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Bert Cripe operating with the Free-mo group at the National Train Show in Salt Lake City July 2019
(photograph by Ken Leisse used with permission)

NEXT CLUB EVENTS:

August 3, 2019, 9:30 a.m. – 4th Division BOD meeting at the Northwest Railway Archives, Burien

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

August 18 – 26, 2019 – SHOW – Kitsap County Fair, 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....

It seems strange to not be working on the layout in July. Bob was using his garage so it was not available. We will have 2 days of babysitting before the County Fair and we should be able to make some tweeks, nothing major. I'll be there during the morning and early afternoon hours, so consider coming out and working.

I looking forward to hearing back from the Mall Committee on the status of our lease.

Perhaps after the fair we can move modules in and do major refreshing.

I've been working on a few model projects. I have set a goal of completing the DPM kit from the 4th Div Spring Meet by the West Side Clinic. This months Clinic will be

"Operation and computer car routing on the Midland Northern" presented by Steve Hauff.

Bill

Model Railroading in Fun!



The Semaphore Board

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This month is our show at the Kitsap County Fair. Though not well advertised yet, entry to the Fair will be free. They are only charging for special events and parking. As has been the norm, members helping with our display will get parking passes for the days that they are helping. The signup sheet for the HO Kitsap Western was in last month's Flimsy Board and has a submittal deadline of 8 August. If you need an electronic copy of the signup sheet emailed to you, let me know and I will get one to you.

If you are interested in helping with the small, kids, layouts, let the N-Trak Division know that you are available.

About a month later we have another show in Port Angeles with the North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders at their swap meet and show. Not only will we have our HO Kitsap Western, our N-Trak Division will be displaying their N-scale efforts for the first time. NOPR has assured me that we have top billing in their advertising. The signup sheet for the HO Division is in this Flimsy Board.

Two weeks later, we are off to Lynden for the Lynden Lions Club Model Train Show. The show's signup sheet will be in next month's Flimsy Board.

Then, the following month, we are at Retsil to entertain the veterans.

Boy! Are we busy!

For the General Business Meeting, I have changed the clinic subjects around a little. This month we will have a general discussion about track and wheel cleaning. I'm hoping that subject is more appropriate with the shows that we have coming up.

Tom Barrett

BNMR Year Schedule

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

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 Poulsbo

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 July 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

July 6, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at United Way Building, Bremerton

July 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

Signup Sheet:

BNMR Kitsap Western Signup Sheet:

Show Name: North Olympic Peninsula Railroader's Train Show & Swap Meet

Dates: September 20 - 22, 2019

Setup: Friday, September 20 at 1:00 p.m.

Operation: Saturday, September 21, and Sunday, September 22

Take down: Sunday, September 22, 3:00 p.m. following show.

Reply and indicate your available times and positions or entering text as appropriate by September 12, 2018, to Tom Barrett.

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

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

I will be at the show:

Saturday: 10:00-2:00 12:00-5:00

Sunday: 10:00-2:00 12:00-3:00

I am willing to serve as: Mainline Engineer,
 Branch Line Engineer,
 Starburst Mine

Notes: (add any notes that might assist in scheduling of work time)

Your Name:



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motrak Models (motrakmodelsusa.com): Announced a re-release/new structure kit HO Scale Little Depot. The Little Depot was their very first structure kit back 2006. This depot was loosely based on a depot outside of St. Paul, MN. They made some changes from the original kit. The new kit has a wooden platform, random width and length shake shingles, and comes with benches. Kit includes: Laser-cut wood walls, laser-cut shake shingles, laser-cut roof supports, Tichy windows and door, scale 6' long benches (2), and easy to follow instructions. Structure dimension are: 3-3/4" x 2-1/2" Retail Price - \$35.00 Limited run of 50 kits.

