



PROMONTORY POST

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Let's start off with a quick apology to all you faithful readers (all three of you) for not getting a newsletter out in February. To use a Navy term, I was OBE (overcome by events). Too much to do and not enough time to do it all. So, let's see if I can remember what was happening in the Northern Utah Division over the last two months.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 18th—Another third Saturday afternoon, and another Division Meeting where Fun, Learning, and Fellowship was freely dished out.

The Master of Ceremonies aka Chief Cat Herder this month was the awesome Steve Moore. He did a fine job of welcoming everyone to the meeting, recognizing new and returning members, steering the Show and Tell, announcing coming events, and introducing the guest clini-



cian and his topic of discussion.

We were happy to welcome long time member, Paul Thorum, back into the fold after a protracted absence due to health problems. We are glad you're back with us as we missed you buddy.

After Show and Tell, announcements and a short break, we welcomed Scott Perry back as he regaled us all about the wonder and joys of modeling in On30.

February 15th—Pete Harmon played the part of Leader of the Pack and took us through the announcements of upcoming events, review of the convention preparations, greeting of visitors and new members, and voting on the revised By-Laws.



You remember the By-Laws don't you? They were published in the last two Promontory Posts and on the Division Website for the past three months. The vote to adopt the new By-Laws passed with a vote of 23 for and 1 against among the vote-eligible attendees, opening the way to pursue getting our 501(c)3 status reinstated.

After our show and tell, which saw Jack Chase and his cute little Z-scale Mikado Steam Locomotive (it just amazes me that they build electric motors small enough to fit into such tiny spaces), and Al Badham showing off some

of his magnificent scratch-built O-scale railcars, and the obligatory break to mix and mingle and reacquaint ourselves with new and returning members, we turned the time over to Don Strack's Clinic.

Utah's Center for Railroad Modeling Excellence



Join us every 3rd Saturday, From 3:00 to 5:00 PM
Meeting at the Pioneer Valley Hospital
Administration Conference Room
3640 South Pioneer Parkway (4155 West)
West Valley City, Utah 84120

We're about Fun, Learning, and Fellowship

THE MONTHLY CLINIC

The **February** clinic pressed home the Fun and Learning aspect of the Division's mantra as Scott Perry, that instrument of the devil himself, tried to seduce us into going over to the dark side of model railroading... the no rules, do as you dang well please, totally freelance, and utterly frivolous world of Narrow Gauge railroads. Why it's enough to make a dyed in the wool rivet counter cry in his beer.



From the pictures Scott shared one could surmise that if you disdain conformity, you have a penchant for super detailing, you love the small backwoods railroads with timber and mining operations, then Narrow Gauge is calling your name.

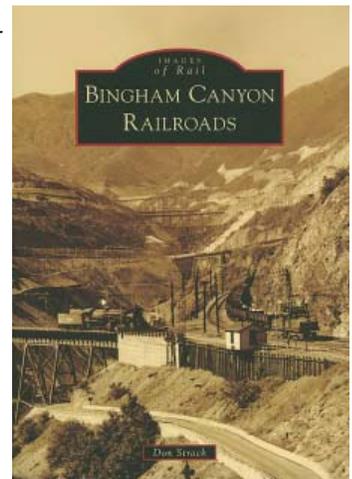
The **March** clinic emphasized the Learning part of our motto—Fun, Fellowship, and Learning—along with a healthy dose of fellowship. Don Strack, the founder, owner, and power behind UtahRails.net presented a very interesting slide and narrative discussion of the History of railroads and mines in Utah from the 1880s to the present day.

Don is one of those railroad modelers that sort of got sidetracked by a facet of the hobby that we might all come to once we get tired of just rail fanning on our 4x8 plywood pacific layouts. Namely research to make our trains more realistic. In this case Don became totally engrossed and immersed in historical research. In an effort to keep all his research notes organized, he started putting them on the web. He has made those notes accessible to you and me. Visit UtahRails.net and see for yourself what a treasure this is.

The presentation he gave today is one that Don gives at the college level. It is far from being a dry old lecture though. In addition to his website, Don has also published numerous books. We have an autographed copy

of his *Bingham Canyon Railroads* book in our library that you can check out. Contact either Bob Lewis at robert5830@comcast.net or Michelle Swift at swiftjustice4u@yahoo.com.

We wish to thank Don for sharing his talents as a thorough researcher and his time with us. It was a fun learning experience.



What a clinic!!

We all knew about the transcontinental railroad, but who knew that Utah had such an incredible railroad history in its own right? I didn't, until this afternoon. Don has a terrific website called UtahRails that is a "boxcar load" of information on local railroading history. Google "UtahRails" or point your browser to "utahrails.net" and you'll find the right website.

