

THE FLIMSY BOARD



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the website for news and
updates about meetings,
clinics, and clubhouse
status.

IN MEMORY OF DAVID WOODARD

We recently learned that club member David Woodard passed away in April. David had been ill for several weeks before he was admitted to the hospital.

He had a huge enthusiasm for the hobby and freely shared his knowledge and ideas with club members and visitors alike. He freely helped club members with their DCC equipped locomotives and recently worked to complete the new incline track on the HO layout.

More information will be provided as it becomes available to us. He will be missed by the club!

.... *BC*

CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR

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

MAY

- 4th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 4th..... Business meeting 6 pm.
- 6th..... Breakfast social meeting at All Star Lanes, 8:30 am.
- 6th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 11th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 13th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 18th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 20th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 25th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 25th..... Board meeting 6 pm
- 27th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.

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MEETINGS NOTICE:

Business meetings are held periodically on the first Thursday of the month in the clubhouse. Board meetings are held periodically in the clubhouse on the last Thursday of the month. The January meeting is our annual dinner meeting held at a local restaurant.

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Hupé
Vice President: John Forsythe
Secretary: Trish Williams
Treasurer: Bert Cripe
Sergeant-at-Arms: Jerry Enders
Directors: Ray Hagele, Jerry Enders,
..... Pete Bieber, Mark Stephens
Librarian: Tom Barrett
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Greeting all,

What a couple of months we've had. Both good and bad things.

I'll start with the good. We have had 6 new members join since my last memo. In March we had a total of 553 visitors at our Saturday Open Houses. So far in April the number is 333. Mark Stephens and others have made great progress on our new Industrial Switching Modules. I'm looking forward to running operations on it. We received a great gift from Steve Straus. Steve was a long-time member who moved to Malvern, Arkansas. Included in the package was a Brass BN caboose, a 40' Kit-sap Western Boxcar, a baggie of fallen flag souvenirs, and a baggie of pins from past MRR shows. Thank you, Steve. Trish Williams has made great progress on her German Marklin layout. Her grandson Aiden came up from California and helped.

Now for the bad side. First, Dave Woodard was taken to Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle. He later passed away. I'll miss him. Sending prayers to his family. Other bad stuff that has happened. Wes Stevens resigned as Treasurer. Fortunately for us all, Bert Cripe volunteered to assume the role. The BOD voted to confirm Bert. Thanks for your service Wes. We have had various items disappear from the layout. One of the two locomotives I purchased for the new modules, a Greyhound bus and a small howling wolf all disappeared. This should remind us to stay vigilant during open houses.

Finally based on current events I have decided I needed to make some administrative changes. First all members will be required to list an emergency contact name and number. I have changed the Membership Application to reflect this. All current members please provide this to me via email. I have also changed the Membership Application to eliminate the "Youth Member". Our membership categories should mirror

the NMRA categories. The "Student member under 18" category was eliminated by the NMRA when the 'persons at risk' policy was announced. This change will be included in the changes to the By-Laws or House Rules.

.... Bill



CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT THE TREASURER'S DESK

After six plus years holding down the treasurer's seat Wes Stevens retired from that position.

We owe him a big 'Thank You' for his work to keep track of the club's finances. It is a big job with pitfalls that do not exist in any of the other officer positions.

In addition to having served as treasurer Wes has been in the sergeant-at-arms position and served a term as club president several years ago.

The treasurer position not only requires writing checks to pay the bills but keeping track of the members' NMRA status to ensure we meet the requirements of a 100% member club. Collecting, tracking, and depositing members' operation fees is another ongoing, monthly task.

Thank You Wes for your years of service in this position!

.... BC

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Club membership comes with some privileges in both the club and the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). NMRA privileges include access to the website to read the monthly magazine; read informative and educational materials; modeling standards; online archive of photographs, drawings, paint schemes; an online video library; local and regional clinics; and a few more.

