

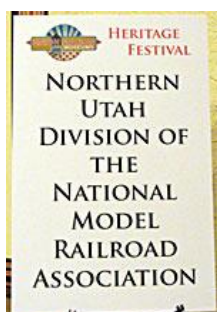


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Thoughts from the Superintendent



This past Saturday, May 9, seven stalwart souls from the Northern Utah Division journeyed to Union Station in Ogden for what used to be National Train Day. It was called the Heritage Festival this year. The drive up in a torrential downpour was absolutely wonderful (tongue in cheek there) and we envisioned rather poor attendance due to this weather. We were not a bit surprised that our day started slowly. We were, however, very surprised at how rapidly the attendance grew during the day. The day turned out to be quite successful from several points of view: capturing the interest of kids, advertising, and promoting the NMRA viewpoint.



You probably recall that in past columns I have stressed that we must interest young people in our hobby if it is to survive. At this session one of our Board members, Blain Holbrook, developed and executed an idea to do just

that. Blaine combined the fun that young people have with the "Pine Wood Derby" with Model Railroading. He created a beautiful piece of equipment with flex track mounted in 3 parallel "rights of way." One end was elevated and had pins to simultaneously start the cars. Before taking a car to the track, the participant was required to assemble the car. Mainly, the trucks needed to be affixed which gave the youngster some hands on work. What interest there was in this project! I don't think that the line let up all day long. The really rewarding feature of the activity was to watch many of the participants migrate to the "Timesaver Modules" that Fred Baney & Geoff Carter brought. It was a natural progression from playing trains to operating trains!

Blaine's exercise with creating the "Boxcar Races" is exactly the thinking that all of us need to be doing to help attract new people to Model Railroading. Look for the races in future train shows. You WILL see them! As Charlie Getz so well states, "Well, those are my thoughts, what are yours?"

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What Happened Last Month



The April 18th, 2015 event of the Northern Utah Division featured a presentation from Rick Luther on "How to Electrify Your Scenery" with static grass.

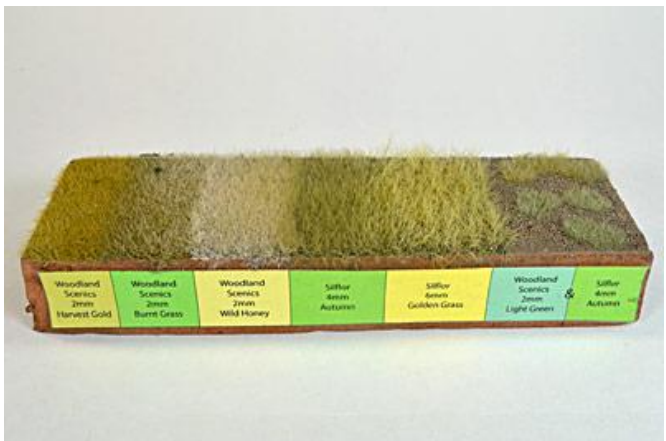
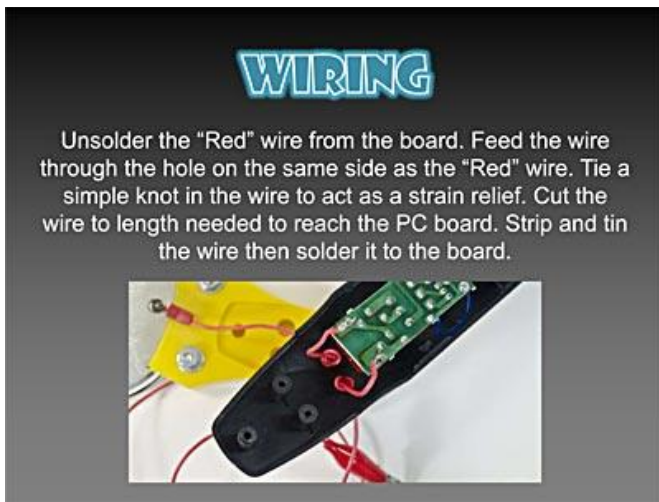
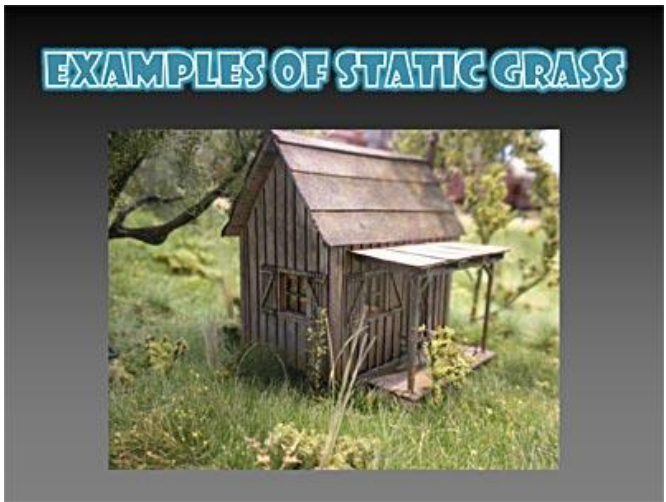
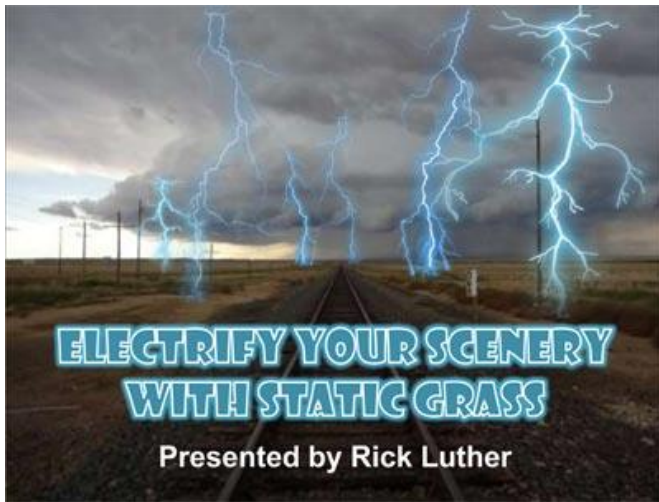
Why Use Static Grass? Static grass is an easy and effective way to imitate the natural grasses seen in real life. It can also add to the "texture" of your scenery.

