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Thoughts from the Superintendent

TRAINS OF THOUGHT

Greetings all. Well, here we sit with Summer almost over. It's really hard to believe. I just returned from 3 plus weeks in Florida and South Carolina 2 days ago and I confess to being a bit "brain dead." Forgive me for any lack of coherence.

I understand that the show in Evanston was a success. That is terrific. I've also learned yesterday that our Expo in South Towne for November is Sold Out! What a terrific job by Blaine and company with sales and with Geoff, et al in getting layouts. This will be essentially our largest show ever with over 48,000 square feet! Maybe we need to think about 2 South Towne bays for next year?

I encourage everyone to read carefully Charlie Getz's article in the current NMRA magazine or the excerpt provided below in the newsletter. He makes some great points about adding to the NMRA membership. We all need to read it carefully and really think. The group that we need to address the most is the Millenniums which will be absolutely the hardest group to enroll.

I still need a volunteer to head up the Lionel layout at Gateway. It will include layout planning, procurement and building. Yes, you will have to figure out the electrical too!

So, that's it for August. You have my thoughts here. What are yours?

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A few words from the NMRA President

The Youngster Challenge

I occasionally hear that the NMRA seems unresponsive and does not change quickly. The reality is that we do tend to be slow to change or adapt and seem almost paralyzed at times. The NMRA has never been fast moving nor does it embrace change quickly. Sometimes that can be good as it prevents over-reacting to flash-in-the-pan events but bad if it prevents us from adjusting to major shifts in demographics.

For example, what is our ability to adapt, change and appeal to younger generations? This issue poses challenges that can be difficult to meet. Part of the problem lies in the comfortable nature of doing what has historically worked well although there is ample evidence it no longer is effective. Holding "meets" and convening the same clique of now-seniors doing the same thing year after year may appeal to those in the clique or in their age group, but not to those outside the NMRA or in younger generations.

Here is the dilemma that is not easily resolved. As a member-driven hobby organization, to whom do we owe loyalty? Do we owe loyalty to our existing members who are quite happy with our current programs and approach? Or do we owe loyalty to those younger nonmembers who represent our future and expect major changes in how we operate? For unlike previous generations, the newest generations seem not interested in the NMRA as presently structured and formulated. That is not the opinion of me as a senior citizen; it is the opinion, as I interpret it, of almost all of the studies and articles done on the newest generations.

And this is not youngster bashing!! Far from it; the younger generations are our future. Also, not all of the younger generations are the same. Gen X/Y differ from Millennials but much of what we currently offer is of limited interest to some in those generations. So, we must discuss what we offer those younger generations realistically.

Just recently, I saw a story about a fraternal organization facing the same challenges as we do. That story related that younger generations did not want to join that fraternal organization, which they perceived a bunch of irrelevant older folks with whom they could not relate. Now think of your last Regional or Divisional meet/event. Same folks?

So what are we to do to reach out to them? Based on the studies, which we have reviewed, in many ways we know what changes must be made to our organization to make it appeal to a broader mass of those younger generations. First, the NMRA must substantially reduce its cost of membership. In fact, free would be ideal. Secondly, we must offer exclusive features and content appealing to those generations. Third, we must emphasize the hobby in ways that are very different than we are used to in practicing the hobby, especially in technical areas. It goes without saying that going digital is a must. The result would be a major change to the structure and function of the NMRA.

Some urge us to change to meet the expectations of those younger generations. But in so doing, we could alienate and lose a significant number of existing members. That is the dilemma. Do we make the changes we know would work and appeal to younger generations at the expense of alienating and losing a substantial percentage of existing members? That is the problem we face. I think it merits a heartfelt and soul-searching discussion by all of us.

