

# THE FLIMSY BOARD

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Santa visits BNMR at the Kitsap Mall  
*(photograph by Rick Scott, used with permission)*

## **NEXT CLUB EVENTS:**

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#### MEETING NOTICE:

The regular Business Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month. Business meetings are held at our Clubhouse, Space K01 (next to Kohl's) Kitsap Mall, Silverdale, 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**



Happy Thanksgiving Greetings all....

What a whirlwind month in clubhouse at the Kitsap Mall. I have been there almost 6 days a week working on scenery. Bob, Bert, Bruce, Michael, Dick, Tom, Peter, Russell and Erik have been in working on the layouts and running trains.

We have gained one new member Erik Thorsen. Welcome Erik.

We were paid a visit this past week from Santa who wanted advise on trains.

Last month Tom announced his resignation from the position of Club President. Thank you Tom for your work as President.

This month's Club meetings, our annual election meeting, will be held at the Clubhouse in the Mall. Please try to attend.

This months 4<sup>th</sup> Div Clinic will be dirty Santa gift exchange and our annual Food Drive.

This is my last issue as Editor and Publisher. Bert has stepped forward and wants to take over.

**Model Railroading in Fun!**

*Bill*



# The Semaphore Board

## December 2019

Don't forget the elections for club officers occur this month. All but two board positions are up for election. Please think about nominations and, maybe, volunteering to fill one of those six positions as well as Sergeant of Arms. Also think about your suggestion for member of the year.

Bremerton Northern Model Railroad has entered into a new era. The HO, N and a couple of kid's layouts are now setup in the Mall. You should have many opportunities to operate trains. We are required to be open to the public every Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm, and to facilitate this effort, the Board has suspended the show schedule for the HO layout. We will need all of you to step up and be available for Saturdays as much as possible.

This new era effects more than the shows. With no shows, there is no need for a show crew list and, of course, no formal signup sheet needed. (However, there is a way to sign up your Saturday availability via our web site, contact Bert C should you have questions.)

The Semaphore Board became my way of letting the members know of activities a couple of months ahead of the event and give some status of those activities.

I began the Semaphore Board column around 2007 because, at that time, the only articles in the Flimsy Board were from Bill H and I thought, maybe, it would stimulate others to write articles. At that time, I included a schedule of shows and meetings for you to refer to.

Later, I took over the scheduling from Wes S and included the "official" signup sheet for the HO Division's shows. I quickly found that the printed signup sheet was not as convenient as emailed copies, I then started emailing copies near the first of the month and at least three weeks before the show. Most of you took advantage of that emailed copy and replied your answer to me.

Now, with no shows there is no need for signup sheets or show crew lists. With the only activity being meetings and Saturday operations, there is no need for my column. In fact there is little need for the club schedule.

Therefore, after more than 12 years in print, the Semaphore Board column and its included activity sheets are retired.

In addition, for those who were not at the November Business meeting, I have resigned as your president.

Tom Barrett

## **BNMR Year Schedule:**

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 Kitsap Mall, Silverdale**

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 (TBC)**

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 K W layout)

(TBC) 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 Kitsap Mall, Silverdale**

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 Kitsap Mall, Silverdale**

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 Kitsap Mall, Silverdale**

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 Kitsap Mall, Silverdale**

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 Kitsap Mall, Silverdale**

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 Kitsap Mall, Silverdale**

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

August 3, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

**August 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at Kitsap Mall, Silverdale**

August 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

(TBC) August 23-31, 2019 – ~~SHOW~~ – Kitsap County Fair, Bremerton [may be a week earlier]

September 8, 2020, 7:00 p.m. NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

September 14, 2020, 6:00 – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

**September 14, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at Kitsap Mall, Silverdale (delayed one week because of Labor Day).**

(TBC) September 18-20, 2020 – ~~SHOW~~ – North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Train Show & Swap, Port Angeles

(TBC) October 2-4, 2020 – ~~SHOW~~ – Lynden Lions Model Train Show, Lynden

October 5, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

**October 5, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at Kitsap Mall, Silverdale**

October 13, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

(TBC) October 16-18, 2020 – ~~SHOW~~ – Gracie Hanson Center show, Ravensdale (Maple Valley)

~~November 6-8, 2019 – SHOW – Retsil Veteran's Home Show, Port Orchard~~

November 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – Board meeting, contact the President to confirm

**November 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – BNMR Business meeting, at Kitsap Mall, Silverdale**

November 10, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – NMRA 4th Division Clinic at United Way Building, Bremerton

November 25- 29, 2020, – NMRA 4th Division MOHAI Train Show, Seattle

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MTH ([mthtrains.com](http://mthtrains.com)):** HO Scale MTH HO ES44AC Diesel Engine w/Proto-Sound 3.0. Brighten up your HO layout with this unique and colorful Christmas ES44 Diesel with operating charging lights. Featuring digital sound and a 28 F-Function DCC Decoder, this powerful diesel is as fun to operate as it is to watch. Based on the real-life ES44, the body is mounted atop a powerful metal chassis and features a smooth operating and powerful 5-pole motor.



