

WASATCH DIVISION NMRA

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AMAZING WATER CLINIC AT OUR NEXT MEETING!

We request the honor of your presence at our annual February Membership Meeting, where we will be offering a *fantastic* clinic on modeling water!

Jim McLaughlin and Thayne Tenney are presenting their "Water, Water Everywhere" clinic at our very next Wasatch Division meeting, to be held at the Frontrunner Shops, 900 N 500 W in Salt Lake City, on February 9th, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

If you get as frustrated as I do with those little yellowish melting pellets, or can't quite get the Modge Podge to turn clear, or would really rather avoid these problems all together and just want to learn how you can own those pesky rivers, lakes, and waterfalls from the get-go, you won't want to miss this outstanding

presentation on February 9th!

Seating is "first-come, first-served" so plan to attend now!! (If you plan to attend later, we'll rustle up some chairs for you!)

Our membership meetings begin promptly at 10:30, so you will want to arrive early enough to park, sign in, and take a seat.



Canoes on resin water, created by Thayne Tenney

After the clinic cleanup (many hands make light work!) we will have a Show & Tell. This month's theme is "What's on YOUR Bench?", so bring your current modeling project, impress your friends, and WOW your neighbors! (Or at least impress me, I promise to ooh! and aah! with heart-felt sincerity!

Rounding out our entertainment package for the day we will be holding a "Member Mixer" and "White Elephant's Swap Meet & Flea Market" immediately following our Show & Tell. Got an old "whatzit" lying around that you *know* you will never need? Bring it with you and see what you can trade for it! Who knows? Maybe all you will get is some extra cash to take to your favorite LHS, or maybe someone else will bring that "thingamajig" you've always wanted! If you



Jim (left) and Thayne (right) get their hands dirty mixing chemical water.



don't have any useless gear you must not be modeling properly, but bring some green anyway and test your bargaining skills!

We will see you on Saturday, February 9th at 10:30 am (sharp) to kick off 2013 with friendly, fun-filled, fabulous festivities!!

Agenda:

10:30 am – Division Announcements

10:35 am – Clinic: "World Famous Water Works"

11:40 am – Clinic: Cleanup Corps

11:45 am – Show & Tell: "What's on YOUR Bench?"

12:00 pm – Member Mixer and "White Elephant's Swap Meet & Flea Market"

12:30 pm – Adjournment: Cleanup Crew: Badge Return



It's amazing how many water products and techniques there are! Come try some yourself!

Directions:

From anywhere in the valley, get yourself to I-15 and exit at 600 North. Travel eastward to the first traffic light (400 W) and turn left/northward. Turn left/westward at the second entrance (900 N). Follow the road as it winds to the right along the tracks then turns left and crosses them. STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN! Imagine your humiliation to be the late-breaking news story on the 12:00 news!!

Park in visitor parking and meet

at the Visitor/Office door to be admitted. Pick up your visitor's badge and Sign in. We must be accompanied by a Frontrunner representative at all times (Thanks again, Mike!)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

We are meeting at an ACTIVE RAILROAD FACILITY and *nobody* wants to be the subject of a late-breaking story on the 12 o'clock news. So KEEP YOUR EYES AND EARS OPEN! (How many people get to say "my division meets at an active railroad facility"?!)

Cindy Meiser says, "Security at the Frontrunner shop is courtesy of 9-11. The facility is FRA governed, and not just anyone can be there. Mike misses a lot of the meeting while waiting on the stragglers so that everyone can get in. We had issued cell numbers in the Gandy Dancer so those who were going to be late could call when they got here, but Mike still spends a lot of the time checking the door and has not been able to enjoy the meeting. If *one person* strays into the shops, the Wasatch Division loses the right to meet in this facility. We have already had 2 warnings...there won't be a third!!"

There you have it, folks. We meet in an FRA regulated facility so **nobody** in the NMRA can top *that* for a meeting place!! Please be careful and overly-cautious to the point of **paranoia** in your movements while on Frontrunner property; park in the guest parking, walk directly to the door, wait to be escorted to the meeting room, sign in and wear a Visitor badge, and don't wander off!! Not only would we like to keep using this incredible facility,

but I think we *all* owe it to Mike Meiser to let him sit down and enjoy the meetings! If that isn't motivation enough, the member who wanders off and gets us booted from Frontrunner may be appointed as the next Show Chairman!!