What is Static Grass? Static grass is made from plastic fibers, such as acrylic or polyester that easily accepts and reacts to a static charge.

What Size Does Static Grass Come In? Static grass ranges from 1.5 mm to 12 mm. Compared to a 6ft tall HO figure at 20mm or 6ft N scale figure at 11.5 mm. You can buy grass from companies such as: Scenic Express, Heki, Noch, Silfor, Woodland Scenics, Faller, The Army Painter and Gale Force Nine.

Rick provided some photo examples static grass in use on various layouts to help inspire the crowd to the effects static grass can provide. The presentation included a look at the commercial applicators available. For the "DIY" people, he explained how to build an applicator from a "Bug Zapper" for under \$10. Rick provided a parts and tool list as well as a step by step explanation of how to build one for yourself. A section of the presentation included tips and techniques for applying static grass to your layout. The presentation concluded with a hands-on opportunity for the attendees to try out using and applying static grass to some small scenery modules.

If you missed the presentation you can download PDF files of the presentation and handout from the Northern Utah Division website. Click this link for the files: <http://northernutahnmra.org/monthly-events/past-clinics/>



SHOW N' TELL for the MAY EVENT

While anything you would like to present at Show N' Tell is greatly appreciated, May's primary topic is "Your favorite freight car". We expect some unanticipated treasures to be presented.



UNION STATION HERITAGE FESTIVAL

On Saturday May 9th some members of the Northern Utah Division participated in the Heritage Festival at the Ogden Union Station. This event was held on the same day as the National Train Day sponsored by Amtrak. Although the festival was not tied directly to National Train Day, it was a good fit with the heritage of the Union Station and the history of railroads in the area. In addition to the Northern Utah Division, the Hostler's had a small layout as well as the Golden Spike American Flyer Train Club. Unfortunately due to the inclement weather, the ride-on-train and the speeder rides were cancelled.

The division had a great display with lots of activities for the general public to learn about model railroading. Fred Baney and Geoff Carter brought their TimeSaver modules to introduce people to rail operations and problem solving. Rick Luther brought a simple Walthers kit to demonstrate the ease and fun of putting together a structure for a layout.