Thank you, Don, for a terrific clinic!

D.O.G. NEWS

February - For the second month in a row, the DOG crew spent the morning and early afternoon of February twenty-second going through their paces on Gary Petersen's Salt Lake Southern railroad. We had a great turnout, loads of fun, rewarding fellowship, and Gary was a kind and gracious host.



Working up crew assignments for the day.

Crew master Jack Chase, will be arranging another ops session for sometime in March. Stand by for the crew call. If you want to get in on the fun, be sure to contact Jack at jack.r.chase@gmail.com. No experience necessary, but you do need to be dependable and able to keep commitments.



Northern Utah Division Welcomes Regional Convention in 2014—Jun 19-22, 2014

Convention Update - 03/27/2014 - 84 days to convention start; 82-days to op session start

OP sessions:

We're filling up fast! Lee Nicholas' Utah Colorado Western Op Session is full. (Did you read the article about the UCW in the April 2014 NMRA Magazine?) Willard Johnson's Jordan Valley Central is also full. We have a few spots remaining at [Ted York's Cajon Pass](#), Rob Spangler's [WP 8th Sub](#), Quintin Foster's N-scale [DRGW & Santa Fe](#), and Gary Petersen's [Salt Lake Southern](#). We expect these to be full in the next 2-3 weeks (if not sooner.)

Convention Cars:

We have approx. 33% of the convention cars remaining for purchase. There are options for Salt Lake and Utah gondolas and Saltair box cars. Scroll down on the convention [home page](#) for pictures of these one-of-a-kind cars.

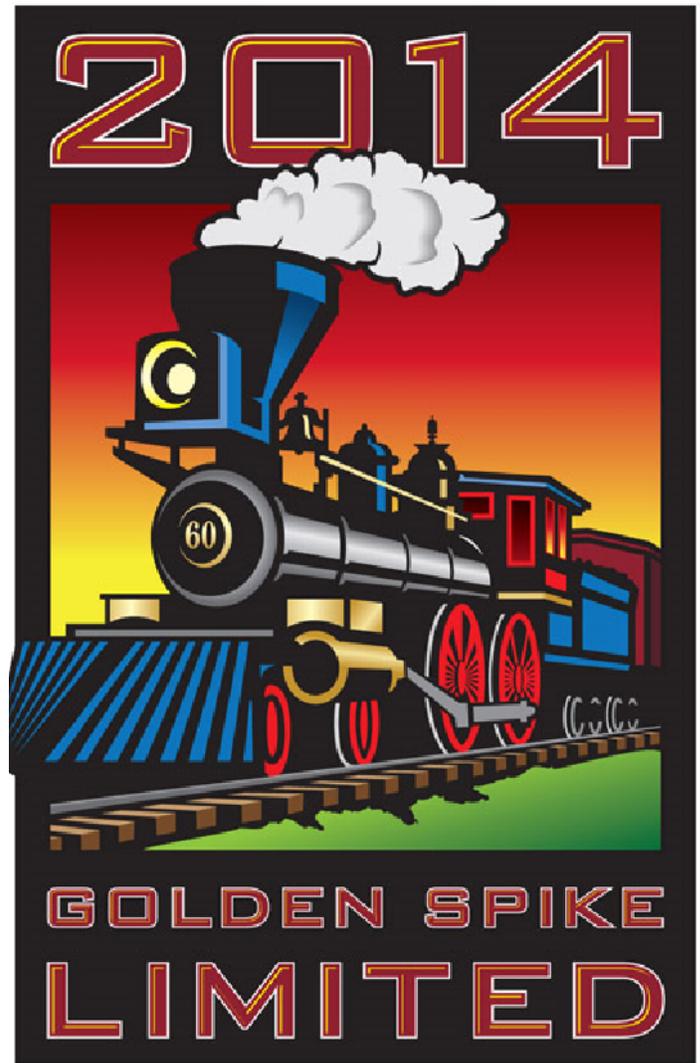
The **model judging contest** will be adjacent to the clinic space so make sure you bring your prize winning models. Bill Tulley wrote a wonderful article on the [mini diorama contest](#) at the convention.

Clinics:

Clinics to provide additional modelling techniques and the latest trends in the hobby include:

- LED Lighting for your layout - Daland Spiers
- NMRA Edu-TRAIN - Bob Blake
- Signaling your model railroad - Dr. Bruce Chubb
- Handlaying track - Jim Harper
- Modeling the Real West - Rob Spangler
- Model Railroad Digital Photography - Mark Rindflesh
- Scratchbuilding - Harold Huber
- The UCW - Lee Nicholas
- Tools, Tools, Tools - Doug Geiger
- Backdrop Painting - Gil Bennett
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE - 17 clinicians covering 22 clinics!!

