



## **Chuck Ricketts – MMR has passed away**

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**One of our 4D MMRs has passed away. Chuck Ricketts left us on Aug 6th at Harborview Hospital. His balance had been deteriorating for the last year, and a fall resulting in a severe head trauma took him from us. I will miss his friendship and sharing of all things related to model construction and in particular the railroad hobby.**

**His imagination, hobby expertise and enthusiasm to get everyone involved in operations created fine comradery. His Sherwood, Shelton & Sarazen (S. S. & S.) included a unique feature at the time, a movable barge “floating” traffic between Oyster Bay and South Seattle, a separate location and operating system.**

**Thanks to the efforts of Roger Nulton and Dale Kreutzer, the S. S. & S. is in the Oct 2020 issue of the Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette. Bruce Petrarca MMR #574, one of Chuck's Arizona friends, has created a Vemio, [vimeo.com/536949514](https://vimeo.com/536949514) about Chuck's S. S. & S. that I thought clever.**

**Chuck sold the house in Lacey with railroad intact. Or perhaps from a modeler's perspective sold the railroad with the house intact.**

**Never giving up model railroading, the Baja Sienna was his next railroad in Tumwater. You've seen various articles and YouTube presentation about this one. My perspective, with a laugh, is the materials used were largely gathered at the local foam recycler's dumpster.**

**Once again after reaching the operation stage, this layout was carved up and sold to a Seattle railroad modeler. Chuck moved again, staying in Tumwater and had, in the planning stage, a shelf layout in the works for the new garage. With a sigh, I say goodbye to Chuck who was an exceptional friend to me, the Olympia model railroaders and the whole Puget Sound model railroading community.**