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THE FLIMSY BOARD

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Bob's Hot Dogs on Kitsap Western Model Railroad
(photographer Bill Hupé)

NEXT CLUB EVENTS:

- 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 12 – 14, 2018 – SHOW – North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Train Show & Swap, Port Angeles
- October 9, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton



The Semaphore Board

October 2018



Our next activity is the show and swap meet in Lynden on October 5-7. Lynden is our most distant show of the year and is usually well received by those who attend.

Following that show a week later is the show in Port Angeles at the Clallam County Fair Grounds. It is October 13 and 14 with setup on the 12th. The show is also swap meet, so if you didn't find what you wanted in Lynden, maybe you'll have better luck in Port Angeles. A flyer for the show is published in this Flimsy.

Next month, on November 2-4, we have a show at the Retsil Veterans' Home in Port Orchard. The signup sheet is in this Flimsy Board.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this fall's Retsil show nor will I be towing. Eileen and I are traveling to fire ridden California to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. During the trip, we hope to visit the Golden State Model Railroad Museum and East Bay Model Engineers Society. I was a charter member of the museum and a member of the Society for 26 years before moving to Washington and joining BNMR. EBMES was established in 1933.

At the October Business Meeting, the December show in Kent was discussed and, since we had not received any additional information at meeting time, the membership decided to decline any invitation to that show. It was felt that we needed more time to do our planning for the show.

Don't forget to clean your equipment's wheels between shows! It's a good idea to clean them during any down time that you have. The last few shows I've made an effort to clean wheels between runs. This keeps the track cleaner and results in better operation. Also, even new equipment should have its wheels cleaned. Much equipment is imported from China and parts are coated to reduce corrosion during shipping.

If you use club equipment, clean the wheels and track wiping pads **BEFORE** returning them to the storage boxes. If the show is ending and you didn't get them clean, put the equipment in the Bad Order tray with a note that the problem is dirty wheels. The Bad Order tray is at the bottom of one of the storage boxes as indicated on the top of the box. Thanks.

Thanks to Bert's efforts, we now have a web site, bnmrr.org. It is currently a work in progress and I'm sure Bert would appreciate contributions to his efforts. Thanks Bert.

To reflect the web site name, I will no longer use BMNR to identify the Club. I dropped the second "R" to make it shorter and because the last word in our name is "Railroad," one word. It has been pointed out that the Articles of Incorporation also identify it as BNMRR.

We have gained a couple of new members but have lost one. Kaylee Croft (Frede) has submitted a letter of resignation. She joined as a Junior Member and maintained her membership until her marriage changed her priorities. She assisted operations at the fair show except for the last few years where work interfered. She will be missed, and I wish her and her new husband all the best in the coming years.

Tom Barrett

North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders'

Nineteenth Annual

Train Show & Swap Meet

Saturday October 13th 2018 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday October 14th 2018 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

***** Free Admission & Parking *****

NEW LARGER LOCATION

Clallam County Fairgrounds

1608 West 16th Street, Port Angeles, WA

Going north on 8th Street, turn left at 'C' Street, proceed to 16th, turn right

Follow signs to parking. Train Show is in the Home Arts/Hobby Barn

Just through the Red Gate.

Railroad Items and Memorabilia

Model trains from Z to G and beyond!

→ 5 Operating Layouts ←

Trains for kids to run

Free drawing for children's electric train set!

Come and join the fun and visit with rail-fans and model
railroaders.

For information on table rentals, call Steve at 360-582-1316 or email at
stevenstripp@juno.com

A special thanks to our sponsors:

Les Schwab Tires, Hwy 101, Port Angeles

Pacific Rim Hobby, 138 Railroad Ave, Port Angeles

Lincoln Industrial, 4130 Tumwater Truck Rt, Port Angeles

Ebay Store: Model Railroad and Legos

<https://www.ebay.com/str/modelrailroadandlegos>



For lodging and visitor information,
call 1-800-942-4042 or click
www.OlympicPeninsula.org

BNMR Year Schedule:

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 12 – 14, 2018– SHOW – North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Train Show & Swap, Port Angeles

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, 7:00 p.m. – Annual Election Meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton

December 11, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

January 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m. – Annual Dinner & BNMR Business Meeting, at The Family Pancake House on Kitsap Way, Bremerton.

January 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

January 18-21, 2019 – Pacific Science Ctr Show, Seattle (no K W layout)

January 18-20, 2019 – SHOW – Great American Train Show, Puyallup

February 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

February 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton

February 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

February 22-24, 2019 – SHOW – United North West Train Show & Marketplace, Monroe

March 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

March 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton

March 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

March 29 – 31, 2019 – SHOW – Retsil Veterans’ Home Show, Port Orchard

April 1, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

April 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton

April 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

April 26 – 28, 2019 – SHOW – Brookdale Montclair Poulso

May 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

May 6, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton

May 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

June 3, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

June 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton

June 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

June 15, 2019 – BNMR Swap Meet, Bremerton

July 1, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

July 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton

July 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

August 5, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

August 5, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton

August 13, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

(TBC)August 18 – 26, 2019 – SHOW –Kitsap County Fair, Bremerton

September 9, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting location to be determined.