Not that we are without tools within the present structure. The NMRA is the proper organization to encourage and train beginners to our hobby. We decided we have a role to play in this area but also decided not to compete with Kalmbach or WGH, organizations doing a wonderful job of both attracting and educating beginners. Another possible approach is the Maker Faires that have become increasingly popular with younger generations. Maker Faires are events where a range of technical fields is demonstrated often with hands-on examples for audience participation.. I think the NMRA must become more involved in Maker Faires and sponsor a program allowing us to participate in those Faires on an organized basis.

A proposal with great merit is to establish a mentoring program for interested youngsters. Of course, a mentor program can be a most effective way to get younger members to into our organization. But it is also an approach that must be carefully structured in an era of paranoia about older adults interacting with youngsters. One approach, as done in other parts of the world, is to pair a mentor with a close relative of the youngster to ensure the mentoring is done within family boundaries. Some regions have taken this approach and have successfully mentored youngsters. Finally, we could start a new parallel digital organization affiliated with the NMRA that meets the needs of the younger generations. However, are we the right group to do so and why wouldn't someone of that generation start their own group if there were really a need for one?

We all agree that we need to do as much as we can without losing existing members, to reach out to the younger generations and I believe we can do so. Your help and ideas are crucial to this process, so please share them with us.

Well, those are my thoughts; what are yours?

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What Happened Last Month

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The July 16, 2016 event of the Northern Utah Division featured a two part presentation. First up was a report from the 2016 National Convention team. They reported on how well our 2019 convention setup went and a hands on report of how the convention was run and the various ideas they brought back to make our convention a success! Their presentation featured a great deal of photos from the convention.

The second part was a conversation with Bruce Petrarca. Bruce who is better known as "Mr DCC" discussed his road to becoming a Master Model Railroader and his enthusiasm for the hobby. Bruce then opened the floor and answered many of your questions about DCC. Speaking of the road to becoming a Master Model Railroader, Jim Wanlass was presented with another Merit Award in structures!

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Learn Something New

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

August
20th
3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Presentation

The Utah Colorado Western
Presented by Lee Nicholas

History of Lee's Utah Colorado Western HO scale layout with some thoughts on wiring and spline roadbed.

September
17th
3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Workshop

Hands on locomotive lighting
Presented by John Laser

Learn tips and techniques for installing lighting in your locomotives. John will also be covering some basic soldering techniques.

October
15th
3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Presentation & Workshop

Share you modeling skills
Presented by Blaine Holbrook

The Discovery Model Railroad Club, a 100% NMRA club for youth, will be at the Northern Utah Division's regular monthly event with their Pizza Box layouts.

The first part of the clinic will be Show n' Tell. Bring your favorite model (and why it is your favorite), bring a photograph of your layout, tell a railroad or model railroad story. The intent is to demonstrate to the Discovery Model Railroad Club that model railroading IS the most interesting hobby in the world.

The second part of the clinic is sharing your skills with the Discovery Model Railroad Club members featuring hands-on interaction with the new modelers and their Pizza Pie layouts.

November
19th
3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Presentation

Health, Aging and Modeling
Presented by Stan Jennings

Dealing with aging yet continuing your model railroading hobby. Tips on heart health and keeping lungs working well with most of clinic devoted to eye health and safety.

December
17th
3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Presentation

Trains & Christmas
Presented by Dale Angell

Trains & Christmas and the story of the railroads of Parley's Canyon.

January
21st
3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Two Presentations

A.C. Gilbert / American Flyer
Presented by Jim Buckley

A short presentation about A.C. Gilbert, manufacturer of American Flyer trains.

Modesto & Empire Traction / Western Railway Museum
Presented by Stan Jennings

A short presentation on the history of the Modesto & Empire Traction and the Western Railway Museum

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Discovery Gateway Project Layout

UNDER THE HOOD

discovery gateway
children's museum

For those that would like to get some real hands on experience or chance to sharpen your layout building skills, please consider helping out with the layouts we are building for the Discovery Gateway. The layouts are being built as an instructional tool that staff can use for educational programs for children and adults. Each layout is built on wheels so that it can be easily moved in and out of their public workshop rooms.

