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Thoughts from the Superintendent



We very much need for Division personnel to get interested, motivated and to "step up" and volunteer to work on the 2019 National Convention & Train Show. It is a real honor that the Northern Utah Division has been selected to host the very major NMRA event. It is now less than 4 years away. Trust me, the time until July 2019 is going to fly by. We really need you to get involved and to volunteer. Please see or contact Alan Anderson ASAP! It is only going to happen with many more volunteers that the first 5 of us that have stepped up!



As Charlie Getz so well states, "Well, those are my thoughts, what are yours?"

Jack Chase Superintendent Northern Utah Division of the NMRA 801-323-1148 jack.r.chase@gmail.com

What Happened Last Month



The June 20th, 2015 event of the Northern Utah Division featured a workshop given by Ron Davies on a method to make mountains for your layout. This method is a bit different then what most modelers are used to doing. Ron demonstrated a "Wet" method of building scenery. This means you don't wait between steps for the plaster, paint and glue to dry before moving onto the next step. Even rock castings are only allowed to become firm, but are not required to be completely dry before adding to the scenery. Basic materials include plaster, Styrofoam blocks, Sheetrock tape, latex paint (earth tones), craft paint, various sizes of sand, gravel and ground cover.

Everyone at the workshop had an opportunity to make their own small mountain or scenery piece. This is a very fascinating method of constructing scenery that will allow modelers to build nice scenery easily and in a short amount of time.

Thanks Ron for a great workshop!





Learn Something New



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 leadership of the DOGs has decided to give everyone (layout owners and crew) a Summer Break until September 26. Our next session will be on that date at a place to be announced. All are welcome to join us in this fascinating and engaging activity. We meet the fourth Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM. Please consider becoming a DOG. Contact me (jack.r.chase@gmail.com) to be added to the Crew Pool.

Schon Norris filmed a very nice cab ride video from our last session at Lee Nicholas layout. Schon used a GoPro camera on special built car to film the ride. This will give you an idea of the great layout you may have missed operating on. You can view the video at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mtmVUQF3E0

GOLDEN SPIKE TRAIN CLUB

The Golden Spike Club has been busy updating the track and installing several #15 switches!







Saturday, July 18th 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!

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

SOUTH WEBER MODEL RR CLUB

We had a pretty good run day June 20th despite the heat. The biggest issue was that we didn't have enough Engineers and Conductors to run all the trains that were there. We received another load of road base for the yard. A big thanks to Ron he noticed they dumped it on the track and was able to get it moved before the run day.





This 1-1/2" club runs trains at South Weber Canyon Meadows Park. I-84 exit #85, two blocks south, two blocks east. The next run day will be July 18th at the park from 11AM - 3PM. Visit their website at http://southweberrr.webs.com/

Achievement Program



Last month I talked a little about narrow gauge but also mentioned my 1 ½" backyard ride-on. Officially it's called "Live Steam" even though I don't have any steam to speak of. I usually open it up to the neighborhood once a year and the kids have a blast riding it! I have a blast operating it. Sometimes even after the last kid has ridden I'll still do a couple more laps on my own.

Over the years I've talked to Mike Hansen (among others) at trains shows about this special sized trains. You see, so many people love trains but most don't have time to make it their full-time hobby. Riding a scale (or mostly to



scale) small train is a fun experience and, in a way, an opportunity to expose more people to model railroading. I know of at least four homes in Utah County that have ride-on trains in their yards and as much as we like to share them with others, it's usually pretty limited in the number of rides that can be given.

Mike's dream has been to have a museum and/or park where the trains could be run more frequently. It seemed for awhile a place was found in Orem but that fell through. Then the City of Saratoga Springs was going to make a park where a ride-on train could run through it but the plans were turned down. It was a huge disappointment. I heard one fellow say, "Don't give up hope yet!"

Seemingly, out of the blue, I got the following email a short time ago:

Utah Live Steamers & the Salt Lake and Utah Railroad Historical Society is excited to announce WE HAVE A PLACE WE CAN NOW CALL HOME YEAH!!!