Ciao!

- Ken Berry, Super



Why not bring your unwanted items to the White Elephant Sale and sell it! Put a price tag on it with your name and display it on the table. Bring some change with you, and some cash to buy some stuff as well. Or swap things! Either way, it's a lot of fun and a great way to get something you don't want into the hands of someone who needs it.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Our special thanks go to NMRA member Rick Luther who designed our new masthead for the Golden Spiker. Rick is beyond talented! We thank him for his dedication to making our organization look attractive and professional. Thanks Rick!

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THE SMOKEBOX WORDS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

superintendent@nmrawasatch.org

Welcome to a New Year!

This is the time when we traditionally look back at the old year and reflect on events that brought us happiness; on new friendships and renewed relationships with old friends; on our achievements and those of our loved ones; and yes, we even look over our *nearly* perfect lives to identify that one small flaw and vow to improve on it during the new year!

I'm not such a big fan of the New Year's Resolution, mostly because I never understood its purpose. Was it just so we could set ourselves up to fail? I always *lose* 10 or 20 pounds, and then I always *gain it back again!!* So I've been thinking; what's the point of this old ritual?

I really haven't found the definitive answer. Maybe some of you know what it is, and I'd love to read about your ideas on the wasatchnmra Yahoo group, but as far as I can figure, there must be some mysterious cultural desire to be a better person this year than we were last year, and to be a better person next year than we are this year.

Hey! I'm not going there! You will have to figure out for yourselves what that all means in your own lives!! But in a sense, if we were to think of the Wasatch Division as a "person", we can all see how we are a better Division this year than we were last year, and identify areas that we think the Division needs to work on to be even better next year.

I believe that each of us have an area or two that we'd like to see the Division develop or expand over the next year, things that suit our own modeling interests and goals, and I'd like to hear about them. The way I figure it, we are all railroad modelers looking to enjoy our hobby and learn about how to enjoy it more. We all have personal and familial obligations outside the NMRA, and they don't always involve Division meetings or club activities!

We have all joined together in this Association to find support in our pursuit of our own modeling interests, so I'd like each of us to spend a few minutes today thinking about the reasons that motivated us to join the NMRA in the first place.

Was it to lay track, to scratchbuild a depot, or to wire a layout? Was it to manage a show, to chair a committee, or to host a Merit Badge clinic? Or was it to *have fun modeling railroads?* (I know...I only emphasized that last bit because that is why *I* joined the NMRA!)

Actually, I have asked a few people in our Division the same question: why did you join the NMRA in the first place? And you know what? My reason isn't all that original, I got the same answer from everyone I asked. So here's a follow up question:

Then what is it about the NMRA that makes railroad modeling fun for *you?* I'm not going to give away any answers this time, but it is a serious question and I'd really appreciate hearing your answer.

You can email me at superintendent@nmrawasatch.org or start a thread on our yahoo group. Either way, if you let me know what

makes railroad modeling fun for *you* I promise I will work with you on developing some ideas to get it implemented in our Division *this* year!!

The NMRA is all about the fun of railroad modeling, so if we aren't having *fun* then we aren't doing this right, and I think we owe it to ourselves to get it right!

Join with me in making this New Year's "Resolution" for the Wasatch Division:

**Let's get back to our "roots" -
back to the *fun* of modeling railroads!**

THE BRAKEMAN WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

The membership has been asking for a more timely, more fun, more educational and more frequent (monthly) newsletter that is on time and on budget. Superintendent Ken Berry knew that I had successfully produced the Region's Callboard Magazine as well as other regional publications and asked me if I'd do it. Hard to say "no" to Ken!

While the graphics for this edition are not wonderful, we plan to improve them greatly as we put together a newsletter team. It takes time to reframe the newsletter, change software, and then collect graphics and photos. So please be patient with us!

We are looking for some hard working and dedicated teammates! No experience necessary, but the ability to type and use Microsoft Word or a camera would help. Just write me at scottgperry@comcast.net and let us

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know how you'd like to participate. In the mean time, please send us any photos that you might have of Wasatch Division members or activities.

