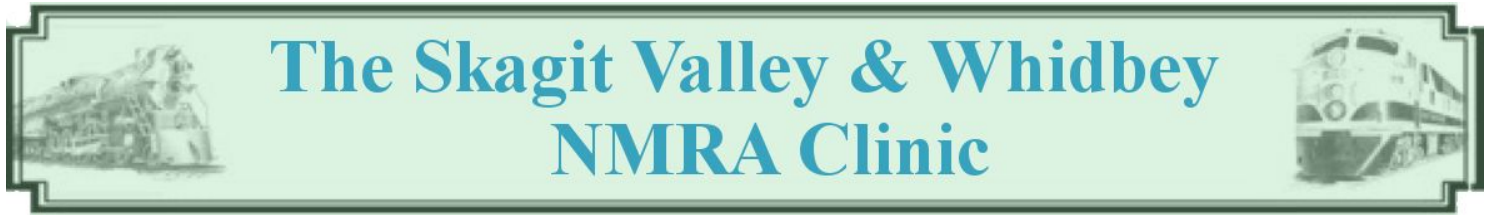


The 4th Division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the
National Model Railroad Association Presents



October 2020 Newsletter

Due to the quarantine the October (in person) clinic is **CANCELLED**. Even our pre clinic dinner would be inappropriate at this time.

No clinic you say? **Well we ARE having a clinic!**

OK not exactly like before but still a clinic on October 14th at 6:30PM.

Rich Blake will present a clinic on either turnout building or locomotive kitbashing. Either will be great. This isn't as difficult as the below details make it appear. Keep in mind if you try and it doesn't work you wasted a little time. How bad is that?

Meeting details are below (this is the default zoom output when a meeting is scheduled). All you really need is the join link, everything after that is automatic. You can run zoom from a browser and not install the app also. We can send screenshots if needed.

Time: October 14, 2020 7 PM

---Simple Method----

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93831973214?pwd=VjNDTkVMOU5NMElyZ1BiUjNJczB2dz09>

---Optional Info---

Meeting ID: 938 3197 3214

Passcode: 298229

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ajJAoB2PJ>

Our Whidbey & Skagit clinic still maintains (at least Rich Blake does) an online discussion group at PNWRRModelers@groups.io

If you aren't already subscribed do so by sending an email to the above link.

4TH DIVISION ZOOM LAYOUT TOURS

You can expect a regular layout tour every Saturday at 10:00 AM. The Zoom link will be posted on the Grab Iron.

4dpr.com

For some time now our only clinic option has been the Zoom meetings put on by the NMRA [4th division](#).

The 4th division also provide a youtube archive of past Layout tours and clinic videos you can access at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-pc9_xA-w2t3RdhLZ7BNOA

You can also visit the NMRA youtube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHw-7-1FWB5zQgTM0ZVY-Yw>

Archives of the NMRA newsletter maintained by editor Greg Kujawa are also available. View the August issue pr.nmra.org/switchlist

Down the line:

