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MEETINGS NOTICE:

The Board meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at the clubhouse in the Kitsap Mall, Silverdale, beginning at 6:00 PM. If the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting will be rescheduled to the second Monday of the month. The January meeting is our annual dinner meeting held at a local restaurant.

Business meetings are held on the Thursday following the Board meeting at 6:00 PM at the clubhouse. Refer to the Calendar below.

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JULY CALENDAR

3rd Open House 11 am to 3pm.
5th..... Board Meeting, 6 pm.
8th..... Business Meeting 6 pm.
10th..... Open House 11 am to 3pm.
17th..... Open House 11 am to 3pm.
24th..... Open House 11 am to 3pm.
31st Open House 11 am to 3pm.

CLUB LIBRARY REPORT

The magazines, books, videos, and catalogs have been inventoried. The inventory spreadsheet is in a file called "Library." For those of you who are not familiar with that type of spreadsheet, you will want to look at the bottom of the screen for the desired "sheet." The sheets are: Model Magazines, Prototype Magazines, Books, Videos, and Catalogs. Just click on the desired sheet category and look for your information.

Unfortunately, I don't have the details of what is in each magazine. There is an older index of articles in a white binder kept in the approximate middle of the magazines. I hope this helps you out.

The top shelf left (the one no one can reach) is where you will find the prototype magazines and information. There aren't many prototype issues, but it will expand. At the last meeting, Don H. offered some of his "Trains" issues to the library. Thank you, Don.

The top shelf right is where there are items I haven't figured out how to file. In amongst the items are several pictures of railroading. Final disposition is forthcoming.

If you have something to donate, please place it on the black roll-around table and email a brief description to me so that I know about it and can enter the information into the inventory and file the donation. Thanks, in advance.

.... Tom Barrett
Librarian



LOCOMOTIVE LISTING

At the last meeting, a locomotive listing for HO division was mentioned. The purpose of the list is to provide a central place where the DCC decoder addresses can be found and easily identify duplicate addresses. As most of you know, operating two locomotives with the same address can present conflicts. The list originally was prepared to identify those duplicates.

Originally the list was sorted by address but, lately, I felt sorting by locomotive cab number would be more useful. Having second thoughts, I will now print two versions: one sorted by cab number and the other by address.

Do you have locomotive that are not currently listed? Please provide the following information for any DCC locomotive you may operate on the HO layout. Include any DC locomotives that you plan to convert to DCC. DC only locomotives don't need to be listed. The information categories requested are:

- Locomotive cab number
- Decoder DCC address
- Railroad name
- Type of locomotive (2-8-0, F7, GP9, etc.)
- Owner's name
- Any applicable notes (sound, decoder type, consist info, etc.)

Please mark the information on the paper list (in the binder with the toggle switch DCC lineup) or email the information to Tom B.

.... Tom Barrett



Prototype photos submitted by Pete Bieber

OFF THE MAINLINE



Hello All!

Another great month! We were open for four Saturdays. Attendance was good, 196 last weekend, and the public seems to enjoy us being there.

We are also climbing a steep learning curve with the JMRI programming capabilities. We couldn't get the software/hardware to work with each other. Thanks to efforts of Michael, Bert, Bruce and John, we conquered the problem. Now all I need to do is figure out how to use it.

To make it easier to check and or change locomotive addresses, I purchased the Broadway Limited's Address Changer. It's available for use at the clubhouse.

Please look at the free stuff. This is the last weekend before it goes to the Dumpster.

There are various HO projects which need to be done. Help. First is getting the Young Engineers layout done by the end of the month. Second project, build a second way to get trains up/down from/to the branch line. The third, planning and building a switching layout. Thanks Bert for the help in planning. All three of these project provide excellent learning/skill building opportunities. Ask me how you can help.



.... Bill

HO Division Superintendent

Remember our continued growth depends on all of us!

N SCALE DIVISION REPORT

This past week I installed a new turnout on the branch line that leads to another turnout that leads to two short sidings for a couple of new customers. I still need to install 6 track feeders to finish the project.

We need customers for these two spots and so I offer a challenge the N Scalers. See the details on [page 5](#). This will provide one customer for the new sidings.

Think about what types of cars you have or desire to use in a train and what types of customers you would like to serve.

Then give that some thought to what sort of building the other new siding should have.

The siding near the new return loop has a tank farm and refinery in the works, but that task has fallen behind and will likely not complete until Fall.

With summer comes a road trip to San Diego and then on to Evanston for a Free-mo N meet.

Camping trips are scheduled for July, September, October, and November.

A fence still needs to be replaced in July, so you see I am rather busy.