September 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, (delayed one week because of Labor Day), location to be determined.

September 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

NTRAK Musing

By Bert Cripe

Considering Turnouts. The NTRAK manual specifies code 80 track for both mainlines and the branch line use. There are only two manufacturers of code 80 turnouts – Atlas and Peco. The Manual doesn't specify whether the frogs are to be powered or dead. Our local standards likewise leave the selection of powered or dead frogs up to the module owner.

The Atlas turnouts require the use of some type of device to hold the points against the rails, while the Peco turnouts have a built-in spring for that purpose. The frog on the Peco Electrofrog (powered) turnouts receives its power from the point rail making contact with its adjunct rail. From what I have found on the internet and speaking with other modelers, this is not the best method. Most people remove the spring and attach some sort of electrical switch to route power to the frog and move the points.

I have visited many online vendor websites in search of the best prices for turnouts. Model Train Stuff (<https://www.modeltrainstuff.com/>) has good prices and shipping charges, however recently Bruce found an even better deal. Be aware that the cost of a single Peco turnout can vary by \$8.00 between the various vendors! Shipping charges vary widely and must be considered in the total cost picture. Shop around!

I have operated three of my N scale locomotives on Peco Insulfrog turnouts with only a very few stalls of my Bachmann GE 44 Ton switch engine. That loco has a very short wheelbase.

NEUMANN'S CROSSINGS

by Bill Hupé



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MTH (<https://mthtrains.com/>) - July 18, 2018 - When America's railroads were nationalized during World War I, the United States Railroad Administration created 12 standard locomotive designs - including the USRA Mikado shown elsewhere in this catalog - and 5 standardized freight cars. One of the most enduring car designs was the 55-ton all-steel hopper, of which 22,000 cars were delivered by the USRA to 23 railroads. After the war, the American Railroad Association adopted the design as its standard practice, and near-clones were built by the tens of thousands - the majority of which worked long enough to help win the next World War and contribute to the prosperity that followed. First debuting in 2009, this M.T.H. model is an accurate recreation of the USRA hopper that was seen throughout the country for decades, in the liveries of five railroads that received original government allotments. Features include: Intricately Detailed, Durable ABS Body; Colorful, Attractive Paint Scheme; Detailed Undercarriage; Metal Wheels and Axles; RP25 Metal Wheels; Detailed 4-Wheel Trucks; (2) #158 Scale Kadee Whisker Couplers; Detailed Brake Wheel; Separate Metal Handrails; Operates On 18" Radius Curves. Road names available: C&O; Keystone; SP; Pennsy; and N&W.

Pine Canyon Scale Models (<http://www.pinecanyonscalemodels.com>): Offers S scale and O scale buildings. Including a Motor Court - S-scale 1:64 Modular Kit. In the early days of the automobile, motor courts sprang up across the country. Motor Courts were an early version of the motel. Each bungalow included a carport to keep your automobile out of the weather. Our Spanish Style Motor Court Master Kit includes five bungalows breezeway and office. Also included in the master kit are propane tank, trash can and our popular 1954 Vendo soda machine. Decals include Motel, Motor Court, door numbers, Office, Laundry, Vacancy and No Vacancy signs. Foliage is also included for the planter boxes. The structures can be built in many different configurations to fit your desire. Constructed in high quality polyurethane resin and separate injection molded plastic windows and doors. An expansion kit is

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also available which adds four more bungalows. By adding several expansion kits, you can build a great motor court complex. Even the breezeway can be arranged to create a dramatic entry.



American Models (www.americanmodels.co): Offering quality American Flyer compatible S scale model trains. They recently added a Seaboard Air Line Pre-Packaged Set: set includes Dual Engines and 5 cars, AC HR, DC HR or DC Scale.



RAILROAD TRIVIA

How many miles of track made up the Seaboard Air Lines (SAL)?

Answer in next month's Flimsy

Answer to last month's trivia

How many miles of track make up the Maine Central?

At the end of 1970 it operated 921 miles (1,482 km) of road on 1,183 miles (1,904 km) of track. The Maine Central was created in 1862 through the merger of the Androscoggin and Kennebec Railroad and the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad, resulting in a line from Danville (now Auburn) to Bangor. The line connected with the Grand Trunk Railway on its Portland-Chicago mainline at Danville and with the Bangor and Piscataquis Railroad in Bangor. As a result of its connection with the Grand Trunk, the Maine Central initially operated on a track gauge of 5 ft 6 in (1,676 mm) known as "Canadian" or "Portland gauge".

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