

THE FLIMSY BOARD



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status.



PRR passenger train transiting Tunnel Mountain on the N scale layout.

APRIL CLUBHOUSE SCHEDULE

Dates and times are subject to change—consult the website for updates.

- 2nd Open House 11 am to 3pm.
- 6th Open House 12 pm to 4pm.
- 7th Business Meeting, 6 pm at the clubhouse.
- 9th Open House 11 am to 3pm.
- 12th 4D Westside Clinic, 6 pm at the clubhouse.
- 13th Open House 12 pm to 4pm.
- 16th Open House 11 am to 3pm.
- 20th Open House 12 pm to 4pm.
- 23rd Open House 11 am to 3pm.
- 27th Open House 12 pm to 4pm.
- 30th Open House 11 am to 3pm.

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MEETINGS NOTICE:

The Board meetings are held quarterly in the Kitsap Mall, Silverdale. If the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting will be rescheduled to the second Monday of the month. The January meeting is our annual dinner meeting held at a local restaurant.

Business meetings are held on the Thursday following the Board meeting in the clubhouse.

OFFICERS:

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CLUB MEMBERS EARN AP CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to these club members who recently received Achievement Program Certificates:

Service to the Hobby

Association Volunteer:

Tom Barrett, Peter Bieber, Michael Boyle, Jim Callahan, Jerry Enders, Bruce Himmerick, Bill Hupé, Dave Woodard, and Dick Stivers.

Engineering and Operation

Chief Dispatcher

Jack Hamilton, MMR

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NEW MEMBER REPORT

No new members in March



LIBRARY REPORT

The shelving is up, but not completely finished. I want to connect the shelf pieces to reduce the expected warping due to the weight of the materials on the shelves. And, yes, the shelves are getting full.

I have “emptied” two of the totes provided by Rick of mall security and will be working on the others in the upcoming weeks. Additional donations may be placed in the totes as labeled.

Speaking of donations, I have cataloged the “Trains” magazines and videos donated by Leonard and added two more holders for the added magazines. Thanks Leonard.

I’m sure others have donated items to the library and I thank them. Unfortunately, in most cases, I don’t know where they came from. I just catalog them into the computer as I find them.

The catalog listing is on the club’s computer at the programming station with a shortcut to it on its desktop.

Library checkout forms are on the library shelves. If you want to check something out, please fill out the form and place it where you removed the items. Let me know if you have any comments on the checkout procedure. Thanks.

After the move into the new space, I compared the computer file for the books with what material was on hand. We were missing a few books, so I filled out a form without a person’s name. The checkout procedure is relatively new and I know that some of you borrowed books before the procedure was in place. If you did borrow materials, I’d appreciate it if you would provide a name for the checkout.

Cataloging is a slow process, but it is slowly getting done.

.... Tom Barrett
Librarian

THE ANNUAL SWAP MEET IS BACK!

What: A swap meet with vendors and individuals offering model trains, books, memorabilia, etc.

When: Saturday, June 18th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Where: Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church, 9300 Nels Nelson Rd NW in Bremerton, Washington

The church is about 5 miles north of downtown Bremerton and about 1 mile east of Silverdale.

Vendor set up in the secure building will be available on Friday afternoon.

Vendor tables are available for \$30 each (a drop in cost from last year).

Contact Michael Boyle at boyle10017@comcast.net for registration details.



BUILDING THE RIGHT SIZE LAYOUT

BOOK REVIEW

Building *The Right-Sized Layout* is an all-new book written by well-known Model Railroader magazine contributor Thomas Klimoski which features 5 track plans demonstrating how to build a fulfilling layout while maintaining a manageable size, cost, and time investment.

Price: \$21.99

Introduction What is a right-sized layout?

Chapter 1 The Right-Sized Layout - Determining the right-sized layout for you

Chapter 2 Track planning - Factors to consider when designing your track plan

Chapter 3 Layout construction - Efficient use of space, benchwork, and layout room aesthetics

Chapter 4 Prototype inspired track plans - Looking to the prototype for layout design ideas

Chapter 5 Prototype operations - Prototype rules and procedures that can be applied to model railroading

Chapter 6 Detailing operations - Adopting prototype practices can enhance your operating session

Chapter 7 Operating session paperwork - You need to know where the trains are supposed to go, and what to do when they get there

Chapter 8 Conducting operating sessions - Making your guests feel comfortable and welcome on your layout

Have an extra spare room in your house? Downsizing your layout? Building *The Right-Sized Layout* is the perfect book to help with planning a room-sized layout for your home. This new book features 5 track plans covering

details on how to create a manageable layout with space, time, and resources in mind.