We are also looking for articles about model railroading. Articles should come with drawings or photographs. Never written an article before? Let us know and we'll be glad to help you. If you are interested in the Achievement Program, we can help there, too!

Meanwhile, enjoy this first edition and look for more improvements as we get our team together. Expect it electronically once per month, and we're discussing printed issues and their frequency as well.

ELECTION RESULTS 2013

The election results are in and we have installed our new officers for the 2013 – 2014 term. Congratulations to the new officers and thank you to those that held office in 2012. This is the first two year term per the updated by-laws.

Election Results:

Superintendent =

Ken Berry (15 out of 29 votes)

Assistant Super =

Ryan Ballard (29 of 29 votes)

Treasurer =

Stan Jennings (19 of 29 votes)

One ballot was disqualified.

Three Board of Directors volunteers

will be selected and presented to the elected board soon. Please let Superintendent Ken Berry know if you are interested in one of these positions. A non-voting Secretary position is also available.

We'd also like to thank the hard working Kenneth Meiser for serving as the election chairman. This is a tough job which requires managing data, preparing the ballot, mailing them out and collecting/tabulating results. Thanks for the great job, Ken!

The Division offers its thanks as well to those who served last year as officers. We appreciate your hard work!

Robert Shearer—Superintendent
Cindy Meiser—Ass't Superintendent
Kevin Stockseth—Treasurer

Thanks to everyone that took the time to vote and made this transition go smoothly. While we understand that some feathers were ruffled, the goal is to build a bigger and better Division. So let's join hands and keep moving forward!

THE NMRA NEWSBLAST

The Winter Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Sheraton Suites Galleria-Atlanta, on February 8-10. Although the Board meets in a closed caucus the evening of February 8, the general meeting is open to all NMRA members on February 9 and 10. This year's meeting has a jam-packed agenda, including discus-

sions about the eBulletin, an electronic newsletter meant to supplement NMRA Magazine. Also, because membership dropped from 19,500 to 18,800 in one year, the Board will be discussing ways to attract new members. A task force which has studied the challenges of attracting Generation X, Generation Y, and Millennials will be making a report at the meeting.

The Board is reviewing bids for upcoming conventions. Indianapolis has thrown its hat in the ring for the 2016 convention, and Sydney, Australia, and Orlando, FL, may be vying for the 2017 convention. Nothing has been decided yet on either convention.

The NMRA continues to receive donations for "The Magic of Scale Model Railroading" Exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum. While we haven't yet hit our goal of \$250,000, we're getting closer every day to hitting the mark which will trigger a matching donation from an anonymous donor. If you, your Division or Region, have any questions about the exhibit, please contact Howell Day Museum Committee Chairman Allen Pollock at 573-619-8532. You can contribute via the web by visiting www.nmra.org and clicking on the donation link near the top of the homepage.

As I mentioned last month, I've turned in my resignation as Communications Director, so if you or anyone you know would like to apply for the position, please contact President Charlie Getz at charliegetz@yahoo.com.



WHAT IS THE GANDY DANCER?

The history of the term “gandy dancer” is very unclear, but the term as we know it today is someone that is part of a track maintenance team. It appears that Gandy Dancer has been the name of our newsletter for many years.

The Gandy Dancer, by our definition in the By Laws is an official communication tool for By Laws changes. Essentially it only comes out one in a while and on no set schedule. So what do we do in the mean while?

Have a separate monthly newsletter of course! The Golden Spiker will be our monthly electronic publication filled with fun stuff, photos, articles and information to get you through the times between meetings. We will publish it at the end of every month.

Got a contribution? Send it to the editor Scott Perry at scottgerry@comcast.net. Thanks!

We Miss You on Yahoo!

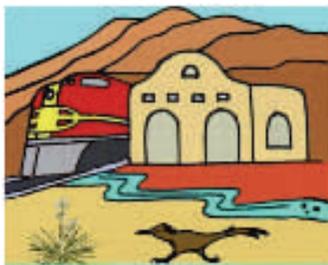
Not getting
regular Division
updates and info?
Then join the
Wasatch Division
Yahoo
E-group at
[groups.yahoo.com/
group/
wasatchnmra/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wasatchnmra/)

REGION CONVENTION TEAM

Ken Berry is heading up the Convention Team and has already called one meeting. Together with several Wasatch members, the team has collected the necessary documentation, discussed opening a bank account, and began planning for our first brainstorming session.

