



The Mount Vernon NMRA Clinic



MMR Glenn Farley on the Swamp Creek & Western RR



Tool Time:



Dave Sherwood brought a nifty set of “splinter forceps” that he purchased at Micro Mark.

October 21, 2024 Highlights



Twenty people were in attendance, eager to see/hear **MMR Glenn Farley** give a talk on the history of the Swamp Creek & Western club in Edmonds, followed by an update of the club’s new location

in Everett, as part of the Everett Railway Heritage Museum. More details on this fine presentation below.

November 18 Clinic: “Kit Rehashing” - We are borrowing this idea from our “sister clinic” in Oak Harbor... Everyone has heard of Kit Bashing, but this clinic is on Kit Rehashing. Bring a kit you’re working on to get ideas, suggestions, and help with turning it into a masterpiece. Or select one of your never-started “shelf queen” kits that has been gathering dust for far too long and bring it along to receive encouragement on getting it started. The main thing is... **BRING SOMETHING!!!**



Nick Muff showed some .020” stainless steel wire (rod) that he uses for making handrails. Nick emphasizes that you must use special cutters for stainless metal!

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New and Improved Tool Time



Al Carter, in keeping with the Halloween season, showed four paints from Badger's "Freak Flex" line, including "Nicotine Yellow, Rotten Tooth, Dried Blood, and Gangrene".



Maybe not "correct" for a railroad car or locomotive, but they do make interesting colors for structures....



speaking of stainless steel, Roy Andrukat showed some stainless-steel wire that he purchased at a store in Burlington called "Daiso", which is sort of an Asian variety store with all sorts of cool things a model railroader can use.

Whatcom/Skagit Model Railroad Club Open House Season

The WSMRC has resumed a full schedule of open houses through the fall/winter/spring months. These open houses are on the second Saturday of each month, 11am to 3pm, with two in the months of November and December. The club features

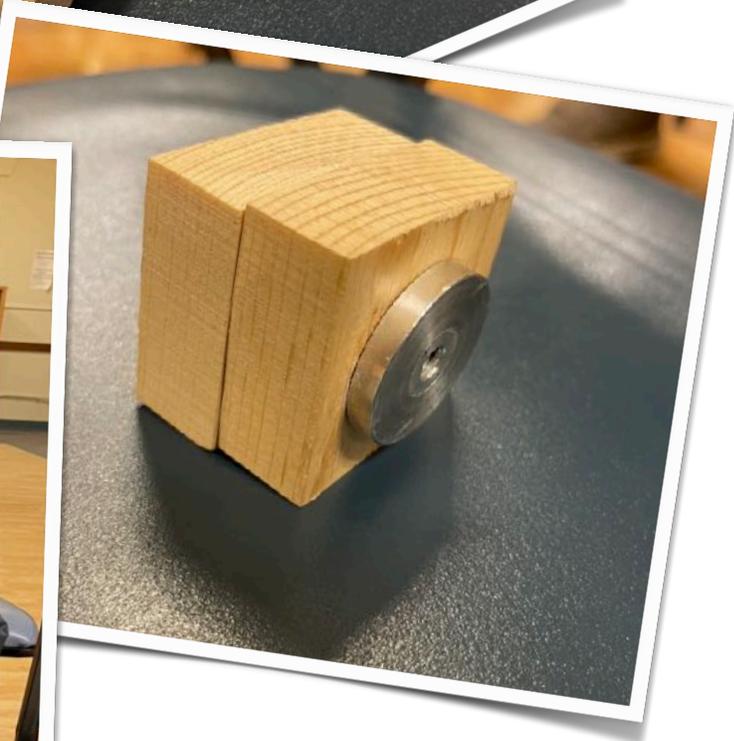


two fully scened layouts, one in HO scale and one in N scale, and both are DCC (Digitrax) controlled. The club is located at 1469 Silver Run Lane, which is on Old Highway 99, just north of the one main intersection in Alger. Here is a link to the club's website: [Home | WSMRC](#) The club is also open on Tuesday and Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings for interested visitors.

Modeler's Showcase



- 1. **Roger Weiss** is working on another N scale project – this time, a stainless-steel signal bridge from Showcase Miniatures. Very delicate and intricate. Roger used ACC to glue it together.
- 2. **Ron Nelson** is a member of the Moose Creek Railway modular club (On30 scale), and Ron has created a neat way to connect the modules to each other – sort of a “plug and play” arrangement.



Main Event

Glenn Farley & the SC&W RR

MMR Glenn Farley proudly showed the beginnings of a new model railroad club in Everett, located at the Everett Railway Heritage Association. This club layout and history display is being built in what is called Everett Station, in the former Greyhound bus terminal part of the building.