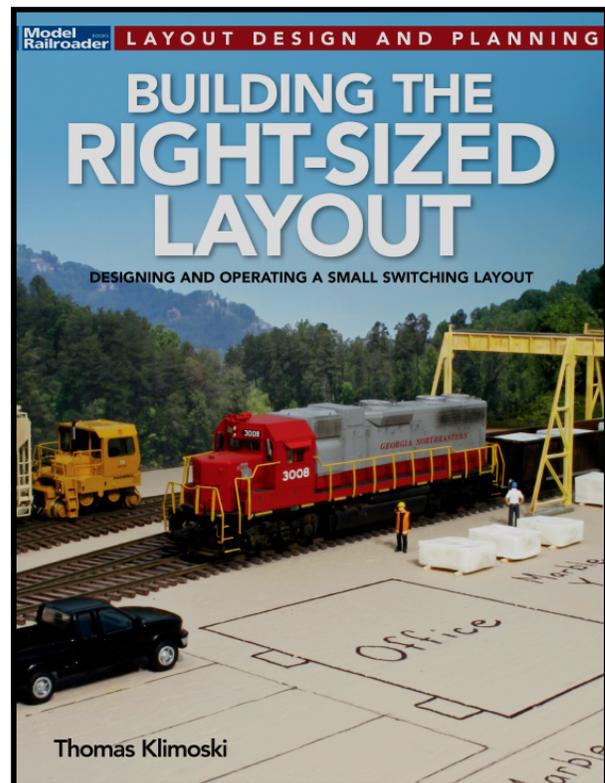
You'll find:

- Track planning strategies
- Construction techniques
- Room-planning concepts
- Tips on operating once your layout is built

Featuring author Thomas Klimoski's Georgia Northeastern Railroad, as well as 3 other examples of small layouts, this planning book is a must-have for model railroaders thinking about a switching layout.

Author: Thomas Klimoski

112 pages



WOMEN IN MODEL RAILROADING – THE NEXT GREAT HURDLE

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This past weekend the HUB division of the National Model Railway Association hosted its annual Model Train show in Marlboro, Massachusetts. The Show was a spectacular one. Attendance was robust with people from all walks of life and all ages in attendance. Of particular note is the number of young girls and women in the 5 to 93 age range getting involved in the hobby.

Four years ago, a statement was made to many of the leading hobby manufacturers that a new venture is to get the ladies involved in the hobby as to make it a family hobby. As usual the company reps replied that they are doing fine and do not need to pursue that route – implying it was a male hobby. Funny... the National Rifle Association implied the same thing to this writer 20 years ago. In fact, a few old men said, “We do not want women in the sport”. Then, in 2018, there were 4.1 million women estimated to be involved in the shooting sports. Someone got the message! COVID and other USA crises probably have doubled that count in the last 3 years. But that is a story for another day.

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It was a pleasant surprise to see a number of young ladies at the controls of various train operating layouts. If women can fly a F-15E Strike Eagle, why not run model trains? And age makes no difference. The enjoyment by the girls showed in the concentration and focus of getting the 20+ freight car trains to negotiate the curves and other moving trains on the layouts. When asked “why do you run model trains?”, Taylor quipped “because it is fun!” There you go. She is an operator for the last 4 years, having been taught by her grandfather, Peter, of the Pepperell, Massachusetts Model RR Club. Also noteworthy is the fact that Taylor involved her two friends, Emmy and Stephanie, in the hobby as well.

These ladies are involved in all aspects of the Club, from layout and set up, to breakdown at the end of the shows. All three ladies each carried out a four-foot layout module section on their own. Nearby, Matt and his mom (who has her own model railroad) takes a closer look at the details of the European Layout.



As seen in other pictures, Jen and Jane are moving consists of N scale freight with ease, along the T-Trak modular group. N Scale is fast becoming a popular scale especially for those with limited layout space. With a variety of model railroad scales women can easily pick a scale that will fit their space and budget requirements. Please note that only a small fraction of the girls and women in attendance are photographed, and an estimated 35% of the attendees were female. That is a great start!

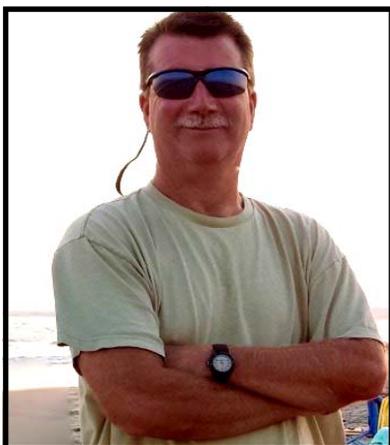
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In 1957 Lionel Train Co. produced a pink and lavender girls' train. Very few sets sold and as a result the set was considered a selling flop. The United States had not come to realize the potential and strengths of the female market. (Note: Currently the rare 1957 girls train is valued at \$2000 with original boxes and set box).

Model Railroading is a hobby of "back to basics" – a family Sunday dinner and operate the model trains traditional type of event. This hobby is classy one, opposed to the supposed Hollywood role models having our daughters dress in outfits like someone who would stand under a red light. The model train industry has quite a few themes that may appeal more to females, such as Disney, various vacation attractions/vacation locations, Christmas-themed like Frosty, Rudolf and friends, various soda and candy trains, and then there is Wine Country like Napa Valley. Or they may be just true railroaders like Taylor, Emmy, Stephanie, Jen, and Jane and follow actual railroad names. Many railroads today have very colorful and attractive paint schemes.



Jeffrey "Jeff" Gross spent 21 years as an Analytical Chemist at the USCG R&D Center in Groton, Connecticut, Woods Hole Laboratories, and Helix Technologies. Changing careers is a "great learning experience for everyone", Jeff says, and I'm an avid outdoorsman and conservationist, a student of the sciences, and the world. The US holds too many wonders not to take a chance and explore them".

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