Union Pacific Training Tour - We have several spots remaining for this unique tour of Union Pacific's signal and locomotive training facility where signal maintainers and locomotive engineers are trained. This tour is has a limit of 20 participants. It is a self-drive about 20-minutes from the hotel to the Salt Lake Community College main



campus and we can help arrange carpools.

The convention hotel is adjacent to the [Fronrunner](#) Commuter rail line, [TRAX light rail](#) (which you can take from SLC International Airport to the hotel with a transfer from the Green Line to the Blue line), the South Towne Shopping Mall, fabulous local and national restaurants.

Don't wait any longer to spend a week of your summer in beautiful and clean Salt Lake City, Utah and [register](#) for the 2014 Golden Spike Limited RMR Region Convention.

Thanks,
Alan Anderson
GSL2014.org Convention Chair

Registration is Now Live!

Go to <http://gsl2014.org/registration/>

Visit our Website

<http://gsl2014.org/>



Ken Berry, Superintendent

Geoff Carter has decided it is time for someone else to be our Editor. This will be Geoff's last issue for us, so the next time you see him, shake his hand and thank him for all the hard work he put into our terrific newsletters!

Fred Voelcker accepted my invitation to become our new Editor and will begin work on the April issue. Fred is a long-time modeler from Baltimore, and has rubbed elbows with most of my modeling heroes. Maryland's loss is our gain (Thank You, Maryland!) so please join me in welcoming Fred as our new Editor!

This will also be the last "Smokebox". Frankly, I can find no value-added by "letters from the (fill in the blank)", and there are better ways to communicate Division business to our members. All of us just want more "model railroad goodness", so I will ask our new Editor to publish only articles about models, modelers, and modeling.

I would like to make an observation: **We don't need bylaws, officers, or elections to model railroads.**

Let me say that again: **the only reason we have bylaws, officers, and elections is to protect ourselves from liability.**

The State of Utah says that if we want protection from legal liability through **incorporation**, we must have officers, bylaws, and elections.

The NMRA says that if we want protection from *financial* liability through **insurance** we must have officers, bylaws, and elections.

It should be pretty obvious *why* we want these protections, so we have bylaws, officers, and elections. But don't think for *one second* that "politics", "politicians", or "politicking" are necessary for our Division, because they *aren't*.

15 volunteer members of our Division answered the call to complete our Bylaws. They worked hard to minimize the "burden" our Bylaws make on our model railroad time, so we could "re-focus" our attention on modeling railroads. Even our elected officers can now spend most of their spare time just modeling railroads, and being elected to Division office means nothing more sinister than taking your turn to keep the Division's modeling programs "on track" and "on schedule"!

The core of the previous Bylaws were retained, but reworded to be more in line with the Bylaws of the Region and the and Regulations of the NMRA. In summary:

- Elected Officers and Directors have been combined into a "Board of Trustees". All are elected. Duties

and obligations have been severely reduced to minimize the "burden" of being elected. Officers now spend most of their time modeling railroads.

- Board pre-approval is now required for **all** expenditures of Division money.
- A simple election procedure has been defined.
- Clerical errors in the Bylaws may now be amended by the Board without triggering the full three-month process. Complete transparency in making such changes is part of it.

These revisions are one small step for the Bylaws, but one giant leap for our Division!

We must all realize that *there never was a valid reason for "politics"*. We don't *need* politics to do what we do, and we wouldn't have any bylaws or officers anyway, if we didn't need the liability protection.

We must *all* stop thinking that the "Division" is something to avoid or resent, start insisting that our officers only do things that *directly* support or enhance our NMRA Experience, and watch that the "Division" never becomes a *burden* to our members.

Volunteer for something. **Vote** in the next election.

Voice your opinion. And *be* a member of our Division, so we can *be* a Division able to do great things!

Cheers! Ken



Northern Utah Division Leadership:

Elected Officials:

- Superintendent Ken Berry
- Asst. Superintendent.....Fred Baney
- Treasurer Stan Jennings
- Director at Large Jack Chase
- Director at Large Jim Wanlass
- Director at Large Vacant
- Director at Large Vacant

The Executive Committee is made up of the following:

- Achievement Program Jim Wanlass
- Clinics Stan Jennings, Peter Lieber
- Communications Jim Wanlass
- Division Operations Group..... Jack Chase
- DVD & Book Librarians Bob Lewis & Michelle Swift
- **Graphic Artist** **Vacant**
- Greeter By Assignment
- Tours and Trips..... Pete Harmon
- Marketing & Publicity Steve Moore
- **Member Aid Chairman** **Vacant**
- Membership Manager Jack Chase
- Publications Editor Fred "Phread" Voelcker
- **Secretary** **Vacant**
- Special Events Chair..... Alan Anderson
- **Staff Photographer**..... **Vacant**
- Videographer Randy Jones