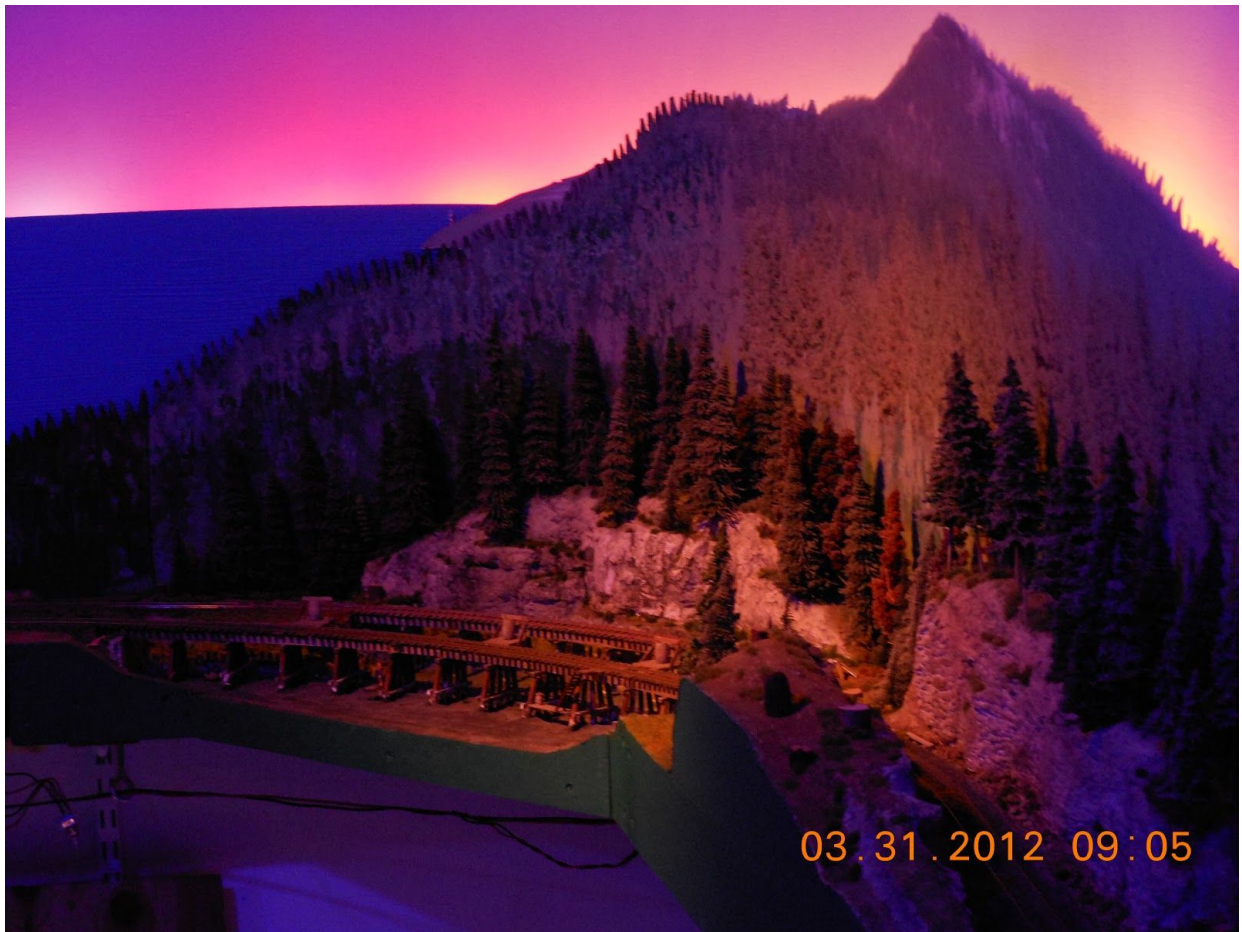
No progress has been made on finding a new venue for our clinics. Until the quarantine appears to be coming to an end we will pursue the Zoom option.

Layout Progress:

Renown model railroader [Dick Haines](#) has sent more pictures of his layout. As is so often the case in this hobby more than one person is involved in presenting what is shared.



Daytime view of Olympia showing Puget Sound background.
Photo shot by Rich Thom.



Sunset lighting over Puget Sound



Last rays of sunset



Ivar Johnson & Norm Myers operating the BSLLL&O yard at night

This was shot by Rich Thom. as part of a photo shoot for the NG&SLG article. Rich says it was a very difficult shoot, as Dick wanted the photos to capture his lighting effects as faithfully as possible, and the light levels were really low. For example this shot was taken with an ISO setting of 400, f/14 aperture, and exposure time of 0.77 second: a set of compromise settings. A much higher ISO setting could have been used, but at the risk of "noise" spoiling the shot; in digital cameras this appears as intense blue spots here and there. The relatively small aperture was needed to get good depth of field, since this photo encompasses a considerable length of Dick's layout. In turn an exposure of about one second was needed, which required Norm and Iver to stay as still as possible!



Downtown Deco (HO) model photographed outdoors



nmra clinic contest entry (a flat on a flat on a flat)...
Thank goodness for different scales!



Operating around the layout only from the engineer's view point. (A miniature color camera was mounted on a flat car pushed in front of the engine. It sure showed modelling flaws along the way!)



My On30 module (still under construction) for John White's layout. (An article on this module appeared in the Narrow Gauge Gazette years ago)



Tom Hawkins and me at a clinic presentation on modelling buildings.
Dick H.

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