After 8 years of waiting, The City of Saratoga Springs has approved and awarded the bids to begin construction of Shay Park, beginning mid June 2015 and ending November 2015. I hope we can have trains running by the summer-fall of 2016, there will be two loops of track, loop 1- will be aprox 1,000' loop 2 will have 1,500' plus two sidings, and in time a third loop is planned in a few years adding another 2,000' plus.

Needless to say I'm very excited and happy, I as well as others have wanted a train park in Utah Valley since childhood.

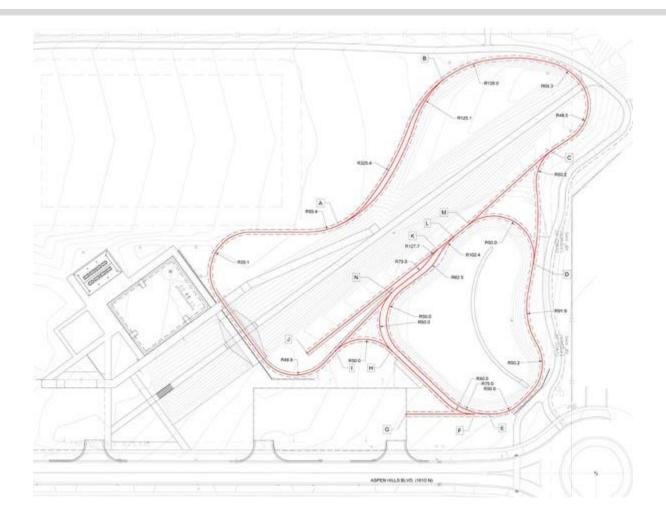
Dreams do come true they just take time.

When I can figure out how to add photos to the club website and the artist drawing, I will post them, what the park site looks like and what it will become.

So please stand by the Adventure begins.

Thank you all for your support and patience.

Mike Hansen.



This is great news! I know there are a couple of places the public can ride up North. I've been to them and seen how much fun the local people have. Now we can have a similar experience near where I live! If you want to help out or just want to be on Mike's email list, send him an email at cmry@sfcn.org. The website http://uvls.org will be updated in the near future.

What has all of this to do with the AP Program? Well, I'll tell you! For me, I've always said the AP Program makes me a better modeler. One of the things that when you sign your name applying for a certificate is that you promise to help others with the knowledge you've gained. Indirectly, I suppose, as we share this hobby with all we meet is a way for us to help others learn about how wonderful this hobby is. Parks like this one we hope will have a great impact on the community and possibly more modelers joining our clubs and then more people to share our skills and knowledge with. Thus helping everyone so we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Wanlass
AP Chairman
ap@northernutahnmra.org

This is not a Spectator Sport!



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This is a FANTASTIC Opportunity. This is a once in a lifetime experience. We are going to have the NMRA National Convention here in 2019. Yes we have the facilities; yes we have some world class layouts and modelers. And we have lots of prototype railroading in our area. WHAT WE NEED IS YOU!



In order to pull this off in 2019, we need 50-60 people to be Chairmen and Committee Members, especially for the Non-Rail Activities. Clinics. and Tours, and the Tours Committee itself.

This doesn't mean you quit your job and join the "Circus". We simply need individuals to Step-Up and be a part of this GREAT Event. It may seem like 2019 is a long ways off, but believe me, there are plenty of things to do now.

Let me tell you of some of the great experiences I've had as one of the Co-Chairmen of the Clinics Committee, along with Jack Chase, and Bill Hughes. We already have two committee members. We are actively engaged in lining-up possible Clinics and Clinicians. And believe me, it has been nothing but fun! Already we have some of the best Clinicians from all over the Country, and the world. How about Joe Fugate of Model Railroad Hobbyist, Pelle Soeborg, the great modeler from Denmark, who writes books and articles for Model Railroader Magazine, David Popp, Cody Grivno, of MR, Lee Nicholas, Rob Spangler, Cinthia Priest, Editor of the NMRA Magazine, and Dave Trussell (creator of the layout at the Colorado Model Railroad Museum at the Greeley Freight Station). The list goes on, and on. We also have some of the most respected layout designers coming- Lance Mindheim, Byron Henderson, and Seth Neumann.

