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JIM YOUNKENS EARNS MMR 488
By Jim Sabol

Counties, Washington, the layout features communities in the area, and dazzles visitors with industries from those communities — mostly scratchbuilt. The MB&S was one of the most popular tour bus stops during the NMRA Seattle convention in 2004. Since then, Jim has welcomed visitors every year for every PNR layout tour and open house. The popularity of his layout has garnered whole boxloads of contributions to the Thurston County Food Bank from visitors during the annual Oly Ops event, which draws modelers from all over the Pacific Northwest.

The growing popularity of operating our railroads prototypically owes much to Jim Younkens, who has been among the first to show us how to utilize dispatcher, timetable, train orders, and his innovative car forwarding waybills. National magazines have used more than one

issue to attempt complete coverage of the Mud Bay & Southern, often featuring the layout on their covers.

Skillful modeler that he is, Jim has earned Master Model Railroader Certificate No. 488 by qualifying as Master Builder in Structures, Scenery, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Chief Dispatcher, Association Volunteer, and Author.

But Jim Younkens is no basement recluse. For many years, Jim served as co-chair for the monthly 4D get-togethers in Olympia, Washington, bringing the hobby to modelers and their families from Tacoma to Chehalis. Not content merely to organize and host the clinics, Jim frequently serves as presenter, sharing his expertise in backdrop painting, layout design, and operating systems.

Jim Younkens is the whole package: consummate modeler, generous sharer, creative innovator, willing volunteer, and inspirational tutor — just the way we like him.

AP Certificates Earned — Jim Younkens

Master Builder – Structures
Master Builder – Scenery
Model Railroad Engineer – Civil
Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Chief Dispatcher
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Model Railroad Author

The Golden Grab Iron Service Award is given each year to a member of the 4th Division, Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association, who exemplifies extraordinary service to the organization. For 2015, the selection committee comprised of the past three honorees has unanimously chosen Jim Younkens, MMR, for outstanding longtime contributions to the hobby, the NMRA, especially the 4th Division, and the very successful Olympia clinic.

After serving his country in the United States Air Force, Jim Younkens has been busy with his own modeling, as well as reaching out to other modelers and the general public. In the 1990s, Jim served as volunteer brakeman on the Centralia-Chehalis Railroad. Jim has been modeling in N scale for more than 25 years. His module in the portable Mount Rainier N Scale Club is among the most scenic as well as reliable sections of that railroad, which has delighted children and their parents as well as fellow modelers at the club's many public shows. It would be difficult to estimate how many youngsters Jim has inspired.

Jim's home layout, the Mud Bay & Southern, is legendary. Based on actual locales in Thurston and Grays Harbor

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