Work sessions are scheduled for every Tuesday from 10 am to 12 pm and from 10 am to 12 pm the morning of our regularly scheduled event on the third Saturday of the month. Please contact Blaine at bholbro1466@earthlink.net or by phone at 801-580-1459 for more information and to confirm the work session time.

We are making great progress on the children's layout. The DCC loco's run great. The track is fully operational as are all switches. We are in need of the following items

- 2 UT5 digitrax controller, plug in and not radio.
- Scenery material such as plaster cloth, paint, static materials, bushes, trees, etc.

We are in need of your help to get it as far along as possible for display at our September 10th Train Day.

For Train day we need the following

- 70 pieces of n scale flex track
- N scale scenery, cars, rolling stock, etc.

We will be announcing the Train Day at our event.

Blaine Holbrook

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Division Operations Group News

On July 23, 2016 the DOGs operated at Bob and Karin Gerald's wonderful Milwaukee Road N scale layout for a terrific session. Karin has been busy adding more trees to the layout. It looks really great! The DOGs had two special visitors at this session. Bruce Petrarca join us for the session with a throttle in hand and told us some great anecdotes about operating at other layouts. Also in the house was the "Toy Man" from Toy Man Television, Dale and Karyn Angell. While they didn't grab a throttle, they did provide a lot of encouragement! Don't miss out on the great videos on the Toy Man YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5S_XL0MzRLvAuZfycO8rKQ

MILWAUKEE ROAD

The August DOGs will happen if I can find a layout. Most of our regulars are tied up at the Great Basin Getaway. I will let you know as soon as I do!

Jack Chase
Crew Chief -- DOGs
Northern Utah Division of the NMRA
Proud Host of the 2019 National NMRA Convention & Train Show

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Layout Tours

LAYOUT TOUR

In September: In addition to the Hostlers layout tour which includes maybe 9 layouts, on the third Saturday of the month, the FREMO guys will be visible. The FREMO guys are renting the machine shop at the Evanston Roundhouse to assemble and display their modules. NMRA members are invited to visit and will gain admission with the presentation of a valid membership card. This will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2016. Exact time will follow, but it should be mid-day.

Bob and Karin Gerald has invited us back for a golden spike tour of his layout and we also have a small layout in American Fork that is a school project that we will visit soon.

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Achievement Program

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

I recently took my son to an out of state soccer tournament where there happened to be a large model railroad museum nearby. First and foremost we were there for soccer but if there was some time…. It was quite a drive and because of a little extra traffic I missed the opportunity to visit during a “work session” by a couple of hours. That would have been pretty cool to see more behind the scenes. I actually like layout tours where there is still bench work to see the construction process but that’s another topic. The museum has multiple clubs with their layouts in it, each at different degrees of completion. I was impressed at how many people were “working the layout” – running trains, etc. on a Sunday evening. I wonder if there are that many people during the week too.

I tried to talk to a few guys but they were more involved with running trains and not really talkative. That was really disappointing because I would have liked to talk to them about the layout more than just what the regular public would have. It’s interesting too that there was no mention of the NMRA at all. Not on their website or at the museum. There are so many benefits the NMRA offers, like the AP Program, and others that they would benefit from.

Overall, it was pretty impressive, especially the variety. I enjoyed the visit but felt it could have been a little more inviting. That is one thing I feel we really try hard to do in our Division – making visitors (and members) feel very welcome. I hope others feel that we do a good job. While we don’t have a world-class layout inside a museum, we do have exhibits and tables at train shows, and now a layout-in-progress at the Discovery Gateway children’s museum, where we try to engage as many as possible to have their own unique experience. I asked my son’s teammate, who was traveling with us, if he liked model trains. He replied, “I don’t not like them.” I replied, “So you’re saying there’s a chance!” - he ended up taking lots of pictures and had a great time at the museum! I count that as success!