Woodland Scenics (woodlandscenics.woodlandscenics.com): Announced coming soon to the Woodland Classics line, Cherry Blossoms (TR3594). Cherry Blossoms are deciduous trees that thrive in sunlight and temperate climates. These trees are easily recognized by their pink or white flowers that bloom in the spring. Use a combination of types and sizes of trees throughout your layout for superior realism. Trees have a planting pin and an optional detachable base for temporary placement. Cherry Blossom trees range from 1 3/4" to 2 1/4" in height, and there are three in a package.

MTH Electric Trains (www.mthtrains.com): M.T.H. Electric Trains has announced several uncataloged Premier O Scale freight cars in Nickel Plate Road and U.S. Army liveries exclusively for M.T.H. Authorized Retailer Stockyard Express. Each car is limited in production and is only available directly from Stockyard Express.

Bay Window Caboose

As freight cars grew taller, observing a train from the cupola of a caboose became increasingly difficult. In the wooden car era, another problem with cupola cabooses was sagging roofs. To solve these problems, the Akron, Canton & Youngstown railroad introduced the bay window caboose in 1923. (In fact, however, bay windows had been used on New York & Harlem Railroad passenger cars as far back as the 1850s, to enable conductors to better anticipate station arrivals.) In 1930 the Baltimore & Ohio became the first railroad to adopt the bay window style

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as its standard caboos; it never purchased another cupola model. During the same decade, the Milwaukee Road and the Northern Pacific built substantial bay window fleets as well. But it was immediately after World War II that the bay window design became widespread, as car heights increased significantly, and cupolas became less and less useful. As with diesels and other modern freight cars, these postwar bay window cabooses were part of the shift away from customized, railroad-specific locos and cars toward standardized designs produced in large quantities on efficient assembly lines. Key builders of bay window cabooses included International Car Company and American Car & Foundry.



Item No. 20-91678 Nickel Plate Road Bay Window Caboose

MSRP: \$74.95

Arriving: Jan. 2020

Flat Car w/ (2) PUP Trailers

MTH Premier O Scale freight cars are the perfect complement to any manufacturer's scale proportioned O Gauge locomotives. Whether you prefer to purchase cars separately or assemble a unit train, MTH Premier Rolling Stock has the cars for you in a variety of car types and paint schemes. Virtually every sturdy car is offered in two car numbers which makes it even easier than ever to combine them into a multi-car consist. Many of MTH's Premier Rolling Stock offerings can also operate on the tightest O Gauge curves giving them even more added versatility to your layout.



Item No. 20-95405 U.S. Army Bay Flat Car w/(2) PUP Trailers

Car No.: DDDX 1948, 1949

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Item No. 20-95407 Nickel Plate Road Bay Flat
Car w/(2) PUP Trailers

Car No's: 3331, 3336

MSRP: \$79.95 Arriving: Aug. 2019



Item No. 20-95409 Nickel Plate Road Bay Flat
Car w/(2) PUP Trailers

Car No.: 3334, 3337

MSRP: \$79.95 Arriving: Aug. 2019

Each of these items is exclusively available from Stockyard Express. Contact them directly for ordering details.

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RAILROAD TRIVIA

How many miles of track did Missouri Pacific operate?

Answer in next month's Flimsy

Answer to last month's trivia:

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

The Central Railroad of New Jersey has gone by several different names from CNJ to Jersey Central. Regardless of its many titles the CNJ was a New Jersey institution although it was only regional in operation and, at its peak, just 711 miles in length. The Jersey Central served much of its home state along with

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northwestern Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. via a partnership with the Baltimore & Ohio. It also acquired a part of the old Lehigh & New England during the 1960s. The demise of the CNJ was the result of several factors including a region too saturated with railroads, stiff government regulation, and markets already served by more efficient competitors (such as the Pennsylvania and Reading). However, for all these setbacks the railroad was further burdened by heavy taxation through the state of New Jersey. These issues ultimately led to the railroad's bankruptcy and inclusion into Conrail in 1976. Today, little remains of the old CNJ lines.

