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THE FLIMSY BOARD

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Newly completed Avery Coal Company on Kitsap Western Model Railroad.
Named in memory of Steve Avery a long-time member.
(photographer Bill Hupé)

NEXT CLUB EVENTS:

- 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 – **SHOW** - Kitsap County Fair and Stampede, Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Sun Pavilion



The Semaphore Board

August 2018



The next activity is at the Kitsap County Fair. 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 during the fair, we have to keep everything running to provide a good display. We will again be in the Pavilion where we were last year. The signup sheet was in the last and is again in this Flimsy Board. Please get it back to me as soon as you can if you haven't already done so.

Then, in early October, we have the show and swap meet in Lynden. Lynden is our most distant show of the year and is usually well received by those who attend. Since it is early in October, expect to see the signup sheet in the September Flimsy Board.

Usually, after the Lynden show we have about a month before the next show at the Retsil Veterans' Home in Port Orchard. That show is still on schedule, but we have been invited to a show in Port Angeles the weekend following Lynden. Be prepared to discuss that show and another one early December in Kent at the General Business meeting on the 6th. Both shows were brought up at the General Business Meeting since there was not a quorum at the Board of Directors meeting. In addition, be prepared to discuss going to the Great American Train Show in January. Should we decide on going to these three, it will make seven shows in six months! Everyone's support will be needed if we expand our show schedule.

Several of our modules have been offloaded and placed in Bob's garage for work. Much of the work planned is for refinements of the scenery. Bill is spearheading most of that work. In addition, we hope to install power outlets on the outside (North) frame of most of those modules (originally, only the inside frame had outlets) and power indicators on three of our six corners, West Central Grade, Humptulips, and Dansville. The power indicators on the Dansville module, at least, will be used for the first time at the fair. Unfortunately, Bob and I have been unavailable to help with most of that work, especially the scenery work.

We did learn that it is important that all items be fastened to the modules. During the power indicator installation on Dansville, some of the structures fell off making more work and things to repair. Sorry Bill.

During the fair, the racks will be empty, and we hope to replace the non-swiveling casters on most of them. I believe Geezer Gulch and the work table are the only rolling units that don't need caster replacement. I hope to get that work done between layout setup and the beginning of the fair so that personnel will be available for the display operation.

Tom Barrett

BNMR Year Schedule:

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 KW 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 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

NEUMANN'S CROSSINGS

by Bill Hupé



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NetzlofDesign and Model works (www.netzlofdesign.com) is releasing North Shore ex NS GP38 Locomotives Decal Set. Purchasing several high hood GP38s at auction, the North Shore family of railroads has wasted no time in applying their corporate markings to these new units. This decal set includes logos, lettering, and numbers to model one of the patched units. The set will be available in HO and N Scales. O and Z Scale are available as print on demand. Other scales are available by special request. These decals can be purchased directly through the CMR Products Web site store.

Railroad Kits (www.railroadkits.com): Is offering a new HO Scale craftsman kit Palmer Beverage. Easy to build. 3.25" x 2.25" approximate footprint. Kit contains: Laser cut walls, matboard roof cards & billboard, Tichy doors, windows, & chimney, laserboard garage door, bracing & stripwood, roofing material, and signs.



Berkshire Valley Models (www.berkshiremodels.com): Announced their HO scale Yankee Girl Mine (#2004) Kit is again available. This Laser cut wood kit modeled after the prototype above Ouray, CO.

Athearn (www.athearn.com): Recently announced the release of a HO scale UP GP50. This is a first time offered Ex-MP two-digit series. Model features: Long hood mounted bell, Leslie RS3L horn mounted per prototype, firecracker antenna, classlights removed or painted over per prototype, cab mirrors, conductor side cab vent, sunshades, extra Jacking pad side sill, small EMD style snow plow, Blomberg "M" truck sideframes, LEDs and rubber MH hoses. Offered with Tsunami 2 Sound.