We need team members! There are many jobs necessary for a good convention. Hotel coordinators, registrars, tour schedulers, clinic program planners, special guest recruiters, and many other jobs. All are open and looking for your hand to go up!

We have a Yahoo E-group set up for the team at RMR2014 if you would like to join. You don't have to commit yet, just let us know you are interested so we can pique your interest even more! A meeting is to be called soon, so watch the Yahoo Egroup for further announcements.



Rails along the Rio Grande 2013



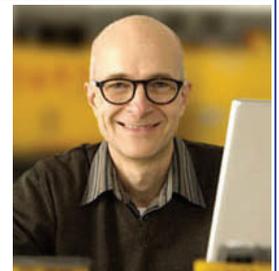
Rio Grande Division #6, Rocky Mtn. Region

DON'T WAIT TOO LATE!

REGISTER NOW FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CONVENTION!

The members of the Rio Grande Division #6 of the Rocky Mountain Region of the NMRA welcome you to Albuquerque to attend our regional convention & train show June 6-9, 2013. Special guest speaker: Pelle Søbørg

www.rarg2013.org



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LOCAL TRAIN CLUBS

The Great Basin Lego Train Club (GBLT&C)

We are a group of adult fans of LEGO in Utah. We regularly display a LEGO train layout at local model railroad shows with the Great Basin LEGO Train Club (GBLT&C). Meeting times and other club info is regularly posted on this site their website.

Scales: HO G S

Contact Name: Reed Cowan

Contact Details: gbltc@aol.com

Club Website: <http://greatbasinlrc.utahlug.org/>

Utah Society of Railroad Modelers

Fun, Learning & Fellowship

Scales: All Scales

Contact Name: Steve Moore

Contact Details:

kiss@kissmethodinc.com

Club Website: <http://www.usrm.org/>

Color Country Model Railroad Club

The Color Country Model Railroad Club is located in the St. George, Utah area.

Scales: (Multi-Scale)

Contact Name: Scott Jesienouski

Contact Details: 1905 S Halther Cir, Washington, UT 84780

Golden Spike Model Railroad Club

Meets Saturday evenings 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the Children's Museum of Utah.

Scales: HO

Contact Name: Unavailable

Contact Details: 840 N 300 W Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

Hostlers Model Railroad Club

Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month at The Historic Ogden Union Station.

Scales: N HO G and Live Stream

Contact Name: Mike Murphy
Contact Details: 752 W 4375 S Riverdale, Utah 84405
Ph. (801) 394-4952
Club Website: <http://hostlers.org>

The O Scale 3Guys

Visit their awesome layout in MRS Hobbies! 9425 So. Union Square (7th East) Sandy, Ut

Scales: O and On3

Contact Name: Alan Badham

Contact Details: 3061 Bonnie Brea Ave.

Salt Lake City, Utah 84124

Ph. (801) 278-1004

Ophir, Tinitic and Western

Meetings held at the SCERA Theater Broadroom at 7 PM every 3rd Thursday

Scales: HO & N

Contact Name: Larry Cater

Contact Details: larrycarter@msn.com (801) 446-8161

745 South State Street Orem, Utah 84058

Trackers

The Trackers meet Saturday evenings at 6pm

Scales: HO & HOn3

Contact Name: Cindy Meiser

Contact Details: Ph. (801) 966-7411
512 Crockett Drive Kearns, Utah 84118

Utah Garden Railway Society

Great group dedicated to the art of Garden Railways

Scales: G

Contact Name: Lynn M. Stringham, President UGRS

Contact Details: 4464 S 4100 W West Haven, Ut 84401

Golden Spike American Flyer Train Club

Meetings held the third Friday of each month at club members homes. Newsletter contains times and places.

