

THE FLIMSY BOARD



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Cattle loading chute on the HO layout

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MEETINGS NOTICE:

The regular Business meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at the clubhouse in the Kitsap Mall, Silverdale, beginning at 7:00 PM. If the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting will be rescheduled to the second Monday of the month. The January meeting is our annual dinner meeting held at a local restaurant.

Board meetings are held at a time and place set by the President. Refer to the Calendar below.

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JULY CALENDAR

The Mall reopened last month with reduce hours. Access to the clubhouse is limited with caution to avoid the spread of the virus. Expect more news as the details are determined and announced.

For true and responsible virus information please visit the CDC website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Kitsap County has been experiencing an increase in virus cases since entering phase 2. Thus it is now more important to take care to prevent the spread of the virus. Our clubhouse access guidelines are available to download on the Staffing page of the website (<http://www.bnmrr.org/covid-19-club.pdf>) and were emailed to members on Saturday, June 17.

As Bill has mentioned in his [Off The Mainline](#) article, we have asked the mall to give us a multi-year lease with the hope to lock in our current rent fee. They have also given us some credit towards our rental fees for some of the time the mall was closed.

At some point in the future we will be able to hold face-to-face meeting in the clubhouse with clinics also. 4D has offered to supplement our costs for holding clinics. These actions will help us to meet our financial obligations in the coming year especially since we were not able to hold our annual swap meet.

A word about clinics: It is important to remember that all club members are 4D members and the club is a 100% NMRA member club thus a clinic held by the club is in fact a 4D sanctioned event.

A word about the changes to the bylaws: Only one member has submitted comments. Since a change to the bylaws is an important action, the item has been tabled until such time as we can hold meets to properly discuss the proposed changes. A Zoom meeting is not the best vehicle to address the changes since one everyone can use Zoom and the free version has a short time limit which would be disruptive to the process. The cost to purchase the software begins at about \$15.00 per month. In my opinion that is too much to spend for our limited use.

.... BC

N SCALE DIVISION REPORT

The new DCC Command Station Cart has been completed and is installed and operational to supply power and control to the NTRAK layout.

The procedure to power up and operate trains is almost the same as before. The revised procedure has been posted.

On the next page are some photos of the new cart. Not shown are the doors and a cover for the top. The type of cover has yet to be determined.

The new return loop and associated approach module has taken a backseat to the DCC cart and my chores around the house. Now that the cart is done I will return to the return loop work. All track, turnouts, and electrical parts are on hand so work should progress as long as I pay attention to detail and use patience.

.... BC

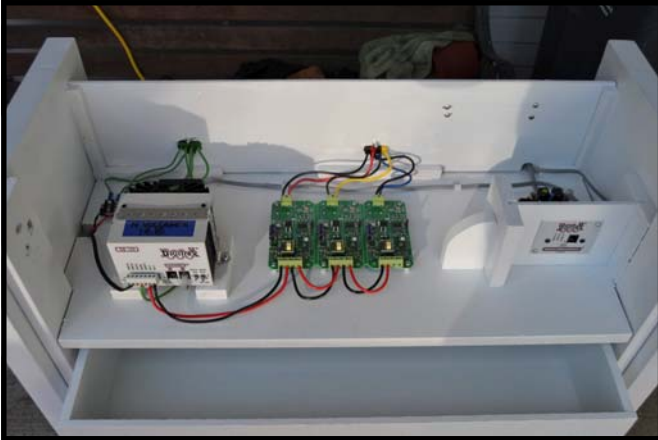


CP 6644, an SD70ACU, is an Commemorative Locomotive that acknowledges the 75 anniversary of the D-Day landings. 6644 wears the camouflage colors applied to Royal Canadian Air Force "Spitfire" fighter planes flown at the Allied invasion of Normandy, France on June 6, 1944.

