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DIVISION FUN IN THE CLUB CAR! OUR NEW DIVISION!



About our cover: Division meetings continue in the NRHS restored passenger cars!

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THE SMOKEBOX

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April & May have been an incredible months for our Division!

* We've incorporated as a non-profit, applied for tax-exempt status, developed a new logo, and adopted a new name (See "Northern Utah Division of the NMRA", pg 3).

*We've started up a new monthly Operations Training Program (See "Operations", pg 3).

*We've prepared and executed our first Community Outreach event (in next issue, see National Train Day)

* We've begun serious work on our annual train show (See "Wasatch Rails 2014", pg 10)

* The Division's financial situation has been stabilized, though we are not yet "out of the woods" (See "It Takes a Volunteer!", pg 9)

And we are carrying this momentum into May and June, working out the details for a new quarterly or semi-annual all-day event (a "mini-convention" with clinics, speeches, operations, displays, and the like), and formalizing a monthly program to meet the needs of our members. We are also working to integrating our Facebook page with our other digital resources.



We will also be tapping some of you to fill these core positions and we need you to help expand the opportunities for Fun, Learning and Fellowship for our membership.

This sure is an exciting time to be a member of the NMRA in Northern Utah!

Cheers!

- Berry, Superintendent

THE Brakeman

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I am so excited about the changes that have been made in the Division! What an incredible turn around in just a few short months. We have to give credit to our fearless leader, the "King" Ken Berry and his roundtable of leaders; Stan Jennings, Jack Chase, Rick Luther , Geoffrey Carter and Alan Anderson. All of these men have taken the bull by the horns and have delivered amazing results in such a short time. Thanks to all of the others on the team as well who are making things happen and bringing the fun back to model railroading here in Utah.

With the great improvements I'm hoping comes great growth. The Northern Utah Division as we are now called is still forming, even though we are solidly the fastest growing Division and the largest in the Rocky Mountain Region. Everyone is working hard to help us grow

and we appreciate your efforts!

There are over 1,500 active model railroaders from Ogden to Orem. That's right, enough to warrant the large number of hobby shops in the area. So let's go find them! Be sure to ask your friends to participate.

We could use your help here. Our newsletter needs photos of people and events. The next time you attend any Division function, be sure to take your camera with you and send pictures to me.

Come join the fun! Be sure to attend a meet soon. Give a clinic! Participate. The fun is much better when you are in the game and not on the sidelines.

- Scott Perry, Editor

PHOTOS!

The Golden Spiker is looking for photos of our events. When you take your camera, please be sure to send us your pictures! Thanks!

- Scott Perry, Editor

The Division Reincorporates as the Northern Utah Division of the NMRA

By Ken Berry

We are proud to report that paperwork has been filed with the State of Utah, all of the necessary fees have been paid, and our Division is now a recognized corporation in Utah!!

What? I'm glad you asked. In 1987, our Division's status as a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation of the State of Utah officially lapsed due to non-renewal. In late 2012/early 2013, the Division's leadership began looking into where the division has been and in the process found the corporation status had lapsed in 1987..

The newly elected Division leadership called for volunteers to work out the details and get the paperwork finished. Those volunteers formed an ad-hoc committee and have been working hard to complete this project.

The committee discovered a very significant problem that needed resolution. For 26 years the Northern Utah Division has been meeting, modeling, and raising funds without legal recognition by the State of Utah.

The committee members spent an unbelievable amount of energy discussing the ramifications, solutions, and options of the situation, and reached the conclusion that we must reincorporate our Division to insulate our incorporated division from the 26 years of unincorporated status, able to open new bank accounts for a variety of NMRA division projects and events, able to purchase event insurance, etc. After further discussion, the name that was chosen for our new corporate Division was the Northern Utah Division of the NMRA, which can also be referred to as the Northern Utah Division when the context is clear that we are talking about an NMRA division.

On behalf of the members of our Division, we would like to offer a rousing "thank you" to all those who worked on this project, and we could not be more proud of the service that each of you has done for our Division.

Thank you!!

