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status.



*Pete has been progressing work on the north hill on the NTRAK
layout at the Central Junction module.
Photo by Pete Bieber*

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THE FLIMSY BOARD

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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.
- N Division work parties are held at Jack Hamilton's shop, unless noted otherwise, beginning at 6 pm.
- Clubhouse Open House days are Thursdays and Saturdays from 12 pm to 4 pm.

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NEW MEMBER REPORT

We welcome returning club member
Wyatt Green

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.

JULY

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| 1st - Social breakfast followed by Open House | 2nd - N Division Formal Ops Session |
| 6th - Open House | 6th - All hands HO Division work party |
| 8th - Open House | 9th - N Division Formal Ops Session |
| 13th - Open House | 15th - Open House |
| 16th - N Division Formal Ops Session | 20th - Open House |
| 22nd - Open House | 23rd - N Division Formal Ops Session |
| 27th - Open House | 27th - Board meeting |
| 29th - Open House | 30th - N Division Formal Ops Session |

AUGUST

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| 3rd - Open House | 3rd - Business meeting |
| 5th - Social breakfast | 5th - Open House |
| 6th - N Division Formal Ops Session | 10th - Open House |
| 12th - Open House | 13th - N Division Formal Ops Session |
| 17th - Open House | 19th - Open House |
| 20th - N Division Formal Ops Session | 24th - Open House |
| 26th - Open House | 27th - N Division Formal Ops Session |
| 31st - Open House | 31st - All hands HO Division work party |

SEPTEMBER

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| 2nd - Social breakfast | 2nd - Open House |
| 3rd - N Division Formal Ops Session | 7th - Open House |
| 7th - All hands HO Division work party | 9th - Open House |
| 10th - N Division Formal Ops Session | 14th - Open House |
| 16th - Open House | 17th - N Division Formal Ops Session |
| 21st - Open House | 23rd - Open House |
| 24th - N Division Formal Ops Session | 28th - Open House |
| 28th - All hands HO Division work party | 30th - Open House |



S DIVISION REPORT

Inspired by the industrial switching layout being added to the HO scale layout, I set this up at home on some drawers and conveniently sized plywood. After some thought, and some paint, I installed a switching layout near the S Scale (American Flyer) layout at the club house. It is under some displays of historic signs and pictures.

I decided to make it a touch and play exhibit, so the kids who hear “don’t touch” would be able to create some memories of what happens in a real train yard. The main line locomotive has no armature, so is free wheeling—thus the steam chests still look like they are working. The Baldwin switch engine is a shell on a box car frame. The switches are all manual (unfortunately they reflect the history of changing design). There are 2 manual uncouplers to add to the play realism.

With the advise I’ve received, I’ve started to create switching scenarios using pictures on playing cards. So far I have two: put together a train in the order of the card deck, and shuffle the cars in a train to various sidings.

There are two locomotive shells: one is pre-war and is metal, the other is post war and is bakelite.

.... *Jim Hochstein*



Photos by Jim Hochstein



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As mentioned at the top of page 3, the Flimsy Calendar now contains three months worth of dates. In order to fit it all on one page times and some other details are now contained on the Masthead on page 2. Refer to the club website calendar at

<http://www.bnmrr.org/calendar.html> for the most up to date schedule of dates and times.

Please inform us if you change your email address or phone number!

.... *BC*

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

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

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>

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

7th Division PNR Convention



Wednesday May 22nd, 2024
to
Sunday May 26th, 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



N SCALE DIVISION REPORT

Work on the layout continues with the addition of a packing shed on Himmerick South module. The shed is the second major structure built during our Wednesday evening work parties.

The corral at Homestead Corner is coming along thanks to the work of Bruce and Jack. Soon stock cars will be stopping there to move livestock to market.

Interchange Loop will soon have a gravel quarry thanks to a structure built by Jack.

Work on the refinery at Petrolia will recommence soon with the completion of the distillation towers and associated piping.

Formal op sessions have begun on Sunday afternoons. Track warrants and a timetable have been used so far, with car cards and waybills in the works. All rolling stock used for op sessions went through our maintenance and upgrade program with the last few cars processed last month.

