

PROMONTORY POST

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Thoughts from the Board

TRAINS OF THOUGHT

On Saturday, October 11th the Northern Utah Division had a very successful, enjoyable layout tour/social event at the Tooele Railroad Museum; about fifty-five people attended. Thanks to Cindy Meiser and Kevin Stockseth for helping with the museum and layout, thanks to Janet & Stan Jennings and Fred Baney for help with the food and a BIG thank you to all who attended. It is activities like these that help us bond over more than just trains, really get to know each other a little bit more. We look forward to more events like these in the future.



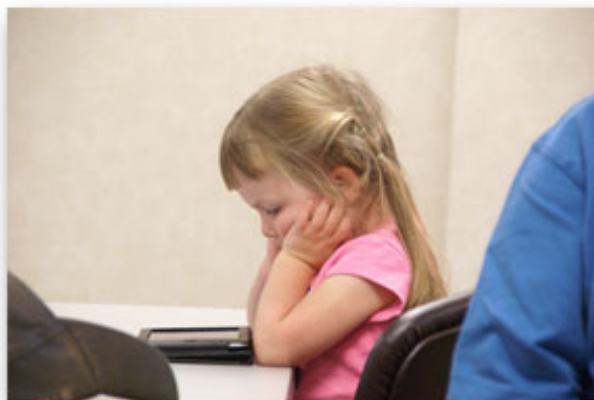
People make our Division fun - our programs are only something we do together!

Meeting Highlights

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Daland Siers presented an excellent clinic concerning signalling basics. He did a truly terrific clinic and we are very much looking forward to his next 2 installments.

Here are some pictures taken by Steve Moore.



The Monthly Clinic



October 18, 2014—*History of the Salt Lake, Garfield & Western Railroad & Track Planning*

Stan Jennings & Peter Lieber

Marty is out of town so there is a change in clinics for this month. We get two!

–Stan Jennings will present a history of the Salt Lake, Garfield & Western Railroad from 1891 to the present day.

–Peter Lieber will present a clinic on track planning and how to go from a map of the prototype to list of scenes, to track plan.

December 20, 2014—*PAINTING BASICS*

Are you tired of seeing and/or buying look-a-like models? Most of us want to have unique models and that usually requires paint.

Does painting in general seem mysterious or difficult? Does airbrushing in particular seem mysterious to you? It shouldn't.

The December 20, 2014 meeting of the Northern Utah Division will feature a clinic on painting basics. While the emphasis will be on air brush basics, we will also work on the basics of safety, surface preparation, paint types, brush painting, dry brushing, masking, paint removal, and many other related subjects. If you have any painting-related subject you feel should be part of the clinic, let us know. We will meet at Blaine Holbrook's home, Centerville, at 2PM. Blaine has superb facilities for this type of clinic -- a good area for the classroom necessities, a huge lab area (two floors) and plenty of parking available in a church parking lot behind the house. We could handle forty participants, although twenty would be much easier.

Like a race school, we will present basics in a classroom-like manner, then on to really painting, both brush and airbrush. Blaine has a friend, Alan Eaton, who is a master air brush artist, he will help with the hands-on air brushing segment. The 2PM starting time gives about an hour for basics then two-three hours for serious practice (we don't have to quit exactly at the normal five).

There will be a sign up sheet passed around at the October Hostlers meeting. Please do not be embarrassed if you do not have any of the equipment mentioned on the list, the question is intended to indicate how many could need to borrow airbrushes, etc. so we have an adequate number on hand. Also, if you have a non-working airbrush, bring it, it can probably be returned to working condition.

D.O.G. News



Gary Peterson has again agreed to host the October DOG session at his Salt Lake Southern Railroad. Those of us that attended the earlier sessions had a real ball on Gary's layout and, apparently, we didn't mess it up too much. I really encourage you to attend. We will need a 15 man crew. The first 15 to mark up get the places. If you told me at the Division social event in Tooele last weekend that you wished to operate at Gary's, I encourage you to send me an email anyway. I may not have you on the list!

The session will be held on **Saturday, October 25, 2014 starting at 10 AM sharp.**

Please only come to operate, not talk. If you commit, be there or cancel with me ASAP so I can replace you. Only those signed up should attend.

Gary is being very kind to let us operate on his layout. Please be respectful and very careful. As always, bringing a snack or drink to share would be very considerate.

Remember, next Saturday, October 18 is our monthly division meeting. Come prepared to have a great time and to have another terrific clinic.

The Wasatch Rails 2014 Train Show is only 3 1/2 weeks away! It promises to be our biggest and best show ever. Plan to attend it. I still need several volunteers to help in selling tickets and to man the NMRA booth.

Regards,
Jack Chase
Crew Master
Northern Utah Division DOGs--NMRA

Help Me Promote the Division



From National:

2019 NMRA Convention & Train Show Location



The NMRA Board of Directors, at their annual meeting in Cleveland, unanimously selected Salt Lake City as the location for the 2019 NMRA Convention and Train Show. The convention dates are 07-07-19 to 07-13-19 and the train show dates are 07-12-19 to 07-14-19.

Upcoming National Convention sites:

- 2015: Portland, OR - August 23-30, 2015
- 2016: Indianapolis, IN - July 3-10, 2016
- 2017: Orlando, FL - July 2017
- 2018: Kansas City, MO - Dates pending
- 2019: Salt Lake City, UT - July 7-13, 2019 - Sesquicentennial of the driving of the Golden Spike

Newly revised NMRA Web Page

Ben Sevier, NMRA Information Technology Manager, has announced the release of a new and improved version of the NMRA web page at www.nmra.org. Please visit this new web site and experience the many new features, functions and format of this important communication tool. You will be impressed with the new site.