Board of Directors



The Northern Utah Division of the NMRA is proud to announce a new model railroading program. We are starting a Division Operations Group (DOG). We intend that this group will start operations one time per month on Lee Nicholas' fabulous Utah Colorado Western (UCW) railroad. From there we plan to grow this activity to other railroads.

To make this a success, we must build a "pool" of operators who are willing to devote the time necessary to learn and operate the railroad. We feel that a minimum pool of 20 operators is necessary for this to be a success. An operating session will consume a Saturday from approximately 10 AM until approximately 4:30 PM plus travel time to Lee's railroad in Corrine, UT. Once a person has committed to operate on a particular Saturday, they are essentially "locked in" and committed.

Our procedure is planned to be relatively simple. Two weeks before the operating session an "Operating Crew Call" will be issued by the Crew Master. The first 15 people to respond requesting a position will be a part of the operating crew for that session. The email response should go to jack.r.chase@gmail.com. They will be notified and their names will be published to allow for forming car pools to Lee's residence. We welcome Division members with all levels of operating experience to these sessions. If you are already good, these sessions will make you better. If you are a "newbie" these will allow you to work with an experienced operator to learn the right way to do operation.

We look forward to seeing many of you at these sessions on one of the truly great model railroads in the USA. We all thank Lee Nicholas very much for opening his railroad to our Division for this activity.

Jack Chase
Crew Master & Director
Northern Utah Division

MARCH DIVISION MEET

Article & Photos by RICK LUTHER

The March meeting of the Northern Utah Division was held in a very unique place. The Promontory Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society allowed the Division to hold the March meeting in the "Moonlight Dome" and the "Jancie L.". These are private cars that have been restored and are available for revenue runs. They are currently stored at the Garfield and Western siding just south of the State Fair grounds.

The meeting started with a welcome to everyone attending from Division Superintendent, Ken Berry. With business quickly concluded, the meeting continued with a "Hands-On Weathering with Chalk" by Fred Baney. Fred gave a fun and easy to follow program on his techniques for weathering a variety of engines including diesel and steam locomotives. His techniques covered ways to simulate road dust and grime with just the right mixture of spilled fluids associated with hard working locomotives. Fred also covered various types of rolling stock including a tank car, covered hopper and a box car. With these demonstrations Fred covered the most common areas that rolling stock collects dirt, grime and rust during their lifetime. As mentioned at the beginning of the

article, this was a "Hands-on" clinic. After Fred concluded his demonstrations it was time for the members to try out some of these newly learned techniques on our own engines and rolling stock. By the time everyone was done there wasn't a new looking piece of equipment left in the dome car. To conclude the clinic we took our "masterpieces" outside to preserve forever all the hard work that had been completed. Fred demonstrated the

final important part of using a clear coat spray to protect the chalks from being removed by touching the rolling stock.

After the clinic we all gathered in the "Jancie L." car for a short show and tell from Fred and Geoff Carter. Fred brought a couple of special cars that he had scratch-built/kitbashed and detailed. He showed us a tank car that he "specially" designed to carry mercury. Geoff showed us a special

addition car that he picked up at convention years ago.

Many thanks go out to the Promontory Chapter for allowing us to have a chance to view the cars and have meeting there. Along with a hearty thank you to Ken and Stan Jennings for arranging the meeting with Promontory Chapter of the NRHS and a very special thank you to Fred Baney for the wonderful clinic.



Geoff Carter and Bob Lewis listen intently as long-time top modeler and authority on UP locomotives Fred Baney gives a clinic on weathering.



Fred Baney took us step by step through the weathering process on diesels, steam engines, and even box cars and hoppers!



Fred is a wealth of knowledge, especially with regards to the Union Pacific! Be sure to see his fantastic display of UP locomotives at our next Train Show!



Bob Lewis is not afraid to plaster the car in dirt, grease and grime! Perhaps he'll weather his huge fleet some day!



Ron Davies focuses intently as he applies acrylics to his reefer. Meanwhile new members Josh and Shelle DeBusk are enjoying the sun in the Moonlight Dome.



Geoff Carter is not afraid to use a little chalk on his rolling stock. He can always wash it off if he doesn't like it and just start over!





