

THE FLIMSY BOARD

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Member Club



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First and foremost set aside Saturday & Sunday, August 8th & 9th as we will be making a huge effort to empty out the back room. We have been talking about this for several years – so now is the time to make it happen. In the meantime most of the items are free for the taking – HOWEVER some items marked “Not for Sale” or “NFS” or have someone’s name on them must not be taken! Once the room is cleared out it will become our meeting/clinic/lunch/work room.

In regards to Policies as mentioned in the last set of minutes: Policies are contained in the House Rules. I have been mistaken in understanding how the House Rules are changed. A change only requires majority vote at a regular Business Meeting – NOT a 2/3 majority vote of the total membership. My serious misunderstanding. There is no need for a new policy manual as mentioned in the July Business meeting minutes.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The club donates receipts from the first two days door donations of open house days to one of the four Kitsap County food banks. The food banks are Fishline in Poulsbo, Central Food Bank in Silverdale, Bremerton Foodline, and South Kitsap Helpline in Port Orchard.

Last year we raised \$3340.00 for these four organizations. We began doing this during a Federal Government shutdown in the recent past. During that shutdown our military neighbors were not being paid and some had to rely on these food banks.

Most of the club members are veterans who have lived on military pay. We know how tough it can be. We chose to act during this failure of government to meet its obligations. We will continue to assist even now as some military members are still foodbank recipients, in addition to members of the general public.

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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:

Social Gatherings are held on the second Saturday of the month in the clubhouse. Board meetings are held periodically in the clubhouse on the last Saturday of the month. The January Social Gathering is our annual dinner meeting held at a local restaurant. Refer to the clubhouse calendar on page 3.

OFFICERS:

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



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CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

*Dates and times are subject to change — consult the website (<https://www.bnmrr.org/calendar.html>) for updates.
In accordance with new bylaws and house rules the Flimsy will now carry the next three months schedule in this calendar.*

AUGUST

1st - Social breakfast
6th - Open House
8th - Open House
13th - Open House
20th - Open House
27th - Open House
29th - Open House

1st - Open House
8th - Social Gathering
8th & 9th - Backroom Workparty
15th - Open House
22nd - Open House
29th - Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER

3rd - Open House
5th - Open House
12th - Social Gathering
17th - Open House
24th - Open House
26th - Open House

5th - Social breakfast
10th - Open House
12th - Open House
19th - Open House
26th - Board Meeting

OCTOBER

1st - Open House
3rd - Open House
10th - Social Gathering
15th - Open House
22nd - Open House
29th - Open House
31st - Open House

3rd - Social breakfast
8th - Open House
10th - Open House
17th - Open House
24th - Open House
31st - Board Meeting



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Until a couple of years ago or so our meetings were held in the evenings, however several members did not want to drive at night to attend those meetings. Thus meeting days and times were changed to 10 am on Saturdays. Since that change attendance has fallen off AND since at this time the only activities we have are meetings and open house days something MUST change. Business meetings will no longer be held as they have been – it is the JOB of the Board of Directors to manage club business.

The former business meetings will now be given a new name (Social Gathering for now) and the agenda will be to socialize, give attendees time to get to know each other better, discuss the club's layouts, make plans, ask questions about modeling, and have fun – which should be what a social club is all about (*the club is organized as an IRS 501(c) 7 Social Club*). In the event business must be voted on by the membership, when required in the bylaws, that will be addressed at one of these social gatherings – the President can announce that an Official Business meeting will be part of the event for that purpose. The time and day remain the second Saturday at 10 am for now.

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*Club member Brian Arlt and his son Charlie had the pleasure of visiting the Union Pacific Big Boy.
Photos by Brian Arlt*



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

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

Redding Model Train Show

August 8th & 9th, Saturday 10 - 5 pm &
Sunday 10 - 4 pm

Win-River Resort & Casino, 2100 Redding
Rancheria Drive, Redding, CA 96003

Website: <https://reddingtrainshow.weebly.com/>

Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club Swap Meet

November 14th, Saturday

Kent Commons Community Center, 525 4th Ave
N, Kent, WA 98032

Admission: \$10.00 per person; kids 12
and under get in free

Info at: www.bemrrc.org

Lynden Lions Club Model Train & Toy Show

Northwest Washington Fairgrounds, Lynden

Saturday 9 to 5 & Sunday 10 to 4

October 3rd & 4th

Website: <https://lyndentrainshow.com>

Longview, Kelso & Rainier Model Railroad Club Spring Model Train and Toy Swap Meet