The real star of the event was the Box Car Race Track! Participants had to assemble a car from parts on the table in front of them including weights, underframe and trucks. This lead to a collaborative effort between children, adults and children, even between spouses! While some may not see this type of activity as a proper way to introduce the hobby of model railroading to the general public, it was an activity that allowed people both young and old to get a real hands-on feel for model trains. At most train shows the public's participation is always at a distance or from behind a rope. Take for instance the car salesman. They know that one of the best ways to get you buy a new vehicle is get you behind the wheel. Take you out on a test drive and get you take "ownership" of that vehicle.

These same kind of methods can be a benefit to introducing the public to our model railroading hobby. While we may not convince an adult right away to take up our passion, the chance to rekindle a long dead childhood experience they may have enjoyed in the past is our real goal. Children can be a powerful force when getting adults to participate in certain activities. As they say "What's it going to take to get you in this hobby today?"

A big **thank you** goes to Blaine Holbrook for fostering this idea and taking ownership by building the race track on his own. The track is well engineered and designed for easy assembly and take-down. This will be a something that every member of this division will be proud of.





BOXCAR RACES OBSERVATIONS *By Stan Jennings*

At the boxcar races there was one young lady, about three years old, impressed me. She understood assembling the cars then quickly learned how to correctly put cars on track! When she and her family went to Geoff's timesaver she demonstrated great skill operating the timesaver!

Not only did the children (and some adults) learn things like operating a screwdriver, placing cars on the track and how well cars rolled down the track, they also learned some patience and sharing.

I found it interesting how well the standard Athearn plastic truck with metal axles and plastic wheels rolls. He had a car there with properly reamed plastic trucks, KD wheelsets lubricated with graphite and the car properly

weighted. (No, it wasn't used by the public.) One particular standard Athearn car would out-roll it by about a car length! The difference in performance? My car would bounce back up the grade then roll back down the track before coming to a stop, the standard Athearn car bounced back about a car length or two then came to a stop. A very educational experiment with not-anticipated results, which is why we experiment.

The boxcar races were quite successful and the track will be at the Evanston show and then Wasatch Rails 2015. We will need a LOT of help operating this in Evanston and even more at Wasatch Rails 2015, please seriously consider offering your services. Not only is it fun for the public, we also have a lot of fun working with the public.

The boxcar races will need more rolling stock. Do you have some Athearn cars in not-so-great condition you could donate to the cause? (Standardizing on Athearn cars, especially 40' boxcars makes interchanging trucks, screws, some underframes and weights, etc. much easier.)

A NOTE OF THANKS *By Blaine Holbrook*

I would to thanks all those who helped with the Boxcar Race at the Ogden Trainsdays. Those who offered cars, please note that they were well loved, mauled, disassembled, assembled, raced and used. Some of these cars did not survive. Some cars did survive but most are on Hospice.

Thanks to those who stepped in when we got busy. You made it work

Learn Something New



May

16th

3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Presentation

The Legacy of the Golden Spike; Railroad service in Utah

Presented by Dan Kuhn - UDOT's Railroad & Freight Planner

This presentation examines the evolution of railroad service in the Beehive State with a focus on locomotive development and operations. Retired railroad official and current UDOT Railroad & Freight Planner Daniel B. Kuhn uses his own photos to take you on a journey that explains how the railroads serving Utah have been at the forefront of

locomotive development, and how post-deregulation railroad mergers have reduced the number of Class One railroads operating in Utah from four in 1980 to the Union Pacific today, with BNSF Railway also serving Utah via trackage rights over selected UP lines. Daniel will share personal anecdotes about his years railroading in Utah and across the west, along with some humorous stories about how some of the photos in this presentation were taken by him. Railroad historians and model railroaders should enjoy this colorful look at Utah's railroads. All Aboard!

Dan is very knowledgeable and an excellent speaker, you will thoroughly enjoy the May presentation!

June

20th

3:00 PM - 5:00PM

A Special Two Workshop Presentation

Making a Mountain

Presented by Ron Davies

Making a Mountain. Did you see Ron's scenery workshop at Wasatch Rails 2014? The public loved it!! Now we will have a chance to make our own mountains!

Airbrushing

For those who could not stay for all of the December 2014 basic painting workshop or those who desire more instruction and/or practice, we will also have another painting workshop this month, building on the December basic painting workshop. For your review, the basic painting workshop will be on the Division website shortly.

