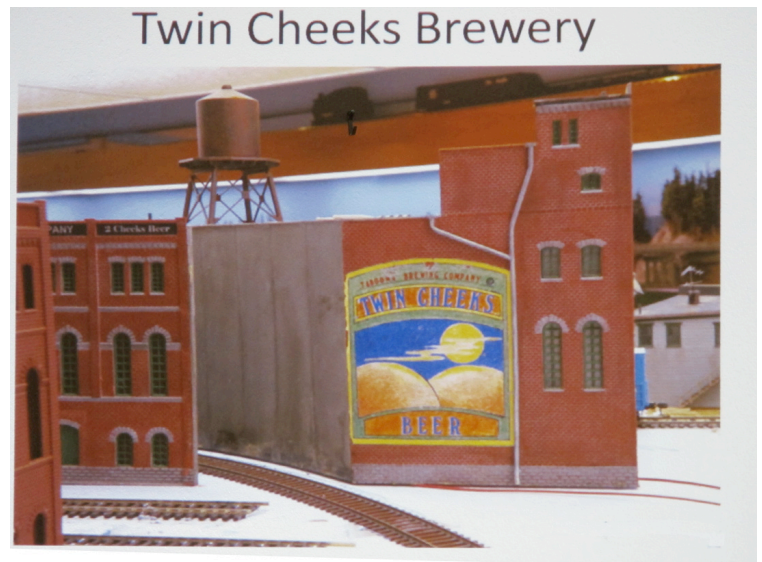
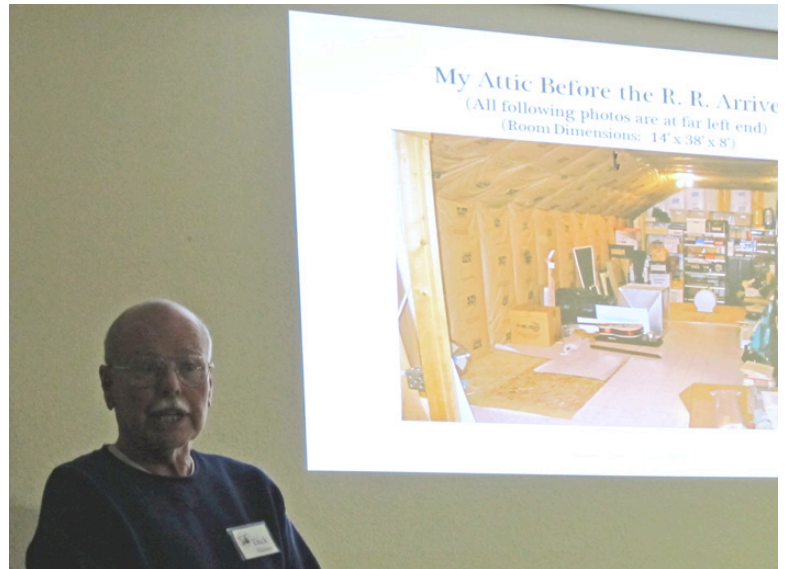
Actually, November's since the December clinic was annulled...

However, presentations by Dick Haines and Al Carter were well received at the November Clinic.



Dick Haines showed how he went from a bare attic to layout and how he was able to use trees and vegetation to hide the seam between mountains and backdrop.

And Al Carter (below) discussed the evolution of the 'history' behind the Tabooma County layouts. He showed maps of the location of Tabooma County - you know, the county just between Snohomish County and Skagit County - and how his own model railroading changed and grew from the '70s until now. He also gave a quick recap of the National NarrowGauge Convention that was held in September in the Seattle area.



The Miscellaneous Information Page

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

As mentioned at the last couple clinics concerning social media information sharing, Rich Blake has created a Yahoo Groups page for our use. It is the Skagit Valley & 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 (Rich or one of the AIs) 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 cost? Free!

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@yahoogroups.com

At last check, we are still at 19 members of the group, so consider joining today!!

39th Annual Model Railroad Show January 19-21, 2013

"A Northwest family tradition, the Annual Model Railroad Show, now in its 39th year, is one of our most popular programs.

Explore dozens of model railroad displays and layouts.

Enjoy hands-on activities and crafts for people of all ages.

Discover the history of Pacific Northwest Railway museums.

Take a ride on the Iron Horse Railway kid-sized train.

Entry to this program is included with the price of general admission - free for Pacific Science Center members." - PSC Website



Produced in cooperation with the National Model Railroad Association, Pacific Northwest Region, 4th Division. **If you would like to help**, contact Frank Dekker at 425-746-6964 or rekkedrails@juno.com This is one of the major fundraising activities for the 4th Division for the year!!