Union Pacific Railroad GP50 65 at Cotter, Arkansas on July 27, 1989, Kodachrome by Chuck Zeiler. Number 65 was built in January 1981 as MP GP50 3515 (c/n 807023-6), delivered in Jenks Blue paint. It was repainted in MP/UP yellow on July 19, 1984 and received the North Little Rock style Missouri Pacific lettering. On August 4, 1988 it was renumbered to 65 and received the standard Union Pacific lettering. It was renumbered to UP 975 on October 13, 1989, renumbered again to 5573 on December 18, 1997, renumbered again to 1673 on August 4, 2004.

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RAILROAD TRIVIA

How many miles of track made up the Great Northern Railroad System?

Answer in next month's Flimsy

Where is the Welch station Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwll-llantysiliogogoch located?

On the island of Anglesey in Wales is the longest station name in the UK. It is also holds the Guinness World Record of the longest URL address.



A note from me:

I want to thank those of you that have showed up to help me with the scenery this year. Bob, Bert, Bruce, and Michael you have made my job easier. We have made great progress and we still have 3 + weeks left. Thanks Wes for bringing a load of coal for Avery Coal Co.

Just a reminder, when we are at the Fair this year I hope you all will operate your DCC trains from outside the layout. When I asked Eric to design the layout, one of the features was for operation outside the “Fort”. This presents us with the ability to interact with our viewing audience and recruit new members. We’ll need to depend on the Yard Masters to help bringing our trains into the yard.

Bill

NTRAK Musing by Bert Cripe

Our local standards require module legs to be attached to club owned modules, where practical. Where folding legs may not be practical is on corner modules, short length modules, or odd shaped modules. NTRAK recommends the use of attached legs to reduce setup time, prevent forgetting them at home, and to make it easy for others to set up your module in your absence. If you choose detached legs, it is strongly recommended that the legs be identical and interchangeable to simplify installation. If the legs on your module are not interchangeable, please clearly label them so that it is easy to figure out which legs go in which leg pocket!

My first legs were built using 2x2 pine with a 4-inch-high cross brace near the bottom. While very sturdy, they weighed in at 7 pounds. My second set was made using 1x2 pine with a 3-1/2-inch cross brace. The second set saved about 3 pounds and cost less to make. Both of these leg sets are attached to the module's underside with hinges and a locking device. I strongly recommend hinges made of steel rather than brass since the brass hinges have a tendency to bend. They just are not as strong nor rigid as the steel hinges.

The NTRAK standard requires the module to be adjustable in height by +/- 1 inch. I chose 1/4-20 threaded eye-bolts with 3 inches of threads for adjustable feet. This length provides the required adjustment range and leaves enough thread engagement in the leg for stability. Carriage bolts would be less expensive but can be difficult to turn without a wrench under the module weight. Eye-bolts are easier to turn since a screwdriver or other such object can be inserted into the eye to gain leverage for turning.

The simplest method for attaching the feet to the bottom of the legs is with a threaded insert for wood. I prefer the type with a flange so that the insert may be screwed tight against the bottom of the leg. I purchase mine at the Port Orchard Ace Hardware store. The 1/4-20 threaded ones cost 40 cents each. They can be purchased at Amazon for ~\$11.00 per hundred which is a real bargain. These have a hex socket hole used when screwing the insert into the wooden leg. It is very important to drill a clearance hole of sufficient diameter in the leg bottom otherwise the leg may split during installation. I have found brass inserts to be prone to breakage if the clearance hole is not large enough to provide sufficient clearance. Below is a photo of the type I use.



Great Northern Day in Skykomish

September 8, 2018

Here is an update for GN Day in Sky

The event starts at 9:30 am and ends about 3:30 pm. It is in the Masonic Hall at Sky and is free and open to the public.

The program will have short presentations and anyone attending may bring a GN related display with tables provided

Craig Thorpe will present his approach to creating railroad paintings and show many of his GN related subjects from his over 300 paintings completed. He will also have prints available.

Also a presentation on Internet Railfanning will show and demonstrate a few online resources including the new Virtual Railfan camera in Sky.

Other short subjects are being scheduled, also.

Bring your own lunch or we can order from the Sky Deli.

As always lots of time is set aside for visiting and a long lunch provides time to see the museum or ride the GN&C Railway.

If there are questions, contact Bob Kelly at mvmvm@comcast.net