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THE FLIMSY BOARD

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Set up at the North Olympic Peninsula Railroad Show
(photographer John Kumparak)

NEXT CLUB EVENTS:

- 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 6, 2018 – Election Day – Don't forget to Vote
- November 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton



The Semaphore Board

November 2018



This month, on November 2-4, we have a show at the Retsil Veterans' Home in Port Orchard. The signup sheet was in the last Flimsy Board and the deadline has passed.

Next month, we are manning an Information Table at HobbyTown U.S.A. in Silverdale the first four Fridays from 1-4. Bert Cripe is coordinating this, so, if you can help, let him know as soon as possible.

Speaking of HobbyTown USA, the new manager has asked for help in determining what to stock. If you have materials or items that you often need in your model railroading endeavors, let him know. Also, I understand that he is a Walthers dealer and is willing to order items for you from them or other suppliers.

Also next month, we will be having our election meeting (a routine meeting with elections). Vern has consented to call all of you and ask for nominations to the Board as well as member of the year. Please consider running for one of the open offices. All offices are up for election except for two of the four Director's positions. Thanks.

Last month we piggybacked shows on two consecutive weekends. Preparing the crew schedules was difficult because I had an obligation come up the weekend before the Lynden Show and then, of course, Lynden was the weekend before the Port Angeles show. I normally do the scheduling on the weekend prior to a show so that I can look at it several times and smooth the flow of assignments. Both Lynden and Port Angeles show crew lists suffered from lack of time to consider and assign. I usually send the file of the crew list the Monday before setup.

In spite of the difficulties, I think both shows went smoothly and everyone who attended had a good time. Lynden was especially successful as, thanks to the fantastic efforts of Bill, Bert, Bruce, Michael, Dick, Bob, and others, we received the 1st Place Best Layout Award.

Speaking of shows, there is a new one on the block over Thanksgiving weekend. It is at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI) in Seattle with setup on Wednesday before Thanksgiving and operation Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is being put on as a fundraiser for the Fourth Division. If you have email, you should have received a notice about them needing help over that weekend. Oh yes, I should mention that the MOHAI is closed on Thanksgiving, so the holiday itself can still be spent with family and friends. Contact Ed Ives through the emailed notice if you can help.

Tom Barrett

BNMR Year Schedule:

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

November 21-25, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division MOHAI Train Show - A New Show, Seattle

December 1, 2018, 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Information Table at HobbyTown U.S.A. in Silverdale

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 8, 2018, 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Information Table at HobbyTown U.S.A. in Silverdale

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

December 15, 2018, 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Information Table at HobbyTown U.S.A. in Silverdale

December 22, 2018, 1:00-4:00 p.m. – Information Table at HobbyTown U.S.A. in Silverdale

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

October 4 – 6, 2019 – SHOW – Lynden Lions Model Train Show, Lynden

October 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

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

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

October 12 – 14, 2019 – SHOW –North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Train Show & Swap, Port Angeles

NEUMANN'S CROSSINGS

by Bill Hupé



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tangent Scale Models ([https:// www.tangentscalemodels.com](https://www.tangentscalemodels.com)) Announced their

October 2018 production of General American Airslide 4180 covered hoppers includes three all-new RTR private operator paint schemes. They include GACX Dawson Soy MN 1978 paint scheme; CCLX Corn Products 1978 paint scheme; and GACX GATX 1992 Repaint. Features for our replicas include: Dimensional accuracy - designed from actual General American plans and verified with field measurements; Highly correct “true to life” colors; “Hyper-Accurate” lettering including exact fonts and lettering placement; Genuine Kadee® scale couplers; “Near-scale” draft gear box with beautifully-rendered side “key” detail; Multiple road numbers for each scheme; “See through” etched metal running boards; A series of various spotting variations that replicate cars from General American’s prolific 1965-1980 production period, including different roofs, running boards, body side post (“rib”) profiles, high and low brake arrangements on the B end, different ladder and grab iron arrangements, with or without crossover platforms and handrails, etc.; Lacy details installed and painted - wire grab irons and coupler lift bars; Separate air hoses; and CNC-machined 36” wheels in high quality Tangent Scale Models trucks, with semi-scale wheels available separately.

MTH (<https://mthtrains.com/>): October 24, 2018 - Produced from 1972 to 1986, the GP38-2 helped inaugurate Electro-Motive’s “Dash-2” series of locomotives and became one of EMD’s all-time best sellers. With over 2200 engines sold throughout North America, rare was the railroad that did not roster these reliable, second-generation EMD workhorses. Building on the success of the GP38 introduced in 1966, the Dash-2 model looked almost identical on the outside but incorporated a host of internal upgrades that lowered exhaust emissions and improved reliability, ease of maintenance, and tractive effort. Most significant was the replacement of the maze of hard-wired circuits, switches, interlocks, and relays — which had characterized first-generation diesels and had been the source of many of their service issues — with modular, solid-state electronics. Other improvements toughened the pistons, rings, and bearings of the 2000-horsepower, non-turbocharged model 645 prime mover.

