

ETE PNW Chapter Meeting

April 25, 2024



Agenda

General Meeting

- Reports:
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Modular chair
- Eurowest
- BBQ
- Sales and Fund Raising
- Featured Presentations
- Modular Group Meeting (everyone is welcome to join or leave)

Reports

- President

- Tonight's meeting will be a General Chapter Meeting (first half), and then a Modular Group Meeting (second half)
- Very successful show at Chehalis, thanks to all who participated
- Several important events coming up, we'll talk more about those during this meeting
- We have a very high level of member participation...very good to see!

- Secretary

- Welcome to new members
- We have 51 members, most ever for this chapter

- Treasurer

- Current balance of our chapter account:

Modular Update

- 2023-2024 was a great season!
 - 6 modules - starting to work well together!
 - Kids Module + Zebra hunt big hits
 - 25+ members participation at events!!!
 - Module Workshop June 22-23 in Gig Harbor (Stein's hangar)
- 2024-2025 season
 - Same shows; maybe 1-2 new shows (Lynden, BC, Leavenworth, Eurowest?)
 - Many new modules under development, incl Corner Module + Staging Module
 - Need to run more trains on our layout – blocks?
 - Expand our Kids Activities – Märklin partnership?

EuroWest

- 13-14 July in San Carlos, CA
- We will not bring our layout this year, but...
- We will send a contingent to...
 - Volunteer at the show
 - Host a Sales table
 - Host our kids layout incl Zebra hunt
 - Get to know other ETE chapters
- Travel down with Amtrak Coast Starlight: Seattle – Oakland July 11-12
- Who will consider joining?

BBQ August 17

- Annual ETE PNW BBQ Hosted by Peter
- Hosted by Peter Lofgren in Onalaska, WA (~Chehalis)
- More details to follow

Sales

- Thank you to all who donated, bought, and sold!
- Keep donating, buying and selling!
- Commission: 10% commission when you sell using our tables (ETE benefit)
 - You bring and store your items, not using Trailer
- Consignment: we do the sales work and stores the items between shows
 - Propose 25-50% commission?
- Need Volunteer: Sales Manager (between shows for organizing, pricing, collecting, transporting, etc)

Current inventory of items For Sale

- We have way too many items currently in trailer
- Plan:
 1. Bring to Eurowest and sell
 2. Bring to BBQ and sell cheaply
 3. Sell remaining items to Electric Train Store in Burien

Featured Presentations:

- Rocky Mountain Train Show – Thom Keyes
 - Repairs to Recently Acquired Lok's – Jacob Abrisz
 - Installing Signals on a Marklin Layout – Cord Reynolds
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- Next meeting: June 27, 7pm Zoom

ETE PNW Modular Group

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Module Builder Workshop

- June 22-23
- Gig Harbor
- 2 days, but you are welcome to only come one day
- Focus will be on reliability of old and new modules
 - Tracks according to our standards, electrically solid
- Fixing existing modules – [Update Workshop Task here](#)
- Ensuring new modules integrates well
 - Do not screw/glue down tracks before workshop
- We will establish work teams to work on modules together
- [Sign up here](#); RSVP June 14

