



The Mount Vernon NMRA Clinic



Mark Malmkar on Airbrushing Technique, Tools and Tints



August 19, 2024 Highlights

Attendance It must be summer, with vacations and all, as attendance was markedly down at the August 19 clinic. Well, we expected that might happen when we switched to a March through November rotation. Nevertheless, 12 folks showed up

After a brief hiatus regular Clinic Host Al Carter was back in his usual role as host of the NMRA

4th Division Mount Vernon Clinic Host. Al took command of the evening and again proved that the hand is quicker than the eye or at least the low shutter speed on the camera used for this photo.

September Clinic: Due to the belatedness of this publication. The September clinic offered by the two famous MMRs (**Dale Beardon** and **Nick Muff**) on getting started with Blunami is already online: [Getting Started with Dead Rail](#)

October Clinic: Some of you may remember the old Swamp Creek & Western club (HO scale) that resided in the Edmonds Amtrak depot for many, many years. Unfortunately, the club lost its lease a couple of years ago and was in search of a new location. Come to the October 21 clinic and see **Glenn Farley, MMR**, give a presentation with lots of photos of the history of the SC&W and it's under-construction new layout in Everett.

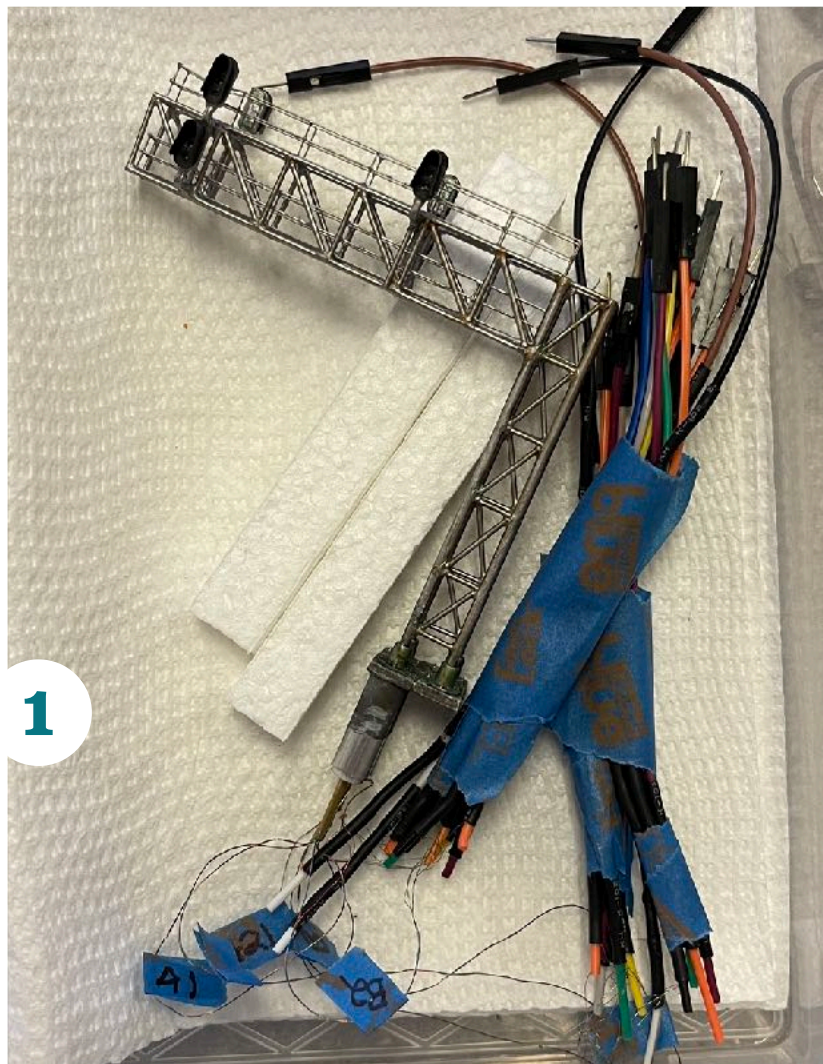
Tool Time:



Tool Time was a non-existent entity during the month of August as no one stepped up and brought in a tool, a technique or even an idea. However, there were some great freebies offered including the above paint brushes as well as the goodies featured below.



