

# THE FLIMSY BOARD

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UP SD70M #4982 leads 6 other engines eastbound along UP's Portland Subdivision at Rufus, OR  
*(photographer George Li)*

## **NEXT CLUB EVENTS:**

- April 2, 2018 – 6:00 p.m., BNMR Board meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
- April 2, 2018 - 7:00 p.m., BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
- April 10, 2018 – 7:00 p.m., NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton
- April 13 – 15, 2018 – SHOW – Retsil Veterans' Home, Port Orchard
- April 27 – 29, 2018 – SHOW – Brookdale Montclair, Poulsbo



# The Semaphore Board

April, 2018



April is a busy month. We have two shows scheduled. The first is at Retsil on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and second is in Poulsbo on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Find the signup sheet for the Retsil show was in last month's Flimsy and has a submittal deadline of April 5<sup>th</sup>. The Poulsbo show signup sheet is in this month's and has a deadline of the 19<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, I won't get confused and comingle the sheets. If I do, expect to see a change in deadlines for future shows that are close together.

If we go back to the show at Monroe, Bob found that he had to be careful when changing wheels in truck frames. Sometimes, if the frames are metal, the wheels will cause a short that is hard to find. In this instance, the metal wheels had metal journals on a metal truck frame. Since the short only occurred when all the moving parts were making good electrical contact, the short was intermittent. In fact, as we moved the car and noted the short, we saw sparks near the springs on one of the trucks. Taking the car out of the consist resolved the short problem.

A similar problem can occur where only one of the wheels is insulated on a metal axle. There, the insulation must be on the same side on each metal framed truck. And, they must be on the same side if those trucks are being used on a metal car under frame. Because of paint and dirt, the short may not show up until after a period of operation. And, the short may not be good enough to stop operation completely but may just cause overheating of the truck and may melt any thermal plastic truck parts.

A while ago, I thought I had a problem operating my passenger train on 4D HO Modular Groups layout at the science center. I had put the train on the track and noted a short in the yard. After taking my entire train off and telling one of their members that my train could not be now causing the short, we investigated further and saw that one of HIS freight cars was shorting. What had happened here was he had a metal under framed car with metal trucks as described above and one of the trucks had rotated 180 degrees, thus causing the short. If you have that situation, I suggest you make sure the trucks cannot be rotated or install plastic trucks with metal wheels.

Tom Barrett

## **BNMR Year Schedule:**

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 – 7:00 P.M., NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton,  
January 18-21, 2019 – Pacific Science Center Show, Seattle (no K W layout)  
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 4, 2019 – 7:00 p.m., NMRA 4th Division Clinic, at United Way Building, Bremerton

# NEUMANN'S CROSSINGS

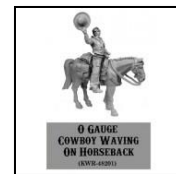


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bluford Shops** ([www.bluford-shops.com](http://www.bluford-shops.com)): Has announced a new group of N scale 14-Panel Hoppers featuring a good mix of all-new road names along with some popular paint schemes that have not been run in many years. These ready-to-run cars feature: die cast slope sheet-hopper bay-center sill assembly; injection molded plastic sides, ends, and hopper doors; fully molded brake tank, valve and air lines; body mounted brake hose detail; load; body mounted magnetically operating knuckle couplers; close coupling; and Fox Valley Models metal wheels. Available in NYC, Rio Grande, CR, CRR, GN, SECX, WM, GLCX, and RF&P.

**Summit Customcuts** ([www.summit-customcuts.com](http://www.summit-customcuts.com)): Has just released a modern Walmart Supercenter backdrop building. The width of this storefront model covers almost 3 feet of the backdrop. This kit includes all building parts and signs (including a tall street sign). The kit is milled in white styrene plastic and laser cut in white and clear acrylic and comes with detailed assembly instructions with pictures. Size: 35" x 5" x 3 3/8"

**Knuckleduster** ([www.knuckleduster.com](http://www.knuckleduster.com)) Has applied their expertise and making extremely detailed miniatures to the art of model railroading layouts. This rapidly expanding line is focused on the Old West, with figures and detail parts that do justice to the beautiful locomotives and scenery available for the time period. HO and O Scale figures and detail parts from the Old West era. Lead-free pewter miniatures, sold unpainted.



## RAILROAD TRIVIA

How many miles of track make up the Northern Pacific Railway system?  
(Answer in next month's Flimsy)

### Answer to last month's question:

How many miles of track make up the Montana Rail Link system?

The MRL system consists of 937 miles of track in the states of Montana, Idaho and Washington; connects with BNSF Railway