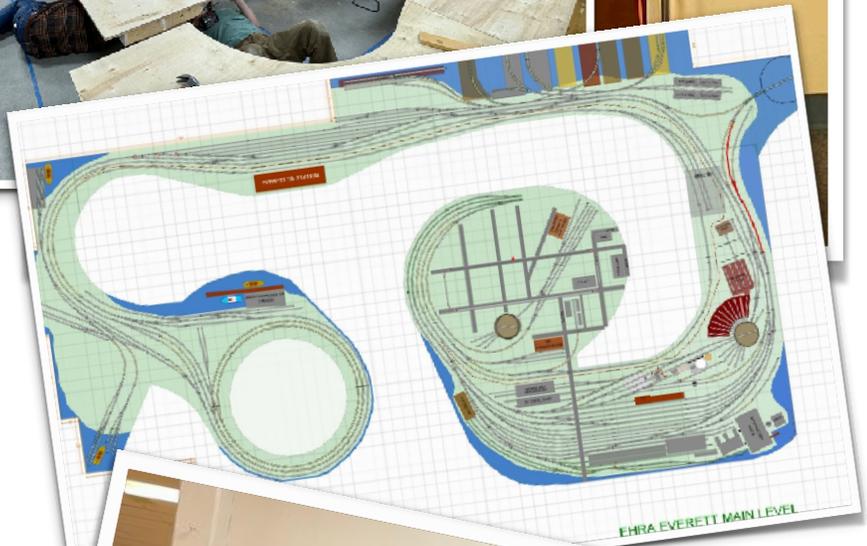
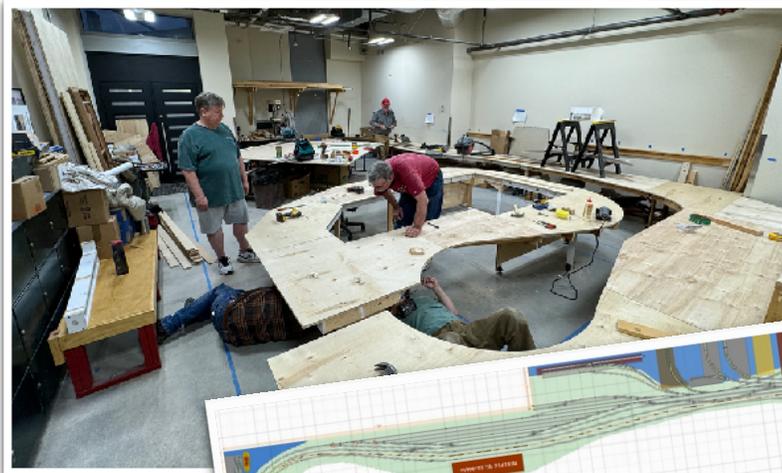
Many of our readers had no doubt visited the old Swamp Creek & Western Model Railroad Club, which was located in the BNSF/Amtrak station in Edmonds. Sadly, a couple of years ago, the club was told they must vacate the premises. Forty years of an outstanding model railroad was dismantled.

Fortunately, after some research, the club was reformed as the Everett Railway Heritage Association and are working diligently on building a new, multi-deck layout, which will represent a lot of the history of Everett. This includes the three transcontinental railroads that served Everett (GN, NP, and Milwaukee Road), and well as many historically accurate structures and scenes from the area. To the right is a track plan for the main level.

The new club is in the Everett Station building at 3201 Smith Avenue. It is a large building built in 1998 that houses Amtrak, Sound Transit, Community Transit, and Everett Transit buses, and the club occupies the portion formally used by Greyhound busses. Easy to find, just off I-5 (Pacific Avenue exit).

The club currently has about 20 members and new members are welcome. To find out about membership or to arrange a tour, contact the club via this link: [Contact | Everett Railroad Her \(everetrailroadha.com\)](https://www.everetrailroadha.com)

For more details, watch the video of the clinic on the Fourth Division's YouTube site. Here's a link to Glenn's clinic: [October 2024 Mount Vernon NMRA Clinic \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



From left to right: Bill Wood, Jim Landers, Randy Anderson, Glenn Farley.

Visitors

The SC&W members stop by Nick Muff's KCS

The evening's featured speaker, Glenn Farley, brought along three other members of the Everett Railway Heritage Museum club: **Bill Wood**, **Jim Landers**, and **Randy Anderson**. Prior to the clinic, this group paid a visit to **Nick Muff's** layout. Here are a couple of photos, including some "night shots" of Nick's fabulous layout.



(left to right: Bill Wood, Glenn Farley, Randy Anderson, Nick, and (back to camera) Jim Landers)



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Coming Down the Track

November 9, Alger

WSMRC Open House

November 9, Kent

Boeing Swap Meet

November 18, Mt Vernon

Clinic on Kit Rehashing

November 30, Alger

WSMRC Open House

December 14, Alger

WSMRC Open House

December 16, Mt Vernon

No Clinic During Winter

December 28, Alger

WSMRC Open House

January 11, Alger

WSMRC Open House

The Laugh Track

Teach your children & grandchildren to model trains



Then they won't have enough money
For drugs & alcohol.

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. November 18, 2024 will be the last Clinic of the 2023-2024 Season. See you then.

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/4dpnrMovies

You can also visit the NMRA youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChw-7-1FWB5zOgTMOZVY-Yw>

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