I encourage each of you, whether you are working on the AP Program or some other aspect of your model railroading world, be talkative to others who have questions about trains. Even if it means getting outside of your comfort zone, talk to them, share your love of trains and get them excited! That way we can enjoy the journey together!

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Intermountain Train Expo

INTERMOUNTAIN TRAIN EXPO

Ladies and gentlemen, we are sold out!

We didn't expect this until 2017 or 2018, but we have no more room, the hall is full - 48,600 square feet.

We will have about forty vendors, fourteen layouts, six sponsors, six displayers and a gazillion hands-on activities. (Well, not a gazillion, there will probably be about fifteen to twenty hands-on activities. Including making jewelry!)

Everything is fairly well in place, what more is needed? YOU!! We need a LOT of volunteers to help man all the Hands-On activities that will be at the Intermountain Train Expo. Be sure to spread the word about the Intermountain Train Expo - mini-flyers, internet, personal interaction, etc..

Why have we done so well? A great Show Committee!! Thank you to all of the show committee and special thanks the Blaine Holbrook and Cindy Lund.

New Hotel Group Rate

We now have a group rate set for Intermountain Train Expo. This is available to all attendees, vendors and layout personnel at the Best Western Plus CottonTree Inn in Sandy. Guests just need to mention the NMRA when calling in and they'll automatically receive the $94 discounted rate. Please call 801-523-8484 or click Online Reservations.

Intermountain Train Expo 2017 Dates

After considerable discussion at the Show Committee meeting and a call to the South Towne Expo (thank you Cindy), we set the dates for the 2017 version of the Intermountain Train Expo - November 11 and 12, 2017

Why did we pick this date rather than the last weekend in October or the first weekend in November? The first weekend in October is close to Halloween and there is nothing scheduled at the South Towne Expo. The second weekend in November has all five halls committed. The second weekend in November has three halls committed to the Salt Lake Family Gift Show, we felt that was a good fit for our Intermountain Train Expo.

November 5th & 6th, 2016

South Towne Expo Center - 9575 State Street Sandy, Utah

Show hours: Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM to 4 PM

Admission: $10.00@ at the door, $8.00@ on-line, $5.00@ special services. Children twelve and under free. (Special services include military, police and fire personal and their spouse.)

www.intermountaintrainexpo.com

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2016 Rocky Mountain Region Convention

ROCKY MTN REGION CONVENTION

Rocky Mountain Region NMRA
2016 CONVENTION
"Pikes Peak or Bust"

October 5th - 9th
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The 2016 RMR convention is hosted by the Pikes Peak Division of the Rocky Mountain Region, NMRA. It begins Wednesday October 5th, 2016 and concludes on Sunday the 9th of October. Come join us foe what promises to be one of the best conventions ever. You have the opportunity to ride the Royal Gorge Route Railroad, visit the Pikes Peak Region, learn about local Colorado Railroad History and much more. And of course, enjoy a fantastic week of model railroading, catch up with old friends and do all of this in a first class hotel with beautiful and majestic views of Pikes Peak – America's Mountain.

Here is a short list of reasons to attend the 2016 Pikes Peak or Bust convention.

- Meet and Greet social
- More than 15 Layout tours
- Operating sessions on several home layouts
- About 20 clinics for modelers of all skills

- 7 operating train layouts
- 3 Halls for vendors to sell, but and trade MRR stuff in all gauges
- 20 spaces for manufacturers and supplies of MRR items
- Auction with hundreds of items is several scales
- Royal Gorge Train ride
- Evening trip to Cripple Creek
- NORAD Northcom presentation
- Full NMRA contest and display
- Ladies luncheon and program
- Door prizes and raffle
- Historical train Presentations

Website: http://www.2016rmrconvention.com/

Check back often as we chug along to the Convention Station as more events, updates and information are made available.

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Division News Items

DIVISION NEWS ITEMS

Evanston Roundhouse Festival Report

In one word, "Successful".