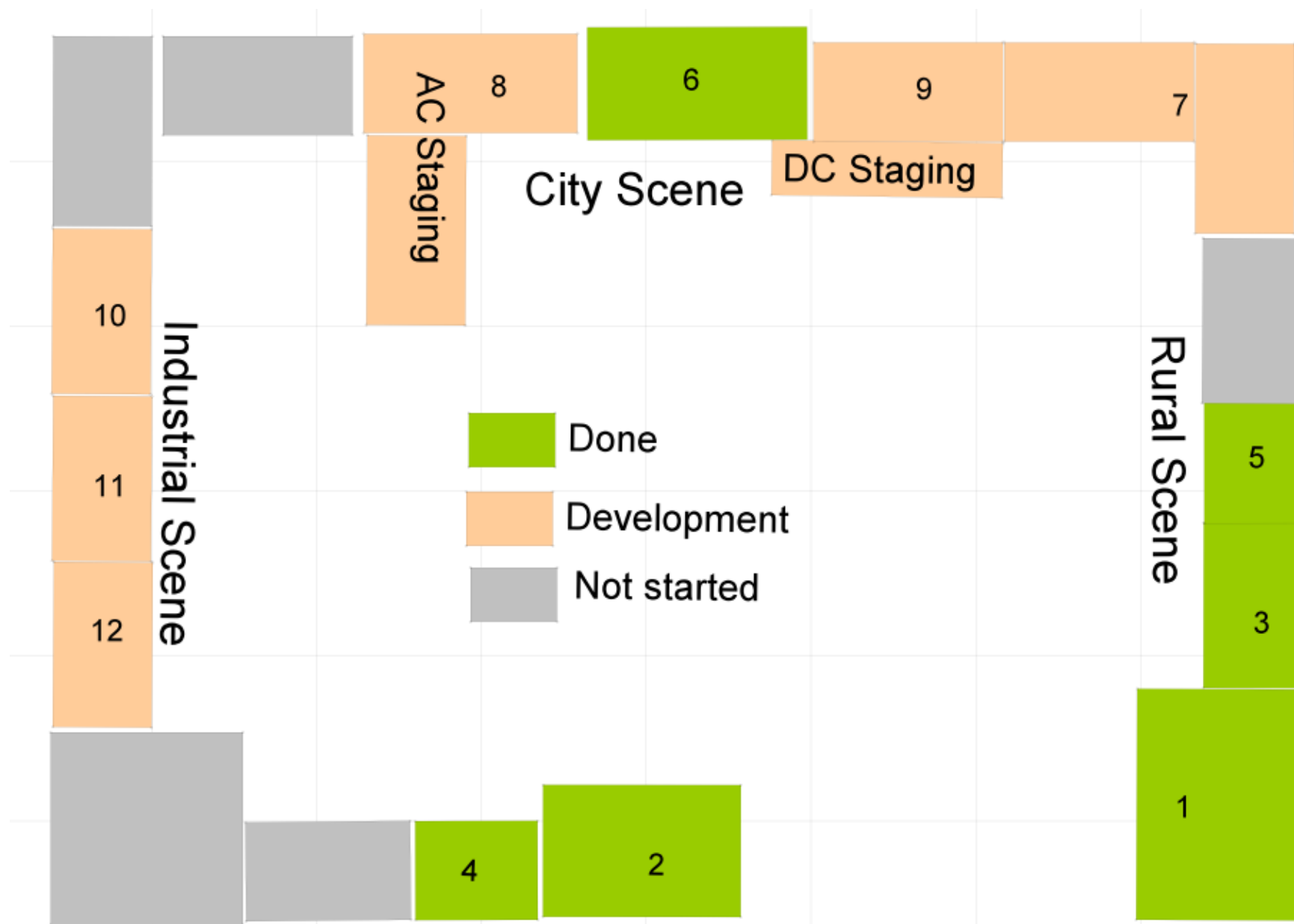
Module Workshop – June 22nd

- As a group, we need to accept a few facts:
 - The Module Group has accomplished quite a bit in the last 1.5 years...*in fact, AMAZING accomplishments in a short period of time!*
 - None of our modules are “Perfect”
 - Each module has room for improvement
 - We *MUST* respect each other’s work...however imperfect it might be
- With that as our baseline...Let’s find ways to improve our modules to get the best outcome for the group as a whole, and not criticize workmanship
- Positive comments and solutions are more effective to team building and collective enjoyment of our hobby

