



# The Semaphore

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## Notes from the Headend

*By Jeff Shultz*

The video of the September Meet is posted on YouTube - [https://youtu.be/sFh8IU4A\\_1s](https://youtu.be/sFh8IU4A_1s) and it was a very interesting meet, with Greg showing us about interlockings, which can be as simple as a siding or a crossover or very complex indeed, and used the railroad he is planning as an example. Then he showed one of those products that is slowly making its way from the military modeler side to the model railroaders – Mig AMMO's Acrylic Water - <https://www.migjimenez.com/en/115-acrylic-water> . This isn't the runny epoxy water, like I'm using to make up a lake/Rivershore scene, but a more viscous product, probably fairly accurately described as "snot-like" in composition. But it dries nice and shiny and makes a very credible stream flowing over rocks.

If you read this prior to 4pm Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – why don't you come down to the Bridgetown RPM Meet at Shilo Inn Portland Airport, 11707 NE Airport Way? I'll be there and I'm sure we're going to see quite a few interesting models – and some of the raffle prizes have me drooling. <https://www.brpmm.com/> for more information.

## Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Meet & Clinics

*By Greg Baker*

The board has decided that instead of constantly changing locations of the meets, we will be meeting at the Wilsonville Public Library for the remainder of 2022.

The next meeting will be October 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Wilsonville Public Library (Oak Room-Soutside) 8200 SW Wilsonville Rd, Wilsonville OR 97070 IN PERSON and potentially live streamed, for those who would like to watch from home. We will have some general organization updates followed by two clinics. Make sure to check out the Facebook page for our most up to date information <https://www.facebook.com/PNR2ND/>.

We are looking for clinicians for the next few meetings, no experience necessary! If you have an idea and need assistance making a PowerPoint or other advice on giving a clinic, please feel free to reach out to a board for help.

Also, if you have a home layout and would be willing to share what you have with us, please let us know. All layouts, any scale, in any conditions are welcome to be submitted. From a small shelf layout to a basement empire, we would love to see what you are working on!

## Blue Box Build-Off – Projects due November

*By Greg Baker*

It is not too late to join in on the fun, we will again have two bankers boxes of HO scale shake-the-box kits, mostly Athearn blue box for you to take home and make something from. Those who were there for the September meet took a few kits and I am looking forward to what everyone makes.

You can build this kit as is, but do not let the kit constrain your creativity. If you want you can kitbash it into a totally different car, turn it into a restaurant or other structure, super detail the car to match a prototype, maybe even make it a different scale? The options are endless!

The 'Rules':

- 1.) Must Attend either the September or October meeting in person to choose your kit.
- 2.) Picking the kits will take place during breaks and AFTER the meeting.
- 3.) Choice of kit will be first come first pick, if we run out of kits we will allow people to use their own stash of kits, but the goal is to use the donated cars first.
- 4.) You must bring your completed creation to the November 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 meeting in Wilsonville and give a brief presentation (5 minutes or less) about what you did.
- 5.) At least 50% of the original kit must be used in your creation.
- 6.) Voting will be conducted by non-participating board member(s). The judging will be on judges preference, not using merit criteria for this activity!

Everyone will you have a new creation to add to your layout, or a new car to add to your train. The 'winner' as chosen by the judges will also walk away with a gift certificate from one of the local hobby shops!

If you have any additional questions or comments, please direct them to Greg Baker at [mountaingoatgreg@gmail.com](mailto:mountaingoatgreg@gmail.com)

## Still looking for a secretary

2<sup>nd</sup> Division still doesn't have the secretary position filled – and I could really use someone to help keep me on track. Since it also comes with a division director position (since we have one available), it counts as AP Volunteer Credit for someone looking to build up points towards that certificate.

## Notes from the Caboose

### Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Meetings

- October 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm to 4:00pm
- November 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm to 4:00pm
- January 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Join us at the Wilsonville Public Library and feel free to bring a friend!!

### Upcoming Railroad Events

- Bridgetown RPM, Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 9:00am to 4:00pm, Portland Airport Shilo Inn 11707 NE Airport Way Portland Or 97220, \$20 to participate ([www.brpmm.com](http://www.brpmm.com))
- Lewis County Model Railroad Club Show and Swap Meet October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 2022 Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm Sunday 10:00am to 2:00pm, Blue Pavilion SW Washington Fairgrounds 2555 N National Ave Chehalis. WA 98532. \$5 admission, kids under 10 FREE!

- What am I missing? (if you have other events you are aware of, Club Meetings, Swap Meets, Operating Sessions, Round Robin groups, etc. please email them to me and I will add them to newsletter.)  
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High Greens all the way!