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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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August 8th was the day our work party was held to clean out the storeroom. Bill Hupé; Jerry Enders; Mark Stephens; Jim Hochstein; Pete Bieber; and myself spent part of the morning to accomplish the majority of this task.

The room is now ready to be used for lunch, meetings, clinics, and other such activities. A six-foot long table and chairs sits in the middle of the space, ready for use. This was the first time our new Social Gathering Saturday format was held and while only the usual participants attended it went well and a good time was had by all as we sorted through the hundreds of items. Many went the way of Waste Management, but some did make it to GoodWill. Some items even found a new home at members' houses.

This month, in accordance with the House Rules, will see a nomination committee appointed to find candidates for our 2027 Officers.

From the House Rules:

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*The backroom is ready!
Here it is after the clean up last month.*

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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:

President:..... Bill Hupé
Vice President: Jerry Enders
Secretary:..... Trish Williams
Treasurer: Bert Cripe
Directors:..... Jim Hochstein , Mark Stephens,
..... and Pete Bieber
Librarian: vacant
Web Site: <http://www.bnmrr.org>
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1988490354736510/>



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Hello! Hope everyone is doing well.

Where to start. The August give away was a great success. The backroom was cleaned out. Saturday the 8th was spent cleaning it out. Trash to trash and other stuff to Goodwill. Large shelf unit back to Frank's place. Thank you, Frank, for lending it to us. Jennifer Whitewolf came up from Oregon and took all the left-over Lionel and Atlas O scale trains. She also took The Marx trains to Dave, her Marx guy. He has already posted several things on his YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/daveclarklumber>

The clubhouse chore list is up. Volunteers are needed in dusting, carpet cleaning, head cleaning, and parts bins sorting. Thanks to Frank the vacuum man and Peter the Window washer.

Bert donated the table that is the back room. Thanks Bert. Let's try to keep it clean.

Clinics soon? Any requests?

Time to move this train on down the line.

.... Bill



Prototype Photo by Russell West

CLUB ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER

3rd - Open House	5th - Social breakfast
5th - Open House	10th - Open House
12th - Social Gathering	12th - Open House
17th - Open House	19th - Open House
24th - Open House	26th - Board Meeting
26th - Open House	

OCTOBER

1st - Open House	3rd - Social breakfast
3rd - Open House	8th - Open House
10th - Social Gathering	10th - Open House
15th - Open House	17th - Open House
22nd - Open House	24th - Open House
29th - Open House	31st - Board Meeting
31st - Open House	

NOVEMBER

5th - Open House	7th - Social breakfast
7th - Open House	12th - Open House
14th - Social Gathering-Officer nominations	14th - Open House
19th - Open House	21th - Open House
26th - Thanksgiving-closed	28th - Board Meeting
28th - Open House	



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

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

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>

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

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



Prototype Photo by Pete Bieber

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

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



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/

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOW

LYNDEN LIONS CLUB MODEL TRAIN & TOY SHOW



October 3 & 4, 2026

**NORTHWEST WASHINGTON
FAIRGROUNDS**

The Henry Jansen AG Building • Lynden, Washington

Show Times: Sat. 9-5 & Sun. 10-4

Huge variety of model train & toy layouts, exhibits, and vendors.

For more information visit our website at:

WWW.LYNDENTRAINSHOW.COM

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ADMISSION

Adults	\$10.00 US
Seniors	\$8.00 US
Children (6-12) ..	\$5.00 US
Under 6	FREE
Families	(up to six people) \$25.00 US

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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“Officers and Directors shall each serve a term of 2 years.

- a. The President, and two Directors shall be elected in even- numbered years.
- b. The Vice President, and one Director shall be elected in odd- numbered years.
- c. All elected terms of office shall run from January 1 to December 31.”

“The President will assign a nominating Committee in September of each year. The nominating Committee will identify and pre-qualify not fewer than two candidates for each office open for election.”

“Elections for Officers and Directors shall be held during the December membership meeting.”

