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THE FLIMSY BOARD

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Dansville on Kitsap Western Model Railroad
(photographer Bill Hupé)

NEXT CLUB EVENTS:

September 10, 2018 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church, 9300 Nels Nelson Rd NW, Bremerton

September 10, 2018 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting 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



The Semaphore Board

September 2018



The next activity is 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. The signup sheet is in this Flimsy Board.

Also in this Flimsy Board is the signup sheet for a new show in Port Angeles at the Clallam County Fair Grounds on October 13 and 14 with setup on the 12th. The show is also a swap meet, so if you didn't find what you wanted in Lynden, maybe you'll have better luck in Port Angeles. If you recall, that show was one of the subjects covered in the Business of August and September. A flyer for the show is published in this Flimsy.

Expect to see the signup sheet for the show at the Retsil Veterans' Home in Port Orchard in the October Flimsy Board. That show is still on schedule for the first weekend in November.

Though the show in Kent in December has had some discussion, there has not been a decision made as to our attendance. As of the last meeting, we don't have confirmation of venue or dates. Be prepared to discuss that show at the General Business meeting on the 10th. Yes, the 10th, because of Labor Day, the September meeting is on the 10th and will be held at the **Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church, 9300 Nels Nelson Rd NW, Bremerton. See the schedule.**

Speaking of schedule, the Great American Train Show has been added for January. This show was the last of the three brought up at the August and September meetings.

Don't forget to clean your equipment's wheels between shows! It's a good idea to clean them during any down time that you have. The last few shows I've made an effort to clean wheels between runs. This keeps the track cleaner and results in better operation. Also, even new equipment should have its wheels cleaned. Much equipment is imported from China and parts are coated to reduce corrosion during shipping.

Another problem we have started to have is bridge track installation. Our current HO layout has two different track sizes. Code 83 rail is used on the branch line. The Code 83 bridge tracks are identified by smaller rail, or course, smaller ties and a white painted stripe on the underside of the track. Do not use them on the mainlines or yard! On the mainlines and yard, Code 100 rail is used. Do not use them on the branch line!

When placing bridge tracks, make sure that the surface is smooth. During the Fair show, ballast was found under the bridge track and lifting it out of its socket. The joiners we use enable easy installation and removal but do not lend themselves to contamination. We could use the full rail joiner, but some of you may recall the extra time required for setup when we were. Those joiners must be individually attached, four for each joint. Let's not have to go back to that.

Tom Barrett

North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders'

Nineteenth Annual

Train Show & Swap Meet

Saturday October 13th 2018 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday October 14th 2018 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

***** Free Admission & Parking *****

NEW LARGER LOCATION

Clallam County Fairgrounds

1608 West 16th Street, Port Angeles, WA

Going north on 8th Street, turn left at 'C' Street, proceed to 16th, turn right

Follow signs to parking. Train Show is in the Home Arts/Hobby Barn

Just through the Red Gate.

Railroad Items and Memorabilia

Model trains from Z to G and beyond!

→ 5 Operating Layouts ←

Trains for kids to run

Free drawing for children's electric train set!

Come and join the fun and visit with rail-fans and model
railroaders.

For information on table rentals, call Steve at 360-582-1316 or email at
stevenstripp@juno.com

A special thanks to our sponsors:

Les Schwab Tires, Hwy 101, Port Angeles

Pacific Rim Hobby, 138 Railroad Ave, Port Angeles

Lincoln Industrial, 4130 Tumwater Truck Rt, Port Angeles

Ebay Store: Model Railroad and Legos

<https://www.ebay.com/str/modelrailroadandlegos>



For lodging and visitor information,
call 1-800-942-4042 or click
www.OlympicPeninsula.org

BNMR Year Schedule:

September 10, 2018, 6:00 – Board meeting at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church, 9300 Nels Nelson Rd NW.

September 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, (delayed one week because of Labor Day), 7:00 P.M. 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 12 – 14, 2018 – SHOW – North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Train Show & Swap, Port Angeles

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, 7:00 p.m. – 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 Ctr Show, Seattle (no K W layout)

January 17-21, 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 Poolsbo

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,

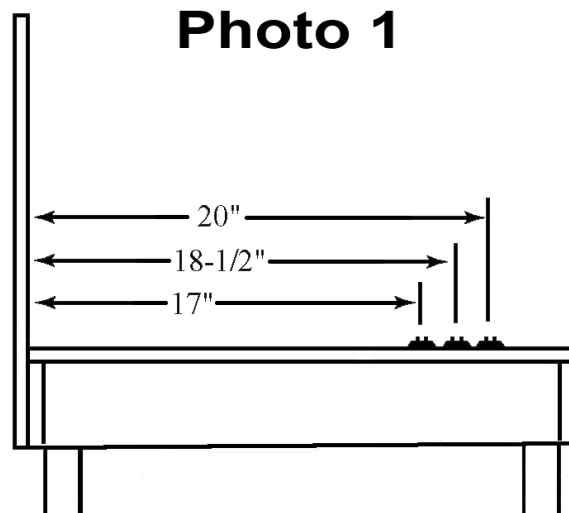
(TBC)August 18 – 26, 2019 – SHOW –Kitsap County Fair, Bremerton

NTRAK Musing

By Bert Cripe

The NTRAK manual is very clear and specific about track placement. The three track centerline locations are measured from the rear of the module towards the front. I always felt the locations should be referenced from the front of the module which would result in having the front edges aligned. After much thought about this, I realized the intent is to have the skyboards align for a uniform edge along the rear of a layout setup at shows.

