

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



January 2022 Newsletter

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

Regional Calendar

[Great Train Show](#) - Puyallup January 22 - 23, 2022

Washington State Fair 110 9th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA

Yes this is a traditional public model railroad event. Let's hope it doesn't get canceled.

The January Clinic

January 12 2022.

The January clinic will have your news letter editor presenting a clinic on a Train Ferry that was scratch built to function much like a turntable at one end of a end-to-end layout. The ferry is scratch built to insure it's function is thoroughly served. Topics will include aligning the track on a turntable like structure. the animation/control which in this case is an Arduino/servo and planning or lack thereof. If you have some "mini-clinic" material to share that would be perfect.



The December Clinic

Our December clinic didn't have a formally scheduled subject just some chit chat on member projects, musings and railroad stuff. Rich Blake also shared some info and photos of static objects/vehicles and freight car detailing.

4TH DIVISION ZOOM LAYOUT TOURS

You can expect a regular layout tour the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM. The Zoom link will be posted on the [Grab Iron](#).

4dpr.com

One of the best clinic options is 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 www.youtube.com/c/4dprMovies

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 pnr.nmra.org/switchlist

Down the line:

No progress has been made on finding a new venue for our clinics. The talk now is they will downgrade Covid from a Pandemic to an Endemic. If that happens restrictions should ease. Hopefully by the beginning of next season.

Upcoming Zoom meetings:

February – Bash and scratch rolling stock show and tell – all/anybody

March – Functional Railroad Appliances - Jon

Layout Progress:

Mark Malmkar contributed some info and pictures of his layout.



Here is a new 'forest' I've been 'planting', courtesy of the gift of a box of trees from Dick Haines.



This view is of my "access hatch". But it's not a normal hatch reached from below. It covers an 18 x 32 piece of plywood on top of the support grid. It allows me to crawl on top of the layout to reach the back track if needed. The blank spot in front is for an MOW speeder shed. The shed will cover the hand hold to lift up on the scenery hatch.



Here is a close up of the variety of trees I've blended into the scenery. Most were covered in spray adhesive and covered with flock.

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