

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



February 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

<https://www.unwclub.com/unwshow/>

February 24 -25 2024 United Northwest Model Railroad Club in the Monroe Wa, fairgrounds

[2024 Surrey Excursion PNR Convention](#)

PNR Convention, May 22-25. Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel located at 15269 104th Avenue, Surrey, BC.

[Northern Pacific Railway Historical Society Convention](#)

NPHRA Convention, Sept. 12-16, 2024 La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham, Tacoma.

[Great Northern Railway Historical Society Convention](#)

GNHRS Convention, September 14-19, 2024 The Delta Hotel, 3105 Pine Street Everett.

The full list of 4th division events. <https://4dpr.com/events/>

February 2024 Clinic

Wind Blown Trees
A make and take clinic
by Susan Gonzales



You've seen em, you love em, now you can make em. Susan Gonzales will provide materials and demonstrate techniques for making wind blown trees and you get to take home what you make. Participants in the making of wind blown trees clinic please bring your favorite tweezers, #11 hobby knife, small wire brush, and a hand drill with #68 drill bit, or other pointy tool for making holes. Susan will provide tree forms, caspia for tree branches and glue. Bring a sense of humor too! Let's make a mess and have some fun.

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At the January 2024 clinic!

Paul Vaughn. His clinic "if you can't find it make it" uses methods and materials both new and old.



This was kitbashing for rolling stock. A new trick for me was learning about the traditional part making with resin and rtv molds.

Upcoming 2024 clinics!

- February 14th, Wind Blown Trees with Susan Gonzales.
- March 13th, DCC decoder tuning using Decoder Pro with Jim Betz. Bring your locos!
- April 10th, Mini Clinics (Volunteers needed. Please reply).

To volunteer please contact:

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Susan Gonzales - fishnutztoo@frontier.com

Cliff Aaker – cliff@aaker.net

Our Whidbey & Skagit clinic is part of an online discussion group at

PNWRRModelers@groups.io

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

Membership in the NMRA is not required and everyone is encouraged to attend our clinics. Membership is however encouraged. You can get information from their [website](#).

On February 19th there will again be an in-person clinic with the Mount Vernon group. Clinic will be held on Monday at 7:00 pm, at the Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland Street (just south of the post office). Tom Buckingham will present a clinic on Detailing track. Details to follow. Expect tool-time and bring something for show and tell.

<https://4dpmr.com/grab-iron-posts/>

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](#).

4dpmr.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 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 pnr.nmra.org/switchlist

Layout Progress:

Mark Malmkar has been working on his layout and has built a couple of new buildings.



The house and garage are Walthers kits. Notice the privy. The dust on the pickup is appropriate. This farm scene was finished last fall.



This barn and outbuildings are an old Revell kit I've had since the late sixties. Since I didn't have room for a loading chute, I decided to make it a horse farm. You can lead the horses in and out. The fences were scratchbuilt.