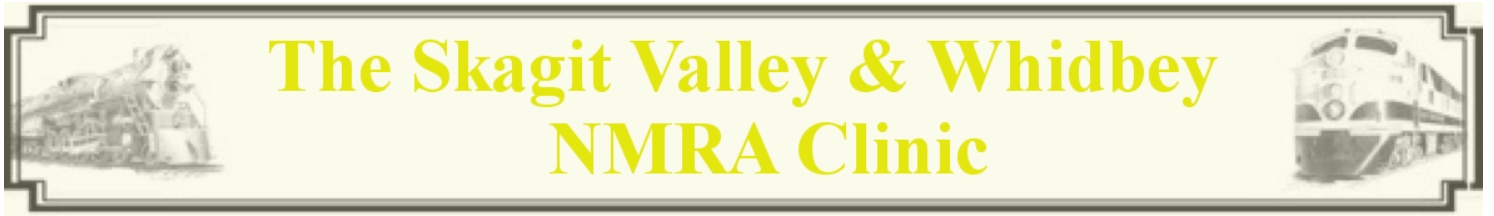


The 4th Division of the Pacific Northwest Region of the  
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## March 2024 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

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#### [Spokane Spring Train Show](#)

Spokane Spring Train Show, Mar 3 (Sun), Spokane County Fair & Expo Center. 404 N. Havana St., Bldg. A, B & C. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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#### [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.

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#### [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.

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#### [Northern Pacific Railway Historical Society Convention](#)

NPHRA Convention, Sept. 12-16, 2024 The Delta Hotel, 3105 Pine Street Everett.

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#### [Great Northern Railway Historical Society Convention](#)

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

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

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# March 2024 Clinic

## DecoderPro - Removing the Mysteries

**This clinic will target users who either have never used DecoderPro or have recently started down the DecoderPro journey. Just about any user of DecoderPro is welcome and not only can they help others during the clinic but it is likely that they will pick up some DP methods they didn't know about.**

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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 SS4					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...
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**Jim Betz has extensive experience using DP - and also in teaching others how to use it. His desktop will be projected on the screen and available via Zoom.**

**Users are encouraged to/welcome to bring decoder equipped locomotives and/or their own DecoderPro set up. There will be at least two programmer setup's available for those who bring Locomotives to follow along with Jim.**

**We will not cover "how to install DecoderPro nor how to get it up and running on your computer.**

**Jim would like to know how many will be bringing a DecoderPro programming set up so please let him know at [jimbetz@jimbetz.com](mailto:jimbetz@jimbetz.com)**

**Clinic will be on March 13th @7PM, This one will be held in 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](mailto:PNWRRModelers@groups.io)**

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

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# At the February 2024 clinic!

**Our group gathered in the Senior Center in Oak Harbor and brought a few tools and a burning need for some windblown trees.**



**Susan Gonzales provided materials for making wind blown trees which we made and took home.  
Participants in the making of wind blown trees clinic made some mess and had some fun.**

# Upcoming 2024 clinics!

- March 13th, DecoderPro - Removing the Mysteries with Jim Betz. Bring your locos!
- 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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**On March 18th 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). Mini Clinics are planned. Details to follow. Expect tool-time and bring something for show and tell. It's not too late to get your mini clinic into the lineup. Just let Al Carter know.

<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](#).

[4dpnr.com](https://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 [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-pc9\\_xA-w2t3RdhLZ7BNOA](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](https://pnr.nmra.org/switchlist)

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