What better place to have a clinic than a beautifully restored “Moonlight Dome” car!

A quick coat of Testor’s Dullcote seals the weathering work so that it doesn’t wear off.



I think they are a bit too comfortable in the *Janice L. Car!*

“Wow, I actually did this myself in only a few minutes!” says Geoff



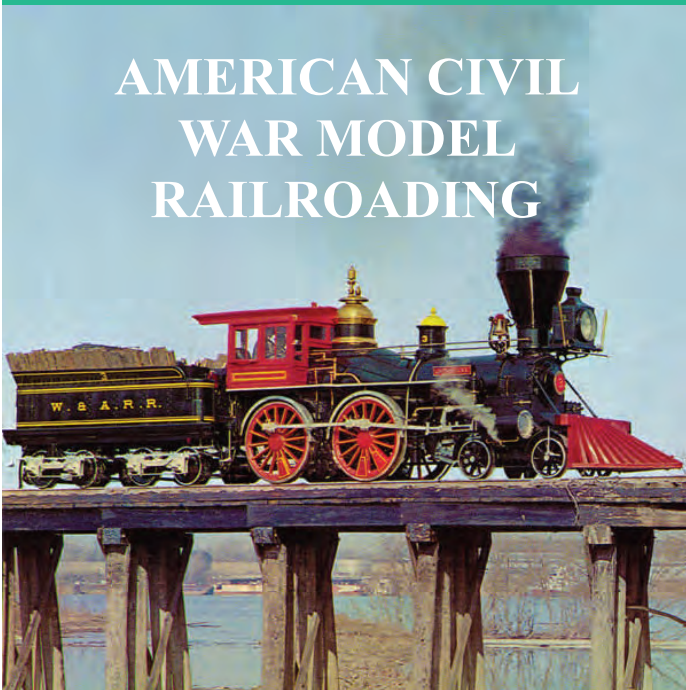
MODEL SPOTLIGHT

FRED BANEY'S MERCURY TANK CAR!

ON DISPLAY AT THE MARCH DIVISION MEETING



AMERICAN CIVIL WAR MODEL RAILROADING



Surprisingly, there are quite a few model railroaders in the area that model American Civil War railroads. Our group is low-key, with no rules and no formal structure, and we welcome all model scales. Any prototype railroad is fair game, North or South, and who knows, we may even see some “what-if” stuff pop up! Some of us are working out the details for an ACWRR display for our local train shows, and eventually an operating modular exhibition layout. Interested? Have ideas or questions? Just email either of these two gentlemen:

Stan Jennings at: RJenn24103@aol.com

Ken Berry at: railroad.modeler@gmail.com

Then you can point your web browser to: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Civil_War_RRs/ and join one of the best groups on Yahoo! Be sure to mention in your application that you are from the Utah ACWRR group!

IT TAKES A VOLUNTEER!

BY KEN BERRY

Perhaps the single most significant attribute of the railroad modeling community is that we all volunteer. We have no paid professional leaders, we don't contract any services, and we don't subscribe to activities or events. As far as I am aware, everything we do as railroad modelers is conceived, developed, and implemented by volunteers.

Even when we belong to an organization that requires annual or monthly dues, the money goes to purchase supplies or rent meeting space, and never seems to find its way to the pockets of the group's leaders. In the NMRA, the word "member" and the word "volunteer" mean practically the same thing!

If we were to take the volunteers out of the equation, we wouldn't even have a hobby! Let's look at our local modeling groups and see what we would have without volunteers:

- * All of the clubs in Northern Utah are strictly supported by volunteers. Take them away, and there are no clubs.
- * All of the train shows are run by volunteers, except for GATS, and none of them would be available without the volunteers that run them.
- * Even our monthly meetings are all-volunteer productions.

Our annual budget comes from the proceeds of the Wasatch Rails annual train show – no volunteers means no money, and no money means no Division. That doesn't sound like fun at all! We need as much revenue as we can get from our annual train show, and that depends entirely upon those who volunteer to help with the show. We need each of you to help with the work on this year's show so we can rebuild our bank account and continue to function as an organization.