November 21st, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Cowlitz County Event Center, 1900 7th Avenue,
Longview, Washington, 98632

Info at: <https://lkrtrains.yolasite.com> or contact
Howard Flick at 360-751-7276 or email at
flickh@yahoo.com

River City Modelers Train Club Model Train Show and Swap Meet

Sunday, October 11

9:30 am to 3:30 pm, \$8.00 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

Info at: www.rivercitymodelers.org



Looking Ahead to 2027

Great Train Shows

January 2 & 3 Boise, ID

January 9 & 10 Ridgefield, WA

January 16 & 17 Puyallup, WA

January 23 & 24 Kennewick, WA

February 21 & 21 Sacramento, CA

March 6 & 7 Vallejo, CA

Website: www.greattrainshow.com/

Lewis County Model Railroad Club Show

SW Washington Fairgrounds

2555 N National Ave. Chehalis, WA 98532

Saturday 10 to 4 & Sunday 10 to 2

October 17th & 18th

Info: Ted at tedstrains@lewiscounty.com

FREEMO N AND THE N SCALE DIVISION

I am sure all of you know the N Scale Division's layout in the clubhouse is built following the NTRAK standard which can be found here: <https://nrail.org/NTRAK>

I am sure most of you do not know the N Scale Division also builds modules following another standard, which can be accessed here:

<https://nrail.org/Free-moN>

Our association in the free-moN community is tied to another organization, the PNW Free-moN Group:

<https://www.pnwfreemo-n.org/>

This group is a very loose association of N scale modelers that was formed in 2011 at an organizing meeting held at the Lewis County Model Railroad Clubhouse in Chehalis. There were six modelers at the organizing meeting of which only one is still a full time, active member, your Flimsy Editor.

Bruce Himmerick, Scott Surber, and myself are the BNMR members active in the free-moN group. There is one other group member who is not a BNMR member, with two prospective members considering joining the group.

Since that first meeting the group has participated in shows in Portland, Ridgefield, Puyallup, Reno, Salt Lake City, and Evanston WY. We are preparing for our next show at Lynden Lions show in October in Lynden WA.

At this time (mid-July) Scott is working on new modules to take to the N Scale show at the Elk City show scheduled for July 20–24, 2026 at Elk City Convention Center, Oklahoma.

The PNW Free-mo N group owns eight modules consisting of two return loops, a fiddle yard, two 90 degree corners, a 12-foot long inline storage yard, a T-junction, a 10-foot long passing siding. The modules are stored on carts carried in a 6' x 10' utility trailer.

Individual members have several of their own modules of various shapes and track configurations. A Digitrax DCC system is used to power the layout. With several members having several modules and when participating with other groups, the layout configurations can become large with branch lines arranged very different way.

On the next page is a track plan diagram of our joint setup with the CMRR Free-mo N group, of Oregon, at the Puyallup Great Train Show last January