We will meet at Blaine Holbrook's home, 500 East 1000 South, Centerville, Utah in June. Remember to park in the church parking lot to the south, follow the signs through the gate to Blaine's home.

Watch your email for special edition with directions and maps to Blaine's house.

NOTE: FRED WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO HIS PRESENTATION/WORKSHOP IN JULY, STEVE WILL PRESENT "BACKDROPS" IN JULY, FRED WILL PRESENT "CHOOSING APPROPRIATE RAILROAD TRUCKS" AND "TUNING ROLLING STOCK" IN SEPTEMBER.

July

18th

3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Workshop

Backdrops

Presented by Steve Moore

Steve will cover brush and airbrush painting of sky and clouds, painting trees, commercial backdrops, custom printed backdrops (sky or no sky), painted sky and printed backdrop combinations. There will be lots of examples, how-to video clips, and more, including an extensive handout. We will be back at Jordan Valley Medical Center, West Valley Campus.

August

15th

3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Presentation and Workshop

Military Railway Guns

Presentation by Paul Betts

Basic Machining
Workshop by Bill Kennedy

September

19th

3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Presentation and Workshop

Trucks and Running Gear

Presentation by Fred Baney

Find out which car trucks are appropriate for the era and type of rolling stock you are modeling.

Properly installing couplers and fine-tuning rolling stock

Workshop by Fred Baney

Learn tips and techniques for fine-tuning your rolling stock so that it performs better on your layout. Bring your "Problem" cars to the event and get them off the "rip" track and back in service

October

17th

3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Workshop

Hands-On Weathering

Presented by David Seely

November

21st

3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Presentation and Workshop

Quick and Easy Trees

Workshop by Karin Gerald

December

19th

3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Workshop

Mold Making and Casting

Presented by Jim Wanlass

We will meet at Blaine Holbrook's home this month.

Division Operations Group News



The DOGs met at Rob Spangler's excellent Western Pacific layout on April 25, 2015 for our monthly operating session. Try as the robust crew that came might, we were unable to destroy Rob's layout. A great time was had by all. We all enjoyed a delicious Mexican lunch at Banditos Border Grill. In the end, a great time was had by all.



Saturday May 23, 2015 is our May DOG Operations session at Quintin Foster's fine N Scale layout. Quintin is located at 1639 Sunset Oaks Dr. in Salt Lake City, UT. He is off Foothill Drive. If you need directions in your struggle, call me (801-323-1148 probably not much help!) or Quintin at 801-582-8728 for the reality of getting there. Our plan is to start at 10:00 AM sharp and to be finished mid afternoon. Quintin's layout is Western themed (DRG&W and Santa Fe) and done in N scale. As many of you will remember from our past times there, it is a real ball to operate there and Quintin is a terrific host. If you haven't operated in N scale, give yourself a treat!

At this point the crew is about 25% filled so get yourself marked up quickly! (A few of you noticed that the Crew Master was late in posting the call and already contacted him!)

As I always state, please be very respectful of Quintin'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, May 23. It will be a fun filled day!

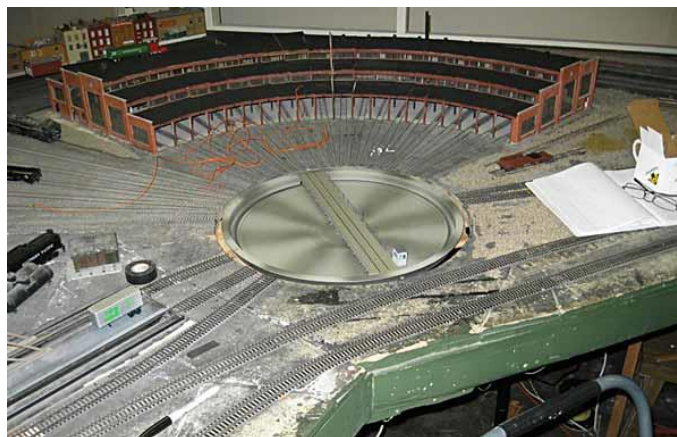
Watch for a special announcement about our June session!

I encourage any of you that have even the slightest interest or curiosity to join us for a DOG session. We can accommodate anyone from seasoned operator to total "newbie". It is fun and you learn an amazing amount about real life railroading in the process. Of course without the generous gentlemen that make their layouts available to us, we would not be able to exist! Many thanks to our hosts. Contact me and give us a try.