I think we should all be proud to be part of railroad modeling – it is a large scale, fully functional, global hobby society that exists for and because of its volunteers – in other words, us!!

Sure, there are going to be times when personalities clash, or someone's behavior isn't what it ought to be, or outside factors get in the way of someone doing their job. This shouldn't surprise us – after all, our organization involves human beings, and they are *notoriously* imperfect – but it does, and I think this is the most difficult part of belonging to the

railroad modeling community. Fortunately, we are often able to look the other way, and move forward together, forgetting after a while that there ever was an offense.

In the end, our hobby exists only because there are people who are willing to volunteer when there is a need, and *this* railroad modeler is mighty grateful for each one of them!

Nobody can volunteer forever. After a while the task grows wearisome, and we need to take a break. At these times we are able to see the strength and nobility of our members – someone else

steps up to carry the torch, and keep the program alive.

So when the opportunity to volunteer presents itself to *you*, stand tall and carry on the traditions and programs of railroad modeling by volunteering to fill a vacant position, and know that we are all here to help you and to support you. We need you to do your best to keep this hobby strong and vibrant, until it is our turn to stand tall and do our best.



**Want to volunteer? Contact Superintendent Ken Berry at
superintendent@nmrawasatch.org**

WASATCH RAILS 2014 DIVISION TRAIN SHOW

We are ramping up activity on this year's annual show, and look to build on past successes to enhance our reputation as the premier train show in Northern Utah!

This year's show will be held at the Utah State Fairgrounds from November 1st through the 3rd, and will feature our local display layouts, our favorite vendors, and one or two surprises that should keep folks talking for a few months afterward!

We are negotiating with our vendors and getting them on board, will soon be lining up our displays, and working on tweaking the floor plan to maximize the fun and minimize the hassle. This year we are looking at providing free public parking, which should help increase the draw, and will include some form of public advertising at critical points just prior to the show to help let people know we are there and invite them to join us.

We will need to staff the event with volunteers, so if there is a particular part of show day that you prefer to be involved in, let us know as soon as possible, and we will do our best to get everyone lined up with their favorite bit.

This is our moneymaker, the source of all our money for the upcoming year's activities, and this is the one event where we all need to be a part of the volunteer effort to pull it off. Our Division doesn't charge dues for any of our activities or events, and this show represents our opportunity to raise the money to pay for all the stuff we do all year long.

Keep an eye on the Division's website, Yahoo group, and Facebook page for our "call to action" – we need you! Next year's activities depend on our financial success, so come help us make this year's show the most fun (and the most profitable) show ever!

- Stan Jennings, Treasurer

CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIVISION

*The Northern Utah Division of the NMRA has an abundance of model railroad clubs representing a wide variety of scales, eras, and interests. If you haven't found a club to join, it isn't because we don't have one! Check out our local clubs and see what makes **your** engine run – and make some new friends while having fun modeling railroads at the same time!*

OT&W - Monthly Meetings

The Ophir, Tintic & Western model railroad club continues to meet at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month at the Scera Theater in Orem. Enter the theater and continue past the concession stand to the conference room in the far corner of the building, under the second floor pavilion. See the OT&W website for more information.

South Weber "Live Steamers"

Probably the club that is most grateful for the spring weather to have arrived is the large scale riding railroad of the South Weber Steamers, hosting riding days and the occasional guest tour all through the warm seasons. Check their website for details.

Trackers - Open House

The Trackers open a new tour season at the Tooele Valley Railroad museum complex on Vine Street in Tooele. Plan at least a half a day and enjoy the displays in the museum as well as the outstanding layout operated by the Trackers in a vintage hospital car located on the property. Check with the Trackers for more information.

USRM - Layout Tours

For those interested in visiting the fabulous local layouts of the many talented modelers living here in Northern Utah, the USRM has announced the next installment of their 2013 Layout Tour program. Please visit the USRM website for more information.

We want to publish news and upcoming events from every club in Northern Utah in our bi-monthly newsletter. To add your content to this free public service, please have your club events clerk, newsletter editor, or secretary contact the Northern Utah Division of the NMRA to set up a news feed and get your news and events published in the Golden Spiker!

