

FAMILY FUN WITH TERRAIN MODELS AND MODEL TRAINS

The Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council will be holding its 20th anniversary **MODEL TRAIN SHOW** on Saturday, October 21st and Sunday, October 22, 2017 at the Gracey Hansen Community Center in Ravensdale (27132 SE Ravensdale Way, Ravensdale, WA, at hours from **10 am to 5 pm (both days)**. Operating layouts in many popular gauges are set against historically modeled scenes and terrain representative of the changing history and culture found in the Seattle region including transportation within coal and mineral mining, timber, fishing, and farming industries surrounding and feeding areas such as Seattle. Coal mining and timbered areas in Renton, Maple Valley, **Ravensdale**, and Black Diamond are particularly emphasized, including disasters. Regional history exhibit will be present with many period display pieces, photographs and explanations. On an availability basis, lots of door prizes and “give aways” may be present that could appeal to a broad audience. Hands on train operations for children useful at various age levels.

Exhibits reach into human growth process. It shows important application(s) of science and technology (“**STEM**”, or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) in our history and consequential rise of our unique regional culture(s). Creation of simple ideas, games, and artistic sketches in socially fun surroundings are important productivity tools. Further ideas and process can become progressively added to form larger ideas and skills. This progressive growth in interests, ideas, and skills goes onward toward creating simple models and/or (digital) simulations. These may be eventually be powered by motors and engines such as AC and DC electricity, live steam (using wood, coal, diesel, and other fuels), gasoline engines, diesel engines, and diesel-electric hybrid drives. Models may then progressively grow (or be re-scaled) into larger designs, and reaching into purposefully larger applications. These rescaled machines and lay-outs (whether at first being paper, or digital simulations, and/or then later becoming physical models) may be incorporated into or become actual transportation elements and/or for infrastructure (becoming part of logistics planning systems). Many model societies, and professional societies that build and use models (and/or members) may be present, including those relating to railway, shipping, transportation modeling, designing, and modes of applications (including design of railway fed shore side infrastructure, and the ships carrying such cargo; e.g., such as by **Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers** (or “**SNAME**”, etc.)). Model making is fundamental to architecture and engineering. Good fun for all in the family (and especially for enjoying, watching, and running model trains).

Exhibits range from regional history, to hands on toys and trains, to complex exhibits demonstrating rail transportation areas and switch gear timing problems. Special play areas may be aside for children specific to their interest group. See also attached pictographic explanatory video which is available in a number of formats. We are here to stand by you. Come out and enjoy the country, and stand with us too.

Lots of free parking. Suggested donation: Adults \$ 5.00; children 3-11, \$ 2.00

See our website for further details:

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