Prototype photo submitted by Pete Bieber

AN N SCALE CHALLENGE

The two new sidings need customers and here is one solution.

I have a Design Preservations Model kit #506, the Gripp's Luggage Manufacturing building. It would be a good customer for the new siding mentioned in the report on [page 4](#).

We need an N Scale Division member to step forward to tackle this challenge — build the kit and install it on the layout.

It is not too difficult a kit to build, the club has tools and materials to use, I have three books you may use for reference if you desire, and I will provide some guidance along the way.

I have some N Division petty cash if any additional materials are needed, and thus there would be no cost to you to build this kit.

If you are unsure of how to approach it, please consider reading the applicable sections of these books:

- Basic Structure Modeling
- Modeling Structures
- Structure Projects for Your Model Railroad

I have all three books available for you to borrow. If you are really unsure, we can work together on Saturdays at the clubhouse. Building the kit on Saturdays would be a way to add some interest, for our visitors, beyond trains running on the layout.

I will have the kit at the July 8th meeting.

.... BC



ON THIS DATE ... JULY

1st, 1919: The Kansas, Oklahoma and Gulf Railway takes over the property of the former Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf Railway.

1st, 1921: The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway leases the Chicago, Terre Haute and Southeastern Railway.

1st, 1943: The Great Northern Railway acquires the property of subsidiary Spokane, Coeur d'Alene and Palouse Railway.

1st, 1946: The Illinois Central acquires the property of subsidiary Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad.

1st, 1967: The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and the Seaboard Air Line Railroad merge to form the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

1st, 1968: The Chicago Great Western Railway is merged into the Chicago and North Western Railway.

1st, 1986: CSX Corporation subsidiary Seaboard System Railroad is renamed CSX Transportation.

6th, 1992: The Louisiana and Arkansas Railway and Fort Smith and Van Buren Railway merge into aren't Kansas City Southern.

14th, 1916: The Western Pacific Railroad owned by holding company Western Pacific Railroad Corporation acquires the property of the former Western Pacific Railway, a subsidiary of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad in receivership since 1915. When the D&RG reorganizes in 1921, the WP takes control of its successor.

31st, 1971: The Monon Railroad is merged into the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

.... BC



ROLLING STOCK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM – PART I

I am currently preparing for a Free-mo N scale event in August to be held at the former UP shops in Evanston, Wyoming. It has the potential to be the largest Free-mo N scale event in the United States to date. What makes it unique is that it will be closed to the public and funded by the participants. Only those who pre-register will be allowed to attend.

One of the most frustrating problems while running a train is derailments - bad enough during a casual run but so much worse during a show or formal operation session.

So how am I preparing my fleet for Evanston? First off I researched the topic in my collection of notes and internet bookmarks and did a search in my database of modeling magazines.

After reading several magazine articles, blog entries, and emails about rolling stock maintenance, I have developed a plan to ensure my cars will perform as well as possible.

First off was to determine which cars I will take, I then built an Access database to keep track of all the details. I assembled all the written resources I felt might be needed for the project. These include *NMRA RP-20.1 Car Weight*; a listing of the wheel set axle lengths for the various truck makes; a couple of blog entries about maintaining rolling stock; and two magazine articles.

My database includes reporting marks, car type and manufacturer, and truck make. Other fields include a check that coupler height has been inspected, actual and desired car weight, car length in scale feet and actual inches, wheel material (metal or plastic), date of inspection, that my personal ID marks are legible, and a re-

marks field to note actions that might be needed to make the car ready for service.

I have assembled a fleet of 22 covered hoppers of various types and lengths for this event. Nine of them are rather old and have large flange, plastic wheels and Rapido couplers. Only two cars in the hopper fleet meet my desired weight requirements. There are four manufacturers represented with Atlas and Micro-Trains having the lion's share. Most of the written material I have read recommends standardizing your truck makes. Thus I have settled on Atlas and Micro-Trains trucks and metal wheel sets. In addition to the hopper cars I have 30 box cars I am making ready to go. Again many of these have the same issues as the hoppers have.

Next month in Part II I'll go into the details of my maintenance project and provide a list of references I have used.

.... BC

SHARED CONTENT

Over the past several months, during the time of isolation and without group access to our clubhouse, we have shared newsletter content with the Great Falls Model RR Club in Auburn, Maine.

Now that we are again able to meet together at the clubhouse I feel it is time to move on by developing our own content for the Flimsy.

I want to thank Terry King, editor of the *Signal*, for allowing me to share some of his material with you!

Please consider sending Terry a 'thank you' message at:

Terrenceking112@yahoo.com

.... BC

NEW MEMBER REPORT

No new members in June.