On30 MODEL RAILROADING

By Martin K. Van Horn

Contributed by Fred Voelcker with the author's permission



On30 Model Railroading is based on the premise that HO gauge is best used as narrow gauge in O scale! It dates back to 1932 when Hugh Boutell

converted his pioneer HO gauge inside third rail layout to a representation of Maine 2' modeling in true O scale of $17/64" = 1'$. This is the first documented modeling of narrow gauge in any scale. On30, or On2-1/2 as it was earlier known, was "re-discovered" by individuals throughout the 1940s and 50s, and then David Gast popularized it in a series of Railroad Model Craftsman articles in the 1960s. The late Bill Livingston gave it a boost in the 1970s, as did Jeff Saxton in the 80s and Jack Hess in the 90s. Then Bachmann came along and commercialized On30, also in the 90s, first with a streetcar for Department 56 to sell with their ceramic Christmas buildings in 1/4" scale, and then with passenger train sets in the late 90s consisting of Colorado & Southern prototype Mogul, combine, coach and observation. Then over the past 15 years, the line has been expanded with On30 models of 3' and 2' gauge locos, as well as actual 30" gauge designs.



But On30 was born and developed by using available HO mechanisms under O scale superstructures, and I prefer to do such conversions/

bashes/building to this day. My own On30 modeling dates back to 1954, when, inspired by the late Dick Andrews columns in R.M.C., and a published plan in Model Railroader



for a Bridgton & Saco River box car, I built said car with Northeastern Scale wood and mounted it on Mantua arch-bar trucks, and like Hugh Boutell, was satisfied with my version of Maine 2' gauge. My On30 modeling got a boost in 1962 with Dave Gast's articles in R.M.C. and I added a bit of On30 to the Baltimore Society of Model Engineers layout. I fiddled around with On30 until I bought one of those Bachmann passenger sets in 1998, and the next year converted my 7'6" x 19' HO layout to On30. A move in 2003 has me with a 15' x 20' point-to-point with provision for continuous running for breaking in mechanisms and for when guests want "to see the trains run". My favorite medium for modeling locomotives is to use the great running mechanisms by Mehano of Slovenia, imported by I.H.C., under conversions using



the original boiler and cast resin cabs and parts, or full conversion kits, or even the Bachmann Mogul superstructure! Cars are Bachmann,

bashes, resin kits, and/or scratchbuilt. I prefer smaller equipment than what Bachmann makes generally: 20' or 22' freight cars and shortened and/or narrowed Bachmann passenger cars. Then there is On30 traction. In 2005, I built a small oval under trolley wire and re-wired Bachmann streetcars to run from the overhead. Also, two Corgi Los Angeles PCC cars were converted to On30 with Black Beetle power trucks from Australia and run on this layout. A 11'6" x 6' L-shaped traction layout has been started and languishes in my "office" where I type this.

On30 is the fun gauge. No rivet counters please! And there is no such thing as On30 Scale, no matter what Bachmann says on their packaging! It's On30 Gauge and O Scale. I wince when a newbie asks where do you get On30 buildings or better yet, On30 figures!

Volunteer Reports

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Superintendent..... Ken Berry
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 Director at Large..... Jack Chase
 Director at Large..... Jim Wanlass

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Achievement Program..... Jim Wanlass
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Clinics..... Stan Jennings, Peter Lieber
 Hard at work finding subjects of interest to you

Communications Coordinator Jim Wanlass
 I have updated, and made more useful, the division website
<http://NorthernUtahNMRA.org>. Coincidentally working on
 the convention website <http://gsl2014.org>

Division Operations Group Jack Chase
 The DOGs have been very active for 1 year (almost).
 May will be our first anniversary. We have operated
 on 6 different layouts. We organize our events to fall
 on the fourth Saturday of the month. We have 25+ on
 the roster and 12 fairly active members. Come join us.
 DOG management has also been very busy setting up
 pre-convention Operation Sessions. We have several
 sessions planned and scheduled on some of the finest
 layouts in Utah.

DVD & Book Librarians Bob Lewis & Michelle Swift
 Donate one to borrow many.

Graphic Artist Vacant
**Helps with anything graphic, from web pages to flyers to
 signs to newsletter headers**

Greeter By Assignment
 Makes sure everyone feels welcome.