Photo 1 illustrates the required track centerline placement from the rear of the module. It is important to note this measurement is from the front surface of the skyboard/rear surface of the module and NOT from the rear surface of the skyboard. Realize the skyboard material and thickness is left up to the module builder, thus skyboard thickness will vary between modules. By measuring from the front surface of the skyboard, an even front surface of the skyboard will be present along the modules in the setup.



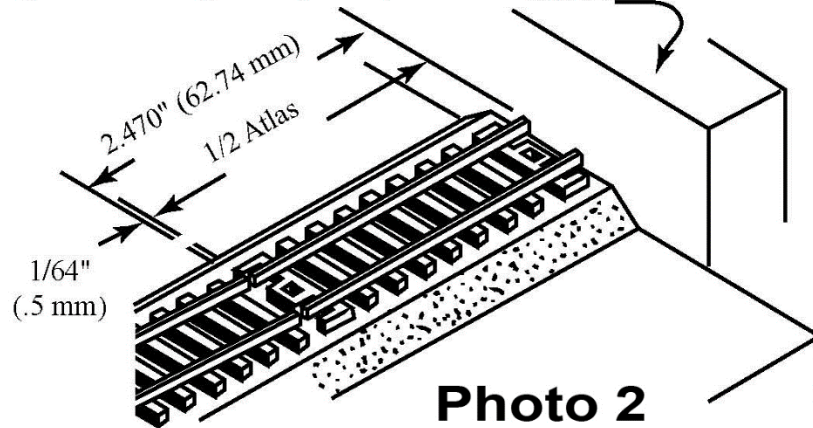
This presents a bit of an issue in the case of modules built with the optional 6-inches added to the rear edge. A builder of a module with this option will need to take extra care to ensure track centerline placement is correct. The NTRAK manual give details about how the skyboard is built for this extra rear depth option.

Photo 2 illustrates the placement of the end of the track near the left and right endplates. The NTRAK standard is to end the track 2.470 inches from the face of the endplate. To make this easier, it is suggested the builder use the longer (2.455

inch) piece of sectional track from an Atlas Sectional Track Assortment (#2509 \$5.95 retail) and a piece of wood clamped to the module faceplate. I have this piece of sectional track available to loan to you if you decide to use this method. Photo 2

Note: Some Atlas track assortments have two 1/2 sections of slightly different length. Use the longer one. (2.455")

Clamp a scrap of plywood to the end of the module.



shows this method and it is important to note the 1/64-inch space to be left between the end of the module track and the temporary spacer track.

Some of the clubs' local standards and recommendations that I have found online mention the installation of a piece of Atlas sectional track at each end of the flex track. The idea is that the sectional track is more rigid than the flex track and thus provides a more secure point for the joiner tracks to connect to when the modules are joined in a layout setup. Our local standards so not address this idea. Perhaps after the experience of several setups we will be able to make a decision about that idea.

NEUMANN'S CROSSINGS

by Bill Hupé



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Accurail (www accurail.com) Has announced the following HO freight cars scheduled for production in September: L&N/SCL Family Lines Pullman Standard 3-Bay Covered Hopper; Nashville Chattanooga & St Louis 36' Fowler Wood Boxcar; Philadelphia & Reading 36' Double Sheath Wood Boxcar w/Wood Ends and Straight Underframe; Limited Run Southern Pacific 'Overnight' AAR Boxcar (3-car set); Western Pacific 50' Plug Door Steel Boxcar; CB&Q Burlington 50' Superior Door Steele Boxcar; Soo Line 40' Wood Stock Car; and Maine Central USRA Twin Hopper (3-car set).

Micro Trains Line (www micro-train.com) : Has announced the following new N scale releases: UP 50' Standard Boxcar w/ double doors (4-car set); 70' heavyweight horse car is grey with white and black lettering and runs on 6-wheel passenger trucks; 40' double-sheathed wood reefers (Bananas Fruit Dispatch Company)(in two different #s); and Union Pacific (WWII Poster Series #7) 50' troop kitchen car is dark green and runs on Allied Full Cushion trucks.



Atlas (www atlasrr.com): Announced the release of a HO Scale Master 40' Postwar Boxcar/6' 7' & 8' Door. Spurred by the postwar business boom and to replace worn out equipment, North American railroads built large numbers of 40' box cars to the AAR standard designs beginning in 1945. Prototypes were built with different combinations of roof styles, ends and doors. Their tooling includes many of the more common options for these details. Features: 4 different end styles (4/4, Early and Late Improved Dreadnaught or "Dartnot"); 2 different roofs (straight or diagonal panel); Superior or Youngstown doors; seven or eight rung ladders; fully detailed underframe; free rolling trucks with blackened metal wheelsets; and carefully researched prototypical paint schemes. Available in the following roads with multiple road numbers: Norfolk Southern; Indiana Harbor Belt; Montana Rail Link; Pittsburgh & Lake Erie; Gulf, Mobile & Ohio; and Santa Fe.

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RAILROAD TRIVIA

How many miles of track make up the Maine Central?

Answer in next month's Flimsy

Answer to last month's trivia

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

8,316 miles in length. Its trains carry freight, passengers, mail and express in the area between the Great Lakes and the Pacific Ocean. The railway operates in Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota, Iowa, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California, and in the Canadian provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia.



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