Getting the word out can be daunting at times. I have been in the media business for more than thirty years. My job for the Division is to promote the activities of the Northern Utah Division, (such as meeting dates, information about up-coming clinics, etc.) to the magazines, E-publications like Model Railroad Hobbyist, and who ever might have an "audience" of train lovers. Many of these publications work up to four months in advance, meaning if you want to get it in their publication, for say the Sept. 2014 issue, I have to submit the material no later than June 15th as an example.

As you can see, if you have an up coming clinic or information about a Division activity of any kind, I need to receive it ASAP. Your kind and timely input will be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance. 😊

Steve Moore,
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Achievement Program



WASATCH RAILS 2014 -- THE MODEL CONTEST IS BACK!

We will have the model contest at Wasatch Rails 2014 with People's Choice, Judge's Choice and NMRA judging. The categories will be the standard NMRA model contest categories. Special certificates for all who enter and maybe something special for the winners!

Entering your model in a contest is a good experience. I remember a time I entered models in a contest. I was attending my first Logging Modelers Convention. I didn't know anyone and didn't know what to expect. I left the models in the car to check it out first. It was a small convention and I was nervous. I guess I thought it would be fine because I went out to the car and brought them in. I was glad I did! I won two awards, and yes, there were other entries in my categories! :-)



My main point is that up until that point I really did not know how to compare my work with anyone else. Not that I wanted to compare myself to anyone else, just didn't know how well anyone thought I did. Well, that day I was validated in the fact that my work was pretty good. I didn't enter another contest for over ten years so it wasn't that I needed to, I just didn't really have an opportunity. Well, now you have the opportunity. It's a good chance to have others see your work and get feedback. On my last model I entered I had details that I figured no one would see but they did and I was pleased.

Even if you aren't working on your AP, get out that finished, or almost finished model and bring it! It can be a great learning experience where we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Wanlass
AP Chairman
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Layout Tour



What's better than a layout tour, a **TRAIN SHOW** with a number of modular layouts and a riding train just to mention a couple of attractions.

I really am looking for a few new layouts to add to our list. We have toured almost all of the layouts on the list that I have and I would like to continue to offer tours without having to go back to some that we have already seen. A layout doesn't have to be big or even finished. Just remember, it's your Division and it is what you make of it. Send me an e-mail and a phone number and we can talk.

Pete Harmon Layout Tour Coordinator
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[Editor's note: Although not an official layout tour, my outdoor ride-on will be running on Halloween night and you are welcome to come visit. For directions email me at ap@northernutahnmra.org]

The Club Car



There are many model railroading clubs and organizations within the Northern Utah Division territory. Rather than listing them all here go to our website and you will find a list of them. If there are any corrections please let us know so we can update and keep it as current as possible!
admin@northernutahnmra.org

<http://northernutahnmra.org/local-clubs/>

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The Trackers model railroad club has taken the initiative in repairing the deteriorating old freight dock at the Tooele Valley Railroad Museum. It needs some repair work, and the Trackers have been in negotiations with local corporations and the City of Tooele for donations in terms of pricing and materials, but the project stands in need of cash. Please visit [the Trackers' website](#) for more information, and while you're there, match my \$10 donation and help save the old dock. Great work, Trackers, for stepping up and taking care of business!!

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We need to know what's going on around Utah! If you belong to a model railroad club, consider contributing one or two lines about what's happening in your club. Enquiring minds want to know!



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/



Wasatch Rails 2014

- November 7th, 8th, & 9th :: Friday 3pm-8pm; Saturday 9am-6pm; Sunday 10am-4pm ([Add to your Calendar](#))
- Utah State Fairpark, 155 North 1000 West

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!! Step up and volunteer to help make this the most successful Train Show sponsored by the Division in many years. We need ticket takers, ambassadors, setup, and just helpers. Contact Alan Anderson, alan.anderson66@gmail.com or Stan Jennings, rjenn24103@aol.com. Come on, this is your division and all of our reputation that is on the line. Don't just stand there... lend a hand. It's fun and rewarding, I promise.

NEW THIS YEAR!! is that we will have a substantial advertising and marketing campaign on various media outlets. We expect quite a bit more attendance than previous years. An ad campaign we've not seen in a few years! We'll let you know when they will start and where you can see and hear the ads for the train show.

Here is the link to the Wasatch Rails 2014 Train Show PSA for TV:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/zzdwk52pdxbfmhc/Train%20PSA%202014%20v3.mov?dl=0>

SHOW WEBSITE: www.wasatchrails.com

Here's something cool you might not have known about.



WASATCH RAILS 2014 UPDATES:

Planning for the show is going extremely well, except, as normal for this type of activity, we need more help.

Please contact Jack Chase to schedule a time to sell tickets.

Why will we need more than the usual number of ticket sellers? Advertising. We will have ads with KSL AM 1120 and FM 102.7 and KSL.com and Deseret News.com.

What 's UP?



If you have an Northern Utah Division activity or news item that should be included in a website, RMR newsletter, or magazine, please get it to me so I can pass it on. Keep in mind, that printed publications have a lead time of several months. So the sooner you submitted it, the better. Thanks for your help.

- Steve Moore, Marketing Coordinator (kiss@kissmethodinc.com)



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