Tours and Trips Pete Harmon
 I have exhausted the layouts in the Salt Lake City area that I
 know about. I have a number of layouts in the Hostler's
 Club territory who's owners are willing to hold tours. I am in
 need of names and phone numbers of people who have
 layouts in the rest of our division for layout tours for our
 division and owners who are NOT in the SLC and Hostlers
 Club areas. I need these not only for Division tours, but also
 for Convention tours this June. Please send any information
 you have to Pete Harmon at pharmon@bestweb.net with
 Layout Tours in the subject line.

Since the attendance at the tours in the Ogden area have
 been so poorly attended, I need to be able to broadcast to
 all of the known Division members to convince the guys
 who are away from SLC to host another tour.

Marketing & Publicity Steve Moore
 I have submitted the following information to Model Rail-
 roader Magazine, and the NMRA: Clinics (through March
 which is all I have), meetings, and the Region Convention.

Member Aid Chairman Vacant
**Assists in connecting those who need help with those who
 can provide help. You don't have to have all the answers,
 but you are willing to find out the answers and point to the
 source of those answers.**

Membership Manager Jack Chase
 The membership function continues to monitor
 attendance at the monthly meetings and recruit new
 NMRA members at the various train shows and func-
 tions in the area. Recently we did informal recruiting
 at the OTW Thanksgiving Point Train show. In March
 we set up a table and recruited at the Hostler's Train
 Show in Ogden. We will be recruiting at the upcoming
 National Train Day, Saturday, 10th of May.

Publications Editor..... Geoffrey Carter
 Putting my last Promontory Post to bed and turning the
 reins over to Fred "Phread" Voelcker. Also acting as Regis-
 trar and Treasurer for the Convention Committee.

Secretary..... Vacant
A non-voting member of the board who keeps the minutes

Staff Photographer Vacant
**Someone with a digital camera who can take pictures at the
 meetings, clinics, layout tours, convention, or any other
 event held by the division. Pictures to be uploaded to the
 division website and published in the Promontory Post**

Videographer Randy Jones
 Randy's business, The Train Shoppe, is doing so well that he
 is having a hard time getting away on Saturdays. He is look-
 ing for a replacement videographer. Any budding Cecil B.
 DeMilles out there?

RMR Golden Spike Limited 2014 Chair Alan Anderson
 The Northern Utah Division Events Committee has been
 working hard on the 2014 Region Convention. This is going
 to be a wonderful convention this June 19-22 in Sandy,
 Utah. For details on clinics, layout tours, UP Training Facili-
 ty tours, Promontory Summit tour and op sessions on fa-
 mous local layouts, convention cars and more, check out
 our website at <http://gsl2014.org> and register today. Regis-
 tration is just \$45 for clinics and tours. Dr. Bruce and Janet
 Chubb will be our guest speaker on Saturday night. Our
 kickoff keynote on Thursday is NMRA President Charlie
 Getz.

MNRA National Convention 2019 Chair Alan Anderson
 We also have received 21 signatures for the Division to
 make a presentation to host the 2019 NMRA National Con-
 vention. We need 25 active, current members of the NMRA
 to sign the petition so we need a few more. If we get the
 25 signatures, we will be making a pitch at the 2014 NMRA

Cleveland Convention for the NMRA Board to choose 2019 NMRA Salt Lake. Why, you ask? Because 2019 is the 150th anniversary of the driving of the Golden Spike. It'll be a great time for the NMRA to come to Salt Lake. We are looking for volunteers to help host this event if we are chosen this July.

Wasatch Rails 2014 Chair Stan Jennings
Members of the events committee and the division leadership are looking at an improved Wasatch Rails train show in November. We recently met with media folks to discuss better ways to get the word out with some mass media opportunities. We expect to have a marketing plan in place by June or July...hmmmm...better make it July! :) This will be THE train show and you won't want to miss it!

As you look over and contemplate this list, please note that there are a few vacancies and some folks who wear multiple hats. It would be great if you could step forward and fill some of the needs to help make this the best division in the region, if not the nation. Thanks



Please join with me in welcoming the following new member of the Northern Utah Division of the NMRA:

- Andre McMurrin—West Jordan

Hopefully, you will find this is an organization that brings together fellow modelers for Fun, Learning, and Fellowship... just as these renewing members have:

- Al Badham—Salt Lake City
- Rex Bailey—Lehi
- Fred Baney—Kearns
- Kay Baney—Kearns
- Pete Harmon—Salt Lake City
- Peter Lieber—Lehi
- Allen McCallum—Syracuse
- Robert Mecham—West Jordan
- David Pendell—Salt Lake City
- Scott Stowell—Clinton

We are glad you folks decided to stick around and continue contributing to the Fun, Learning, and Fellowship.