Modeler's Showcase

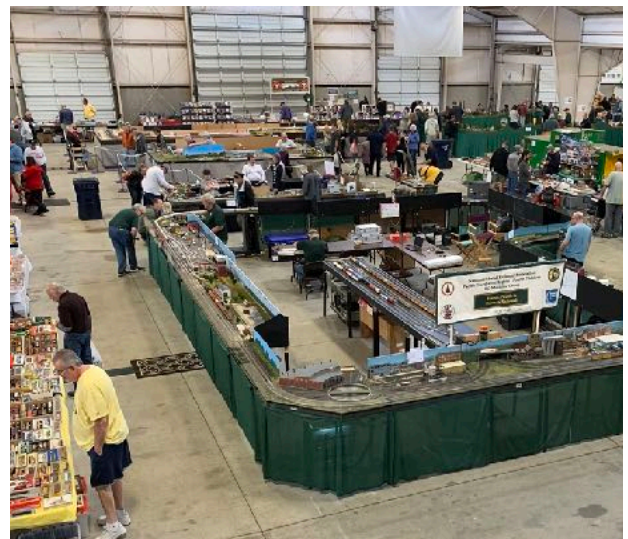


1. Only one person brought something to display, but what a beautiful model it is... **Roger Weiss** has been working on a cantilever signal tower/bridge entirely scratch-built in N scale, no less! It is truly an exquisite model! Roger says soon it will be installed on the N scale layout at the Whatcom Skagit Model RR Club in Alger. Be sure to check it out!
2. And true to his word, below is **Roger's** signal tower installed on the upper level of the WSMRC's N Scale Layout just South of the Burlington siding.

Some upcoming events in lieu of the death of Modeler's showcase offerings.

Open Houses: The **Whatcom/Skagit Model RR Club** resumes the second Saturday (with additional dates in November/December) slate of open houses, featuring both HO and N scale fully realized DCC controlled layouts. The club is in Alger, just off I-5 and open houses run from 11am to 3pm. Admission by donation. Here's a link to the club's website: [Home | WSMRC \(whatcomskagitmrc.org\)](http://Home | WSMRC (whatcomskagitmrc.org))

Lynden Train Show: Don't forget – the Lynden Train Show is coming up fast (Oct 5/6). Here's a link: Lynden Train Show | Lynden Lions Train Show



Main Event Mark Malmkar on Airbrushing

Mark Malmkar, MMR, was our featured speaker and tonight Mark talked about airbrushing, covering the basics from the types of airbrushes to air sources to spray booths. He then delved into the types of paints commonly airbrushed: acrylic and solvent based (enamels, lacquers). Also included was a breakdown on the different types of thinners to be used (most paint to be airbrushed needs to be thinned appropriately), and Mark also discussed primers and the need to apply a primer coat to establish a common base for your airbrush application.

After Mark's presentation, the group adjourned to outside, where Mark gave a live demo of his airbrushing techniques.

For more details, watch the video of the clinic on the Fourth Division's You Tube site. Here's a link to Mark's clinic, and while you are there, check out the other great clinics on the 4D's site:

[Airbrushing for Beginners Mount Vernon Clinic \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Thanks to **Bob Stafford** as always for his video work!

A suggestion from your newsletter editor: a great source for discounted priced airbrushes, paints and accessories is: [USA AIRBRUSH SUPPLY](https://www.usairbrushsupply.com) I've ordered from them several times and have been quite satisfied – *Al Carter*



Last Page: Wrapping up the final details.

Coming Down the Track

October 5 & 6

Lynden Train Show

October 12, Alger

WSMRC Open House

October 21, Mt Vernon

New Everett Model RR Club

November 9, Alger

WSMRC Open House

November 18, Mt Vernon

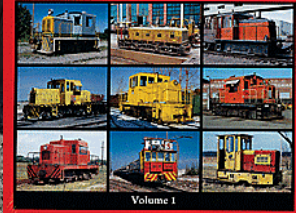
Bring Your Kit Project

The Mount Vernon clinics are now public on the 4dPNR YouTube channel. Here is the Channel's link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@4DPNRMovies>



Critters

In Color



Volume 1
Stephen M. Timko

Classified Ads:

Signs For Sale: Railroad Crossing warning sign, 36" in diameter, \$50.

Genuine Milwaukee Road herald sign from car side, \$50.

Five book set "Critters" (industrial diesels), (photo is of volume 1), all 5 volumes like new, \$50 for all 5 volumes. These are from Morning Sun and are hardbound.

Signed print by renowned artist Mike Pearsall of PFM fame, watercolor, from the 1991 NNGC in Bellevue, \$25.

Located in Mount Vernon, sorry, no shipping. Al Carter, 425-577-1570 or tabooma10@gmail.com

Schedule Change Reminder: The Mount Vernon clinic will be shifting to a schedule of March through November, effective now. The clinic will still be held on the 3rd Monday of those months, at 7:00 pm at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. Driving to and from the clinic is easier during spring/summer/fall months and we won't have to venture out in the darkest days of winter to go to the clinic.

SPONSORSHIP:

The Mount Vernon NMRA clinic is one of several clinics sponsored by the Fourth Division, Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association. We meet on the 3rd Monday at 7:00 pm at the Mount Vernon Senior Center, 1401 Cleveland Street. No meetings during the winter months (December, January, February). Membership in the NMRA is **NOT** required to attend our clinic. For more info on joining the NMRA, see: www.nmra.org/membership. Or see **Al Carter** for a membership application. Remember, if you are unsure, there is a one-time 9-month Rail Pass trial membership for only \$19.95.

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4TH DIVISION ZOOM LAYOUT TOURS

Courtesy of Cliff Aaker

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](#).

One of the best clinic options is the meetings put on by the [NMRA 4th Division](#). Some of these are also Zoom Meetings.

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-7-1FWB5zOgTM0ZVY-Yw>

Note: Membership in the NMRA is not required to view Zoom meetings or on line clinics.