

THE FLIMSY BOARD



Club table at June 15th SWAP Meet. Bill Hupé, Bob Wojcikowski, Wes Stevens, and Dan Weston manning.
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NEXT CLUB EVENTS:

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 7–13 – NMRA Convention, Salt Lake City, UT

July 12-14 – NMRA National Train Show, Salt Lake City, UT

July 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

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MEETING NOTICE:

The regular Business Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Business meetings are held at United Way of Kitsap County, 647 4th St, Bremerton, WA at 7:00 PM. If the first Monday is a holiday, when the meeting day shall be the second Monday of the month.

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OFF THE MAINLINE



Greetings all....

The SWAP meet was a great success. We netted a record amount. I want to thank the members of my committee and all the Club members who turned out. We had one vendor who didn't show up and a couple unexpected additions. I have had very positive feedback from the vendors. They all felt the Mall was a much better location than last year's. I always like our SWAP meet because it allows me the opportunity to talk with members of the local model railroad community. I picked up a couple of jewels. I got a NYC Boxcar from Jim Beyerley's layout and a CP 2-bay hopper from Keith Parker's estate sale. What did you get?

This month's meeting is important. Unfortunately we have member's attending the NMRA Convention and may be missing. Please attend!

Bill

Model Railroading in Fun!



The Semaphore Board

July 2019

During the clinic time following last month's meeting, I was going to present a EasyDCC Tutorial. However, the meeting ran longer than expected, so the clinic was deferred. The group thought it would be a good idea to have the clinic at the operating layout when the members could have the command station available for their use. That sounded good to me, at the time.

Later, I thought about it some more and decided that having only two command stations for eighteen members wouldn't work very well. It would be very crowded around the stations. If only we had nine or more stations. So, now the clinic, EasyDCC, A Brief Tutorial, is scheduled for the July meeting. I wanted to get that clinic done before our display at the Kitsap County Fair in August so the members could practice using the system from end of setup to beginning of take down, should they so desire.

Eight of you kept the handout and I have six copies left. Also, thanks to Bert, the handout is posted on our web site. Thank you, Bert. If you need a copy, either download it, or pick one up at the clinic.

As mentioned above, our next show is at the Kitsap County Fair. This year, in addition to our main layout, we will have two small layouts available for operation by the public. These layouts are the result of donations and work of our members. Bert, Bruce, Bill, Michael and Bob J have been instrumental in getting the layouts up and running. I sure there were others, but I don't know all that helped. If I missed anyone, I apologize. I thank all for their efforts on these layouts.

With this additional demand on our resources, it makes it doubly important that you volunteer as much time as possible and get your signup sheets in early. The N-Trak Division is coordinating the small layout support and I am doing a similar function for the main layout. The Fair Show signup sheet for the HO Kitsap Western is in this Flimsy Board.

Last month we had our swap meet at the Kitsap Mall. I think it went fairly well except that one of our members wasn't feeling up to par. He is feeling better now, and I hope he remains so. He was the only one at the Club's swap tables and, luckily, another member walked by and promptly found me to take him home. At least two members jumped to take over at the tables. I thank them.

I thank Bill and his committee for their efforts in organizing the meet and trust we had a successful meet.

The committee did not schedule anyone to any of the jobs and relied upon the members to help where needed. Did that work? I'm asking the members to reach their conclusions and let the Board know.

Tom Barrett

BNMR Year Schedule

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
September 9, 2019, 6:00 – Board meeting location to be determined
September 9, 2019, 7:00 p.m., – BNMR Business meeting, at Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church, 9300 Nels Nelson Rd NW, Bremerton (delayed one week because of Labor Day).
September 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton
September 20 – 22, 2019 – SHOW – North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Train Show & Swap, Port Angeles
October 4 – 6, 2019– SHOW – Lynden Lions Model Train Show, Lynden
October 7, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm
October 7, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
October 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton
November 1-3, 2019 – SHOW – Retsil Veteran’s Home Show, Port Orchard
November 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm
November 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
November 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton
November 29 - December 1, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division MOHAI Train Show, Seattle
December 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm
December 2, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – Annual Election Meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
December 10, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton
January 6, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – Annual Dinner & BNMR Business Meeting, at The Family Pancake House on Kitsap Way, Bremerton.
January 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton,
January 17-20, 2020 – Pacific Science Center Show, Seattle (no Kitsap Western layout)
January 17-19, 2020 – SHOW – Great American Train Show, Puyallup
February 3, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm
February 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
February 11, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton,
(TBC) February 22-24 or 29-Mar 1, 2020 – SHOW – United North West Train Show & Marketplace, Monroe
March 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm
March 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
March 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton
March 27 – 29, 2020 – SHOW – Retsil Veterans’ Home Show, Port Orchard
April 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm
April 6, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
April 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton,
April 24 – 26, 2020 – SHOW – Brookdale Montclair Poulso
May 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm
May 4, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton
May 12, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton
June 1, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm
June 1, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton,
June 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton,
June 20, 2020– BNMR Swap Meet, Kitsap Mall, Silverdale