The 2016 version of the Evanston Roundhouse Festival had more attendees on Friday and Saturday than all three days in 2015.

There were great vendors and great layouts. The Northern Utah Division presence at the Festival drew almost all of the children attending, and their siblings, parents and grandparents! We were busy with the Locomotive Activity (destruction derby), Geoff's Switching Puzzle, the run-it- yourself loop and sales.

The Destruction Derby was the new Hands-On activity. with two side-by-side figure-eights. Yes, the locomotives collide occasionally. Some participants encouraged the collisions, others avoided collisions. An added aspect was collisions with folded paper "barriers" to run into and "blankets" added to the locomotives. What was hard? Keeping two locomotives operating at the same speed!

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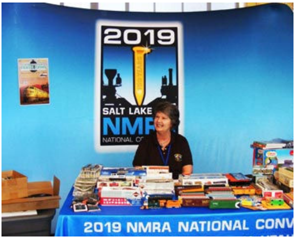
Geoff's Switching Puzzle kept participants of all ages quite busy and interested.

The Loop was designed for participants to just run trains with the opportunity to change out or add locomotives and rolling stock. It fulfilled it's purpose! Interestingly, the rolling stock was all assembled by previous owners and was chosen simply because the bodies were not pristine and KD couplers had been installed. All had factory weight and plastic wheels, yet there were no derailments other than those that were participant caused!

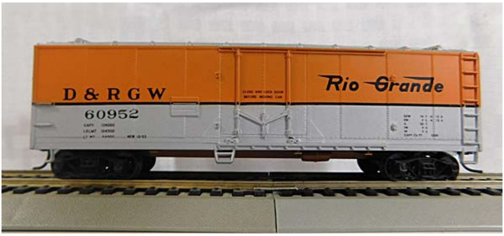
Sales of donated items did fairly well, however we are running low and the Northern Utah Division would appreciate more donations of your surplus model railroad related items.



Promoting the Intermountain Train Expo and the 2019 Convention seemed to go very well. Except for those a long way from the area, all expressed an interest in attending the Division's Intermountain Train Expo this November and there was great interest in the 2019 Convention.

Some interesting observations. There were several parents who said to their children, "You can't do that". Then the children tried. The parents then said, "You CAN do that". It was fascinating when a very young child took the controls. He or she would quickly notice that adjusting the throttle would affect how slow or fast the train would operate -- they were controlling the train!! At the Locomotive Activity, girls were more likely to avoid collisions, boys were more likely to look forward to collisions. As we told many portents, there is nothing here that we can't repair or replace. And repair we did for the Locomotive Activity locomotives!! Several times a locomotive took a trip to the ground and scattered parts. We gathered up the parts, reassembled the locomotive and it was shortly back in service.

DONATIONS FOR SALE



Remember the list of items donated to the Northern Utah Division, NMRA, in last month's Promontory Post? Now there are some more. Some have been sold, Geoff Carter will be taking charge of selling the rest. Most of the items will be at the July Division Event. Cash or checks only.

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New Prototype Railroad Modelers Group

OFF THE WIRE

2016 First Annual Mountain States Rail Prototype Modelers Meet

September 10, 2016, 9 to 5
1440 Main Street, Evanston, Wyoming
Admission $5

Rail prototype moderler meets are an old idea, but new to the Intermountain region. This is not your typical train show. It is an all day event focused on prototype modeling. We provide the venue and the tables, you bring your models--complete or works in progress--to display. Models can be any scale and any era. Bring locomotives, freight, passenger, maintenance of way, structures, dioramas. In short, anything you have modeled based on a prototype. The models can be scratchbuilt, kitbashed, or even a stock model that has been detailed, painted or weathered to match a prototype. Seeing the models on display, talking with fellow modelers about their projects allows us to learn tips and tricks from each other. We inspire each other. That is the point. To learn and inspire. It is not a contest, there is no judging of the models. You can participate in the meet without bringing models, however, the more people who bring models, the better the event. So, bring your models and bring your friends.