Read the *Grab Iron*, our Division's online Newsletter

Fourth Division, Pacific Northwest Region, NMRA website: <http://www.4dpmr.org/index.htm>

Anyone can access this page and all sub-topics (except Members Only, which is primarily just BOD meeting minutes, etc). Of particular interest is the Timetable: <http://www.4dpmr.org/Timetable.htm> and the Grab Iron: <http://www.4dpmr.org/Grab-Iron.htm>. You can subscribe to the Grab Iron by sending in an e-mail and you will receive a reply allowing you to choose which categories to scribe to: http://4dpmr.org/grabiron/?page_id=118 - easiest: just to subscribe to all. Best of all, it's free!

Tool Of The Month/Show-n-Tell

"Tool Of The Month" is an ongoing segment at the Skagit Valley & Whidbey Clinic. Please consider bringing along something to show and describe: a tool that you'd like to share with the clinic members that is cheap, maybe kind of unique, and makes things easier in your modeling. Please limit your presentation to no more than 1 to 2 minutes, and also, please provide us with a source for your tool. Likewise, feel free to bring a recent project to 'show off' to the group!!

Some Layout Videos: On another subject Al Carter discovered some videos by Al Lowe, our 4th Division Web Guru, of David Yadock's Dry Gulch & Western in construction mode, (www.youtube.com/watch?v=P8mkuCI5ZQ) and J.J. Johnston's Iron Goat Railway in finished state (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvA01OcHkYA>). These are local Seattle area layouts and are well done videos. They should work just by clicking on the addresses above. If you know of others from the area, let me know so I can share them with everyone.

From Susan Gonzales:

Those of you who attended the October mini-clinics saw my presentation on the making of a Stand-up Cow and were probably asking yourselves, well, that is cute, but when am I ever going to need a Stand-up Cow on my lay-out? After all, cows don't stand on their hind legs in real life, right? Phil took a trip to Bishop, CA recently and took this picture for me.

I am jealous that this cow has udders and I am not sure what the dog is doing, but it shows that there is a prototype for everything!



From Susan, the Maker Of Stand Up Cows and Really Excellent Trees

A reminder to all members: I (Susan) am gathering ideas for the 2013/2014 season of the Skagit Valley & Whidbey NMRA clinics and would appreciate input as to what you would like to see presented. Thank you!

The Swap Table is back for the January Clinic!!



If you have anything to sell/trade/give away just bring it to the Summer Hill meeting room by about 6:40. Please make sure that any price is clearly labeled and the owner's name is shown. Sell all that stuff you don't need and buy some more stuff you don't need!!



The SV&W Loaning Library

Susan has been busy updating our list of books that members are willing to loan out. All you have to do is contact the owner before a monthly clinic, they would then bring it, loan it and presto, you have access to a greater number of titles than any of us could afford! The current list is available just by sending a note to Susan Gonzales or Rich Blake. [The January Newsletter has it attached to the newsletter distribution email.]

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

That prolific modeler, Dick Haines has sent us some more night time pictures - cool....

The police seem to be doing some “business” there on Main Street.



The Caboose Factory looks like they are doing lots business, needing to keep the place going through the night. And, with that BNSF DEISEL locomotive they are 30 years ahead of the competition!!

Notice that there seems to be some kind of theme this month with Al Carter's Twin Cheeks Brewery back on page 4 and Dick's Blushing Melons.....don't know.....just saying.....



Prototype Stuff

Especially those of you living in the Anacortes area, have you wondered what was going on with the new tracks at the refineries? This is the Tesoro Crude Railcar Offload Facility on March Point. Well, clinic member Jerry Husted sent pictures of the new SW1200 switcher and the strings of tankers from there. The switcher is an EMD SW1200RS, serial #A1029, built in January 1957 as CN 1257 which became CN 7106 in the '80's, then CANX 7106 sometime in the early 2000's and finally becoming the current SVGX 7106 probably in the past year or so. Amazing what a new paint job will do!! SVGX is the reporting mark for services company Savage.



From rpicturearchives.net



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 8 th	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	Annulled
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
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

Gordon Garnhart
Iver Johnson
Tom Hawkins
John Mann
Al Frasch
Phil Gonzales
Al Carter
- open -
Curt and Iver Johnson
- open -
Susan Gonzales
Rich Blake

Note: Gordon will be retiring from this very important job very soon - after a decade of service to the group - THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE Gordon! Therefore, we will need a new volunteer to coordinate with the NMRA, both regional and national. This would include writing up a clinic report to be put in the Grab Iron each month. Contact me (Al) or Rich or Susan if interested.