

# THE FLIMSY BOARD



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clinics, and clubhouse  
status.

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As you all know, the point of this newsletter is to provide a platform for information to be presented to the club's members and for the club members to share their efforts through words and photos.

I take this opportunity to strongly encourage club members to please continue to send information, comments, and photos of works you or others have done at the clubhouse or at home. These might include models, scenery, backdrop paintings, prototype photos of motive power, rolling stock, etc. Anything train related or that we club members might appreciate.

If you desire to contribute material (text or photos) for publication, refer to the masthead for where and when to submit material. Thanks!.

*Shep*

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# THE FLIMSY BOARD SUMMARY

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The club is incorporated in the State of Washington as a non-profit and is recognized by the IRS as a 501 (c)(7) social club. We are a 100% National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) membership club.

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## MEETINGS NOTICE:

Business meetings are held monthly in the clubhouse starting at 5:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

Board meetings are held periodically in the clubhouse on the last Thursday of the month.

"Social" Club Breakfasts are held at All Star Lanes in Silverdale starting at 8:30 a.m. on the First Saturday of the month.

**Clinics** are held on the second Monday of the month at the "Community Room" (in the mall right next to Dick's Sporting Goods) starting at 5:30 p.m.

## OFFICERS:

President: Bill Hupé  
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Secretary: Trish Williams  
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## NEW MEMBER REPORT

**Welcome our new members!**

**Glenda Braidic (gbraidic@vaughnbay.com)**

**&**

**Alexander Zuniga (lego6147@gmail.com)**

Both are N scale modelers

# BREMERTON NORTHERN MODEL RAILROAD

## CALENDAR

**Note:** All dates and times are subject to change - check back often for updates.

### AUGUST 2024

- 1st..... Thursday Open House (12-4).
- 1st..... Business Meeting starting at 5:30 p.m.
- 3rd..... Saturday “Social” Club Breakfast (All Star Lanes in Silverdale starting at 8:30 a.m.).
- 3rd..... Saturday Open House (12-4).
- 8th..... Thursday Open House (12-4).
- 10th..... Saturday Open House (12-4).
- 12th..... Monday 4D Westside Clinic in the Mall “Community Room” starting at 5:30 p.m.
- 15th..... Thursday Open House (12-4).
- 17th..... Saturday Open House (12-4).
- 22nd..... Thursday Open House (12-4).
- 24th..... Saturday Open House (12-4).
- 29th..... Thursday Open House (12-4).
- 29th..... Board Meeting starting at 5:30 p.m.
- 31st..... Saturday Open House (12-4).

### SEPTEMBER 2024

- 5th Thursday Open House (12-4).
- 5th..... Business Meeting starting at 6 p.m.
- 7th..... “Social” Club Breakfast (All Star Lanes in Silverdale starting at 8:30 a.m.).
- 7th..... Saturday Open House (12-4).
- 9th..... Monday 4D Westside Clinic in the Mall “Community Room” starting at 5:30 p.m.
- 12th..... Thursday Open House (12-4).
- 21st..... Saturday Open House (12-4).
- 26th..... Thursday Open House (12-4).
- 26th..... Board Meeting Board Meeting starting at 5:30 p.m.
- 28th..... Saturday Open House (12-4).

### OCTOBER 2024

- 5th ..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 5th ..... Business meeting, 5:30 pm.
- 7th ..... Social breakfast meeting at the bowling ally 8:30 am.
- 7th ..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 9th ..... 4D Westside Clinic in the Mall Community Room, 5:30 pm.
- 12th ..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 14th ..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 19th ..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 21st ..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 26th ..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 26th ..... Board meeting, 4:30 pm.
- 28th ..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

From the Library:

In our video library, we have 320 titles. The last report mentioned videos that were absent from or collection. Some of them have shown up returned and I thank those who returned them. We are still missing "BNSF Spokane to Portland, The Columbia Route." Also missing from the Dream-Plan-Build series are "Roger Russell's 3 Narrow Gage Layouts" and "Scratch Building Structures."

I have gone through the library book titles and have placed them in alphabetical order according to the way the title is entered into my computer. The computer has a funny way of placing items. Numbers are always at the beginning and will be found on the far left top shelf of the books. If the number is spelled, the title will be arranged according to the alphabet, i.e. "nine" is filed with the "N's."