Like all M.T.H. locomotives, our new 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.

**Woodland Scenics (<https://woodlandscenics.woodlandscenics.com/>):**

Announced coming in December new Peel 'n' Place Tufts™. Peel 'n' Place Tufts allow you to model a variety of grassy plants often found in fields, meadows and pastures. As an extension of the Field System™, these Tufts are ready-made and can be used right out of the package. Simply peel the Tufts from the tray and place them where desired. There are five different types of Tufts available: Grass Tufts, Flowering Tufts, Seeding Tufts, Prairie Grass and Edging Strips.

**Ring Engineering (<https://www.ringengineering.com/>):** Ring Engineering, recently announced updated technology in their easy to use and powerful RailPro model train control system because we believe you should spend your time having fun with your model trains and not learning cryptic programming of variables,



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memorizing what function buttons do, and other complexities required by typical digital control systems. In addition to ease of use, RailPro's Direct Radio adds simplicity and capabilities that are only available with a RailPro system. RailPro products by Ring Engineering are professional model railroad control products, which can be enjoyed by beginners and experts alike.

**Frenchman River Model Works (<http://frenchmanriver.com/>):** Recently announced Shingle Sheets. Use this versatile sheet of shingles to quickly and easily cover a wall or roof of your building. They developed this material to make their own masters for the kits they produce and are now making this sheet material available to you for use on your own creations. The original for this sheet was made from real oak wood making the wood grain clearly visible in each shingle. Available in HO and O/On30 Scales. Consider using in S Scale as well. Why Resin? This material is easily cut, drilled, filed, sanded and otherwise modified to meet your needs. You can even carefully warm the resin and wrap it around a form to make things like silos or towers. Unlike real wood shingle products, this won't warp when you use water or alcohol paints and stains. The resin is wood colored making it the ideal place to start. Simply add weathering paints and stains to create any number of aged and weathered looks.



## RAILROAD TRIVIA

**How many miles of track does the Connecticut Central Railroad operate?**

*Answer in next month's Flimsy*

*Answer to last month's trivia:*

**How many miles of track did the Southern Railway of Vancouver Island operate?**

The Southern Railway of Vancouver Island (reporting mark SVI) is 234 kilometres (145 mi) in length, and is the only remaining railway on Vancouver Island, after the formal closure of the Englewood Railway in November 2017. The Southern

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Railway's railroad runs from Victoria to Courtenay, with a branch line from Parksville to Port Alberni. In 2006, the Island Corridor Foundation acquired the railway's ownership from the Canadian Pacific Railway and RailAmerica. Both freight service and the crown corporation Via Rail passenger service have been suspended indefinitely due to deferred maintenance on the railroad.

Port Alberni Station is today only used by the heritage Alberni Pacific Railway



# STEVE'S STRAIGHTS

Thanksgiving 2019 greetings from Malvern & Ouachita Valley environs.

The late Tom Hall, when he was editor of the *Flimsy Board*, ran a series on the club members, with information such as how they became interested in railroading. I was the featured member for March 1977. Tom stated that my interest sprang from watching trains as they operated in the heart of Malvern. Indeed, those train-watching sessions go back almost to when I was a toddler. But on Wednesday, November 13, I had a train-watching session for the ages.

Last month, I mentioned the *Trains* article that stated No. 4014 was going “where no 4-8-8-4 has gone before.” Just before noon on the 13<sup>th</sup>, I waited along with about a thousand others for the arrival of No. 4014. Malvern was a stop. The Big Boy was scheduled to arrive at noon and leave at 12:45 p.m. He was only about ten minutes late (a railroad museum curator once told me that the Union Pacific Big Boy was the only steam locomotive referred to by a male pronoun). So, my Nikon D5100 was a busy camera for 45 minutes. The three attached pix are the ones I liked best.

I am delighted that the club now has a new location for the layout in the Kitsap Mall.

This is about it. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

YIMRR, Steve