Scales: S

Contact Name: Jim Buckley
Contact Details: Ph. (801) 252-1921
jamesbuckley7@comcast.com

Utah Large Scale Society

Meetings are held in Members homes
Scales: G

Contact Name: Stan White

Contact Details: 920 North 1550 East Layton, Utah 84040
Ph. (801) 546-4085

Alamogordo N Scale Train Society

The Alamogordo N Scale Trains Society is an N scale modular model railroad club located in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Scales: HO G S

Contact Name: Jack Kern

Contact Details: See website

Club Website: <http://antstrains.tripod.com/>

South Weber Model Railroad Club

Run days are every 3rd Saturday & Sunday at South Weber Canyon Meadows Park. Exit 85 on I-84, two blocks south, two blocks east.

Scales: 1" 1/2

Contact Name: Not Available

Contact Details: See website

Club Website: <http://southweberrr.webs.com/>

Scottsdale Model Railroad Club

The club meets Thursday nights from 7 -9 weekly at the McCormick Railroad Park Scottsdale, AZ

Scales: Ho and HOn3

Contact Name: Joe Kleifges

Coldwater Gulch Module Group

Private Club

Scales: HO & HOn3

Contact Name: Not Available

Contact Details: nwdaubert@aol.com

Don't see your club here? Please contact us and let us know about you! We'd be glad to post your information. Need changes? Send those too!
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HOSTLERS FESTIVAL PHOTO AND MODEL CONTESTS 2013

Does one have to be a member of the Hostlers to enter the Photo Contest? **NO!**

Does one have to be a member of the Hostlers to enter the Model Contest? **NO!**

We know there are many excellent modelers and photographers in the Wasatch Division, NMRA; share your best at the Hostlers Festival March 1, 2 and 3 at Ogden Union Station.

Model Contest entries will be accepted from the opening of the Ogden Union Station for display setup on Friday, March 1, 2013, until noon on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Judging is popular vote and judge's choice. The model categories basically follow the NMRA guidelines, there is no NMRA judging.

Photo Contest entries will be accepted beginning with the opening of the Hostlers Festival at 9AM until noon on Saturday, March 2, 2013.

There are a few more things, but the basics are -- the photos must be railroad related, taken by the entrant and no larger than 8"X12". Judging is entirely people's choice.

Unlike an NMRA photo contest,

there are eight categories. The categories for 2013 are: A- Steam Locomotives; B- Internal Combustion/Electric Locomotives/Motorcars; C- Structures; D- Rolling Stock, Maintenance of way, caboose; E- ACTION; F- Railroading; G- Railroading People; H- Model Railroading.

Comments on two categories:



Railroading People category. The subject does not have to be train crew; any photo featuring real people involved in any activity with some sort of railroad theme qualifies. Photos of people involved with model railroading or railroad-related toys are two types of photos

that qualify for the Railroading People category.

Model Railroading category. The photo can be of ANY model railroad, ANY model railroad subject (locomotives, rolling stock, buildings, scenery, etc.) in ANY scale as long as the person entering the contest took the photograph. Layout tours and train shows are excellent opportunities for photographing some excellent model railroads. Photographs of larger scale ride-on railroads are acceptable as long as there are no people in the photograph, people in the photograph will put the photograph in the Railroading People category. Photographs of prototypical-looking scenes do best in this category, however that does not rule out single-subject artistic endeavors

For the complete Hostlers Festival 2013 model and photo contest rules and entry forms go to the Hostlers website -- <http://www.hostlers.info>, then go to Members Info. No, you do not have to be a member.

Remember, The model contest, like the photo contest, is for sharing and fun. - Stan Jennings

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA | July 14-20 | For information and registration: nmra2013.org

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**ALL ABOARD FOR
CONVENTION 2014!**

Planning has begun for the convention in 2014, and we need your ideas, input, sweat and hard work. So join the team that is going to put on the best convention the Region has ever seen!

What? You've never been to a Regional Convention? Well, you are in luck because the 2013 Convention is coming up in June. Make plans to go so that you can know all about what we are going to do in 2014. More information is on page 5 of the Golden Spiker.

Let Ken Berry know that you want in on the fun! *superintendent@nmrawasatch.org*.



Great Layouts!



Famous People!



Great Models and Model Contests!



Stuff for Sale!



Great Clinics!



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Awards—>



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