SURVEYS: THE WAY TO HAVE A SAY!

When I get unsolicited surveys in the mail, they usually hit the wastebasket before my posterior hits the chair at my desk, and you may express a similar form of “appreciation” for these things in your own home.

Surveys from our Division aren’t “unsolicited” in quite the same way – we are all members of the NMRA and our printed surveys are the second most convenient way for you to have a say in what we do as a Division (the **most** convenient way is to join our Yahoo group and vote in the polls).

Our Division is where the NMRA comes to life, where all of the principles and ideals of our Association become reality, and your opinion matters here! So get your email program fired up and get ready to send us your opinion!

Here’s one I made up just for you!

1. Do you consider yourself to be a beginning modeler, an somewhat experienced modeler, or a very experienced modeler?

2. What topics would you like to learn more about?
List all that apply:

History
Research
Planning
Benchwork
Electrical
DCC
Track
Scenery
Motive Power
Rolling Stock
Operations
Other (please specify)

3. Have you ever presented a clinic, and on what topic or topics?

4. If we provided you with training and support, would you present a clinic?

5. What scale(s) do you model in?

6. Have you ever assisted with a rail fan trip?

7. If we provided you with training and support, would you assist with a rail fan trip?

8. Do you have a layout, and if so, how far along is it?

9. If we provided you with training and support, would you like to build a layout?

10. If we were to hold one, would you attend a one-day Division “mini-convention”?

11. If we provided you with training and support, would you assist with a one-day Division “mini-convention”?

12. Do you have a favorite prototype? Which one(s)?

13. Have you ever hosted an operating session on your **finished** layout?

14. If not, and we provided you with training and support, would you host an operating session on your **finished** layout?

15. If we provided you with training and support, would you plan/arrange/conduct a Division meet?

16. Is your contact information on file at National current?

17. What era(s) are you interested in modeling?

18. Yahoo Group:

a. Do you know about our Division Yahoo Group?

b. Do you use our Division Yahoo Group?

19. Facebook:

a. Do you know about our Division Facebook Page?

b. Do you use our Division Facebook Page?

20. Website:

a. Do you know about our Division Website?

b. Do you use our Division Website?

Answering this survey is easy: send an email to "superintendent@nmrawasatch.org" with the subject "May GS Survey", and your NMRA number (or first and last name) in the body, then copy and paste the questions into the body and add your answers.

That's it!!

(If you also click "send", I would appreciate it immensely!)

After the results have been organized, I will follow up with you, and thank you for helping our Division be even more fun!

Ken Berry
Chief Survey Engineer



GRAFFITI

By Stan Jennings

Most of the readers of the *Golden Spiker* are familiar with the Promontory Chapter's *Moonlight Dome* private rail car as we have had two meetings there. By the time you read this, the car will have left for a trip to Denver and then to return.

On April 27, Chapter members planned to touch up the car -- washing windows, making the beds, general cleaning and so on. April 26 gave the chapter an unwanted surprise. Overnight, the car had been graffitied! The easy cleanup day turned out to include a graffiti cleanup day!

I have never liked graffiti, it is criminal act, Yet the police and the criminal justice system do little to combat this destruction of private property. Now, having personally cleaned up some graffiti, I really, really don't like it!

New Members

April gave us two new members and one re-rail. Over the last 5 months (no data for the sixth month) we have seen 19 new members and 5 re-rails. Since January we have seen 13 new members and 2 re-rails.

Since January the following people have joined or re-joined our Division:

New Members:

James Barton	Lisa Bowers
David Davis	Brent Leishman
Derek Lloyd	Brent Metcalf
Kevin Munk	Guenther Riess
Don Strack	William Stockseth
Michelle Swift	Melissa Thomas
Andrew Thomas	

Re-rails:

Gary Petersen	Robert Shearer
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Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: We have many opportunities for good hearted volunteers to serve our Division Membership in a variety of positions. No experience is required! All you need is a passion for model railroads and a willingness to meet a deadline or two. On the Job Training is provided. Benefits include convenient hours, easy work, strong job satisfaction, and the gratitude of your fellow modelers! Inquire at superintendent@nmrawasatch.org

FOUND: a lonely little Editorship was found in the Sandy area recently, and it looks like it came from a good home. If it is yours, or if you are willing to foster this adorable thing, please email editor@nmrawasatch.org and claim. We need YOU to volunteer to help us grow! Apply within.

