

THE FLIMSY BOARD

Train No. 4 Vol. 48

<http://www.bnmrr.org>

Issue: April 2023



BNMR is a 100% NMRA
Member Club

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



BNMR layout photo submitted by Mike Bay.

CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR

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

APRIL

- 1st Breakfast social meeting at All Star Lanes, 8:30 am.
- 1st Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 6th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 6th..... All hands HO work party 6 pm.
- 8th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 13th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 15th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 19th..... N Division work party 9 am.
- 20th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 22nd..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 27th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
- 27th..... All hands HO work party 6pm.
- 29th..... Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.

THE FLIMSY BOARD

Official Publication of the Bremerton Northern Model Railroad

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.

FLIMSY BOARD STAFF:

Editor: Bert Cripe
Submit Contributions to: bert@wavecable.com

Submittal deadline is the 30th of the month, publication date is the weekend after the business meeting.
Copyright 2023 BNMR.

Unless otherwise noted photos are by the Editor.

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: Wes Stevens
Sergeant-at-Arms: Jerry Enders
Directors: Ray Hagele, Dave Woodard,
..... Pete Bieber, Mark Stephens
Librarian: Tom Barrett
Web Site: <http://www.bnmrr.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1988490354736510/>

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Clubhouse Calendar	1
Presumed Stolen!	3
HO Scale Division Report	4
N Scale Division Report	5
Bremerton Northern Model Railroad at 50	6-7
Railroad Focused Road Trip Report, part 2	8
Upcoming Regional Events	9
New Member Report.....	9

**MISSING AND PRESUMED STOLEN!
CLUB'S HO LOCOMOTIVE #8!**



*Shown above is sister locomotive #9.
Number 8, identical to #9, was last seen on the new switching
module during Open House on Thursday March 30th.
It can be seen, circled in red, in the small photo on page 4.*

It is presumed stolen!

HO SCALE DIVISION REPORT

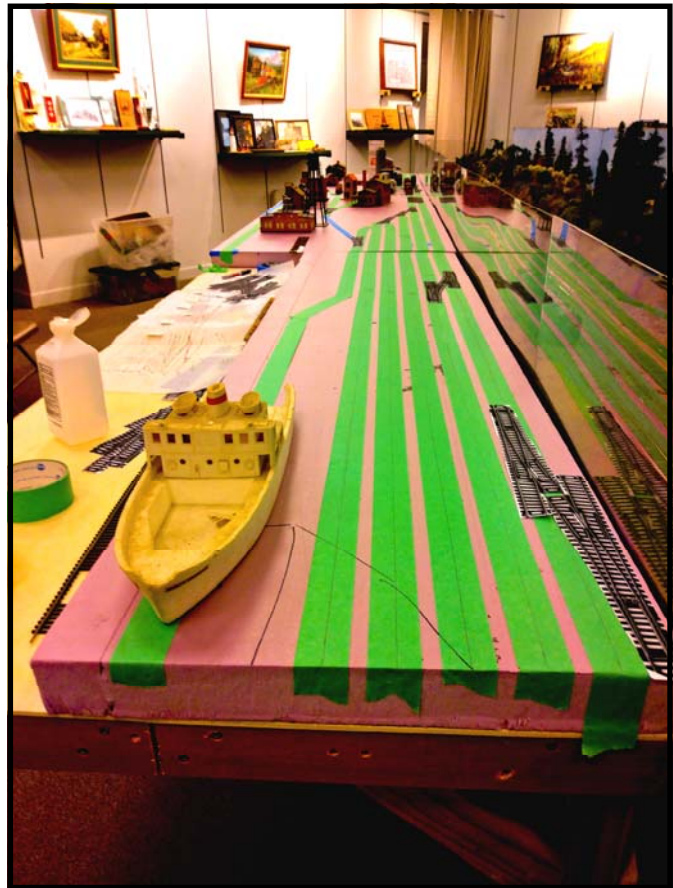
Greetings All!

Some of you may have noticed some new benchwork and foam board in the back of the clubhouse by the HO layout. I have had a sketch set out on the new benchwork for a couple of weeks now with our planned "Port Hupe Industrial District". Our intent with this is to provide some additional operational ability to the HO layout, something besides "the trains go round and round".

Included in the new section will be a number of industries such as a canning facility, an oil distribution facility, and a brewery to start with. This section will also include a carfloat apron so we can ship our fleet to destinations across "the water", providing a wonderful challenge to our operators in getting rolling stock on and off a barge and routed to and from industries on both the new section and on the existing layout.

So for all of our interested members, take a look at the taped in trackwork and provide feedback to me or Bill. While we were looking at it the other day, we also decided to consider keeping the new section "permanently" attached to the existing layout so as to allow operations to take place on it during our open houses as well, we evaluated reach issues and think that we will be able to reach all the tracks from one side or the other. So that being said, we welcome constructive input from everyone!

.... Mark Stephens



N SCALE DIVISION REPORT

During a recent open house Scott noticed a section of track between two turnouts where his train would stall at slow speed and noticeably slow at higher speeds. I checked for voltage with a multimeter - it checked sat. But upon checking with the stalled locos on that section of track it was low.

A visual inspection showed the section of track between the two turnouts did not have any rail feeders. While I have not had any problems along this area with any of my F7s or GEEPs, Scotts larger locos didn't seem to be getting enough electricity. Installing a rail feeder solved the problem.

Pete has been working on the mountain scenery of the Central Junction module. Before and after photos are seen at right.

Jack as been working on track diagrams for ops. This past Saturday Shep and Matt gained some ops time for the Dispatcher AP.

