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2021 NMRA National Convention Dates and National Train Show Reservations:
2021 Rails by the Bay • July 4 – 11, 2021 • Santa Clara, California • <https://www.nmra2021.com>
Train Show Booth Reservations—Jenny Hendricks Registrar • P.O. Box 1328, Soddy Daisy, TN 37384-1328
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2021 Board of Directors Elections

Next February, we will be holding our 2021 Board of Directors Elections.

The following positions are up for election:

- All members worldwide will be voting for the President and Vice President.
- Some members will be voting for the Director for their district.
- All members worldwide will be voting on a Board of Directors proposed by-law revision.

Ballot packages are being designed specifically for your district. Your ballot package will include candidate statements, the proposed by-law revision, and the ballot. As we have for the last few years, the ballot will **not** be published in the magazine.

Eligible U.S. members with an email address on file will be invited to vote electronically through Electionbuddy, a secure online voting system. Your election invitation should arrive around FEB 1 and the **election will close on MAR 1**. Eligible U.S. members who do not have an email address on file will receive a paper ballot via postal mail. Completed paper ballots must be **postmarked no later than MAR 1**.

Eligible NMRA Canada members with an email address on file will be invited to vote electronically through a secure online voting system. Your election invitation should arrive around FEB 1 and the **election will close on MAR 1**. Eligible NMRA Canada members who do not have an

email address on file will receive a paper ballot via postal mail. Completed paper ballots must be **postmarked no later than MAR 1**.

Eligible members living outside the US or NMRA Canada with an email address on file will receive their ballot through email. Eligible members living outside the US or NMRA Canada who do not have an email address on file will receive a paper ballot via postal mail. Completed ballots must be **postmarked no later than MAR 1**.

You should receive an email about the election or a ballot in the mail sometime after January 15, 2021. Do not be alarmed if you learn that one of your friends has received their ballot when you have not. Since the ballots are being distributed from different locations and in different manners, the ballots will most certainly arrive at their destinations at different times. Please take the time to vote, and thank you for being a member of the NMRA.

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**TYLER WHITCOMB EARNS
MASTER MODEL RAILROADER® #663**

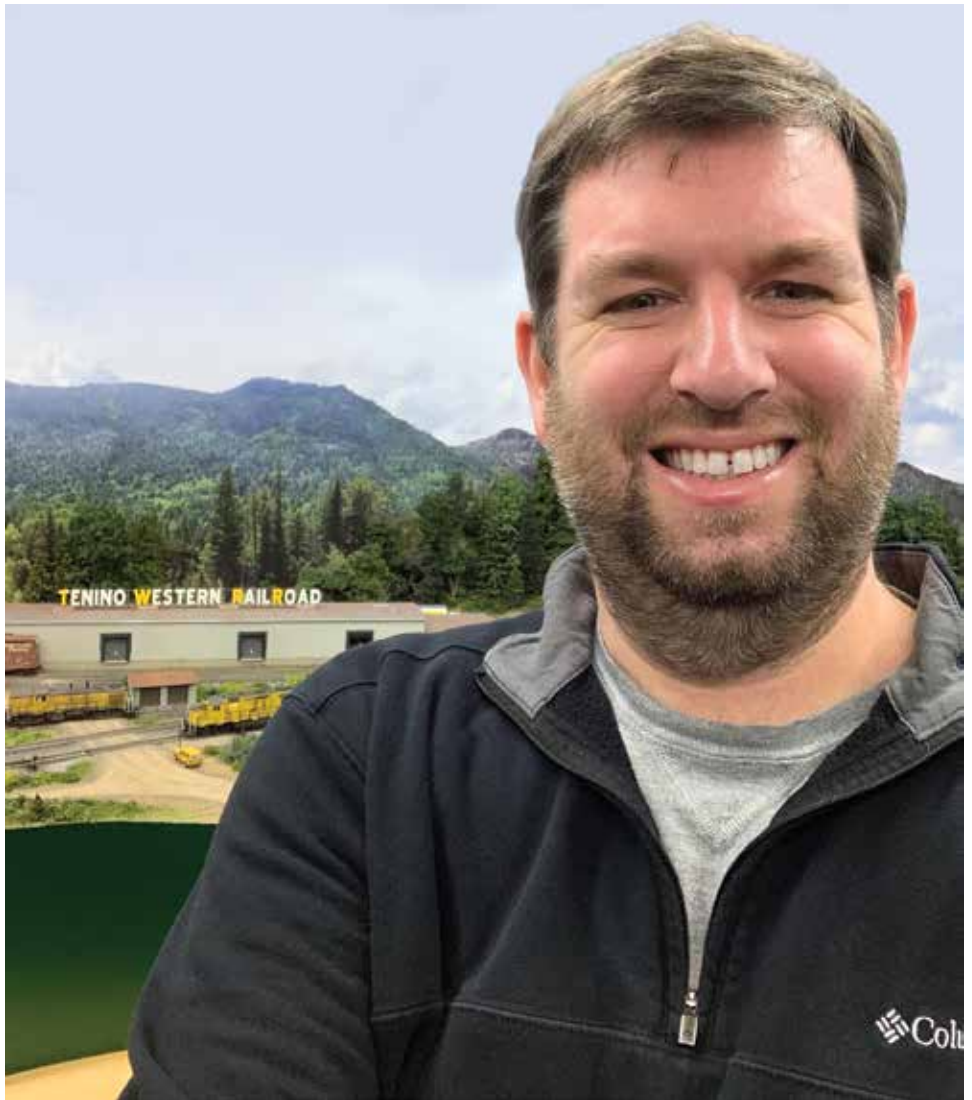
I have been interested in railroading since I was a wee lad. I was introduced and hooked into this great hobby when my older brother and I built an HO 4x8 layout together. I remember my mom taking us trackside to watch an endless parade of Burlington Northern, Union Pacific, and Amtrak trains running between Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. During my high school years, I spent a lot of time chasing trains with my friend Erick, who's now a locomotive engineer for BNSF.

After a tour in the US Navy, I attended Central Washington University and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, specializing in painting. While attending college, I spent my summer and winter breaks working for the American Orient Express, rebuilding and painting passenger equipment. Shortly after graduating, I went to work as a locomotive engineer for Union Pacific.

If there was a real defining moment in this hobby for me, it was when I first met James Younkins, MMR® 488. He built an N-track module based on Weyerhaeuser's Chehalis Western, the same railroad that used to run behind my grandparents' house. He and I hit it off and have been great friends ever since. I learned a lot from him and what went into his Mud Bay & Southern Railway, much of which has inspired my N-scale Tenino Western Railroad.

We're making the internet smaller.

Stop wasting modeling time doing internet video searches! The **NMRA Turntable** brings the best of the best model railroading videos to your email every month. It's one more benefit of NMRA membership!



There are way too many people to thank along this journey of model railroading because there are so many talented and great people in the Pacific Northwest. But some I would like to specially thank are: Walt Huston for introducing me to the NMRA and helping me write my first article; I would also like to thank Jack Hamilton MMR® for pushing me to complete the Achievement Program. The Certificates I have earned so far are scenery, electrical, author, dispatcher, volunteer, structures, and cars. Each Certificate has forced me to try something different and push the envelope, bettering my modeling skills. I still hope to complete the other four categories.

If I had to choose a favorite aspect of the hobby, I would say scenery, photography, and operations. Okay, that's three, but it is hard to narrow it down! Overall, I like almost anything to do with model trains, but more so, I enjoy the friendships I have made along the way.

Certificates Earned Tyler Whitcomb MMR® 663

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Master Builder – Structures
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Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Model Railroad Author