Sunshine Region Requests YOUR Help!

We are finalizing our proposal for the NMRA 2017 National Convention. If you can, please complete this short, 10 question survey about attending the NMRA National Convention

<http://Survey.SunshineRegion.org//TakeSurvey.asp?SurveyID=3M2753KM9632G>

Thanks in advance for your help. The results will be on the SSR website when the survey closes on June 2nd and any written comments will be listed as we read them and have an answer for them.

DIVISION'S POLYGAMY PORTER CAR GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE ICE COLD!



The long anticipated Wasatch Beers Polygamy Porter Accurail reefers are finally in process!!

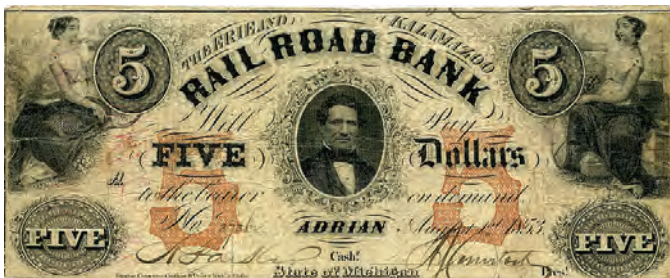
The Northern Utah Division has ordered forty-eight custom Accurail HO scale wood-sided reefer kits decorated for the well-known, locally brewed Polygamy Porter beer. The car number 2013. The kit boxes will be individually numbered; you may choose any number 1-48, if it is not already spoken for. The kits will be ready for distribution in September 2013.

The cars are priced at \$35.00 each if paid for on or before June 15, 2013, \$40.00 after that date. For those out of the area, add \$5.00 for shipping to anywhere in the US.

You may order your unique Polygamy Porter car at the May meetings of the Hostlers, OT&W, and USRM clubs. We will be at the regular Hostler and USRM meetings. Unfortunately, we may not make it to other May model railroad club meetings. You may also mail payment (check or money order made out to Northern Utah Division) and, if you would like, your preferred number(s) (no guarantee it/they will be available, give us an alternative number or two) to: **Northern Utah Division, Custom car, 772 N Main #268, Tooele, Utah 84074.**

- Stan Jennings

These cars are from a limited run and may not be produced again. They are going fast!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Stan Jennings, Treasurer

As noted in the previous *Golden Spiker*, these are your funds; we will attempt to have a full accounting in every issue of the *Golden Spiker* or *Gandy Dancer* newsletter.

There was \$14.96 spent on Wasatch Rails 2013 mini-flyers for distribution during the Hostler Festival. A check for \$183.00 was reimbursement for a permanent UPS store Northern Utah Division business address (\$168.00) and the second place Division logo contest prize (\$15.00). A check for \$300.00 is a Golden Spike Limited 2014 loan to reserve the Union Station facilities in 2014. Another check for \$300.00, not yet cashed, is a loan to Golden Spike Limited 2014 to open the convention bank account. April 29 we will be writing checks for the legal incorporation of the Northern Utah Division and the Accurail Polygamy Porter custom car order.

- End Report

Editor's Note: The Treasurer is available to answer your specific questions about our budget at any time. Note that some information is intentionally removed for security reasons to protect the Division at the direction of our leadership team..

Future Meets

As our meets (formally known as meetings, but now much more fun and much less like business) are starting to line up. As always we are looking for new ideas and clinicians!

June will feature Railroading from the Experts with guest speakers such as Fred Baney, Mike Meiser, Ryan Ballard, Warren Johnson and Don Strack.

October will be exciting as we feature Railroads & Mining in Utah by our own living legend Don Strack.

Stay tuned for more meet program updates!

