

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The December Flimsy issue will be my last edition. That one will be my 48th issue.

It has been a rewarding experience. I have learned much about railroading both in the real world and about our hobby. Additionally, I have earned some AP Author points for my work, but the time has come to pass the task on to someone else.

The whole point of a club's newsletter is to provide a place for the important information to be presented to the members and for the members to share they efforts through words and photos. It shouldn't complete with the professional press to provide "how-to" info, there is an ample amount of that to find in the club library of books and magazines.

A large 'Thank You' goes to those who have submitted material for the Flimsy.

I wish my successor good luck with the task of keeping you informed.

# THE FLIMSY BOARD

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## FLIMSY BOARD STAFF:

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## MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES NOTICE:

- Business meetings are held periodically on the first Thursday of the month in the clubhouse, typically at 6 pm. The January meeting is our annual dinner meeting held at a local restaurant.
- Board meetings are held periodically in the clubhouse on the last Thursday of the month, typically at 6 pm.
- Breakfast social meetings are held the first Saturday at All Star Lanes in Silverdale at 8:30 am.
- HO Division work parties are in the clubhouse, unless noted otherwise, beginning at 6 pm.
- Clubhouse Open House days are Thursdays and Saturdays from 12 pm to 4 pm.

## OFFICERS:

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## NEW MEMBER REPORT

No new members in September.

## PHOTO COLLECTION STATUS

While Tamara Whipple has begun the scanning process there is a need for others to help. It is a simple process and easy to learn.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

*In accordance with new bylaws and house rules the Flimsy will now carry the next three months schedule in this calendar.*

### OCTOBER

5th - Open House

7th - Social breakfast

12th - Open House

19th - Open House

26th - Open House

28th - Open House

5th - Business meeting

7th - Open House

14th - Open House

21st - Open House

26th - Board Meeting

**31st - Trick or Treat in the Mall**

**Volunteers needed from 5 to 7pm to hand out candy**

### NOVEMBER

2nd - Open House

4th - Social breakfast

9th - Open House

16th - Open House

**23rd - Thanksgiving Day (closed)**

25th - Open House

30th - Board meeting

2nd - Business meeting - nominations

4th - Open House

11th - Open House (Veterans' Day)

18th - Open House

**Friday, 24th - Open House**

30th - Open House

### DECEMBER

2nd - Social breakfast

7th - Open House

9th - Open House

16th - Open House

23rd - Open House

30th - Open House

2nd - Open House

7th - Business meeting - officer elections

14th - Open House

21st - Open House

28th - Open House



## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

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

**L**ynden Lions Model Train and Toy Show  
Sunday, October 7 & 8

Northwest Washington Fairgrounds, Henry  
Jansen AG. BLDG, Lynden WA

Saturday 9 to 5 and Sunday 10 to 4

Admission: Adults: \$7.00, Seniors: \$6.00; Chil-  
dren (6-12): \$5.00, Under 6 - Free; Families -  
\$22.00 (up to six people)

[www.lyndentrainshow.com](http://www.lyndentrainshow.com)

**B**oeing Employees Model Railroad Club  
Swap Meet

Saturday November 11, 9:30 till 4:00

\$10 admission for adults, children free

Kent Commons, 525 4th Ave N, Kent



*Operation LifeSaver*

**R**iver City Modelers Model Train Show and  
Swap Meet

Saturday, October 14: Club open house, 1130 E.  
Sprague Ave, Spokane

Sunday, October 15: Fall Train Show & Swap  
meet, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, \$6.00 CASH admis-  
sion

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

**C**ity of Destiny Festival  
October 21, 2023

11 am - 4 pm Free

Foss Waterway Seaport Museum

705 Dock St., Tacoma

This year's festival commemorates the 150th an-  
niversary of the arrival of the Northern Pacific  
Railroad to Tacoma and focuses on those in and

### 7<sup>th</sup> Division PNR Convention



**Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
to**

**Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Meet and Greet Social  
Self-Guided Layout Tours  
Escorted Prototype Tours  
Clinics, Contests, Displays  
AP Evaluation  
Modelling with the Master  
Buffet Banquet with Keynote Speaker  
Non-Rail Programme  
OP Sessions  
Raffle**

**Sheraton Guildford Hotel  
Surrey, BC Canada**

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Last month I gave you the list of model magazines and this month I am giving you the list of prototype magazines. There will be additional titles to the lists as they are filed.

