

THE FLIMSY BOARD

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Tom Barrett troubleshooting yard lead at Retsil Veterans Home
(photographer Bill Hupé)

NEXT CLUB EVENTS:

- May 7, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. Board meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
- 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



The Semaphore Board

May, 2018

April was a busy month. We had two shows scheduled, one at Retsil and one at Brookdale Montclair. This was the first time in my memory (memory, what's that!) that we had shows so close together. I played hooky on the Saturdays at both shows to attend sailboat races.

The Retsil show went fine except we were short handed Friday for setup and Saturday operations for various reasons that I won't go into here. Friday's setup actually went fine except for it taking more than four hours for the small layout. When we placed the last corner, it fit almost perfectly, sliding in with no need to reposition the horses. I think the biggest contributing factor was we bolted and leveled the modules as we went, only making fine adjustments after all the layout was up.

Saturday, there were two no shows and operations were adjusted with the remaining crews. Some of the crew had to take shortened lunch to keep trains running. Speaking of lunches, we had problems getting lunch tickets, so Bob, thank you Bob, arranged with the kitchen to get lunches provided. Also on Saturday, there was a double failure. A short and an open at the same time! The short was, or seemed to be, from a derailed car in the yard. The open was thought to be from a bridge track that wasn't making contact. The open problem was reconstructed Sunday by removing that bridge track and noting where the train stopped. The problem was resolved by removing and reinserting the offending RV plug near the bridge track. Other than that, we just had our usual derailments, though by Sunday, we had few, if any, bridge track problems.

Support for the Brookdale Montclair show was slightly better. I can't do much of a report because the Flimsy deadline was before the show and the show hasn't happened as of this writing. Scheduling was a little easier because two of our members declined lunch and one just was scheduled operations while the remaining had their lunch. Brookdale Montclair has a very small window for having lunch and the only way to not shut the layout down is to have members decline lunch.

The next activity is our swap meet on 16 June. It is again at the West Side Improvement Club in Bremerton. Please find the signup sheet in this Flimsy Board which indicates the help needed and hours. I plan to send an email signup sheet for your convenience shortly after you receive this Flimsy. Fill one signup sheet out and get your availability to me as soon as you can. The swap meet is our only fundraiser for this year.

Our next show is at the Kitsap County Fair in August. There is over a week between setup and take down of the layout and we will need help from all the members. The days are long and we have to keep everything running to provide a good display. We will probably again be in the Pavilion, where we were last year. The signup sheet should be in the July Flimsy Board.

Tom Barrett

BNMR Year Schedule:

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 Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church, 9300 Nels Nelson Rd NW, Bremerton.
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 Veterans 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
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 – NMRA 4th Division Clinic, 7:00 P.M. at United Way Building, Bremerton
April 12 - 14, 2019 (TBD) – SHOW – Retsil Veterans Home Show, Port Orchard
April 26 - 28, 2019 – SHOW – Brookdale Montclair Poulso

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hobby Models, LLC (www.hobbymodels.com): Recently posted "Ever since it was announced earlier this year that Hobbico, the owner of Revell and Revell Germany, was in bankruptcy modelers have been concerned for the fate of one of the world's oldest plastic model companies. This week it was announced that a German holding group, Revell AG had purchased Revell and Revell Germany thereby securing the future of the company.

What does this mean for you? First of all, everyone in the modeling community has issued a combined sigh of relief. You'll still be able to buy and build your favorite Revell kits. There may be a small delay in obtaining certain products during the transition but rest assured Hobby Models will do everything we can to fulfill your orders as quickly as possible.

As with any new venture, there will be bumps along the way but we're confident this is the best path for Revell to travel."

MTH (<https://mthtrains.com/>): MTH announced the arrival, of their new ES44AC. Like all M.T.H. locomotives the ES44AC offers HO scale's finest combination of detail, realism, and performance. Listen to the chant of an authentic GEVO-12 motor in the Proto-Sound 3 versions, and throttle down as low as three scale miles per hour so you can admire the details as the Evolution Series glides by: see-through fans and grilles, walkways with safety tread, flashing ditch lights, windshield wipers, body and truck air brake piping, and a host of other separately applied details. Activate the couplers from anywhere on the layout using any DCC controller or the DCS Digital Command System. For the ultimate in power and sound, operate these diesels in multiple-unit lashups under DCC, or DCS digital command control. If you're running under the M.T.H. DCS system, you can double- or even triple-head the ES44AC with virtually any combination of 3.0 locomotives. Available roadnames: Pennsy, Southern, Conrail, Central of Georgia, Interstate, Lehigh Valley, Monongahela, Nickel Plate Road, Norfolk & Southern, and Norfolk & Western.

RAILROAD TRIVIA

With a wave of consolidation behind it, North American railroading is once again a good business to be in. Freight traffic is booming. Locomotive orders are coming in at a solid pace from the Big Six roads that dominate rail transportation on the continent: Union Pacific, BNSF, CSX, Norfolk Southern, Canadian National, and Canadian Pacific. And the two remaining diesel builders are locked in a battle to become the locomotive supplier for the 21st century. Caterpillar®-owned EMD, no longer a division of General Motors, is represented by the AC-traction-motored SD70ACe and its DC-traction sibling, the SD70M-2. General Electric's standard bearers are the EVOs, the Evolution Series ES44AC and ES44DC.

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At the heart of the EMD Evolution Series is a brand new prime mover, the turbocharged four-cycle, 12-cylinder GEVO-12. While producing the same 4400 horsepower as its 16-cylinder FDL-series predecessor, the GEVO-12 uses less fuel and spits out 40% fewer emissions. Each of its cylinders displaces 950 cubic inches, nearly three times as much as an entire Corvette V-8.

Answer to last month's question:

How many miles of track made up the Northern Pacific Railway system?
The railroad had about 6,800 miles (10,900 km) of track and served a large area, including extensive trackage in the states of Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin. In addition, the NP had an international branch to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.



USS Hawkbill SS-366 on the Willamette River, Portland, Oregon October, 1945 after the end of the Pacific War.