Regards,

Jack Chase
Crew Master -- DOGs
Northern Utah Division -- NMRA
Host of the 2019 NMRA National Convention

Golden Spike Train Club of Utah



Saturday, April 18 from Noon to 6:00 PM

We are having an open house of our layout at 840 North Beck Street in Salt Lake City, Utah. Everyone is invited!

Club Hours have changed from 6-9 on Saturdays to 3-6 P.M. We hope this will work out better for everyone!

We have several trains in the Trains for Tots Christmas program that need minor repair. Volunteers are needed



Great news! I completed the requirements for my AP Cars Certificate. The paperwork is turned in and now I am just waiting on the certificate to make it official. If you've been following along with this column you know I've been having fun. I've done some research for the cars I wanted to build, some were kits and others scratch built, and built in a couple different scales. I'm happy with how the cars all turned out and have some good models to show for it. I've had a fun time with this hobby of model railroading and am one step closer to being a Master Model Railroader.



I've seen a lot of layouts in this area that have talented modelers. Most are quite humble and so may say they don't want to participate in the AP because they just want to have fun and not be recognized. A few months back I got to spend a couple of hours with Jim Harper who is a MMR in St George. He is very humble about his accomplishments but made the statement that he was doing all that work anyway so why not be recognized? I totally agree. There is a statement on the forms when you sign saying you have done the work required for that certificate that you agree to help others who are or will be working in that same area. If you want to be a "lone wolf" modeler that is fine (I was one for years) but how much more fun is it to share what you've done with others?

I have said, and will continue to say, that working on the AP has helped me be a better modeler. I have found so many good people who are interested in trains and model railroads. When I can share my experiences with them it gives me a good feeling and I've seen it in others when they do the same. I don't know all there is to know about modeling train cars but I do know more now than I did even just six months ago. If someone asks me a question and I know the answer, of course I'm going to try to help.

I have a few other certificates started. I have found myself thinking, when I have some time in the "train room," does this help towards one of the certificates? There is so much one can spend time on in this wonderful hobby. For me, the AP helps me focus. The other night I was in my "train room" (I've taken over different areas of our unfinished basement) and thought I didn't have much to show for the last ten plus years living in this house. Then I remembered the other spot I've been working on that isn't officially part of my train room down there. I can run two trains at once and do some switching. It's a fun little layout. It's not sceniced yet but it has helped me get most of the way towards my civic and electrical certificates. Plus it needs some buildings so I've started my structure certificate too.

Like I said, there's so much one can do in this hobby and the AP is helping me have a cool little layout that otherwise I might not have built. It's helping me have fun and learn. It's helping me to have focus and it's also helping me share what I'm doing with others when I might not otherwise. I have fun building cars and structures without acknowledgement but have learned that by sharing you can help inspire others. Don't be afraid to try the AP, if not for yourself, then for others. It is by sharing what we have done and viewing what others have done that truly we can enjoy the journey together.

Jim Wanlass

AP Chairman

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Last month I mentioned the way Walt Disney used the media to prime the pump for his, at that time, new endeavor, Disneyland, "The Happiest Place on Earth". I suggested using a postscript after your name, (Northern Utah Division, NMRA, Host of the 2019 NMRA National Convention), on your E-Mails, and submitted articles to publications.

Now to put that into action, here are some links to lists of publications available to you-

Wikipedia.org:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_rail_transport-related_publications

Modelrailroadtips.com

<http://modelrailroadtips.com/index.php?module=Links;id=11>

Google.com:

https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=model+railroad+publications

And then there are E-Mail Groups, forums, and discussion groups:

https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=model+railroad+forums

https://www.google.com/?gws_rd=ssl#q=model+railroad+email+groups

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/search?query=Model%20railroading>

If you are timid about writing an article for a magazine, just add the postscript (Northern Utah Division, NMRA, Host of the 2019 NMRA National Convention) below your name when commenting on these forums, E-Mail, or discussion groups. That's all it takes to increase awareness of the NMRA National Convention being here in 2019.

We are not trying to brag about it, we're just trying to increase the awareness. We want this to be the best and most well attended NMRA National Convention ever. It's an easy thing to do, and you can do it!