The Convention attendees and their families will have a real treat waiting for them. They can visit our new Natural History Museum, attend Temple Square, a Tabernacle Choir rehearsal and broadcast, our National Parks, enjoy our beautiful mountains, Park City, attend a Bees baseball game, or take in a show at the Capitol Theater. They can go shop at one of our great malls: City Creek Center, The Gateway, or Trolley Square. Then there is our fine Trax and FrontRunner transportation system that allows them to go from the Utah State Railroad Museum at the Union Station in Ogden, to fun all the way to Provo. There is only one thing we are missing. . . YOU!



Don't be like these people, spectators only. .



Be like these guys, raise your hand, answer the call, and have fun too!

So step up to the plate 'n Give it Your Best Shot!

Ask, "how I can help?"

Contact

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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

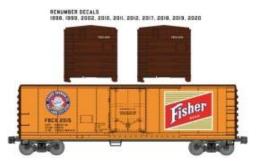


Arriving on the outbound track soon!

The cars were shipped Friday, July 10, 2015. If UPS cooperates the cars will be available at the Northern Utah Division event July 18, 2015.

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.



There are only ten of these spectacular cars not spoken for out of the forty-eight ordered.

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 railroady-type events that may be of interest to all you train nuts.



August 7-9, 2015

18th Annual Roundouse Festival

1440 Main Street Evanston Wyoming

Friday 4pm - 8pm Saturday 9am - 5 pm Sunday 10am - 2:30 pm

FREE ADMISSION! Donations Accepted



August 21-24, 2015

Promontory Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

The Promontory Chapter, National Railway Historical Society, is planning a trip to the California State Railroad Museum August 21-24. We will take Amtrak to Sacramento Friday August 21 (actual scheduled departure time from Salt Lake is Thursday August 20 at about 11:30 PM), spend two days at the museum looking at the displays and riding trains then returning on Monday, August 24. All Northern Utah Division members are welcome to join the Promontory Chapter members on this unique trip to one of the best railroad museums in the world. If you are interested, contact Stan Jennings.



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/

Modeling Tips



Extending the life of paint bottles



One of the most frustrating moments in model railroading is when you open an "almost" new bottle of paint and discover it is no longer usable. Sometimes it can be partially rescued by adding the manufacturer's recommended thinner but it often remains lumpy at best. It would be much better if you didn't have the problem to begin with! Happily, there is a simple, effective, and inexpensive way to save some dough and a lot of frustration.

For paints and similar fluids in bottles grab a zipper type sandwich bag from the kitchen. Cut the baggie into squares about two inches on a side. Toss the zipper! When you finish your paint session use a rag or paper towel to wipe the lip of the bottle. Then center a square of plastic over the bottle and screw the lid on. The thin but soft plastic will make an air tight and long

lasting seal. The same little piece of baggie can be used multiple times before you need to replace it. I have been using this technique for perhaps fifteen years and do not recall a time when the paint was so deteriorated that I could not use it.

Come and Learn Workshops





M R S Hobby Shop Come and Learn Workshops

FREE Hobby weekly Modeling and How to Workshop

Hobby-On.com Sponsored Workshops Saturday, June 20, 2015 10:00 AM M R S Hobby Shop in Sandy Utah 9860 S 700 E Sandy, UT 84070

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 secures 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 Mode I Railroad 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/csKvYd8IRd

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

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: jamesbuckley?@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.

<u>Trackers</u> – 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

<u>Utah Train Collectors Association</u> – 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

Division Officers and Volunteers



Northern Utah Division Officers		
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Treasurer:	Stan Jennings	
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Director-at-Large:	Steve Moore	
Director-at-Large:	Geoff Carter	
Director-at-Large:	Blaine Holbrook	

Committee Positions		
Advertising/Marketing:	Steve Moore	
Convention Chairman:	Alan Anderson	
Achievement Program:	Jim Wanlass	
Division Operations Group (DOG's):	Jack Chase	
Clinic Coordinator:	Stan Jennings	
Layout Tours:	Pete Harmon	
Secretary	Janet Jennings	
Newsletter Editor	Rick Luther	



Utah's center for model railroading excellence!

Join us every third Saturday at the

New Jordan Valley Medical Center West Valley Campus (Same location as the old Pioneer Valley Hospital)

from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

at the Hospital's Administrative Conference Room 3460 South Pioneer Parkway in West Valley City

(4200 West 3500 South)





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