Club privileges include access to the club's four different scale layouts where you can run a train most any time; a book, magazine, and video library; a newsletter and website with events and activities calendar; and the social aspect of developing friendships, open houses, and meetings. Work parties have two benefits: improve the layout and personal skills development.

When you joined the club (and thus the NMRA) you agreed to a few obligations and responsibilities as well as those aforementioned privileges! First and foremost is to keep your dues and fees up to date. Without those we cannot stay in the mall! You should be reading your copy of the Flimsy each month – it is delivered to your email inbox free of charge.... Supporting activities and projects are an important obligation too – one seemingly overlooked on occasion.

Periodically you might receive any email or letter in the mail asking a question of you or for your help. A simple reply would certainly be appreciated by the sender instead of being ignored – it is simple respect after all. Sometimes these requests are important. An example would be if the treasurer requested your NMRA number, expiration date, and whether you pay your dues through the club or on your own. This type of information is required to keep our low cost liability insurance current – an important NMRA membership benefit. Also the club bylaws require you to keep your NMRA dues up to date otherwise we are required to terminate your club membership (Art. III Sec. 2, #4 Automatic Removal).

The club can only survive when the membership wants it to do so. Members must stay informed, support the officers when asked, and attend meetings to ensure the club continues to function in a healthy manner.

So take a few minutes to reflect upon what you get in return for your membership and what you do to meet your obligations and responsibilities.

Then ask yourself this question: “Am I being a good member and can I improve?”

.... BC



VISITING YOUNG ENGINEER



It was Connor's first time using the Digitrax controller. He will be five in June. He pretty quickly learned the speed control, bell, whistle, and lights. Frankly he picked up on use of the controller quicker than I did. The engine is a Broadway Limited UP Big Boy 4014 in its current oil burner configuration. Connor thinks it is too loud, especially on our shop layout. It and our Scale Trains three unit turbine are our best car haulers. (Photo provided by Mike Johnson)

.... Mike Johnson

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

Visit the club website for updates: <http://www.bnmrr.org/upcoming.html>

NMRA Pacific Northwest Region Convention "The Prairie Line Experience"

Wednesday to Sunday, May 10-14

Website: <https://pnrtacoma2023.org/>

Includes multiple tracks of clinics, layout tours spanning the region, contests, AP evaluations, train spotting opportunities, tours and non-rail events. At the Comfort Inn and Suites, Tacoma

The host committee is working to put together an exciting set of activities for the convention, including multiple tracks of clinics, layout tours spanning the region, contests, AP evaluations, train spotting opportunities, tours and non-rail events

Willamette Valley Model Railroad Museum Garage Sale, Keizer, OR

Saturday, May 13, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Directions: I-5 to Brooks Exit #263. Head West on Brooklake Rd. Turn North at the Powerland Heritage Park entrance, and take the first turn past the farmhouse on the left. The Museum and members will be selling items. Lots of train items. The HO trains on the Siskiyou Line inside the Museum will be running during the Sale. New members are welcome Info:-
www.WVMRM.org macinnej@msn.com 503-581-6071

NEW MEMBER REPORT

We welcome new club member
Dave Thompson, an HO modeler.

LK&R Fall Swap Meet and Train Show

Three Rivers Mall, Kelso WA

Saturday, September 9

10 am to 3 pm \$5 admission, early bird special
\$10 at 9 am

Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/
events/189187794498900/?ref=newsfeed](https://www.facebook.com/events/189187794498900/?ref=newsfeed)

River City Modelers Train Club Model Train Show and Swap Meet

Sunday, October 15

9:30 am to 3:30 pm, \$6.00 CASH admission

Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, Gate G
404 North Havana, Spokane WA

Info: Shirley Sample at 509-991-2317 (cell) or
509-292-8332 by email at shirley@busnws.com

CLUB MEMBERS EARN AP

Congratulations to these members for earning
an Achievement Program Association Volun-
teer Certificate:

Tamara Whipple, Jim Hochstein,
and Scott Surber



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