

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

This is my last edition of the Flimsy as Editor. It has been four years of pleasure, and at times frustration, to put together 48 issues with something of interest for you, the membership.

Please welcome and support Robert "Shep" Shepperd as he takes the reins of the Flimsy beginning with the January 2024 issue.

His email address and submittal info is on page 2, the masthead, of this issue. Please consider providing him with material to share with your fellow club members. I know some of you take train trips, others visit tourist railroads, or museums. A photo or two and a couple of sentences are all that is needed to share with the membership. That small amount of work will make Robert's job easier and might inspire members to become more involved in the hobby.

I will be assisting him with the software until he is up to speed using it. As most of you are aware, Microsoft frequently 'updates' its products. It seems that, sometimes anyway, the whole point of the update is to give their help desk staff something to do while users are needlessly confused because the icons have changed and have been moved around on the toolbars - for no logical reason, seemingly.

I suspect Robert will need some time to become proficient with the software version he will be using.

As I mentioned last month, the whole point of a club's newsletter is to provide a place for important information to be presented to the members and for the members to share their efforts through words and photos. I hope Shep does not have to rely upon his ability to find material for the Flimsy!

.... Bert Cripe



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024

**T**wo positions are up for election this month:

- Vice-president: Jerry Enders and Bruce Himmerick
- Director (HO): Mark Stephens

The election will be held at the Business Meeting on Thursday, December 7th in the club house.

The remaining officers' terms continue through December 2024.

.... Bert Cripe

# THE FLIMSY BOARD

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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.

## FLIMSY BOARD STAFF:

Editor: Robert "Shep" Shepperd  
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Submittal deadline is the 30th of the month, publication date is typically the weekend after the business meeting, but subject to change as dates and material demand.

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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:

President:..... Bill Hupé  
Vice President: ..... Mark Stephens  
Secretary:..... Trish Williams  
Treasurer: ..... Bert Cripe  
Directors:..... Ray Hagele (HO), Pete Bieber (N),  
..... and Jim Hoshstein (Director at Large)  
Librarian:..... Tom Barrett  
Web Site:..... <http://www.bnmrr.org>  
Facebook: ..... <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1988490354736510/>

## NEW MEMBER REPORT

No new members in November.

## 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.*

### 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

### JANUARY 2024

4th - Open House  
6th - Social breakfast  
11th - Open House  
18th - Open House  
25th - Open House  
27th - Open House

4th Annual General Meeting  
6th - Open House  
13th - Open House  
20th - Open House  
25th - Board Meeting

### FEBRUARY 2024

1st - Open House  
3rd - Social breakfast  
8th - Open House  
15th - Open House  
22nd - Open House  
29th - Open House

1st - Business Meeting  
3rd - Open House  
10th - Open House  
17th - Open House  
24th - Open House  
29th - Board Meeting



## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

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

### Willamette Valley Model Railroad Museum

Saturday, December 2, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Polk County Fairgrounds, Rickreall, OR Hwy 22 and Hwy 99W 10 miles west of Salem

Adults \$5.00, children under 12 free, free parking

Contact Judy MacInnes 503-581-6071 or [macinnej@msn.com](mailto:macinnej@msn.com), [wvmm.org](http://wvmm.org)

### Third Annual Railroad Swap Meet & Train Show

Saturday & Sunday, February 10 & 11, 2024

Saturday: 10am to 4 pm, Sunday 10am to 3pm

Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds, Elma WA  
32 Elma/McCleary Rd, Elma WA 98541

Adults \$5.00, Free parking with food concession on site. Operating Train Layouts

Saturday early bird special \$10 admission at 9am

Phone 360-482-2651

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Above left is Greg & Trish Williams with their grandson Aiden sporting the club's 50th Anniversary Tee Shirts. Aiden is seen working on their European Layout at the clubhouse, above right.  
Photos submitted by Trish Williams.

Below is a photo of the current HO layout in its early stages at the Monroe Train Show. As you can see the track is installed but nothing has been done with scenery.

.... BC