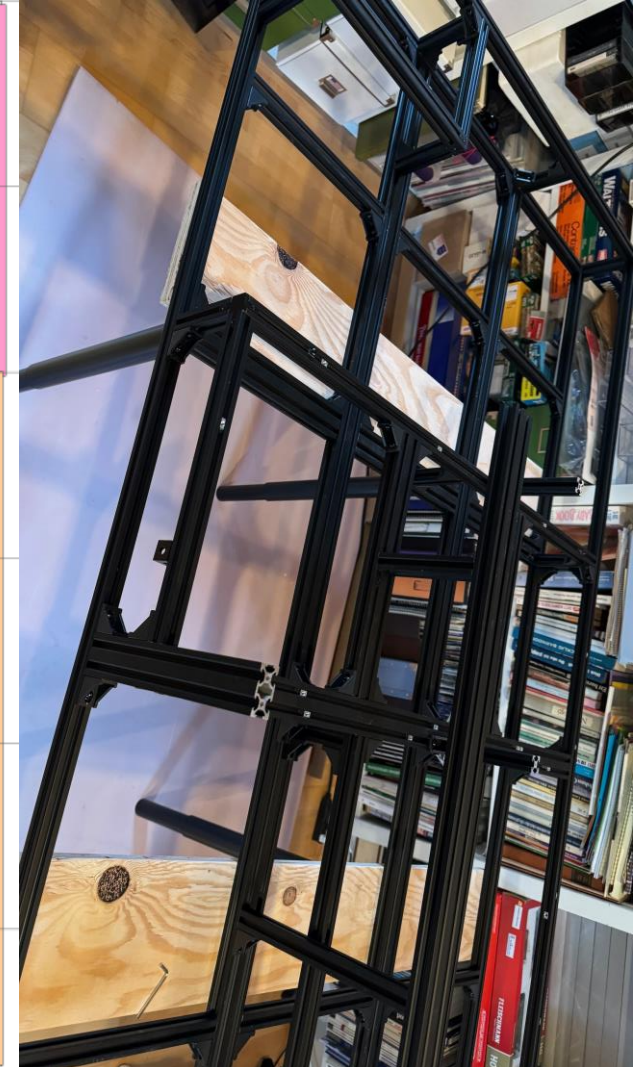
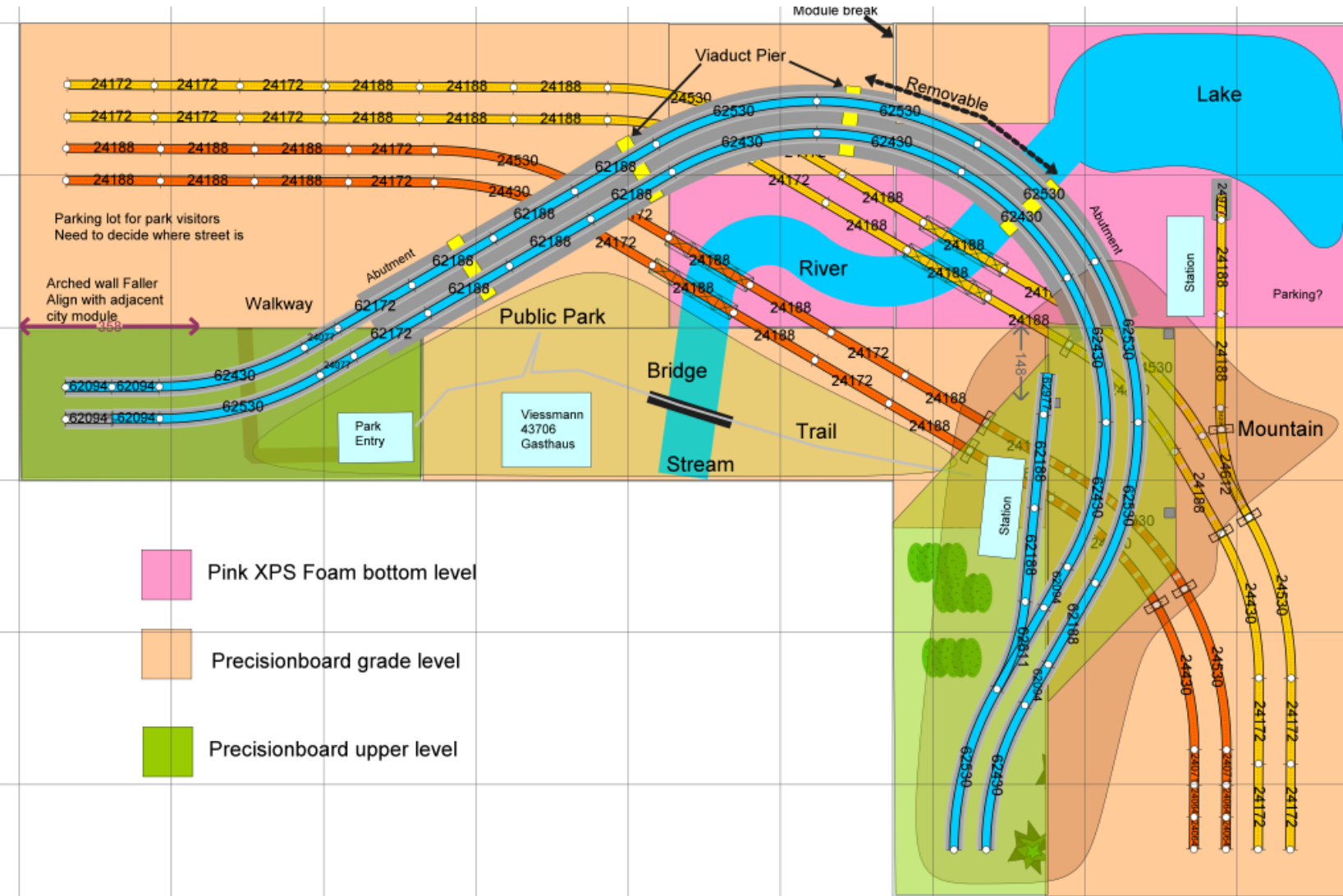
Modules