**THIS SPACE AVAILABLE FOR A
LOW MONTHLY FEE!**

Buy and Sell on eBay for the National Model Railroad Association By Alan Anderson

The NMRA Fundraising Dept. has been working on several fronts. The most recent is setting up the NMRA as an approved non-profit with eBay. You can support the NMRA when you buy or sell on eBay, through the eBay Giving Works program. Here's how:

The NMRA is now part of the eBay Giving Works (givingworks.ebay.com) program.

Here's how to add the NMRA as one of your selected Giving Works participants.

Log into your eBay account or create a new account if you are new to eBay.

Visit the NMRA home page on eBay. The shortened website URL is, <http://goo.gl/BVTIY> (caps important) just type this URL into your favorite browser.

In the upper right hand corner is the phrase, "Add to Favorites"

P.S. for you techies, the actual website URL is <http://givingworks.ebay.com/charity-auctions/charity/national-model-railroad-association-inc/77117/>

That is all there is to it. If you scroll to the bottom of the page, you can see all the current items for sale on eBay that a portion of the proceeds benefit the NMRA.

Feel free to share this link on any social media site you use, with your operating crew or club members.

Oh, I forgot to mention that when you sell an item and select the NMRA as your chosen Giving Works participant, the percentage you chose to donate is also used to reduce your eBay listing fees. If you chose to donate 25% of the sale price to the NMRA, eBay will reduce your listing fees by 25%. eBay Giving Works tracks your donations and provides the necessary paperwork for tax deduction purposes.

There are one basic rule, eBay requires a minimum donation of 10% all the way up to 100%. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to email fund@hq.nmra.org

Once you have selected the NMRA as your chosen Giving Works participant, you can select the NMRA from your donation favorites when you list an item for sale. By regularly visiting the NMRA home page on eBay, you can also view any eBay item where the seller has selected the NMRA as a beneficiary of that auction if the item sells.

Now, NMRA members can use eBay to surplus their no-longer-needed model railroad equipment **AND** support the educational purposes of the NMRA at the same time!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

The Wasatch Division, Rocky Mountain Region, NMRA Presents



November 1st - 3rd

Utah State Fairpark

155 North 1000 West Salt Lake City, Utah

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NMRA NEWS

A few words from the President

One important membership benefit



The most common question I'm asked by members is, "What do I get for my dues?" The answer is complex and far beyond the short space I have here. But let me outline one advantage: the ability to learn model railroading and become a better model railroader. Regional conventions (and of course the national convention) offer numerous clinics which are simply classes on model railroading. A dizzying variety of topics is offered covering new techniques and technologies which can vastly improve your enjoyment of this wonderful hobby. I recently attended the PCR convention and learned to utilize Fast Tracks jigs to make a fully functional turnout. Mine took 90 minutes to complete and it came out surprisingly well. The instructor said he can make a turnout in half the time. While I may never take the time to build hundreds of turnouts, the side benefits of this clinic were to improve my soldering skills and my confidence level. Other clinics addressed layout construction, lighting and even moving parts of a layout from one location to another. The national convention offers a large number of topics and some of the best instructors in the hobby. All of this is a wonderful benefit of membership. If you haven't attended a national convention, please try to so. We have a great one coming up soon in Atlanta. But by all means, attend your local regional convention or attend your division's clinics. It is a superb way to learn your craft and improve your skills.

Your layout can help us promote National Model Railroad Month!



Got a good layout? Can you write a good story about it and take a few pictures of it? If so, you could

be part of the NMRA Marketing Team's nationwide promotion of this year's National Model Railroad Month.

Page Martin, our Marketing Director, is looking for at least 20 modelers to prepare layout articles and photos that can be used in local, regional, and national publica-

tions all around the country. These don't have to be magazine-quality layouts, just ones in any scale that their modelers are proud of. The only restriction is that it must be a U.S. layout (ABC Regions won't be left out - there's news coming in the near future!)

The deadline is this month - May 24 - so hurry! Please send two photos of your layout and a 200-word write-up on why you feel you're the "face of model railroading" to marketing@hq.nmra.org. Mark the subject line as NMRRM Submission.