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The result was an engine so hard working and dependable that it became as common on American railroads as the F-unit was in the 1950s and '60s. Trains magazine recognized this in 1982 by designating B&O GP38 #3802 (a pre-Dash-2 model) as the All American Diesel; the engine resides today in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, repainted in its 1982 Chessie System colors. Many GP38-2s have soldiered on for more than three decades and remain in service today on short lines and regional railroads. New for 2018, this accurately modeled GP38-2 joins our economically priced Ready2Rail lineup in four prototypical paint schemes. While Ready2Rail locomotives have fewer added-on details than standard M.T.H. motive power, Proto-Sound 3.0 versions feature the same versatile electronics and prototypical sounds found in every Proto-Sound 3.0 engine. In command mode, you can operate this second-generation stalwart with any other DCC- or M.T.H. DCS-equipped models. With the DCS system, you can create a lashup with just a few keystrokes, combining one or more GP38-2s with other Proto-Sound 3.0 first-, second-, or third-generation diesels — and run them all from a single throttle just like the prototype.

White Rose Modelworks (<https://www.whiterosemodelworks.co.uk>):

Manufacture bespoke Model Railway Baseboards for the serious modeler. We are a family run business based in Bedale, North Yorkshire situated close to the A1. Our bespoke Model Railway Baseboards and layouts are built to suit your space and needs and are handcrafted in Yorkshire. Their Model Railway Baseboards come complete with our unique plug and latch system, which makes erecting your Baseboards faster than unpacking them. We can create your boards to fit any room or configuration that you require, working to track plans provided or helping you create a plan to suit your needs. Their Model Railway Baseboards have been designed so that they can be easily dismantled and re-erected for show purposes or even if you are moving home.



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RAILROAD TRIVIA

How many miles of track made up the Western Pacific Railroad?

Answer in next month's Flimsy

Answer to last month's trivia

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

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad (reporting mark SAL), which styled itself "The Route of Courteous Service," was an American railroad which existed from April 14, 1900, until July 1, 1967, when it merged with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, its longtime rival, to form the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

Predecessor railroads dated from the 1830s and reorganized extensively to rebuild after the American Civil War. The company was headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, until 1958, when its main offices were relocated to Richmond, Virginia. The Seaboard Air Line Railway Building in Norfolk's historic Freemason District still stands and has been converted into apartments. At the end of 1925 SAL operated 3,929 miles of road, not including its flock of subsidiaries; at the end of 1960 it reported 4,135 miles. The main line ran from Richmond via Raleigh, North Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia to Jacksonville, Florida, a major interchange point for passenger trains bringing travelers to the Sunshine State. From Jacksonville, Seaboard rails continued to Tampa, St. Petersburg, West Palm Beach and Miami. Other important Seaboard routes included a line from Jacksonville via Tallahassee to a connection with the L&N at Chattahoochee, Florida, for through service to New Orleans; a line to Atlanta, Georgia, and Birmingham, Alabama, connecting with the main line at Hamlet, North Carolina; and a line from the main at Norlina, North Carolina, to Portsmouth, Virginia, the earliest route of what became the Seaboard. In the first half of the 20th century, Seaboard, along with its main competitors Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, Florida East Coast Railway and Southern Railway, contributed greatly to the economic development of the Southeastern United States, and particularly to that of Florida. Its trains brought vacationers to Florida from the Northeast and carried southern timber, minerals and produce, especially Florida citrus crops, to the northern states.

NTRAK Musing

By Bert Cripe

Considering track laying.

While I have laid a fair amount of track, I am certainly no expert.

So, I refer you to this website for some helpful information and illustrations on the subject:

<http://www.tulsa-neons.com/tips/layingTrack.php>

Some good info here to help us avoid track related problems.

Credit the Northeast Oklahoma N-Scalers for this "Do's and Don'ts for Laying Track" online clinic.

Their website contains several more pieces of informative information I suspect we can learn from. Other pages contain info such as Show Organization, Construction Specs. & Diag., and Ideas & Tips.

From our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1988490354736510/>

I have finally finished my new DCC Command Station Cart. It was designed around a Digitrax DCS-200, LNRP, PS212, 3 PSX circuit protectors and three drawers I found at Good Will.

It can support one NTRAK district composed of the three standard loops. The drawers provide storage for tools, manuals, and cable and connector spares.

