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Cascade & Columbia River's SB Wenatchee Turn crosses the Entiat River Bridge south of Entiat, WA

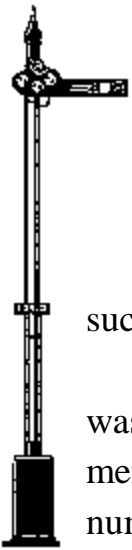
(George Li photo)

NEXT CLUB EVENTS:

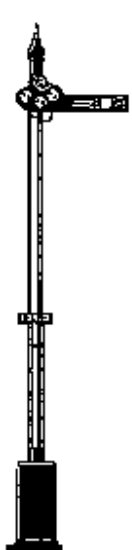
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January 9, 2018 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,

January 12-15, 2018 – Pacific Science Center Show, Seattle *(no K W layout)*



The Semaphore Board
January, 2018



I hope everyone had happy holidays and are ready to start another successful year of model railroading.

Last month we had our elections and the only office that changed was the Sergeant at Arms. Vern Shook won that position. I thank all the members for their support for this election. Of course, because of the number of members we currently have, almost the entire club has director duties.

At the last Board meeting, the Board accepted Bert Cripes proposal to encourage an N-Track division within our membership. Thank you, Bert, for preparing the proposal. Now all we have to do is to fulfill its requirements. The proposal doesn't mention the balloon tracks included in Bill Hupés proposal which is to be removed from the table in February. I hope that those interested in an N-Scale division will contribute their ideas and time for both efforts.

Just before Christmas, I received an email from Norm Curtis of the 4D HO Modular Group. He says because of space limitations, the group will not be displaying at the Pacific Science Center this year. He says that this is the first time that they have not participated in the PSC Show. The show will go on, it just won't have the large attractions. If you should want to participate, I'm sure David Yadock would appreciate any help you can give. Please contact him as soon as you can. The show is on January 13th through the 15th with setup on the 12th.

We expect to remove Geezer Gulch and Dansville from the trailer after the 14th. Please come out and help with the move. Remember, we have an upcoming show in February, so the earlier we get the sections out and worked on, the better. From the 14th, there are only about 3 weeks available to work on the modules.

Tom Barrett

BNMR Year Schedule:

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January 12-15, 2018 – Pacific Science Center Show, Seattle (no K W layout)
February 5, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, Contact the President to confirm.
February 5, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
February 13, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton
February 23-25, 2018 – SHOW – United North West Train Show & Marketplace, Monroe
March 5, 2018 –6:00 p.m. Board meeting, Contact the President to confirm.
March 5, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
March 13, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton
April 2, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, Contact the President to confirm.
April 2, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
April 13 – 15, 2018 – SHOW – Retsil Veterans' Home Show, Port Orchard
April 10, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton
April 27 – 29, 2018 – SHOW – Brookdale Montclair Poulsbo
May 7, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, Contact the President to confirm.
May 7, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
May 8, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton
June 4, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, Contact the President to confirm.
June 4, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
June 12, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton
June 16, 2018 – BNMR Swap Meet, Bremerton
July 2, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, Contact the President to confirm.
July 2, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
July 10, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton
August 6, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, Contact the President to confirm.
August 6, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
August 14, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton
August 19 – 27, 2018 – SHOW –Kitsap County Fair, Bremerton (TBC)
September 10, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, Contact the President to confirm.
September 10, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, (**delayed one week because of Labor Day**), at a location to be determined.
September 11, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton
October 1, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, Contact the President to confirm.
October 1, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
October 5 – 7, 2018 – SHOW –Lynden Lions Model Train Show, Lynden
October 9, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton
November 2-4 2018 – SHOW – Retsil Veteran's Home Show, Port Orchard
November 5, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, Contact the President to confirm.
November 5, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
November 13, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton
December 3, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, Contact the President to confirm.
December 3, 2018 – Annual Election Meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
December 11, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton

NEUMANN'S CROSSINGS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Accurail HO scale: New releases include Western Pacific PS 3-bay Covered Hopper; Soo Line 36' Fowler Wood Boxcar (All new tooling); Wisconsin & Southern 50' Insulated Double Plug Door Steel Boxcar; Lehigh & New England 36' Double Sheath Wood Boxcar w/Wood Ends and Fishbelly Underframe; Burlington Northern-Santa Fe 3-Bay ACF Covered Hooper – Green "Swoosh"; Dubuque Packing 40' Plug Door Steel Reefer; and Santa Fe 36' Double Sheath Wood Boxcars w/Straight Underframes (3 car sets).

