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## *From the Editor's Desk...*

Rumor has it ---

Our neighbors have decided they do NOT want to expand into our current space. This is GREAT news!! The President, Bill, will keep us all posted if/when things change.

*Reminders –*

Our Thursday operation hours are now 2-6pm. (However, in reality, operations are from 12 noon-6pm.) The President is in the clubhouse most days from 12:00-4:30pm. You are welcome to come in, run trains, help on layouts, assist with replacing broken trees, etc, etc, etc. Any afternoon, you will be welcomed with open arms!

The Fourth Division Westside Clinic has been suspended. This decision was based on low participation and the lack of volunteer clinicians. If you are interested in being involved and ‘restarting’ this clinic, please contact the President.

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*Member News*

**Adam Richards** has entered the modules into the xtrkcad program, so they are now available for members to use (they can be completed out to scale, replan the layout, etc.)

**Bill Hupé** is currently working on a script for Kitsap Western Layout. Division Zoom tour of our facilities.

**Scott Surber** is continuing to work on the Fourth Division Zoom tour of our facilities

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## ANNUAL CLUB DINNER

January 14, 2026

*A fine time was had by all members who were able to make it to our Annual Dinner at Amelia's Hangar Restaurant and Lounge in Bremerton. The food was wonderful and company was even better! (I personally got to know a couple I'd never met before!)*





*GETTING TO KNOW.....*

**JIM HOCKSTEIN**

Jim is retired from being a Naval civilian mathematician, 41 years at Keyport torpedo station (many other names), and his former wife now lives on the East coast. Three of Jim's children live within an hour of him, and the fourth lives in Virginia. All of Jim's children are employed, are married and own their own homes.

***How did you first get into model trains?***

Christmas 1956, American flyer 283 engine, figure 8 layout.

***What scale do you prefer and why?***

I was asked if I wanted HO or S. As I was wearing glasses, the S size was better.

***Do you model a specific era, railroad, or location?***

1955 to 1965.

***Are you more into building layouts, collecting trains, or running operations?***

Having fun with toy trains, so layouts! with the capability to change scenery often

***What has been your most challenging project so far?***

Building a turnaround "why" wiring. And spacing the 3 tracks through the tunnel.

***Do you scratch build or kitbash any structures or trains?***

Not yet

***What one tool or material you consider essential to the hobby?***

Imagination. (and paint).

***Has your layout gone through many redesigns, or are you sticking to one vision?***

I have had layouts in my living room, hanging from the garage ceiling, in the garage attic, and in my bedroom's attic. The last being a 4x8 and a 5x9 in an L shape. One continuous line. Currently - since retirement - I have modified my garage layout twice. My dining room is a test track, and I've expanded my clubhouse track.

***What's one dream project of model you want to build one day?***

One that works well when first turned on.

***How do you handle wiring for blocks, turnouts and accessories on your layout?***

No blocks, turnouts in pairs, accessories off a multi-terminal block.

***What control system do you use?***

American flyer dual transformer.

***What's your approach to trackwork?***

Trial and error. Mental plan and build it to see if it works.



*From Jim:* In 2022, I was returning from an East coast trip, and saw this pickup driving on the track, and stopped to take a picture. The pleasant young lady of course stopped to see what I was doing. I explained that I was making a model of a pickup to include on my model train layout. I took other pictures of the rail wheels and the pictures are what I've built.

The other picture of a working truck which is much heavier than the pickup and was in a rail yard somewhere along the Alcan Highway. There isn't much road access to the rail tracks so these trucks are actually a common sight along that highway.

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***DID YOU KNOW?***

100% donations to the Club on the first two open house days *each month* go to a local food bank?

Tours are available to groups such as schools, churches, and/or those with special needs by appointment. Have a child or grandchild that would love to bring his/her group to visit the trains? Contact Bill Hupé @ [president@bnmrr.org](mailto:president@bnmrr.org).

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Another appearance from  
our friend Bowzer!