Steve Moore
Northern Utah Division, NMRA,
Host of the 2019 NMRA National Convention

Member Benefits and Discounts



Northern Utah Division NMRA Member Benefits and Hobby Shop Discounts

The Northern Utah Division, NMRA's Wasatch Rails 2015 will be offering some special benefits for NMRA members. In a few days we will be sending a separate mailing with the complete information to NMRA members.

Hobby Shop Discounts



The Train Shoppe offers a 5% club discount, NMRA members can take advantage of this discount by showing the NMRA membership card. However, The Train Shoppe also offer a card program that offers a 10% discount, any customer is eligible for the card discount.

2964 South State Street | Salt Lake City, Utah 84115 | 801-322-2729 | Open 10am-7pm Mon-Sat



MRS Hobby Shop offers a points system discount, ask them for details.

9860 South 700 East | Sandy, Utah 84070 | 801-572-6082
Monday - Saturday: 10 AM-7 PM | Sunday: Closed

New Division Rolling Stock



The Northern Utah Division produces cars as fund-raisers. The Division has no dues (other than being a NMRA member) and by doing special limited-run cars (usually only 48) it helps raise money for our activities and events.

The 2015 Northern Utah Division Club Car is a Fisher Beer reefer fantasy car based on logos from an actual Fisher Beer bottle dating to the 1950s-1960s. An Accurail 8500 Series 40' Steel Plug Door Refrigerator Car will be used. There will be only 48 cars produced. We recently received the final proofs for the car from Accurail.

RENUMBER DECALS
1998, 1999, 2002, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020



...shows each year and they are more than qualified to represent ExactRail at these events...

NEW CLUB CARS



NMRA Northern Utah Division, home of the 2019 National NMRA Convention, is selling a custom kit for a Fisher Beer Car

The HO scale kit is based on an Accurail 40' steel refrigerator car with Dreadnaught ends and plug doors. This is a limited-edition custom model with only 48 kits scheduled to be produced.

They are available at \$40.00 each plus \$5.00 shipping from Stan Jennings, 5412 Colter, Kearns UT 84118. For additional information call Stan at 801-967-0999 or visit northernutahnmra.org.

NEW PRODUCTS FOR ALL SCALES

Get your name on the list to reserve one soon! Thanks to Steve Moore, the car has been featured in the April 2015 edition of the Model Railroad Hobbyist magazine so we don't expect the car to last long! There are only 26 cars available.

To reserve your own car, contact Stan Jennings at 801-967-0999 or order online from the division website at <http://northernutahnmra.org/club-car/>

Events of Interest



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



May 15th - 17th, 2015

2015 Sherman Hill Annual Model Railroad Show
Frontier Park Exhibition Hall

Friday 5PM - 9PM
Saturday 9AM - 5PM
Sunday 9AM - 4PM

\$10 for adults, children 12 and under free, includes admission to all venues.



Sept. 2nd-5th, 2015

35th Annual National Narrow Gauge Convention
Houston, Texas

One does not have to be a dedicated narrow gauge fan to enjoy a National Narrow Gauge Convention, there are enough activities and opportunities for learning and making new friends that anyone will enjoy the experience. The 2017 convention in Denver is the important one, it is relatively close and participating in a National Narrow Gauge Convention will give us excellent insight into what is involved in our upcoming National NMRA convention. And National Narrow Gauge Conventions are just total fun!

November 6th - 8th 2015

Wasatch Rails 2015 The Utah Model Train Show
Utah State Fairpark

Friday 3PM - 8PM
Saturday 9AM - 6PM
Sunday 10AM - 4PM

Contact Stan Jennings : 801-967-0999 or
Blaine Holbrook : bholbro1467@earthlink.net





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. 40 Min program shown multiple times daily

clarkplanetarium.org/shows/rocky-mountain-express/

New Members and Renewing Members



**Please renew your membership when it comes due.
We value your talents and friendship you bring to the party.**

The Region has just narrowly averted a disaster, in that our insurance coverage was missing since the first of the year. Thankfully it has been reinstated. How did this happen, you might ask. Simple, too many participants at division, regional, and 100% NMRA member clubs who were either not members, or had lapsed membership. Policy is that if one is in a leadership position, and one lets their membership lapse, they are to be removed from office until such time as their membership once again is current. Guests (non-members) are allowed to attend 3 events, after which they are required to become members in order to participate in any further events. Simple rule of thumb, if you aren't a member, don't expect to be allowed to partake of any member benefits or to be able to join in any reindeer games. To help us all keep in the good graces of the NMRA, you can expect a friendly reminder from the Membership Committee 60 days and 30 days before your membership expires.

