

FAMILY FUN WITH MODEL TRAINS AND REGIONAL HISTORY

OCTOBER 19-20, 2019 – 22nd ANNIVERSARY MODEL TRAIN SHOW

The Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) will hold its annual **MODEL TRAIN SHOW** on October 19 – 20, 2019, at the Gracie Hansen Community Center in Ravensdale (27132 SE Ravensdale Way, Ravensdale, WA) from **10 am to 5 pm on Saturday** and **10 am to 4 pm on Sunday**. Exhibits range from regional history, to hands-on toys and trains, and complex exhibits demonstrating rail transportation areas and switch gear timing problems. Special play areas may be available for children specific to their interest and age group.

HISTORICAL BACKDROP:

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 the transportation hub areas such as Seattle and Tacoma. Coal mining and timbered areas of Renton, Maple Valley, Ravensdale, and Black Diamond are particularly emphasized, including area disasters affecting pioneering towns. This Regional history exhibit may contain many period-specific display pieces, photographs and explanations, including history-specific pieces such as models (including subscale articles), working pieces including steam engines, locomotives, and vessels; and may also include an approximately 100 year old working 18' steam launch that plowed the Pacific NW waters.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Exhibits are intended to reach into the human growth process and demonstrate important applications of science and technology (“**STEM**” -- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) in our history and consequential rise of our unique regional cultures. Exhibits may be powered by scaled motors and engines such as AC and DC electricity, and live steam (using wood, coal, diesel, and other fuels), with an emphasis on the technology that was the predominant factor in developing the region from an animal-dependent transportation structure to one which was, and still is today, supported by machines. Many ideas began as "toys", which were of great fun. These ideas gained momentum, grew in scale and in interest to inventors, innovators, and industrialists to soon become foundations for a new age.

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY:

Many model and professional societies (and/or members) that build and use models 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**"). Model making is fundamental to not only good toy design, but also applications in civil and military uses, architecture, and engineering. Good family fun for all, from toddlers to retired tinkerers (and especially for anyone who enjoys watching and running model trains). Also on an availability basis, lots of door prizes and "giveaways" may be present that appeal to a broad audience. Hands-on train operations may be available for children of all ages.

FREE PARKING AND DONATIONS ACCEPTED:

Lots of free parking

Suggested donation: Adults \$ 5.00; children 3-11, \$ 2.00

More Train Show details and videos/photographs at: www.gmvuac.org

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