This past Thursday Shep and Pete worked to accumulate some time as wayfreight engineer while I worked as dispatcher and Jack ran a passenger train to test our first timetable. More work is needed on the passenger timetable, but the run was fun using FRS radios to communicate. The train status sheet needs work to make keeping track of times and locations easier.

A couple of weeks ago Jack made a magnetic board with the layout track plan, I added the siding and station names. I update the passenger trains location on the board as Jack radioed in the trains movements.

We have only three FRS radios at the moment so at least two more will be needed for a full operational session. Using a headset worked very well for me even with a room full of visitors. Once the timetable and train status sheets are groomed more serious operations can begin.

.... BC



Photo 1: The portion in white is the mountain part on the Corner Lake module in plaster cloth before painting and application of ground foam. There was a rather wide gap between the two mountain pieces that needed to be dealt with.



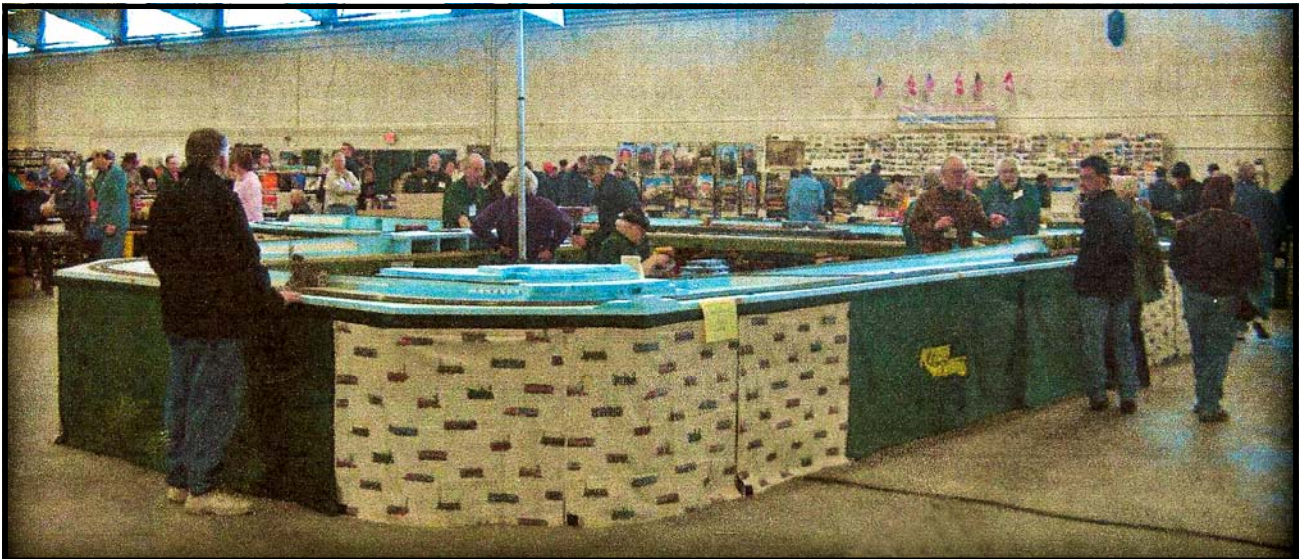
Photo 2: Both parts of the mountain have been painted, ground foam applied, and Pete has begun applying rock castings and scenery materials. The gap has been covered with foliage and bushes. Trees need to be made as well as more rock castings and scenery material must be applied.

BREMERTON NORTHERN MODEL RAILROAD AT 50

The club marks its 50th anniversary this year. In the coming months articles and photos from past Flimsy issues will be reprinted along with remembrances from members. This is the first installment with text and photos from the March 2012 issue covering the first outing of the current HO layout at the Monroe Show in February of that year.

....BC

United NW Show at Monroe was another success with vendors and model layouts in abundance. Of special note is that it was the first show for the Bremerton northern to Display their new layout. Although it still needs scenery, the track work and wiring were enough to display the layout. Here are a few photos of the layout and the show.



“A new era for the Bremerton Northern MRR Club. The new layout on display for the first time at the show in Monroe, Feb 04, 2012.”



“The start of our scenery on the new layout.”



“A bird’s eye view of the new layout at Monroe 2012.”



Left:
“Rick’s Union Pacific freight ease out of the fiddle yard and onto the lead while Reed’s heavyweight hospital train glides through Central Valley on the Bremerton Northern’s new layout. Central Valley is the only scenic area of the layout.”



Right
“Tom Barrett’s Challenger powered freight blasts out of tunnel #1 during its run around the layout.”



Left:
“Paul’s GN passenger local eases across the as yet unfinished Central Valley Bridge. The future roundhouse site is in the background.”

RAILROAD FOCUSED ROAD TRIP, PART 2

In 2009 club member Mike Johnson took a road trip following the Transcontinental RR from Sacramento to North Platte. Here are more of his photos from that trip.

.... BC



Photos of the Union Pacific machine shop, roundhouse, and power plant at Evanston, Wyoming. These buildings are now owned by the City of Evanston. They are undergoing restoration and conversion for events and as a museum facility.

.... BC



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

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

Lewis County Model Railroad Club Show and Meet

Saturday & Sunday, April 1st & 2nd

\$5.00 admission, 6 foot swap meet tables \$25.00 each

Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, 1909 S. Gold St, Centralia WA

Saturday 10 to 4 and Sunday 10 to 2

Contact Ted Livermore 360-269-0921 or ted-strains@lewiscounty.com

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/1891877794498900/?ref=newsfeed>

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

River City Modelers Train Club Model Train Show and Swap Meet

Sunday, October 15

9:30 pm 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



NEW MEMBER REPORT

We welcome these new and returning members to the club:

Frank Ralph, Nathan Rich, Brian Arlt, & Matt Frampton (returning N scaler).



Prototype photo by Pete Bieber