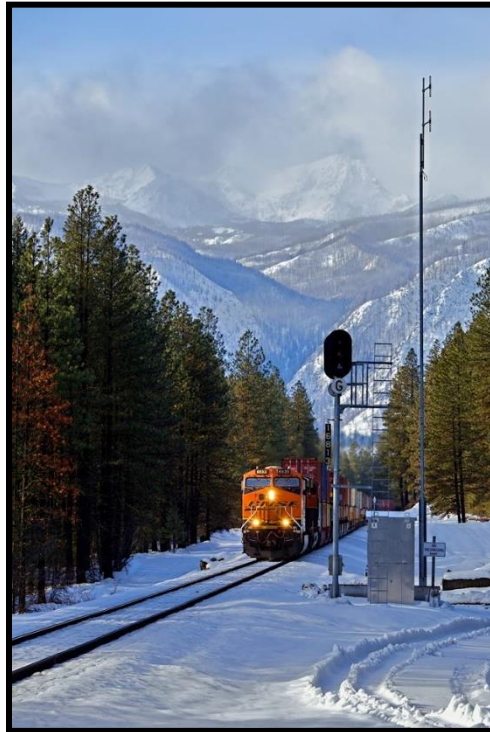


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"I've never really given the Chumstick valley or near Plain very much attention when it comes to railroad photography, mainly due to the accessibility of the area. However, I can't argue with the beautiful backdrop that this scene provides. It always helps having a heads up when a train is coming too." 1/20/18

(Dan Pipkin photo)

NEXT CLUB EVENTS:

February 5, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
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

The Semaphore Board

February 2018

Our annual dinner meeting was a great success! We were missing only three regular members and two junior members. I hope everyone had a good time and enjoyed the conversations.

At the last Board meeting, the Board accepted the budget for 2018. With the new budget, we will be adding to our supply of wireless controls for the DCC system. In addition, we hope to have the East/West switch on the engine terminal changed to eliminate a source of occasional shorts.

I've mentioned the new wireless throttle to a few members and found interest in combining orders with personal throttles. Are you interested in having your own throttle to use with our EasyDCC system? If so, contact me by the February meeting, I will order them. If we purchase 9 or more units, we save \$32 each, or \$127 each. Who knows, we may be able to get them before the next show.

As mentioned at the annual meeting, Bert Cripes has been working on the N-Track division. He should have additional information at the February meeting.

Our next show is in Monroe and UNW's Train Show and Market Place on February 23 through 25. We are planning setup to start at noon on the 23rd. I hope everyone will be able to attend this event. The signup sheet is in this month's Flimsy Board.

April will be a busy month. We have two shows scheduled. The first is at Retsil and second is in Poulsbo. Both dates have been verified with the venue. The signup sheets should begin showing in the March Flimsy.

Tom Barrett

BNMR Year Schedule:

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
January 7, 2019 - 6:30 p.m., Annual Dinner & BNMR Business Meeting, at The Family Pancake House on Kitsap Way, Bremerton.
January 8, 2019 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton,
January 18-21, 2019 – Pacific Science Center Show, Seattle (no K W layout)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scaletrains (www.Scaletrains.com): Just revealed five new HO and N Scale announcements at the Railroad Hobby Show in West Springfield, MA. Their first release includes the highly anticipated Rivet Counter™ HO Scale Conrail SD40-2 with all-new Flexicoil truck sideframes and additional Conrail specific details. This is the perfect complement to the upcoming Conrail GE C39-8. They also added four more SD40-2 roadnames including BNSF Heritage I; EMD Lease Blue & White as well as ex-Milwaukee "Bandits", N&W Low Nose, and Union Pacific Mid-1980s repaints. The first and second production runs of Rivet Counter SD40-2s sold-out quickly upon arrival so preorder by February 26th to ensure you receive your favorite roadname(s) and paint scheme(s).