Photo taken June 7, 2020

Prototype photo submitted by Peter Bieber

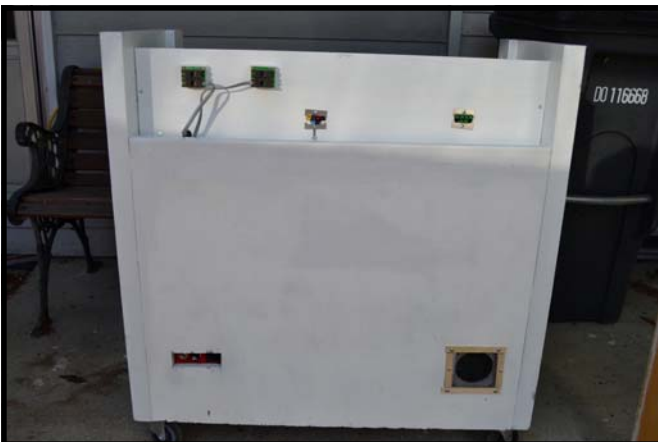
N SCALE COMMAND STATION CART



Top view of the electronics shelf. A DB150 command station is on the left. The three PSX breakers are in the middle and the LocoNet Repeater (LNRP) is on the right side.



Below the electronics shelf, the cooling fan and command station power supply are visible on the left side. In the middle is a surge protector and on the right is the covering for the power in components.



Rear view showing the LocoNet hubs on the left (booster connection points on the left and module connection points on the right), the three DCC buss Power Pole connectors in the middle and the booster common Power Poles on the right. On the bottom left is the power in on-off switch, the input fuse (currently a 7.5 amp fuse) and the power cord connector. On the right side, behind a screen is a cooling fan for the command station power supply.



Here the two drawers are partially withdrawn from the cabinet. The top drawer is ~4 inches deep and the bottom drawer is 5 inches deep. Throttles, manual, batteries, and associated items will be stored in the drawers.



ON THIS DATE ...

July 1st, 1962: The Pacific Railway Act became law and offered government incentives in developing the nation's first transcontinental rail line. The Union Pacific and the Central Pacific railroad companies were authorized to construct the rail lines.

July 1st, 1977: At 4:05 a.m., the last Railway Post Office ground to a halt at Union Station in Washington, D.C., after a 5-hour journey from New York City. Fewer available trains, along with modern letter sorting machines that rendered much hand-sorting of mail obsolete, spelled the end of an era.

July 2nd, 1831: The DeWitt Clinton locomotive, built by the West Point Foundry in New York for the Mohawk and Hudson Railroad, made its first test run on this date.

July 4th, 1828: The first stone for the Baltimore & Ohio was laid by Charles Carroll, the American Revolutionary leader and last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence.



NEW MEMBER REPORT

No new members in June.

OFF THE MAINLINE



Greetings all...

I hope you all are well and not going to stir-crazy during this lock down.

I have been to the club 3 times during the last two weeks. It was nice to get out of the apartment back to the club. I programmed the majority of my new locomotives and even did a few laps on the South line. I painted the mountain on the Young Engineers layout.

News: The Mall has submitted a proposal to Corporate to extend our current lease out to January 2022. They have also allowed us 3 months free rent.

We have posted the rules for entering the Clubhouse. Bruce has provided numerous items to keep us safer while there. Basically the only thing you need to provide is a face mask.

You may ask how can I get in? Starting this week there is a lock box outside the back door. Contact Bruce, Bob J. or Bill to get the combination to the lockbox.

Why would I want to go?

1) To run trains. The old DCC is still operational. We will be shifting over to Digitrax soon.

2) To work on the layouts. The Young Engineers Layout needs painting and scenery installed. The new HO layout needs buildings repaired and the tunnel roof raised. Also there are electrical things that need to be done on both.

3) Construct shelves along the wall in the meeting room to store magazines.

I'm sure there are more things to do.

... Bill H.

MTH CLOSING ITS DOORS

MTH (formerly Mike's Train House) sets 2021 as end date for the company.

Columbia, Maryland, June 9, 2020: MTH Electric Trains president Mike Wolf has announced his retirement and the closure of his business effective June 1, 2021.

Read the text of his announcement sent to the MTH Electric Trains Authorized Retailer network on the evening of June 8, 2020 here:

<https://mthtrains.com/news/658>

.... BC



GARRETT ZIMMERMAN REPORTS

This is the only train project I have completed recently. It is a 2.5in/1ft scale U6B fictionally painted for the East Broad Top.

.... GZ



Garrett is a member of the Kitsap Live Steamers (<https://kls.clubexpress.com/>) in addition to BNMRR. The Kitsap Live Steamers run their rather large models on track in South Kitsap Regional Park at the corner of Jackson and Lund in Port Orchard.

Photos submitted by Garrett Zimmerman

