



November 2014 - Volume 2 Issue 9

### Thoughts from the Board



## VOTE THIS



## DECEMBER

### IT IS ELECTION TIME AGAIN!

Saturday, November 15th will bring the close of nominations for the following positions with the division.

Superintendent : Two Year Position

Board of Director's : Two Year Position

Board of Director's : Two Year Position

Board of Director's : One Year Position

Nominations will be open until midnight of the 15th. If you would like to throw your hat into ring, contact Jim Wanlass.

[jim@wanlass.com](mailto:jim@wanlass.com)

Voting this year can be done several way this. You can either attend the December 20th meeting at Blaine Holbrook's house (where he will be giving a great clinic on airbrushing) or you will be able cast you votes on-line. We will be running a special election issue of the Promontory Post later this month with all the final candidates information and how to cast your vote.

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION ISSUE!**



## Wasatch Rails 2014

By Stan Jennings



The Northern Utah Division's Wasatch Rails 2014 was an excellent show with all vendors doing well and layout personnel having a great time; overall attendance was up from 2013, we are still working on the exact numbers.

We had regular news coverage of the event on Saturday by Channel 13, airing on the 4PM and 9PM news. (Stan Jennings had to be the spokesman.) Channel 13's Budah was at the event EARLY Sunday morning -- 6:30AM -- with live coverage. (We were there at 6AM so all could have coffee and doughnuts.) Budah was not very interested in railroads and model trains when he arrived, he was thoroughly enthused about railroads and model railroads when he left! Budah had a great time Sunday morning; his two highlights appeared to be the Union Pacific simulator and Roy Stevens Ride Trains. We will have a story about Budah and Roy at the November meeting.



[Click here to see the video's from the Fox 13 Morning Show](#)

[Click to go to our Facebook page to see more photos from the show](#)

Were there glitches? Yes. The division has mostly new people putting on the show and the Fairpark staff is new, we are learning. The real downside, the show lost money. Relatively, not a lot, however Wasatch Rails is headed in the correct direction, future shows should do well.

What about Wasatch Rails 2015? The Northern Utah Division, NMRA, is committed to the Utah State Fairpark for November 6-8, 2015. Most of the layouts, including the Hostlers, have already committed for 2015 and one vendor has already paid.

A sincere thank you to all those who helped with Wasatch Rails 2014 from the Northern Utah Division, NMRA.

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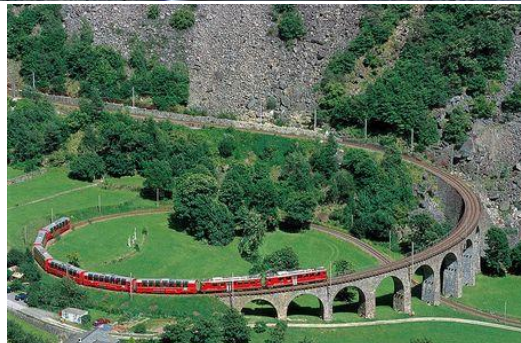
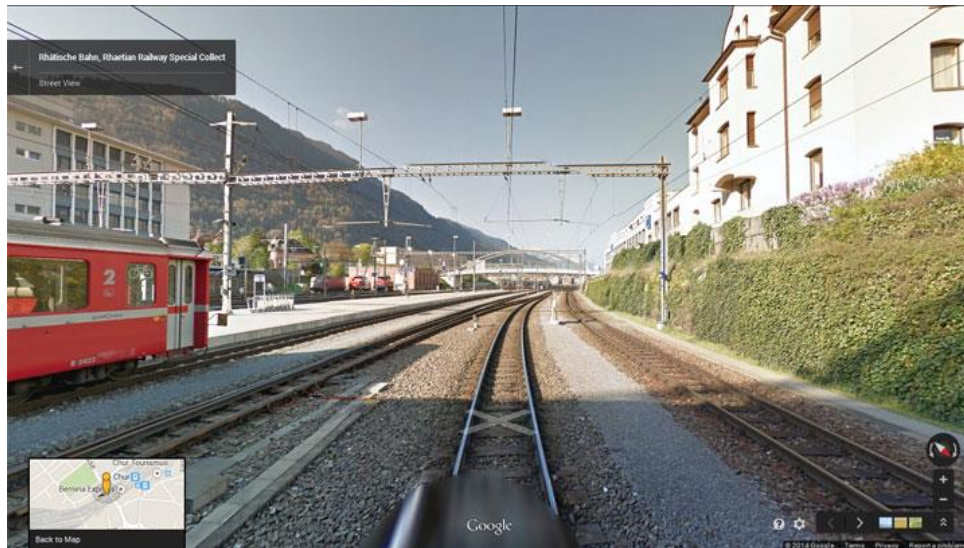
## Meeting Highlights



October's meeting featured a "Two-Fur". We started the with Stan Jennings historical visit with the Salt Lake Garfield and Western Railroad. The infamous "Saltair" Route. Stan led us through the long and interesting journey from inception to present day with thorough presentation.