On page 9 you will find our list of clubhouse tasks that need attention periodically. Please consider volunteering to do your part to support the club. Hours worked accomplishing these jobs will earn you Operation Fees credit which will reduce your monthly obligation. It's a win-win for both you and the club!

I want to remind everyone of our website with the clubhouse calendar. This is the most up-to-date source of events at the clubhouse. Visit:

<https://www.bnmrr.org/calendar.html>

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SEPTEMBER IN RAILROAD HISTORY

1st, 1935: National Model Railroad Association formed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Created by about 100 modelers to establish common standards and compatibility for model railroading equipment.

7th, 1938: Norfolk and Western Railroad formed.

12th, 1850: First rail of the Milwaukee Road System laid.

18th, 1889: Great Northern Railway Company created.

20th, 1850: President Fillmore signs the first Railroad Land Grant Act, 1850.

22nd, 1995: Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad incorporated.

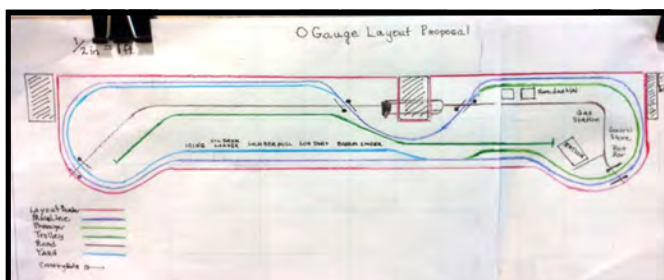
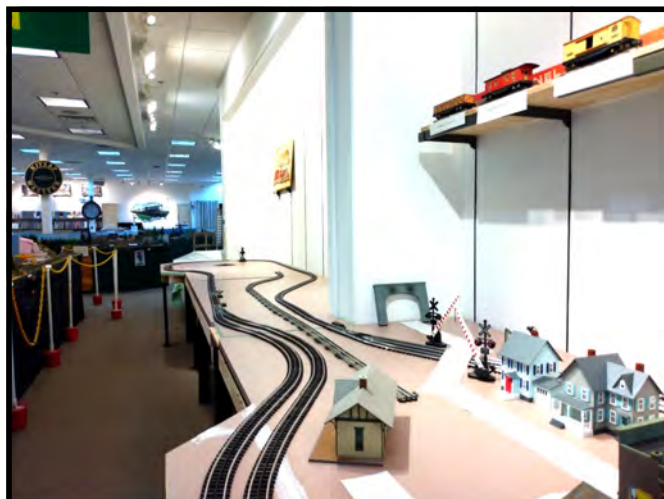
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NEW O GAUGE LAYOUT TAKING SHAPE

Mike Baggason has been busy building the new O Gauge layout.

The photos below illustrate the progress as of Saturday, August 22nd as well as a track plan.

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CLUB MEMBER EARNS AP CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to Joseph Clemenson for earning an Achievement Program Association Volunteer Certificate.



Joseph Clemenson receives his certificate from Bill Hupé.

Photos by Mark Stephens



NEW MEMBER REPORT

We welcome our newest member:
Udo Yoo who will be active in the HO Division.

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HOURS WORKED FOR OPERATION FEES CREDIT

The Hours for Op Fees program provides the opportunity to earn credit towards your monthly operation fees obligation. Contact Bill Hupé to get more information or to volunteer.

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

The treasurer has the forms to report your hours worked.

....BC

ON THE NEWSSTAND...

Are you interested in railroad tug boats? *Railroad Model Craftsman* magazine had a four part series, by Preston Cook, in the April, May, June, & July 1983 issues.

While the series covers in detail East Coast operations, it ignores the topic here on the West Coast.

There are a total of 11 color photos, 16 black & white photos, and 7 drawings. Our HO layout industrial area features a rail barge with a tug boat that can add to operations by providing the opportunity to switch out cars from the layout to storage and vice-versa. If you are interested in rail - marine ops this is a good place to start.

.... BC