How does that saying go? At PC Laptops, we love you! Your fellow NMRA-NUD members, we LOVE you!



Membership Application and Renewal

Join the NMRA and enjoy the many benefits of membership.
Want to "test drive" the NMRA for a little while?

Sign up for our 6-month Rail Pass trial membership for only \$9.95!
Includes 6 months of NMRA Magazine, plus all regular member benefits (except voting).

<http://www.nmra.org/membership-application-and-renewal>



As of April 11, 2015 about half of the layouts have committed, we are still waiting on others. Vendor tables on the Grand Main are close to sold out.

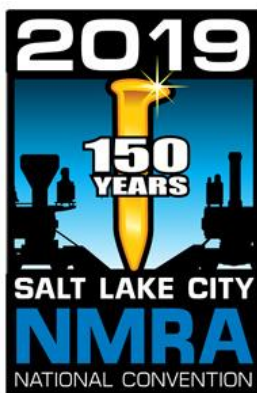
About half of the layouts are committed, we have a verbal commitment from Lego, Geoff Carter is re-contacting others.

We have a maximum of 120 tables available for all three areas.

Help Promote the Division



2019 NMRA Convention & Train Show Location



The Northern Utah Division's National Convention Organizing Committee (SLC2019) is looking for some talented model railroaders and organizers to help us plan the 2019 National Convention in Salt Lake City in July of 2019. Some committee members will be members of the National Model Railroad Convention Committee. (NMRC)

The Northern Utah Division Host Committee (SLC2019) has primary responsibility to recruit local clinicians, as well as coordinate with the NMRC for national clinicians, Modeling with the Masters, EduTRAIN™, non-rail tours, layout tours, and prototype tours among other things. Generally, all things outside of the convention hotel fall under the responsibility of the SLC2019 Host Committee...that's us in the Northern Utah Division.

We are actively looking for volunteers for the following positions:

Immediate needs: (by March 31, 2015)

Host Committee Clinic Chair – This person helps secure local clinicians for the convention and is a member of the National Model Railroad Convention Committee (NMRC) and the Host Organizing Committee (SLC2019.) Other Clinic committee members may assist this chair. This person helps organize the daily clinic schedule of both national, and local clinicians with the NMRC. Includes contacting potential clinicians, finding needs (A/V, etc.), secure their clinic and communicate with the National Model Railroad Convention Committee. Closer to the convention this person will assist the NMRC in providing content for the printed timetable.

Host Committee Non-Rail Tours Chair – This person secures non-rail (general interest) tours for the convention and leads the Non-Rail Tour Committee. This person is a member of the National Model Railroad Convention Committee (NMRC.) This person leads a committee to identify and organize daily trips to sites of general interest during the convention. This includes contacting tour sites, securing dates, finding out the maximum number of attendees per tour, pricing, etc. Tour bus needs and contracts are handled by the NMRC. Closer to the convention this person will assist the NMRA in providing content for the printed timetable.

Host Committee Tours Chair – This person secures all tours that are rail related. This includes layout tours, prototype tours (UP, UTA, BNSF, Utah Railway, etc.) This person will coordinate with the Non-Rails Tour Chair. This person is a member of the National Model Railroad Convention Committee (NMRC) and will participate with the NMRC. This person organizes and secures daily tours to sites of railroad related sites including layout tours. Contact has already been made with Union Pacific and UTA. There is an expectation of signing up 40+ layout tours around the Wasatch Front.

Committee members – If you feel you know contacts and are willing to make calls and send and respond to emails, you may wish to sign up to assist on one of the above committees. If you have any questions, please contact the SLC2019 Convention Chair, Alan Anderson at 801-965-6640 or alan.anderson66@gmail.com

If you are interested in volunteering for the 2019 convention, Click on the link below and fill out the online form. This information will be kept private and only shared upon request with the NMRA Meeting & Train Show department.

<http://goo.gl/forms/csKvYd8lRd>

There are opportunities to see a convention in action with the following locations for NMRA 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

Treasurer's Report



As of April 11 we have \$5561.53 in the bank with nothing owing.

So far, a total of \$1535.00 has been paid by vendors for tables at Wasatch Rails 2015.