The Division Operations Group session in **March** was on Rob Spangler's Western Pacific 8th Subdivision located in beautiful downtown Syracuse, Utah. (Well, maybe not downtown, technically... but, it sounds good, eh?)

We got off to a bit of a slow start, in fact it was doubtful if we were going to be able to start. Road construction caused many of us to go a bit out of our way to get there, and ignoring alarm clocks was the reason others

didn't arrive on schedule. But we finally got a enough of a crew together to start.

We drew lots to establish the pecking order for selecting jobs, received our assignments, and got down to the serious business of playing trains.



Rob has a group of helpers, who come in and assist herding cats (us operations newbies). They dispense with gentle, kindly tutoring as depicted here with Jack being mentored by Jeff.

Everybody had a great time as you can see Ken here admiring his work in the yard.

We wish to thank Rob for his hospitality and patience.




We have an exciting mix of clinics coming our way during the coming months. You won't want to miss a single informative and entertaining moment.

Apr 19, 2014—DCC

Alan Anderson

Filling in the gaps in your knowledge of this new fangled way of playing with trains. Alan will guide us through the mysteries and confusion.

May 17, 2014—Interurbans of Utah since 1949

Stan Jennings

At one time Utah had interurban service from as far south as Payson, Utah, as far north as Preston, Idaho, west to Garfield, Utah and east to Pinecrest, Utah. While all except one are gone and the survivor is dramatically changed, a surprising amount of equipment has survived. What has survived is a fascinating part of Utah's railroad history.

Jun 21, 2014—No Division Meeting

Alan Anderson—Chair

Register for the Golden Spike Limited 2014, Rocky Mountain Region convention today, so you won't miss out on the price break for early bird registration. If you hurry, you will also get a chance to sign up for one or more of the four remaining operating sessions. (There were six, but two of them have already maxed out on sign-ups. Go to gsl2014.org for online registering.

Jul 19, 2014—UP Turbines

Fred Baney

Come and learn all about these unique and historic locomotives from a guy that knows his Union Pacific.

TRAINS OF THOUGHT

Opportunity Knocks!

Ken Berry, Division Superintendent

Bill Tulley is managing the model/AP judging at the Convention this June, and has offered to train anyone in our Division who is interested in learning how to become a Top-Notch AP Judge.

Bill is one of my Modeling Heroes, and who better to learn from than Bill! Judging AP is quite easy, and each "judge trainee" will be paired with a veteran judge and shown the ropes. The best part is that this will all be "on-the-job training" ... we will be learning how to judge with our mentors during the AP judging at our Convention this June!

The AP is the premier program offered by the NMRA, and is an important part of our Division's future. We need trained, qualified AP Judges in Northern Utah, and this is the perfect opportunity!

If you are the kind of person that wants to help our members enjoy the very best that the NMRA has to offer, then you are the kind of person we are looking for! Send an email to the Convention Chair (Alan Anderson), the AP Chair (Jim Wanlass), or the Superintendent (whoever that is), let them know you are interested in learning to be an AP Judge, and we'll sign you up for one of the best hands-on clinics you'll ever get to take!

There's room for everyone (well ... maybe not everyone!) and the more we have, the better it is for our Division.

Come learn how to judge the AP by one of the best in the business!!



UNDER THE HOOD

Achievement Program

Jim Wanlass, Division AP Chair

For me the first real steps of the AP Program were evaluating what I had already done in my journey of model railroading. You see, most of what we do can count toward earning certificates, it's just a matter of recording it and documenting it.

For me it also stretches me and makes me go outside my comfort zone sometimes. There are things I wouldn't normally have tried but found to be quite fun! There may be some things that, in the end, I will have been able to say I have done everything at least once. Kind of like the chocolate buffet bar on cruise ships :-). What I'm trying to say is how do I know if I like (or don't like) cer-

tain areas of model railroading if I don't "give it a go"? "The World's Greatest Hobby" has so many aspects to it, that is why it is so great! You may have already earned your Golden Spike Certificate and not known it. Or you could be like me; for ten years I only needed to finish one thing to earn it! Follow along with me on my journey at <http://JamestownTrains.com/my-quest-for-master-model-railroader>.



I need to update this blog: I have earned another certificate but I'll explain more later about why it surprised me as to which one. I thought it would be one I would not even try to go for at all and ended up being the first one I earned!

Let me know that you are interested and I will do what I can to help you. Even if you never achieve Master Model Railroader status I believe it is a journey worth starting. After all, what can be wrong with learning new things and increasing ones skill in this awesome hobby we call model railroading? Let's enjoy the journey together. - Jim.

Time spent
Model railroading
cannot be deducted
from a person's life





The following is a list of clubs and organizations within the Northern Utah Division territory. Hopefully you will be able to find a group of like-minded individuals to associate with and share your interests and passions.