#	Module type	Owner	Scene	Material	L (mm)	L (in)	Size (in)	Status
1	End Loop	ETE (Howard)	Rural Village	Wood	2140	84.3	84 x 60	Operational
2	End Loop	ETE (Howard)	Rural Mtn	Wood	1830	72.0	72 x 48	Operational
3	Mid/Transition	Chris	Rural	Wood	1511	59.5	60 x 36	Operational
4	Mid/Transition	Thom	Rural	Wood	1130	44.5	44 x 36	Operational
5	Mid	Jan/Hans	Rural	Wood	1205	47.4	47 x 36	Operational
6	Mid Station	Stein/Paolo/Brian	City	Alum	2080	81.9	82 x 41	Operational
7	Corner	ETE (Alan)	Rural+City	Alum	1750	68.9	69 x 69	Development
8	Mid + AC Staging	ETE (J.R.)	Staging * 2	Alum	1975	77.8	78 x 36	Development
9	Mid + DC staging	Magnus	City	Alum	1750	68.9	69 x 36	Development
10	Mid	Chris	Industrial?	Alum	1500	59.1	60 x 36	Development
11	Mid	Eugenio	Industrial?	Alum	1500	59.1	60 x 36	Development
12	Mid	Thom	Industrial?	Alum		0.0	60 x 36	Not started
13	Mid	Robin	City?	Alum		0.0	60 x 36	Not started
14	Mid + DC staging	Magnus	City	Alum		0.0	60 x 36	Not started
15	Corner	ETE	City+Industrial	Alum		0.0	?	Not started
				Total	18,371	723.3 in		
						60.3 ft		