MTH (www.mthtrains.com): Announced their DCS Wi-Fi Companion is a new, nearly 200-page, four-color guide that discusses, in detail, how to implement complete Wi-Fi control of DCS on new and existing layouts. It contains 85 pictures and illustrations that educate the reader on the basic and advanced features and functions of DCS from the point of view of the Premium version of the DCS App. The book includes: capabilities and use of the Premium version of the DCS App; implementation of DCS Wi-Fi on new or existing layouts via standalone or home network access; setup, installation, operation, and software updating of the Wireless Interface Unit (WIU); and much more. The book is both a DCS tutorial for those adding DCS for the first time to a new or existing layout, as well as a valuable reference for the experienced DCS operator. The uncomplicated language used in the book allows anyone to easily understand and operate the DCS Digital Command System using the Premium version of the DCS App, regardless of their experience level. Even the most expert DCS operators will find useful information regarding MTH's Premium version of the DCS App and WIU Wi-Fi Interface Unit throughout this new book. Since each section of the book inherently builds on the previous section, the reader has the choice of starting from the beginning and reading through the entire book or jumping to a particular section of interest.

Accurail (www.accurail.com): HO Scale: Announced their planned scheduled production (Feb/Mar 2018): a limited run 3-car set 40' Reefers. Each set contains one NP, one WP and one CS reefer. Individual cars are also available. They are also producing a MILW 70-ton Offset Hopper; a PC 3-bay ACF Covered Hopper; a NYS&W 36' Fowler Wood

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Boxcar; a N&W 36' Double Sheath Wood Boxcar w/Wood Ends & Straight Underframe; a NH 41' Steel Gondola 3-Car Set; and a BAR 50' Exterior Post Steel Boxcar.

RAILROAD TRIVIA

What is the northern-most reach of a North American Rail Road?

(Answer in next month's Flimsy)

Answer to last month's question:

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

It started with \$25 Million dollars in 1881 but as such projects tend to do it went a bit over budget and maybe not all the money spent went into the project promised. Edit- The total cost at the end of the project was around \$35 million.

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On March 13, 1959, a runaway train smashed through Olympia's Union Pacific depot on Fourth Avenue and into businesses on the other side of the street, destroying half a block.



Miraculously, only one person was killed, telegraph operator Kenneth Dilley.
Aerial view of the scene - some cars have been removed. *(Photographer unknown)*

NTRAK Division News

I spent 2 1/2 days with the 4th Division NTRAK group over the Holidays at the Washington State History Museum. It was time well spent on two accounts. First, I did learn a good deal about NTRAK and how it works. Secondly, I had several of my own ideas and methods reinforced - I seem to be approaching some issues correctly!

I have spent a good number of hours searching the internet for information about how other clubs approach NTRAK. In addition, I purchased and have read both the NTRAK Manual and the "How-to" book. Both are good items to have for following this approach to module model railroading.

From my research I have composed a draft document of local standards for our club along with some proposed guidelines and rules - all based upon what I found at several NTRAK groups' websites. The standards I have written for us only address those areas where the national NTRAK standard allows options and variations.

It is my hope that a meeting for those of us interested in pursuing modeling in N scale using NTRAK can be held in the next month or so and if the interest is there we can

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begin. From my personal experience working in the Free-mo N area, I know that our first order of business is to establish our standards and rules so that we have the best chance to succeed with reliable modules and equipment. I want to stress that what I have written is a proposal and is subject to comments and concerns of our group. I have also done some pricing and sourcing of building materials for a basic module.

During the time spent with the 4th Division NTRAK group I suggested that our group begin by building one basic module and submitting it to them for inspection. That suggestion was accepted by them as a good idea. Thus, we will know that we are on the right track and will have a good chance for success!

Finally, the 4th Division NTRAK has invited us, once we have acceptable modules, to join them in a show setup at a future date. Thus, we will be able to participate in a setup right away without the need to have a large collection of modules of our own.

Bert