Back Track	Burlington Route Historical Society, Bulletin
Burlington Route Historical Society, Zephyr	Classic Trains
CTC Board	Extra 2200 South
Great Northern Goat	Great Northern Reference Sheets
Locomotive & Railway Preservation	Locomotive Quarterly
North Western Lines	
Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association, Mainstreeter	
Pacific News, Pacific Rail News, Rail News	Passenger Train Journal
Rail	Rail Classics
Railfan & Railroad	Railroad Magazine
Railway Quarterly	Short-Line
Southern Pacific Trainline	Steam Classic
Steam Days	Steam Locomotive
Tall Timber Short Lines	The Railroad Press
Timber Times	Trains & Railroads of the Past
Trains, Trains & Travel	Union Pacific, the Streamliner
Vintage Rails	

As you can see, we have quite a few prototype magazine titles. There are some more titles with a few issues in the Library cubby. Once I figure out how to file them, they will be added to the list. Speaking of filing, do any of you have spare magazine holders? The library could use them for our magazines.

If you check out any magazines, books, videos, etc. from the library, please utilize the checkout forms near each of the four (books, model magazines, prototype magazines, and videos) stations. Thanks.

On the subject of videos, two titles are missing from our collection without a checkout sheet. They are: "BNSF Spokane to Portland, The Columbia Route," and "Dream-Plan-Build Painting Backdrops." Do you have them?

.... Tom Barrett, Librarian

## MÄRKLIN DAYS IN GÖPPINGEN GERMANY!

Friday and Saturday everyone is offered a free tour of the Märklin factory.  
Saturday was the train parade!

This year, over 80,000 people toured the factory to get an 'insiders' look of how Märklin has streamlined their train production. Although there are quite a few computerized machines nowadays, Märklin still requires handwork to 'proof' the final product. Their quality control begins when the trains come out of production thru digitizing and finally running on track before being boxed up.

They make everything to build the trains, including the fasteners, couplers and paint each wagon/lokomotive in the factory! There are 6 areas where a shuttle bus takes you to each.

There are 2 convention halls that offer train layouts and vendors that come from all over!

One stop is at the train yard where you can see some of the original trains that Märklin has used for their model trains. Märklin also offers youth machine engineering internships.

For the model train enthusiast Märklin Days is a must see.