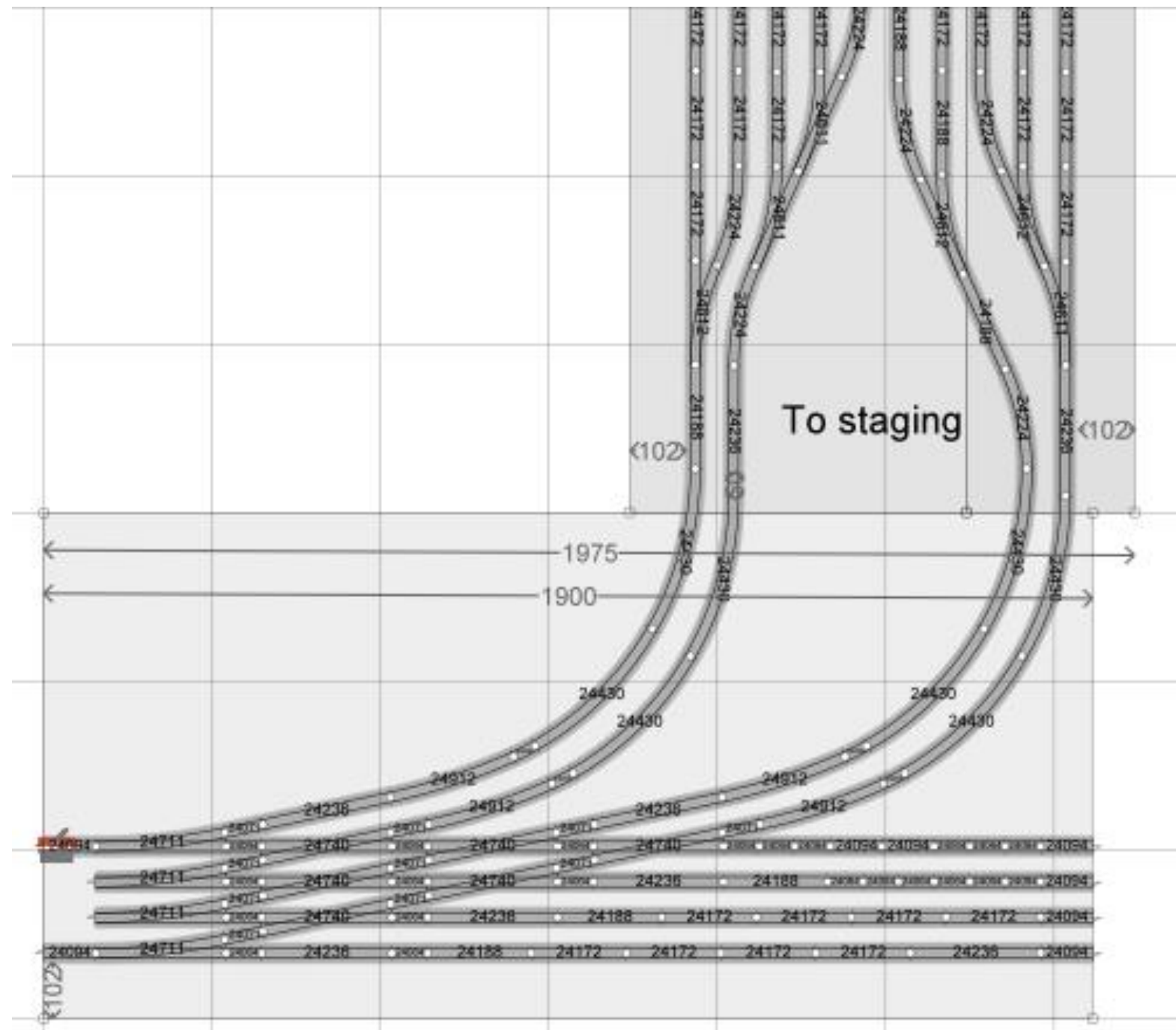
Module Vision



Corner Module



AC Staging



More modules → More trains!?!

- Need to introduce system to run multiple trains on each loop
 - Block design!?!
 - On all 3 loops ... on both
 - Analog and Digital ... and can go
 - Clockwise and counter-clockwise ...while
 - Protecting staging yards ... and also
 - With signals ...
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- Jan is working on this; talk to him if you have ideas or solutions!
 - Will start with small experiment and go from there

Trailer

- Works very well, but full!
 - Should we get a second trailer in 2025?
- Towers: Howard, Chris, Peter, Magnus – need a few more towers
- Maintenance:
 - Tire pressure
 - Replace tires 5-6 years
 - UV cover for wheels
 - Parking
 - Logistics
- Need Volunteer: Trailer Manager

2024-2025 Season Schedule

- [Show Schedule here](#)
- Potential future shows:
 - EuroWest 2025, in San Carlos, CA
 - Leavenworth, WA. Fall/Winter 2024?
 - Lynden, Oct 5-6 (Chehalis Oct 12-13)
 - Oregon, BC shows?
 - Others?