

# THE FLIMSY BOARD



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clinics, and clubhouse  
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*Switch tower on the HO layout.  
Photo submitted by Mike Bay*

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## MEETINGS NOTICE:

Business meetings are held on the Thursday of the month in the clubhouse. Board meetings are held periodically in the clubhouse on the last Thursday of the month. The January meeting is our annual dinner meeting held at a local restaurant.

## OFFICERS:

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

National Narrow Gauge Convention

September 1-4

Website: <https://www.seattlenngc.com/>

Venue: Hotel Murano, 1320 Broadway, Tacoma



North Olympic Peninsula Railroaders Twenty-second Annual Train Show & Swap Meet

September 17 & 18 2022

Free Admission & Parking

Clallam County Fairgrounds

1608 West 16th St, Port Angeles

Operating Layouts

Contact Steve at 360-582-1316 or steves-tripp9@gmail.com for table rental info.

*At this point in time the N Division expects to take some of the NTRAK modules to this show.*

.... BC



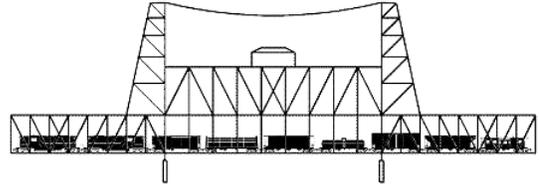
Lewis County Model Train Show & Swap Meet

October 8-9

SWW Fair Grounds, Blue Exhibition Hall, 1909 South Gold St, Centralia

Hours Saturday 10 to 4 and Sunday 10 to 2

Contact Ted Livermore 360-985-7788 or 360-269-0921 or tedstrains@lewiscounty.com



### BRIDGETOWN

RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELERS  
PORTLAND, OREGON

October 1, 2022

At the Airport Shilo Inn  
Portland, Oregon

If you have never attended one of these prototype modelers shows you should! It is difficult to find work of this quality on display anywhere else!

Watch their Facebook page for details:

<https://www.facebook.com/northwestrpm/>

Check out Tony Thompson's blog for some photos of a Bay Area show:

[Bay Area Prototype Modelers, part 1](#)

[Bay Area Prototype Modelers, part 2](#)



## NEW MEMBER REPORT

Welcome to new member Tamara Whipple who joined the N division in June.

## 2023 PNR CONVENTION NEWS



It's official. The 2023 Pacific Northwest Region Convention—"The Prairie Line Experience"—will take place in Tacoma, WA on May 10-14, 2023. The host committee is working to put together an exciting set of activities for the convention, including multiple tracks of clinics, layout tours spanning the region, contests, AP evaluations, train spotting opportunities, tours and non-rail events.

**2023** is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the Northern Pacific Railroad at Commencement Bay on the Prairie Line. It is also the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Tacoma. Add to those significant dates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NTRAK modular model railroad standard, and you have exciting possibilities for celebration. The City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Historical Society have events planned throughout the year and we hope to leverage those activities to enhance our convention. Work continues on the Prairie Line Trail, which crosses the University of Washington Tacoma campus before continuing past the Tacoma Art Museum to-

ward the original Northern Pacific Half Moon Yard.

The convention hotel is the Comfort Inn and Suites next to the Tacoma Dome and one block away from the AMTRAK, Sounder and Tacoma free light rail stations. This location provides quick access to downtown Tacoma with its many restaurants and museums, Seattle and points beyond. We will be opening hotel registrations as soon as possible. The hotel has given us a great deal on room rates for the convention. Standard rooms are offered as follows: two doubles at \$119, two queens at \$129 and single kings at \$129. The hotel provides free breakfast and free parking. See their website for more information on amenities:

[Hotel in Tacoma, WA | Comfort Inn® Official Site | Comfort Inn & Suites Downtown Tacoma](#)

We are still finalizing the registration costs and will have registration open on the website soon. The convention website is located here:

[PNR Convention 2023 – Prairie Line Experience](#)

We will populate the website as information comes available so check back often. The Host committee is dedicated to making this an affordable convention. We are working hard to keep costs down so everybody can afford to join us next year. Mark your calendars and reserve the dates now. We look forward to seeing you in Tacoma next year.

...Kurt Laidlaw

*PNR 2023 Convention Host Committee Chairman*



## N DIVISION REPORT

### TELEPHONE SYSTEM

There is now a telephone link between the dispatcher's desk and the classification yard. A call system with a buzzer and a flashing LED is used to alert the stations of a call.

The dispatcher's phone mount also has a digital clock set to actual time. The desktop computer has two monitors: one for normal computer use and the second to run a fast clock used during operations.

There is a fast clock capability built into the DCC system, but we have not explored that feature well enough to use it.