Kitsap Western Signup Sheet:
Show Name: Kitsap County Fair, Bremerton

Dates: August 18 through 26, 2019

Setup: Sunday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Layout Babysitting: August 18, after setup, through Tuesday, August 20, whenever the building is open (approximately 8 a.m.-10 p.m.) and Sunday, August 25, until approximately midnight.

Operation: Wednesday, August 21, through Sunday, August 25

Take down: Monday, August 26, 10:00 a.m.

Clearly indicate your available times and requested positions. Submit by August 8, 2019, to Tom Barrett. Be sure you have provided the KC Volunteer form to Bob Jensen so that you may be included in the scheduling. If you need a form, contact Bob.

I will be at setup at the Pavilion during the date and time above: yes no

I will be at take down at the date and time above: yes no

I can be at the fairgrounds for babysitting the layout. (Specify times available following date):

 Sunday, August 18 (after setup [about 1 p.m.] until about 10 p.m.):

 Monday, August 19 (8:00 a.m. until about 10:00 p.m.):

 Tuesday, August 20 (8:00 a.m. until about 10:00 p.m.):

 Sunday, August 25 (6 p.m. until approximately midnight):

I will be at the show and available to operate the Kitsap Western HO during the indicated hours:
(The first shift below is babysitting the layout before opening to the public.)

Wednesday:	8:00-12:00		12:00-6:00	4:00-9:00
Thursday:	8:00-10:00	10:00-3:00	12:00-6:00	4:00-9:00
Friday:	8:00-10:00	10:00-3:00	12:00-6:00	4:00-9:00
Saturday:	8:00-10:00	10:00-3:00	12:00-6:00	4:00-9:00
Sunday:	8:00-10:00	10:00-3:00	12:00-7:00	

I prefer to serve as: (Note: ML and BL engineers may be assigned Yard Master/Dispatcher duties before and/or after running.)

 Mainline Engineer

 Branch Line Engineer

 Starburst Mine (candy module)

Notes: (add any notes that might assist in scheduling work time and Fair parking pass procurement.)

Your Name:

NTRAK Musing

By Bert Cripe

Plans for the coming months:

The N Scale Division has taken over responsibility for the small, portable layouts we will use for children at shows. At this time, we have two HO layouts (one was operable at the swap meet) and two N layouts. All of them need work with a range of degrees. The two not operable ones need some TLC which we will be working on in the coming months.

Our efforts to complete a basic NTRAK layout are progressing, but somewhat slowly. I will be devoting my efforts towards that after I return from the National Train Show in Salt Lake City at the end of July. My present efforts are totally devoted to housekeeping and upgrades to my Free-mo N modules which will be used at Salt Lake City. Our combined group layout floor space is 8000 square feet – the largest at the show. We have 10 Free-mo N clubs participating this year.

At our swap meet, I spoke to members of the North Olympic Peninsula Train Club about displaying an NTRAK layout. We will be allowed some floor space at their September show for our modules. To make that happen we need to get as many straight modules ready to run trains as we can. At this time the scenery only needs to be the ‘bare’ minimum. That means no unpainted wood or foam. Since the floor space at the venue is limited, we will be building two return loop modules so that a ‘dogbone’ style layout can be used in place of the more traditional open-center loop typically seen. The ‘dogbone’ style will fit better against the wall in their small venue. There will be a very minimal cost for these two new modules since we have enough Kato Unitrack curved sections available, a stash of re-claimed wood, wiring, other items from donations, and hardware on-hand to build them.

One straight module I constructed, a bare-bones unit without track or wiring, has been sold to Bob W. It is painted and ready to receive track and wiring. The proceeds from this sale will go to construct another straight module. Harold W. also has at least one ‘bare-bones’ module needing to be completed. On a final note: Please refer to the National NTRAK and our local standards when building your modules. I cannot overstate the importance of building our modules to the standards so that we have the best possibility for trouble free operations. We don’t need completed scenery, perhaps just some ground foam

NTRAK Musing

By Bert Cripe

– no exposed, unpainted wood or foam base. We will need some skirting material, which I think I have enough of for this first show.