Board appoints new Director and Vice President



In March the NMRA Board of Directors appointed Mike Yurges the new At Large North American Director, a position vacated by Miles Hale, MMR. Mike resides in Sherman, Ill., and is a Director of North America Railroad Products for a large hydraulics company. He was recently elected Vice President of the Midwest Region, and prior to that was District 5 Trainmaster for the Illinois Valley Division. Mike also served as Chairman of the "Railsplitter 2012" Midwest Region Convention Committee.



The Board also confirmed the appointment of Gerry Leone, MMR, Vice President-Special Projects. Gerry served as NMRA Communications Director for five years, and, prior to that, was Deputy Chair of the NMRA's Member Services Department. He also served on the boards and edited the newsletters of the Thousand Lakes Region and Twin Cities Division. Gerry received the NMRA President's Award in 2010, and the Meritorious Service award in 2012. Gerry, one of the editors of the **NMRA eBulletin**, replaces Bill Kaufman, who resigned in mid-February.

NMRA Conventions



May 2-5: Midwest Region,

Indianapolis, IN

May 15-18: Mid-Central Region,

Dayton, OH

May 16-19: Thousand Lakes Region,

Minneapolis, MN

May 29-Jun 2: Lone Star Region,

Irving, TX

Jun 6-9: Rocky Mountain Region, Albuquerque, NM

Jun 13-16: Mid-Continent Region, Overland Park, KS

Jun 26-30: Pacific Northwest Region, Boise, ID

Next Meeting

Our membership meets will be held on second Saturday of every month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the private car, the "Moonlight Dome", located just south of the Utah State Fairgrounds at 1200 W North Temple. The parking lot is on the south side of the street.

SAFETY FIRST!!

EVERYTHING SOUTH OF THE CARS IS AN ACTIVE RAIL YARD AND CAR MOVEMENT CAN OCCUR AT ANY TIME, EVEN ON SATURDAY!

Keep to the NORTH of the "Moonlight Dome" and "Janice L." cars.



From anywhere in Utah:

Make your way to Salt Lake City and take I-80 West from the I-15 freeway. Exit at Redwood Road (2100 W) and turn North. Make your way to North Temple (2nd traffic light) and turn RIGHT. Make your way to 1200 W (the second traffic light) and turn right into the large parking area. Park near the "Dome" and enter through the vestibule.

Division Property

Over the years, various people have taken on the responsibility of keeping various properties of the NU Division safe. However, there has been no written record of who has what. If you have any NU Division property, please let us know so that we can create an inventory of the NU Division assets.

Contact either Ken Berry or Stan Jennings.

Division Officers

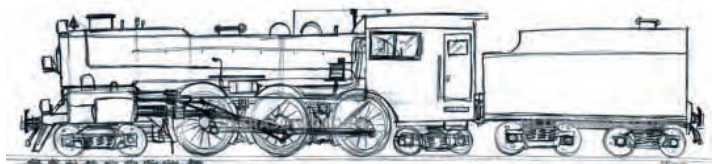
Next Month...

We'll give you a list and contact information for all Northern Utah Division Officers!

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NEWS RELEASE

Pelle Søeborg EVENT SCHEDULE



Thursday, June 6th / 7pm & 9pm / Kokopelli Room
CLINIC - Rebuilding a Model Railroad from A-Z

Friday, June 7th / 8am / Kokopelli Room
CLINIC - Done in a Day Weathering & Details

Friday, June 7th / 9-11am / Pavilion
CLINIC - Weather & Mingle Sessions

Saturday, June 8th / 8am / Ballroom
BOOK SIGNING - at Train Show

Saturday, June 8th / 6pm / Kokopelli Room
FEATURED SPEAKER - Banquet

ALBUQUERQUE MARRIOTT PYRAMID NORTH

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www.rarg2013.org

LOCAL TRAIN CLUBS

American Civil War Railroading Club

Now forming, details TBD
Scales: All
Contact Name: Ken Berry
Contact Details:
railroad.modeler@gmail.com

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 Boardroom 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 every Sat. from 12:00 to 4:00 from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Other days through out the winter as weather permits.
Tooele Railroad Museum at Broadway and Vine in Tooele
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

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/>

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! scottgerry@comcast.net