

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



April 2024 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

[Kelso & Rainier Model Railroad Club Spring Train Show](#)

Kelso & Rainier Model Railroad Club Spring Train Show, May 4-5, Kelso, WA . Three Rivers Mall,
351 Three Rivers Drive, Kelso, Washington, 98626, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

[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 The Delta Hotel, 3105 Pine Street Everett.

[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://4dpnr.com/events/>

April 2024 Clinic

Vas you ever in Zinzinnati?



Well, Jon Bentz lived there for five years during the transition of Southern and Norfolk & Western into Norfolk Southern and Chessie System and Family Lines into CSX. In addition some pretty interesting railroading in the form of inter yard transfer operations, bridges and interesting power made his time there great for rail fanning. Throw in Grand Trunk Western, Detroit, Toledo & Ironton and Conrail and this should be an interesting show for the gang.

Clinic will be Wednesday, April 10th @7PM, at the

Oak Harbor Senior Center at 51 SE Jerome St, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

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

PNWRRModelers@groups.io

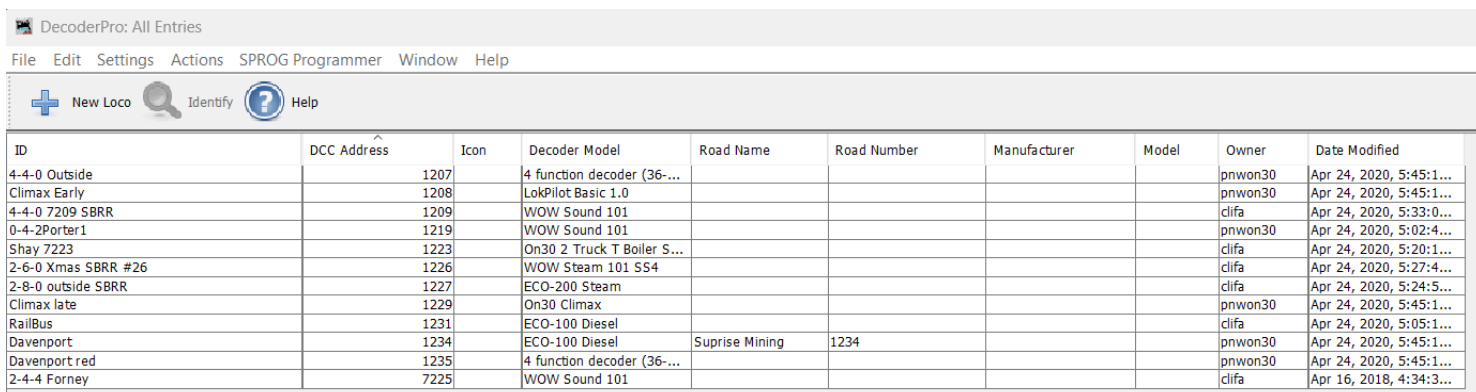
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At the March 2024 Clinic

DecoderPro - Removing the Mysteries

This clinic had 17 in person attendees and 4 Zoom. The clinic targeted users who either had never used DecoderPro or had recently started down the DecoderPro journey. Experienced users got some useful info from it as well.



The screenshot shows the DecoderPro software interface with a menu bar (File, Edit, Settings, Actions, SPROG Programmer, Window, Help) and a toolbar (New Loco, Identify, Help). Below is a table of decoder entries:

ID	DCC Address	Icon	Decoder Model	Road Name	Road Number	Manufacturer	Model	Owner	Date Modified
4-4-0 Outside	1207		4 function decoder (36-...					pnwon30	Apr 24, 2020, 5:45:1...
Climax Early	1208		LokPilot Basic 1.0					pnwon30	Apr 24, 2020, 5:45:1...
4-4-0 7209 SBRR	1209		WOW Sound 101					clifa	Apr 24, 2020, 5:33:0...
0-4-2Porter1	1219		WOW Sound 101					pnwon30	Apr 24, 2020, 5:02:4...
Shay 7223	1223		On30 2 Truck T Boiler S...					clifa	Apr 24, 2020, 5:20:1...
2-6-0 Xmas SBRR #26	1226		WOW Steam 101 554					clifa	Apr 24, 2020, 5:27:4...
2-8-0 outside SBRR	1227		ECO-200 Steam					clifa	Apr 24, 2020, 5:24:5...
Climax late	1229		On30 Climax					pnwon30	Apr 24, 2020, 5:45:1...
RailBus	1231		ECO-100 Diesel					clifa	Apr 24, 2020, 5:05:1...
Davenport	1234		ECO-100 Diesel	Suprise Mining	1234			pnwon30	Apr 24, 2020, 5:45:1...
Davenport red	1235		4 function decoder (36-...					pnwon30	Apr 24, 2020, 5:45:1...
2-4-4 Forney	7225		WOW Sound 101					clifa	Apr 16, 2018, 4:34:3...

Jim Betz has extensive experience using DP - and also in teaching others how to use it. He did a good job of presenting an interesting clinic.

For those who missed it you can see a recording of it on the 4D youtube site here
https://youtu.be/OcLPvYKw_A4?si=5Ondbz72y89JKBTt

Upcoming 2024 clinics!

- April 10th, Jon Bentz presents a rail fanning clinic "Vas you ever in Zinzinnati?"
- May 8th, Mark Malmkar "Proto-freelancing" It is about creating a backstory for your model railroad and using it for modeling, layout building and operations.

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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 April 15th at Mount Vernon clinic.

Subject "Using track power to illuminate passenger cars and cabooses, flicker-free" by Don Jones
Expect tool-time and bring something for show and tell. Monday at 7:00 pm, at the Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland Street (just south of the post office).

<https://4dpnr.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](#).

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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

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In Remembrance

Former Whidbey clinic chairman and longtime member John White passed away near the end of May. He was a well respected member of the modeling community and will be missed by many.