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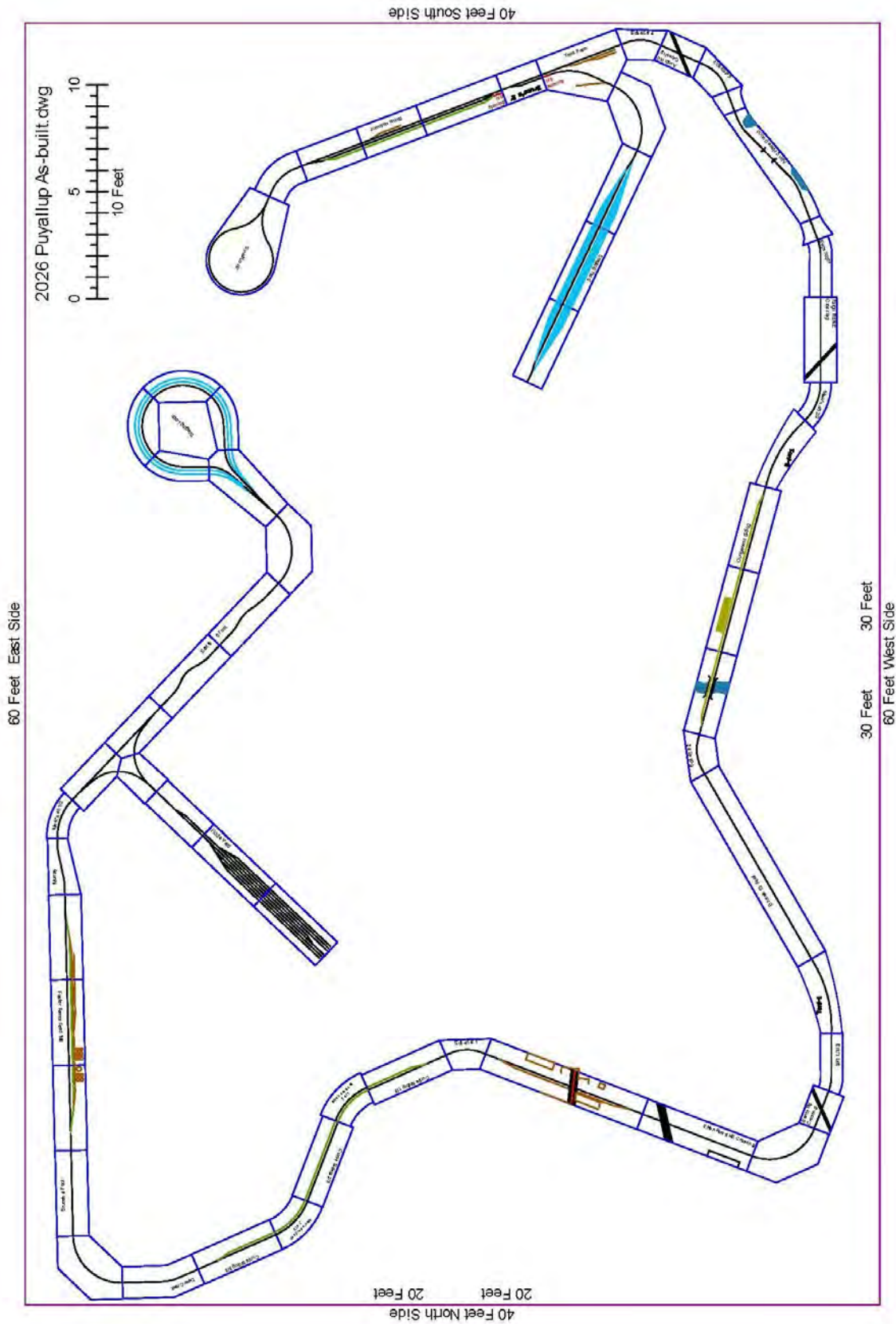
Scott is shown laying track on one of his two-piece 8-foot long Free-moN module sets.

NEW MEMBER REPORT

We welcome our newest member:
Brian Smyth who will be active in the HO
Division.

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PNW FREE-MO N 2026 PUYALLUP GREAT TRAIN SHOW TRACK PLAN



HOURS WORKED FOR OPERATION FEES CREDIT

The Hours for Op Fees program was discussed. While it was originally thought the hours supporting open house would be credited it was decided that would not be the case, instead hours worked performing clubhouse tasks would be counted for credit.

Here is the list of tasks that need to be completed with the frequency of accomplishment needed:

TASK	FREQUENCY
Clean Bathroom	Weekly
Clean Coffee Mess	Weekly
Sweep Backroom and Hall	Weekly
Dust Display Shelves	Every Two Weeks
Vacuum Carpet	Weekly
Clean Carpet	Monthly
Goodwill	As needed
Disposal of batteries	As needed
HO Layout – Dust	Every Two Weeks
HO Layout – Ballast Track	Until finished
HO Layout – Check Rolling Stock for metal wheels	Until Finished
HO – Clean Rolling stock wheels	Monthly
HO – Clean Power Wheels	Monthly
HO – Clean Track	Monthly
YE – Clean Track and Wheels	Monthly

Contact the treasurer for the form to report your hours worked.

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ON THE NEWSSTAND...

Railroad Model Craftsman magazine has a recurring column titled “Layout Doctor” written by Paul Hurly.

Looking back to September 2025 and continuing periodically are several articles of interest such as “Turnout Power Problems” (2025/09); “Frogs: Dead or Alive” (2025/11); “Powering LEDs and Switch Machines” (2026/01); “Fixing Faults in an Insulated Turnout” (2026/03); “Fix the Cause of Derailments” (2026/05); and “More Smooth Running” (2026/07).

All of these issues are in our library and available to read at the clubhouse.

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