Atlas N scale: 53' Well Car in various roads FEC; DTTX; and SMW. These models feature: Die-cast body; Detailed brake lines; Detailed air reservoir; Separate hand grabs; Etched metal walks; and AccuMate® couplers. Minimum radius: 12 1/2". In their Trainmaster® line they have added 5 car sets of 60' Passenger Cars. Each set contains 4 coach cars and one observation car. A matching GP-30 Locomotive is also available. Models features: Based upon C&NW and CNJ prototypes; Full scale dimensions and details; All cars include separately applied window glazing, diaphragms and roof vents; Observation car includes separately applied end railing details and a drumhead; Detailed interiors; and AccuMate® operating knuckle couplers.

MTH: O and HO Scale: MTH will be releasing the Union Pacific Spirit SD70ACe in cab No. 1943 in three versions; a Premier Line O Scale Model, a semi-scale RailKing Imperial O Gauge model and an HO model in both a DCC-Ready version and a Proto-Sound 3.0 28-Function DCC equipped version. Each will be offered with a series of freight cars decorated in the colors and logos of each Military branch. An additional car will also be featured in POW livery as a nod to Union Pacific's inclusion of the POW/MIA symbol at the rear of the locomotive.

RAILROAD TRIVIA

How much did it cost to build the Canadian Pacific Railway?

(Answer in next month's Flimsy)

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Answer to last month's question:

Approximately what year did the Chinese come to work in Canada on the Canadian Pacific?

Between 1881 and 1884, as many as 17 000 *Chinese* men came to B.C. to *work* as laborers on the *Canadian Pacific* Railway. The *Chinese* workers worked for \$1.00 a day, and from this \$1.00 the workers had to still pay for their food and their camping and cooking gear. White workers *did* not have to pay for these things.

From the publisher:

I must apologize for the lateness of this issue. My Desktop computer is down, and it took time to recreate the files. BH

NTRAK Division News

The club's new NTRAK Division will be organized and will function to provide an opportunity for N Scale modelers to pursue their interests by use of the NTRAK module system. NTRAK (est. in 1974) is an international association of model railroaders that created a set of standards that anyone may use to build N scale modules. These modules can be joined together to form portable layouts of virtually any size and shape. In the 40+ years of NTRAK there have been over 5,000 modules built.

While there currently exists at least three well organized NTRAK clubs within our region, I am not aware of any local to Kitsap County. For this reason I have volunteered to coordinate this effort until we have a established division with our club.

The National NTRAK standards will be applied to all modules built for use by us. Slight variations, where allowed in the National NTRAK Standard, will be allowed if module operability or compatibility with other modules is not affected. Faithful adherence to the standards will mean that our modules will be totally compatible with those of the NMRA 4th Division NTRAK group (4D NTRAK) and thus when invited we could join them in setting up a layout.

From prior, first-hand, experience I know that we must first establish some fundamental local standards, recommended practices, and policies that will provide guidance for areas not addressed or where variations are allowed by the National NTRAK Standards. In order to have reliable and trouble-free modules we must faithfully adhere to the standards.

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I am in possession of copies of the NTRAK Manual, the NTRAK "How-to" book, and the NTRAK Track Plan Set published by NTRAK. These are available for our reference and guidance. The NTRAK Manual is available to download free at www.ntrak.org. The other publications may be purchased there as well.

In January I will be visiting with the 4D NTRAK group to ask questions and get a firsthand look at their modules. While I have seen them many times at train shows, I have only paid attention to the modeling aspect and ignored the mechanics of the modules. If anyone is interested, you can visit them at the Pacific Science Center train show on January 13, 14, & 15 or on January 20 & 21 at the Great Train Show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds.

In February or March, I expect to hold a meeting for anyone interested in this new opportunity to model in N scale with local modelers. At this meeting we can review the material I have prepared, discuss issues and question, make decisions, and then get on with the building of modules.

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