If you are unable to download these documents, let me know so I can provide printed copies for you.

Before our first public show we will need to inspect each module and certify it for use in accordance with our inspection check-off sheet in our local standards which are available here: <http://www.bnmrr.org/nscale.html>. A link to the National NTRAK standards can be found on this page also.

2019 BNMR SWAP meet (*photograph by Bob Jensen used with permission*)





ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tangent Scale Models (www.tangentscalemodels.com): Has introduced their latest all-new freight car replica: The General American 1948-Design 8000 Gallon Welded General Service Tank Car. Following World War II, General American Transportation Company transitioned away from riveted construction techniques for tank cars produced at the company's Sharon PA plant. In 1948 GATC first released "all-welded" tank and underframe designs of their general service, non-insulated tank cars. In many ways these cars looked similar to their pre-war predecessors, except that they were missing the many circumferential rivets that defined that production era. These tank cars remained in service into the 1980s, even without safety platforms, and were utilized for a variety of services including corn syrup, caustic soda (sodium hydroxide), fatty acid, molasses, sodium chlorate, vinegar, fuel oil and other petroleum products, etc. These were very common tank cars, not oddballs! Their June 2019 production of GATC 1948-Design 8,000 Gallon Welded General Service Tank Cars includes TWO RTR paint schemes, plus a fully assembled RTR painted undecorated car. GATX Hooker "Wilmington CA 1953+" leads off in the classic Hooker bright orange and black paint scheme with the black and white Hooker logo. Lettered for Caustic Soda use from their production plant in Wilmington CA, this sharp car is available in 4 numbers. GATX Black Lease "Original 1948+" answers the call for the "plain black" GATX paint lease option for shippers. This scheme is available in 4 numbers. Undecorated RTR 1948+ provides a fully assembled car for those who want to exercise their modeling skills and finish their own. This car is painted black, and ready for decals.

Fast Tracks Hobbyworks (www.handlaidtrack.com): Is pleased to announce the Last Resort Chair Co. from Mt Albert Scale Lumber. This is the first new O Scale craftsman kit from Mt. Albert since the change of ownership in 2017. This structure represents a typical small line-side industry that could be found anywhere in North America from the early 1900s to the present. It is not based on a specific prototype but complements many small industries we have seen and photographed over the years. The covered loading dock is typical of furniture factories. The kit features: many laser cut components - main structure cut from hardboard for

NEUMANN'S CROSSINGS

by Bill Hupé



stability; tab and slot construction for easier assembly - simple alignment means good results the first time; several templates and jigs for assembly; Mt. Albert strip wood - the industry standard for quality

custom laser cut windows and freight doors - unique designs; laser cut brick, from photos of actual walls; Tichy Products man doors; all laser cut roofing material supplied complete ITLA roof details kit - made under license from Imagine That Laser Art; detailed water tank with framed base and intricate fire escape - a kit in its own right; custom resin cyclone on laser cut stand - cast for Mt. Albert by Sylvan Scale Models; includes 7-piece furniture set, including 3 chairs, a rocking chair, 2 tables and a footstool - additional furniture also available separately. 11 ¼" x 16" Footprint.

McKenzie Brothers Timber Co (www.mckenziebrotherstimber.com): Produce a custom line of realistic trees. Check out their web site.

RAILROAD TRIVIA

How many miles of track did Central Railroad of New Jersey operate?

Answer in next month's Flimsy

Answer to last month's trivia:

How many miles of track did the Spokane International Railroad operate?

The Spokane International Railroad was a small, Class I, system that served its namesake town as well as most of Idaho's northern panhandle before terminating in extreme southern British Columbia along a route that was roughly 150 miles in length. Due to its remote nature in the upper Pacific Northwest it is often forgotten among the ranks of the classic fallen flag systems. The SI was funded and built (although not owned) thanks to the Canadian Pacific, which had an interest in the route itself as a means of tapping into the growing Puget Sound traffic base, then controlled by the Northern Pacific and soon after, Great Northern. Eventually, the system was wrestled away from CP by Union Pacific in the late 1950s. Officially, the SI remained on paper for roughly another 30 years before being dissolved. Today, the entire SI main line remains in use by UP as a strategic connection with CP.