Peter Lieber introduced the members to developing a layout plan with the use of selective compression and Google Maps. The Bernina Express is a train connecting Chur (or Davos) in Switzerland to Poschiavo and Tirano in Italy by crossing the Swiss Edgadin Alps. For most of its journey, the train also runs along the World Heritage Site known as the Rhaetian Railway in the Albula / Bernina Landscapes. Peter was able to give us a view of railroading that many of us never have a chance to see. European modeling is both fascinating and beautiful. This line in Switzerland is the only railroad that I know of that you can travel via Google Maps.





**November 15, 2014** - *Signaling Part 2* - Presented by Daland Siers

The next installment of this fascinating series by the Master of Electronics!

**December 20, 2014** - *PAINTING BASICS* - Presented by Blaine Holbrook

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, 500 E. 1000 So. in 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 November 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.

**January 17, 2015** - *Signaling Part 3* - By Daland Siers

The final installment of this fascinating series by the Guru of Electronics!

**February 21, 2015** - *All About the Circus*

**March 21, 2015** - *Utah's Eureka Hill Railway*

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**Saturday, November 22, 2014** is our next big day at **Gary's Salt Lake Southern layout**. Gary is located at 4386 S. Charles Drive in West Valley, UT. He tells me that this address is also 4510 W. Honestly, my GPS always gets me close, but never quite there. If you need directions in your struggle, call me (801-323-1148 probably not much help!) or Gary at 801-966-5247 for the reality of getting there.

Our plan is to start at 10:00 AM sharp and to be finished mid-afternoon. As most of you know, Gary's layout is really beautiful and a joy on which to operate.



To those of you to whom I "leaked" the news of the session at the train show, I strongly encourage you to contact me at the link below. As luck would have it, I lost the paper on which I placed your names at the show!

As I always state, please be very respectful to Gary's layout. He is being terrific is sharing such a real prize with us. Of course, it is always polite to bring snacks/drinks to share with your fellow crew.

I'm really looking forward to seeing all of you Saturday, November 22. It will be a fun filled day!

Regards,

Jack Chase  
Crew Master--DOGs and Director  
Northern Utah Division—NMRA

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## Achievement Program



The contest at Wasatch Rails was a good experience for me. I really enjoyed looking at the models entered and seeing all the details in them. I am especially grateful to Rick Luther for his assistance and the others that provided guidance. When not too many models were checked in Friday night, I decided to bring a few of mine that I thought might not be ready to have judged. (The next day I was happy to see there were more entered.) I was glad I brought them because I was able to earn enough points to earn a few merit awards towards my AP certificates! I wasn't expecting that outcome but I'm glad I brought them. It reminds me a little of the experience I shared last month that happened to me many years ago.



The highlight for me was the Parking Garage model by Robert Arnesen. Robert has been modeling for quite a few years but just recently joined the NMRA. He is part of the N scale club and has several modules. One can tell he knows what he is doing and I am glad he is going for his Structures AP Certificate! It is models like his that inspire me to do better and I want to use some of his techniques. What really gets me is that I didn't even realize it was N scale until the next day! The whole time I was looking at it there was so much detail and it all fit together so well as a scene (even though it was just one structure) that I didn't notice it wasn't HO which is what I'm used to looking at.

One thing he did was to add a mirror on the back wall inside. It's really creative because it then made it a "whole" structure on the inside and from the outside you wouldn't know it was "less than whole"! It works perfectly. It got the most AP points in scoring and deserves the title Best in Show!

Even if you don't plan to enter a contest (you can get your AP certificate without entering a contest; some of the structures just have to be judged) I urge you to look at the models in detail. You can learn a lot from them that can help you be a better modeler yourself. If you get a chance to talk to the modeler of a particular model you like, even better! It will help encourage that person to know they did a good job and will inspire them to keep working hard. Take time to bring something to the Division Meeting to share. It's fun to see what others have done and that way we can enjoy the journey together!

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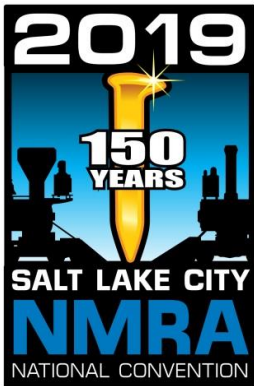
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## Help Me Promote the Division



### 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 7/7/19 to 7/13/19 and the train show dates are 7/12/19 to 7/14/19

#### 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](http://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 upcoming 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. 😊

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### What's UP?

If you have a 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.

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## 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](mailto:admin@northernutahnmra.org)

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

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!



**January 16-17th, 2015**

### **23rd Annual Train Show at Thanksgiving Point**

Friday 3pm to 10 pm  
Saturday 10am to 6pm  
\$6 adults, 11 & under free.

This will be the best one ever! For further information call Dave at 801-560-3376.



**March 6-8th 2015**

### **The 2015 Hostler's Model Railroad Festival at the Ogden Union Station**

Friday 3:30pm to 8:30pm  
Saturday 9am to 5:30pm  
Sunday 9:30am to 3:30pm  
Adults \$6, Adult Weekend Pass \$10, Children 12 & under free

For further information call Mike Murphy at 801-394-4952 or John Grubb at 801-678-6394.



### **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/](http://clarkplanetarium.org/shows/rocky-mountain-express/)
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from **3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

at the Hospital's Administrative Conference Room  
**3460 South Pioneer Parkway in West Valley City**  
(4200 West 3500 South)