The Club Car



The Northern Utah Division is home to many outstanding modeling clubs, in every scale from Z to Live Steam. You are sure to find at least one of them that will meet your needs, so drop them a line and join the fun!

Contact information is the most recent we have on file. If you have a railroad modeling club in the state of Utah, we would be happy to include your information here. Just send us the name of your club, the scales you support in your club, and how prospective members may contact your club.

[Color Country Model Railroad Club](#) – This multi-scale club is located in the Southern Utah Division in St. George, Utah. Contact Dave Merrill by email at: professordavemerrill@gmail.com

[Color Country T-Trak Club](#) - This N Scale club, located in the Southern Utah Division in St. George, Utah, uses the T-Trak modular system. Contact the club by email at: ColorCountryTTrak@gmail.com

[Golden Spike American Flyer Train Club](#) – This S scale club meets the third Friday of each month at various club member homes. Their newsletter contains the time and place. Call Jim Buckley by phone at: (801) 252-1921 or by email at: jamesbuckley7@comcast.com

[Golden Spike Train Club of Utah](#) – This club meets Saturday Evenings from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, at the Old Children's Museum of Utah (840 N 300 West, SLC). Contact Mark Forslund by phone at (801) 641-6586 for more information.

[Great Basin Lego Train Club](#) – Adult fans of LEGO. Meeting times and club info is posted on their website. Contact Reed Cowan by email at: gbltc@aol.com

HOn3 Club of Northern Utah – Specializing in local narrow gauge railroads in HOn3, this group meets informally and has a layout in Grantsville. Contact Fred Voelcker by email at: fred.voelcker@gmail.com

[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 by USPS mail at: 752 W 4375 South, Riverdale, UT 84405 or by phone at: (801) 394-4952.

[O Scale 3 Guys](#) – An O and On3 scale club. Contact Alan Badham by USPS mail at 3061 Bonnie Brea Ave, Salt Lake City, UT 84124 or by phone at: (801) 278-1004

[Ophir, Tintic and Western](#) – This 100% NMRA club models in HO and N and meets at the SCERA Theater Boardroom (745 South State Street, Orem) at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Contact Larry Carter by email at larrycarter@msn.com or by phone at (801) 446-8161

[Railway & Locomotive Historical Society](#) (Golden Spike Chapter) – An historically oriented group of researchers and preservationists, the Golden Spike chapter of the R&LHS meets at Ogden Station and is presently in the midst of a 20+ year restoration project of the D&RGW #223.

[South Weber Model Railroad Club](#) – This 1-1/2" club runs trains every 3rd Saturday & Sunday at South Weber Canyon Meadows Park. I-84 exit #85, two blocks south, two blocks east.

[Trackers](#) – This HO/HOn3 club meets at the Tooele Railroad Museum (35 N Broadway, Tooele) on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm (from Memorial Day to Labor Day). During the off-season, club members may meet for maintenance/upgrades to the layout, as weather permits. Contact Cindy Meiser by phone at: (801) 966-7411 or by mail at: 512 Crockett Drive Kearns, Utah 84118

Utah Free-MO – A travelling HO Modular group conforming to the Free-MO standard. Contact Allen Carter by email at: Utahfreemo@aol.com

Utah Garden Railway Society – A "G scale" group dedicated to the art of Garden Railways. Contact Lynn Stringham, President (UGRS) by USPS mail at: 4464 S 4100 West, West Haven, UT 84401

Utah Large Scale Society – A G scale group that meets in various member's homes. Contact Stan White by phone at: (801) 546-4085 or by USPS mail at: 920 N 1550 East, 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 (Club President) by email at: webmaster@utahtca.com

Wasatch N Scale Model Railroad Club - Contact Bob Gerald by phone at: (801) 864-0174

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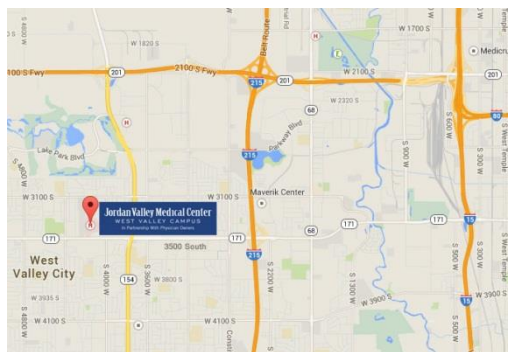
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