American Civil War Railroad Modelers of Northern Utah—An “all scales” club centered around the greater Salt Lake City metropolitan area. The ACWRC is open to all who are interested in researching and building ACW railroad layouts, modules, or dioramas. Contact Ken Berry at railroad.modeler@gmail.com

Circus Model Builders—This club was started in 1935 and its mission is to preserve the history and memories of the circus by building and displaying circus models. Many circus have used railroads for transportation between cities and show locations. We have about 1,000 members world-wide modeling in many scales from Z to G plus! Some members build a whole show set up and others just do the train. We have a great website with photos, plans, and information and a great color magazine. For membership information you can Contact Marty Petersen at marty_petersen@hotmail.com; on the web at www.circusmodelbuilders.com; and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/circus.models.

Golden Spike American Flyer Club—This S scale club meets the 3rd Friday of each month at various club member homes. Their newsletter contains the time and place. Contact Jim Buckley at 801-671-7535 or email jimbuckflyer@gmail.com

Golden Spike Model Railroad Club—This club meets Saturday evenings from 7:00 to 11:00 PM at the former Children’s Museum of Utah (840 N 300 West, SLC) Contact George Pekkanen 801-966-3227. You can find us on the web at: www.wasatchmedia.com/deepcreek/page3.html

Great Basin Lego Train Club—Adult fans of LEGO. Meeting times and club info is posted on their website: www.greatbasinlrc.utahlug.org/. Contact Reed Cowan 801-373-7292. You can find us on the web at: www.greatbasinlrc.utahlug.org/

Hostlers Model Railroad Club—This multi-scale club, including live steam, meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Ogden’s historic Union Station. Contact Mike Murphy 801-394-4952 or via USPS 752 W 4375 So, Riverdale, UT 84405. You can find us on the web at: www.hostlers.info/

Live Steam Railroaders—

O Scale 3 Guys—An O and On3 scale club, contact Alan Badham 801-277-8262 or via USPS at 2122 E Rainbow Pt Dr., SLC, UT 81214. Find them on the web at: theoscaleguys.tripod.com/

Ophir, Tintic & Western Model RR Club—This 100% NMRA club models in HO and N and meets at the SCERA Thea-

ter Boardroom (745 S State St, Orem) at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Contact Larry Carter 801-446-8161; or email at larrycarter@msn.com; on the web at www.otwtrainclub.com.

Promontory Chapter—National Railway Historical Society—An historical and preservation organization that owns and operates the Moonlight Dome and the Janice L passenger cars. They occasionally have runs between Salt Lake City and Denver. The chapter holds its monthly meetings on the 1st Friday of every month. You can find them on the web at www.wasatchmedia.com/deepcreek/promnrhs.html

Railway & Locomotive Historical Society (Golden Spike Chapter) - An historical oriented group of researchers and preservationists, meets at the Ogden Union Station, generally on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Besides our major project, presently in the midst of a 20+ year restoration of the D&RGW Engine #223, we work closely with the Ogden Union Station Foundation in their efforts to operate and maintain the Utah State Railroad Museum. Find us on the web at www.trainweb.org/GoldenSpikelRHS/index.html

Salt Lake Trackers—This HO/HOn3 club meets at the Tooele Railroad Museum (35 N Broadway, Tooele, UT). Contact Cindy Meiser 801-966-7411 or via USPS at 512 Crockett Dr., Kearns, UT 842118. Find more at <http://trackersmodelrrclub.org> and <http://www.facebook.com/TrackersModelRailroadClub>.

South Weber Model RR Club—This 1-1/2” club runs trains every 3rd Saturday and Sunday at South Weber Canyon Meadows Park (I-84 exit 85, two blocks south, two blocks east. Contact Scott Stowell via email at swmrrc2010@gmail.com on the web at: southweberrr.webs.com/

Utah Free-MO—A travelling HO Modular group conforming to the Free-Mo standard. Contact Allen Carter via email at utahfree-mo@aol.com. Find them on the web at: www.utahfree-mo.org/

Utah Garden Railway Society—A G scale group dedicated to the art of garden railways. Contact Lynn Stringham at 801-644-1817; via email at lynn.w.stringham@boeing.com; or USPS at 4464 S 4100 W, West Haven, UT 84401. Find them on the web at: <http://www.ugrs.org/>

Utah Large Scale Society—A G scale group that meets in various member’s homes. Contact Stan White at 801-546-4085; or via USPS at 920 N 1550 E, Layton, UT 84040

Utah Train Collectors Association—Primarily 3-rail O gauge, though other scales are represented. Promotes model railroading in Northern Utah. Meets the last Thursday of each month. Contact Kent Silver at 801-544-9883; or email at webmaster@utahtca.com. Find them on the web at: <http://utahtca.com/default.htm>

Utah Valley Live Steamers—Contact Mike Hansen at 801-798-0241. Find them on the web at: <http://uvls.org/>

Wasatch N Scale Club—Contact Bob Gerald at 801-864-0174. Find them on the web at: www.wasatchnscale.org/

Wasatch Z Scale Club—Currently reorganizing. Interested parties may send email to: jack.r.chase@gmail.com

If you have corrections to make to the club listings, or you would like your club's events mentioned in this newsletter, please contact: editor@nu-nmra.org. We will be more than happy to help your club prosper.

