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clinics, and clubhouse
status.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As mentioned in previous issues, the point of this 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.

If you desire to contribute material (text or photos) for publication, submit material to me at shepperd0718@comcast.net.

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TRAIN TRIVIA

Amtrak trains typically run at what range of speed?

- ♦ 30-60mph
- ♦ 60-90mph
- ♦ 80-125mph

The raised seat in a caboose is called the "_____'s seat"

- ♦ King
- ♦ Angel
- ♦ Balloon

Which phone company started as "Southern Pacific Railroad Internal Network Communications?"

- ♦ Verizon
- ♦ Southern Bell
- ♦ Sprint

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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Submittal deadline is the 30th of the month, publication date is the weekend after the business meeting.
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MEETINGS NOTICE:

General Business meetings are held as set by the President and, **until further notice, will be held will be held on a quarterly basis** on the second Saturday of the quarter's month in our clubhouse at the Kitsap Mall in Silverdale. The meeting begins at 10 am.

Board meetings are held as set by the President the last Saturday of the month in our clubhouse at the Kitsap Mall in Silverdale. The meeting begins at 10 am.

Alternate dates will be scheduled when the meeting falls on a holiday.

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

4D West Side Clinics, when scheduled, **will be held on a quarterly basis.**

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Hupé

Vice President: Jerry Enders

Secretary: Trish Williams

Treasurer: Bert Cripe

Directors: Mark Stephens

Bob "Shep" Shepperd

Jim Hochstein

Librarian: Tom Barrett

Web Site: <http://www.bnmrr.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1988490354736510/>

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest club members:

Joseph Clemenson

Brian Drake and his son Oliver. They are interested in both HO and O scale with an interest of Southern Pacific.

TRAIN TRIVIA ANSWERS

Amtrak trains typically run at what range of speed?

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Sprint

BREMERTON NORTHERN MODEL RAILROAD CALENDAR

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

AUGUST 2025

2nd..... Saturday Social Breakfast Meeting at the bowling ally 8:30 am.
2nd.....Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
7th Thursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
9th Saturday Business meeting, 10 am. CANCELLED
9th..... Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
14thThursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
16th Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
21st Thursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
23rd..... Saturday 4D Westside Clinic 10 am. in the Clubhouse.
28thThursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
30th.....Board Meeting starting at 10 am. CANCELLED
30th..... Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.

SEPTEMBER 2025

4th..... Thursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
6th..... Saturday Social Breakfast Meeting at the bowling ally 8:30 am.
6th..... Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
13th Thursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
13th..... Saturday Business Meeting 10am.
13th..... Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
18th.....Thursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
20th..... Saturday 4D Westside Clinic 10 am. CANCELLED
20th..... Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
25thThursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
27th.....Board Meeting starting at 10 am.
27th..... Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.

OCTOBER 2025

2nd..... Thursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
4th..... Saturday Social Breakfast Meeting at the bowling ally 8:30 am.
4th.....Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
9th..... Thursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
11th..... Saturday Business Meeting 10am. CANCELLED
11th..... Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
16th Thursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
18th..... Saturday 4D Westside Clinic 10 am. ???
18th..... Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
23rd.....Thursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
25th.....Board Meeting starting at 10 am. CANCELLED
25th.....Saturday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.
30th.....Thursday Open House 12 pm to 4 pm.

OUR PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

July 30, 2025

Things are going well for us. The last 2 months we have averaged around 80 visitors on Saturdays. These numbers are very similar to last summer's numbers.

We have gained another new member, welcome Joseph Clemenson. Our Mentor Program is working well. Thanks, Bert, for setting that up.

Major Changes... The board decided we should change our meetings back to quarterly. As President I agreed. Bert changed the calendar on our web page to reflect the new schedule. I also changed the Fourth Division Westside Clinic to quarterly. These decisions were based in part on low participation.

Since my last Editorial, Dave has helped me with the Lionel layout, and it is now operational. Next is the installation of accessories. A big thank you to Dave also for his work on Kitsap Western's lighting and switch replacement projects.

Superintendent Mark led the switch replacement project as well as connecting Port of Hope to the main layout. Operation sessions soon? Tom came in and ran trains and worked on the yard and turntable. Thank you, Tom, it is always good to see you.

We were asked by the Fourth Division to run a Zoom tour of our facilities. Scott volunteered to lead the effort.

Once again thank you for supporting my addiction. As always, I'm in the clubhouse most days from 12:00-4:30. Come in and run your trains or help on the layouts.

Dusting. Replacing broken trees. Vacuum the carpet. The list of things to do never ends.

Bill



JIM HOCHSTEIM & HIS AMERICAN FLYER

I want to make note of a very clever idea Jim Hochsteim implemented on his American Flyer layout. He uses 'modules.' Instead of being two by four foot interchangeable modules, he puts his 'industry' or feature on a interchangeable platform. Thus he can add variety and interest and change the layout periodically. I think it is a clever idea. The following are a few photos of both his current scenario as well as some of his 'modules' he has stored on shelves in the back of the clubhouse. I didn't realize until talking with Jim that the American Flyer is S scale (for a brief time in the 1930's they made a $\frac{3}{16}$ ths version). Jim also note he recently received a donation of some stock and locos in very good condition!

Shep



Photos by Shep



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FROM THE EDITOR

I recently made a trip to a place called “Train Mountain” in Chiloquin Oregon, near Klamath Falls. This club has “models” of the same scale as the Live Steamers in Port Orchard. It is called 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch because the rails are 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches apart. However, the “models” are built in, and can be, in three different ‘scales.’ One: the locos and stock are built for standard gauge. Two: the locos and stock are built for 3 foot narrow gauge so these cars are slightly bigger. Three: the locos and stock are built for two foot narrow gauge, so these cars are slightly bigger still. But since the different gauges were different sized, its all proportional. I believe they all have the same couplers and coupler height. Train Mountain is ENORMOUS—several hun-

dred acres and 37+ actual miles of track. As you can imagine, it’s a pretty expensive hobby though, relative to ours. Outside of Chiloquin is a logging museum which has innumerable recovered and in some cases restored machinery including old steam engines and steam donkeys. On the same trip I stopped at the World Forestry Center in Portland Oregon. I made several trips to this place while I was working (as a Natural Resource Manager) for training, meetings and so forth. But this time I stopped just for fun. Below are photos of a Shay (my favorite) and another old steam engine under a pole barn at the museum.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

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

Saturday, September 27th, 9:30 am to 2:30pm

Southwest Washington Model Railroaders Swap Meet

Battle Ground High School Gym (North Entrance)

250 N. Parkway, Battle Ground WA

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Saturday and Sunday

October 4th (9 to 5) and 5th (10-4)

Lynden Lions Club

40th Anniversary Model Train and Toy Show

Northwest Washington Fairgrounds

Lyden, WA

Saturday, November 22nd, 10am to 4pm.

Longview, Kelso, & Rainier Model RR Club

Model Train & Toy Swap Meet

Cowlitz County Event Center, 1900 7th Ave, Longview WA

flickh@yahoo.com

Other Great Train Shows in 2026:

Boise, ID - Jan. 3rd & 4th

Ridgefield, WA - Jan. 10th & 11th

Puyallup, WA - Jan. 17th & 18th

Kennewick, WA - Jan. 24th & 25th

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