### LAYOUT STATUS

There are still some turnouts to be installed for stub sidings for customers and one to allow an additional staging yard to be accessed from inside Tunnel Mountain.

Jack is finishing up a passenger servicing facility that is connected to the fiddle yard/south staging. When placed into operation it will include both a turntable and a transfer table. These two units will allow passenger cars to be turned to match the next direction and location within a train.

This past week we held a track cleaning work-party. It went well and took only about 1.5 hours to complete with four of us working.

As always there is grooming to be done on track, ballast to be spread and glued down. Scenery is missing from so many modules and buildings need to be selected and built for the customers.

....BC



## NMRA AT-RISK PERSONS POLICY

We know that many of you have been eagerly awaiting the revised version of the At-Risk Persons Policy, and we certainly apologize for the long delay. That being said, we are pleased to announce the release of the updated Policy, as well as the Designated Guardian Affidavit and a new Q & A section. The Q & A section is based on questions and feedback received from a number of Regions and Divisions. In addition, we will be hosting a broadcasted clinic at the Gateway 2022 Convention in order for members to learn more and have the opportunity to ask any further questions. The tentative day and time of this clinic will be Monday, August 8th at 6:30 PM CDT and will include an overview of the policy followed by an open question and answer period.

We hope that this adds some clarity to the Policy.

You can access the updated policy here:

<https://www.nmra.org/nmra-risk-persons-policy>

or view it here: At-Risk Persons Policy

Sincerely,

*Gordy Robinson*

*NMRA President - president@nmra.org*

## SATURDAY MORNING SOCIAL BREAKFAST GATHERING

Beginning on Saturday, July 16th some of us will meet at the All Star Lanes & Casino at 10710 Silverdale Way NW at 8:30 am.

The purpose of this is to provide another social outlet for members besides meetings and running trains.

The intent is to just have breakfast and chew the fat about whatever the topic may be. All members and family are welcome to attend.

....BC

## WHY I GO TO MODEL RAILROAD CONVENTIONS

I went to my first national model railroad convention in 1991. It was here in Bellevue. I had started an HO layout of Tennessee Pass and knew several local modelers I had met through a couple of local hobby shops and an occasional visit to the 4th Division clinic on Beacon Hill. But I did not know a lot of model railroaders.

That convention changed my whole approach to the hobby. It was a National Narrow Gauge Convention, but the emphasis was on great model building and interesting and impressive layouts. The models were beautifully built and detailed, the clinics were extremely helpful in improving my model building. I learned a lot about many railroads I had never heard of, and I met a lot of great modelers from all over the country and many from outside the US.

I now have a closet full of shirts from many conventions all over the US. And I have a closet full of unbuilt kits and shelves full of books and magazines. Best of all, I have a layout that runs and is fun to share with many who come over to operate.

This September, many of you will take advantage of the upcoming National Narrow Gauge Convention in Tacoma. You will meet and learn from some of the best modelers from

across the world and you can see firsthand the latest in model kits and supplies from national vendors. Finally, you will have access to many fine area wide layouts seldom open to those of us who do not know the owner of the layout.

The convention is at the Hotel Murano in downtown Tacoma September 1 through 4. The next one will be in Denver and then in Pittsburg. So, here is your last chance for a long while to have all this so handy in your area. There will be over 30 clinics and over 25 local layouts featuring many scales and prototypes. Details of the clinics and layouts are on the website and in the files section of the NNG.groups.io site.

There will also be several large modular layouts in the Atrium and vendor room at the hotel. These include the Hangman Creek Logging in On3, the Arizona Mudhens in Hon3 and the Monson Sheepscot River Railroad in Maine In On30.

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...Russ Segner



## CLUBHOUSE CLEANLINESS

The Board will be posting a signup sheet for the various cleaning tasks that need to be taken care of. The most pressing is the very sticky floor in the restroom. Other tasks include vacuuming the carpet, cleaning the front windows, ensuring the restroom has TP and paper towels, and cleaning the HO layout's plexiglass shields.

Also taking out the trash at the end of the day.

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## SPECIAL ISSUE

### 2022 SWAP MEET

The swap meet totally slipped the editor's mind and thus no report was included in the regular July Flimsy. The final financial report has yet to be finalized, but the event was a success.

We owe Mike Boyle and Bob Jensen our gratitude for their efforts to organize the event and secure a venue. Additionally, we owe our thanks to the club members who worked to support the effort in one way or another: Bill Hupé, Dick Stivers, Bruce Himmerick, Norm Bruce, Jack Hamilton, Mark Stephens, Wes Stevens, John Forsythe, Jim Hochstein, Ray Hagele, Jerry Enders, Peter Bieber, and Tamara Whipple.

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