INTERCHANGE POINT

What follows is a list of railroady-type events that may be of interest to all you train nuts.

Rocky Mountain Express

Rocky Mountain Express propels audiences on a steam train journey through the breathtaking vistas of the Canadian Rockies and highlights the adventure of building a nearly impossible transcontinental railway.

Recruited to realize this venture—one of the greatest engineering feats of all time—were engineers and laborers from around the world.

The film weaves together spectacular IMAX aerial cinematography, archival photographs and maps, and the potent energy and rhythms of a live steam locomotive to immerse audiences in this remarkable story from the age of steam.

- ATK Imax Theater at Clark Planetarium
- 40 Min program shown multiple times daily thru Apr 3rd
- clarkplanetarium.org/shows/rocky-mountain-express/

National Train Day—Ogden Depot 90th B-Day

- May 10th—Ogden Union Station
- Contact Geoff to volunteer to help recruiting efforts gcarter1945@comcast.net before he contacts you.

June Event

I have heard rumors of a major event, held some time in June, and hosted by a local model railroad association. Look for clues within the pages of this newsletter and at

gsl2014.org.

Evanston Train Show

August 1st thru 3rd. Look to these pages for further information on the subject

Wasatch Rails 2014

- November 7th, 8th, & 9th
- Utah State Fairpark

Step up and volunteer to help make this the most successful Train Show sponsored by the Division in many years.. Contact Alan Anderson.—alan.anderson66@gmail.com. Come on, this is your division and your reputation that is on the line. Don't just stand there... lend a hand. It's fun and rewarding, I promise.

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THE BUSINESS CAR

Hello Everyone. I'm to be the new Editor of the Promontory Post and wanted to introduce myself. Although modern techniques are somewhat new to me, I have served in the past as Editor of the Mid-Eastern Region's "The Local", the "Timetable" for the Maryland & Pennsylvania RR HS, and the "Interchange" for the Private Road Name Modelers SIG. I want to let you know that I will make every effort to provide you all with an entertaining and informative on line newsletter. Since I'm relatively new to doing it via computer and the WEB I ask that you bear with me while I stumble thru the inevitable learning curve.

Thanks,

Fred "Phread" Voelcker

Sayonara, amigos. It's been fun and it's been rewarding to shepherd the Promontory Post these past two years., and helping make it one of the premier newsletters in the Region. I feel it is time to turn the ink pot and quill over to someone new, with fresh ideas , more time on their hands than I do at the moment and the willingness to maintain the quality of our product. I'm not leaving, just stepping back a tad bit from one major responsibility. Join me in wishing Phread the best of luck, and promise to feed him articles, cartoons, and pictures of interest to put in the Promontory Post and otherwise give him freely of your energies and expertise to help him be successful in this endeavor.

Thank you

Geoff Carter

Retiring Editor

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in the Northern Utah Division account as of March 3, 2014 is \$3713.70.

We have had an income of \$1340.00 from the Saltair boxcars and SL&U gondolas and \$787.00 from Wasatch Rails 2014 vendors. We had expenses of \$114.29 for mini-Flyers and \$36.33 for two check endorsement stamps, one for the regular division account and one for the convention account. (We used the stamps for the old Wells Fargo accounts then had the wording changed. I got really tired of writing all the information on the checks! Now, Geoff doesn't have to do that for the convention account!)

Be a part of our event!



Union Station's 90th Birthday | National Train Day

Saturday, May 10, 2014 | 10am-5pm | \$5 Adults-children under 12 free

In 1924 Egyptologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of King Tut, the 1st Winter Olympic games opened in Chamonix, France, "Happy Birthday To You" was published, the Ziegfeld Follies opened on Broadway, the Statue of Liberty was declared a national monument and following the fire that destroyed the previous depot, Ogden's beautiful new Union Station was completed.

Please honor us by participating with a display from your organization as you have for past National Train Day celebrations. Early setup on Friday is available. Contact me with any questions and to let me know if you are planning to participate.

Sincerely,

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