Peter has been working on the hill on the North side of Central Junction with the addition of some rock outcrops and a few trees. Expect many more trees in the coming weeks.

....BC

BREMERTON NORTHERN MODEL RAILROAD AT 50

The club marks its 50th anniversary this year. We continue to look at articles and photos from the past with remembrances from members. This is the second installment.

Shown below is the cover from the October 2011 Flimsy documenting the 'End of an Era' with the last county fair appearance of the old HO traveling layout and the converted travel trailer that served as its home when not set up at shows.

The cited issue also contained the revised House Rules from that September. It consisted of only two pages with a total of 17 items! More content from that issue on the next page.

....BC

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END OF AN ERA

Photo of club members at "Teardown" after the Kitsap County Fair, Aug 29, 2011. This was the last Kitsap County Fair appearance for the old layout and the last run for the old trailer. (From the collection of Paul Neumann, used with permission)

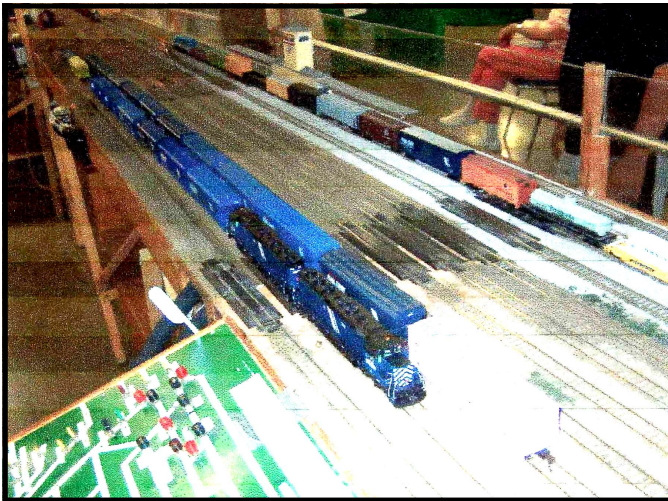
KITSAP COUNTY FAIR, AUGUST 2011

“2011 marked the last year that the Bremerton Northern Model Railroad Club ran its current HO scale layout at the Kitsap County Fair. The layout is over 25 years old and a replacement layout is under construction and currently over 50% completed. The new layout should be ready for display sometime in early 2012. This also marked the end of using the old trailer for transporting the layout.”

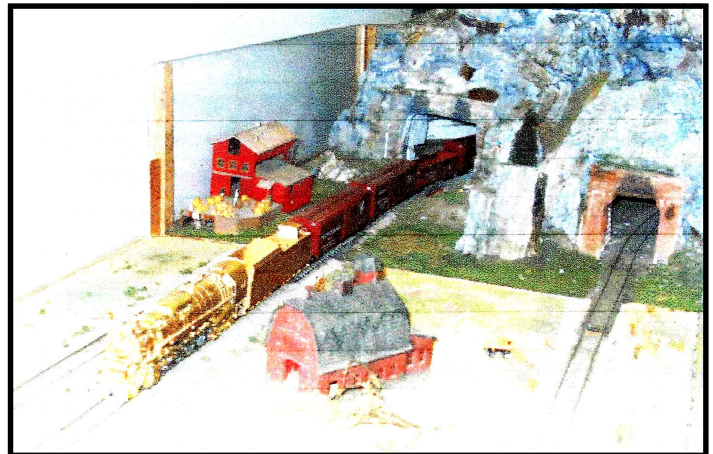
“Here are some photos from the fair.”

Photograph quality is not the best since they were scanned from old paper copies of the Flimsy.

....BC



Bill Hupe's Montana Rail Link grain train waits in the yard for departure as the Kitsap Western mixed freight passed by on the # 1 main.



Dave Durfee's freight blasts out of Gorst Mountain Tunnel lead by a Pennsy J-1 2-10-4. The Model was imported by AHM.

CLUB'S ORIGINAL HO LAYOUT 'FOR SALE' FLYER FROM 2011

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