

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



May 2022 Newsletter

We will again have a Zoom clinic.

Regional Calendar

Mount Vernon Gabfest and Swapmeet, April 30, 2022

Mark your calendar, Saturday April 30, 2022. 10am to 3pm. Location is the Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland Avenue, Mount Vernon, WA.

After a two year hiatus the Mount Vernon Clinic is hosting a Saturday event. Covid precautions will be the policy of the City of Mount Vernon and Skagit County in effect on the date of the event. Much prefer everyone to be fully vaccinated and prepared to wear an approved mask. Admission is free.

[42nd National Narrow Gauge Convention](#) in Tacoma September 1 thru 4, 2022

This year's convention will be hosted in the [Hotel Murano](#) in Tacoma. Vendors, Exhibitors, layouts and 30 [layout tours](#) planned.

Yes these are traditional public model railroad events.
May convention Eugene

The May Clinic

May 11, 2022

Jon Bentz will be presenting a clinic on his Whidbey Layout.

We should get a full update on the entire layout. Jon says since the last update Alan Murray and he finished the benchwork for the car float operation and built a car float and tug as well as the loading bridge and winches. This should be completed along with the harbor sea wall this month. He has started track painting on the end of the line that's the first thing seen when entering the layout room. This will be finished for the NNGC in September.



This is part of a mining operation.

All track laying is nearly complete. Cliff finished servo installation and with the exception of one dead turnout motor all are working. One step closer to test ops this summer.



Quite a bit of progress on Evans Park (first scene to the right as you enter the layout room). Track painted and ballast soon then scenery. Track tested and everything works.



The workbench of a hard working modeler.



The hoist for adjusting the loading dock.

He also thought he'd give a brief description of operations. Initially ops will be based on a series of 'turns' originating in the staging yard. This will feed traffic to each station on the layout and will represent a 'job' for operators. The branch line that serves the mines and lumber industry is independent of the main line and can be run by either one or two crews. That branch will feed a turn to the lumber mill with logs returning with empties and could run twice (we'll see if that works).

Jon says

"During all of this I have continued building structures thanks to the help I've received. This summer I'd like to get at least some scenery roughed in."

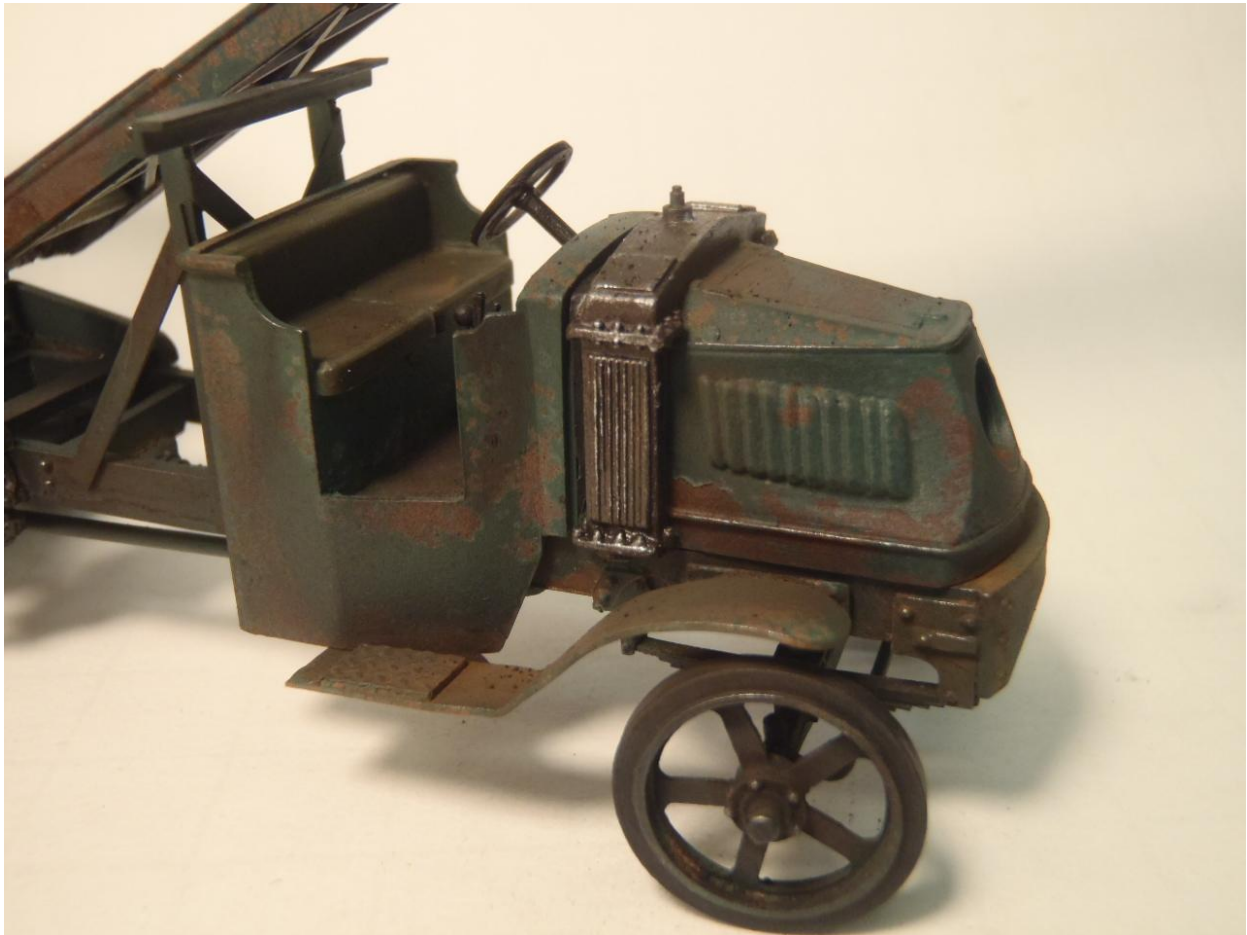
Zoom link will be sent out Monday before meeting and on the Grab Iron.

The April Clinic

March 9, 2022

Rust Never Sleeps - Paint Layering Effects and Rusting Techniques presented by Rich Blake.

Rich will showed us how to create some interesting weathering effects through paint layering using acrylics, enamels, salt and hairspray.



I for one intend to try out these techniques for heavy weathering. They can be applied to anything that needs Serious weathering for an old and rusty look.

The Crazy Train Ladies managed the first in person meet from our group this year



Maybe they aren't so crazy after all.

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](#).

4dpnr.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/4dpnrMovies

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.

Itching to do a clinic? Let us know, we can help.

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