Please put books and videos back exactly where you got them from. If you need to use a checkout sheet to hold the place, please use it. Videos and books are placed in the order that they show on the database. A copy of the database is on the desktops of the computer in the back of the main clubhouse room and the computer adjacent to the N-Scale layout. The database is named "Library.ods" and is able to be opened by Open Office and Microsoft Excel.

Do you have any of the following books?

- ◆ 5 Compact Track Plans by Kalmbach Books
- ◆ Basic Trackwork for Model Railroads by Jeff Wilson ISBN 978-0-89024-437-1
- ◆ Complete Atlas Wiring Book, The
- ◆ History of North American Rail, The, by Christopher Chant ISBN 0-7858-1978-9, & 978-0-7858-1978-3
- ◆ Layouts, HO Scale Railroads, Custom Line by John Armstrong & Thaddeus Stepek/Atlas Tool Co.
- ◆ Logging, Mining & Industrial Annual by Russ Reinberg/ Westlake Publishing
- ◆ Railroads Across North America by David F. Myrick/ Library of Congress 62-22034
- ◆ Route Guide to the Historic Alaska Railroad, ISBN 0-939301-01-3
- ◆ Steam Locomotive Cyclopedia Vol.1 by Lynn Wescott/Kalmbach Books
- ◆ Victorian Houses, Cut & Assemble by Bob Walker ISBN 978-932804-46-1

**If you have the above books, please do not place them on the shelves. Instead, place them in the library cubical and on the totes just to the left of the door.** I will place them on the shelves and update my database.

If you check out a video (or book) from the library, please, fill out the checkout form for each video (or book) taken and put the form on the shelf as a place holder and in the particular place you removed the item. Remember, the library is for all the Club members' use and it is expected that items be returned after a short time.

Tom Barrett, BNMR Librarian

The following article is from Stephen R Strauss. Some of you older members may remember him; he moved to the “South” some years ago but he is still actively contributes to the club and provides articles to the *Flimsy* at times.

## STEVE'S STRAIGHTS

It's been over a year since I sent any input to the *Flimsy Board*.

Malvern received about two inches of outer band rain from Hurricane Beryl. Otherwise things are quiet here Malvern & Ouachita Valley territory.

You probably saw the picture of the loaded 50' SP double-door boxcar on page 37 of the July issue of the *NMRA Magazine*. I have that same Athearn blue-box model I bought it in early 1972, so it predates the club by a year. The information on the sides shows 1957 as the year the prototype was built. In 1957 Espee steam was in its twilight I mark the prototype construction year on each of my model freight car boxes. That way I can pick freight cars contemporary to the motive power I am running.

In a few months I will be contributing a locomotive and some and rolling stock to the club. In a later *Flimsy Board* I will send photos of the items. They are all Great Northern.

I'm signing off for now. Hope everyone is enjoying the summer.

YIMRR,  
Steve



**UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION**

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

**Saturday & Sunday**

**September 21st & 22nd**

**Caldwell Train Show**

O'Connor Field House  
2207 Blaine St.  
Caldwell, ID

**Saturday November 2nd**

**Oly Ops**

**Train Operation Sessions**

Olympia WA

Opportunities limited to 40-50 Operators

For an Invitation Contact:

Greg Wright

360-870-9449

**Saturday, September 28th**

**Southwest Washington Model  
Railroaders' Great Train Swap  
Meet**

Battleground High School Gymnasium  
300 W. Main St.  
Battleground, WA

**Saturday & Sunday**

**January 11th & 12th**

**Clark County Fair**

Ridgefield WA

**Saturday (9-5) & Sunday (10-4)**

**September 21st & 22nd**

**39th Annual Lynden Lions Model  
Train & Toy Show**

NW Washington Fairgrounds  
Lynden, WA

**Saturday & Sunday**

**January 18th & 19th**

**Washington State Fair**

Puyallup, WA

**Early November**

**Date TBA**

**Columbia Gorge RR Club**

**Open House**

Portland OR

**Saturday & Sunday**

**February 8th & 9th: Elma, WA**

**4th Annual Railroad Swap Meet &  
Train Show**

Saturday 10am to 4pm; Sunday 10am to 3pm

**Grays Harbor Fairgrounds**