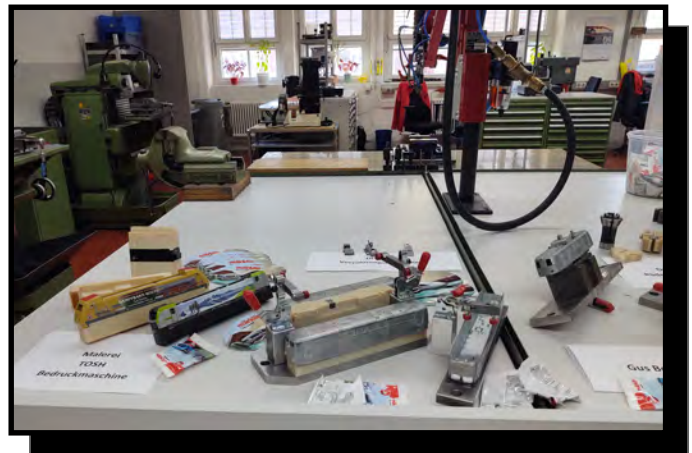
*More photos on next two pages...*

*....Trish Williams*



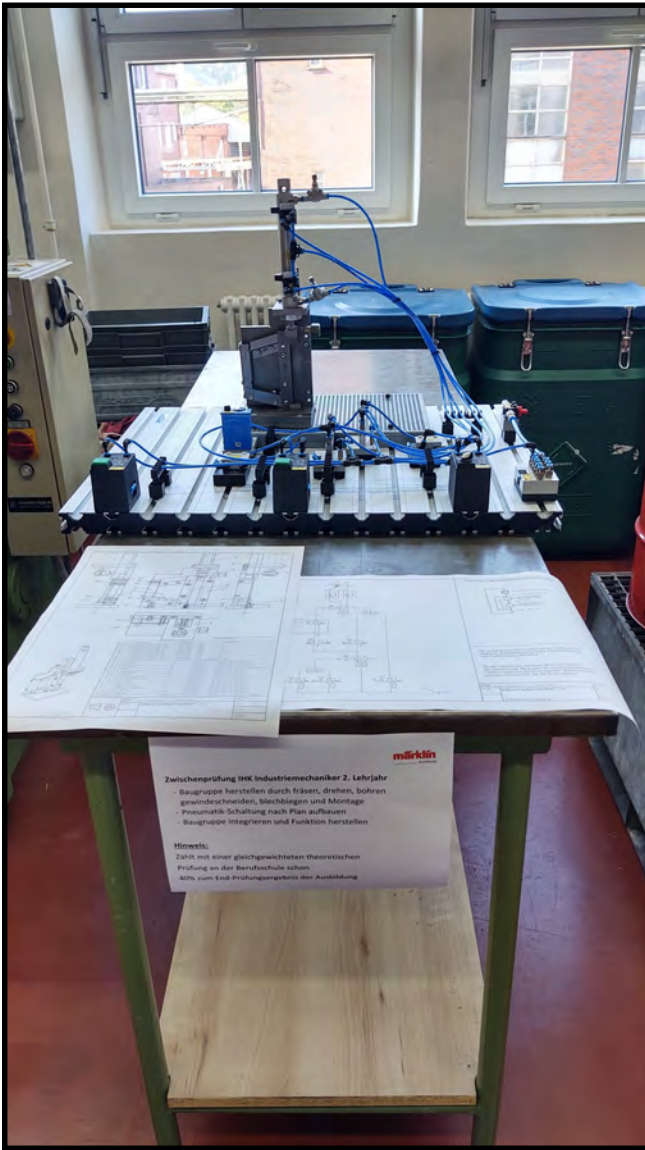
*International model railway exhibition Marklin days.*

*September 15 - 17 2023 in Goppingen*



*This is a display from a worker's table. Malerei Tosh printing machine*

# MÄRKLIN DAYS IN GÖPPINGEN GERMANY!



**märklin**  
 Zwischenprüfung IHK Industriemechaniker 2. Lehrjahr  
 - Baugruppe herstellen durch Fräsen, drehen, bohren  
 gewindestrechendes, Schleiflegen und Montage  
 - Pneumatik Schaltung nach Plan aufbauen  
 - Baugruppe integrieren und Funktion herstellen  
 Hinweis:  
 Zählt mit einer gleichgewichteten theoretischen  
 Prüfung an der Berufsschule schon  
 40% zum End Prüfungsergebnis der Ausbildung

Marklin Education, Intermediate examination IHK industrial mechanic 2nd year.

- Manufacture assembly by milling, turning, drilling, thread cutting, sheet metal bending and assembly
- Set up the pneumatic circuit according to plan
- Integrate the assembly and create functionality

Notice

counts with an equally weighted theoretical one exam at the vocational school already 40% of the final exam result of the training

Internationale Modellbahn Ausstellung  
 Märklin Tage

**Diese Modelle können Sie an der Lokmontage am Märklinstand in der Werfthalle kaufen und selbst zusammenbauen.**

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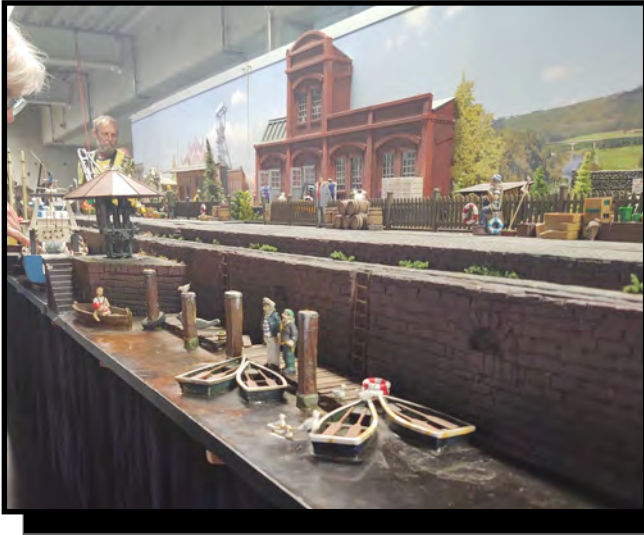
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36321	80,00€
36700	60,00€
36712	165,00€

*You can buy these models at the locomotive assembly at the Marklin stand in the shipyard hall and assemble them yourself*



## MÄRKLIN DAYS IN GÖPPINGEN GERMANY!



*Aiden, Trish's grandson, works on portions of the European layout at home, above right, and at the clubhouse when he visits here.*

*Photos provided by Trish Williams.*