Additionally, you can also expect great clinics throuhout the day and a raffle with great prizes. This event will also feature a large HO Free-mo layout comprised of modules from Utah, California, and Colorado. Enjoy "railfanning" the layout or take the trottle by signing up for a guest operator slot. Finally, the event will take place in the the historic machine shop, part of the Union Pacific Roundhouse Complex in Evanston, Wyoming. Enjoy the amizing history of these buildings and the opportunity to "railfan" as trains pass by on the mainline outside.

The more people who bring models, the better the event. So, bring your models, bring your friends, and enjoy a day devoted to prototype modeling.

For more information visit tinyurl.com/msrpm

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Golden Spike Train Club of Utah

GOLDEN SPIKE TRAIN CLUB

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GOLDEN SPIKE
Train Club of Utah

Saturday, August 20th from Noon to 4:00 PM
We are having an open house of our layout at 840 North Beck Street in Salt Lake City, Utah. Everyone is invited!

NEWS FLASH! Starting in September, our Monthly open house will be moving from the 3rd Saturday of the month to the 2nd Saturday, to prevent overlap with our local NMRA chapter meetings.

Visit our website at http://goldenspiketrainclub.org/
or like us on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/GoldenspikeTrainClub/

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South Weber Model Railroad Club

SOUTH WEBER MODEL RR CLUB

Train Rides
Saturday August 20

Don't forget, August 20 is our monthly run day! Train rides are free, donation greatly appreciated! There's only 3 train ride days left this year!! Be sure to share this with your friends and family! Come see us at Canyon Meadows Park in South Weber UT.

The park offers a large field perfect for picnics or a covered pavillion if you prefer to sit on benches. There are public restrooms available and a playground for the kids! Be sure to share this event with others and bring friends and family with

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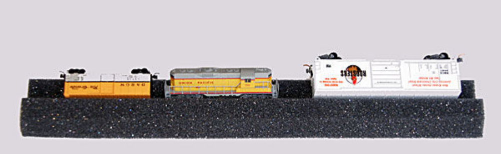

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The Club Car

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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. Visit their website at http://colorcountrytrains.org/sud/

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. Visit their website at http://www.ccttc.info

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. Visit their website at http://www.gsaftc.com/about.htm

Golden Spike Train Club of Utah – This HO/HOn3 100% NMRA club meets Saturday Evenings from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, at the Old Children's Museum of Utah (840 N 300 West, SLC). Open Houses are held on the 3rd Saturday's of the month from 12-4 pm. Contact Mark Forslund by phone at (801) 641-6586 for more information. Out of the area memberships are available. Visit their website at http://goldenspiketrainclub.org

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. Visit their website at http://greatbasinltc.utahlug.org/

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. Visit their website at http://hostlers.org

O Scale Guys – An O and On3 scale club. Contact Alan Badham by phone at: (801) 975-0367. Visit their website at http://theoscaleguys.tripod.com/

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 Visit their website at http://www.otwtrainclub.com/

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. Visit their website at http://www.trainweb.org/GoldenSpikeLRHS/index.html

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. Visit their website at http://southweberrr.webs.com/

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. Visit their website at http://trackersmodelrrclub.org/

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 Live Steamers – Formed in 2007 and in May of 2014 the name The Salt lake and Utah Railroad Historic Society was added. Our railroad will be located in Saratoga Springs – Shay Park, which encompasses 12 acres. The key feature is the abandonded railroad grade of the Salt Lake & Western Railroad Fairfield branch. Our track gauge will be 7.5" and 1.6" scale Live Steam and Diesel Locomotives. There will be 3,000' of track and we plan to have trains operating by summer-fall 2016. Anyone who wishes to help, please contact Mike at cmry@sfcn.org or 801-798-0241 Visit their website at http://uvls.org/

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. Visit their website at http://utahtca.com/default.htm

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

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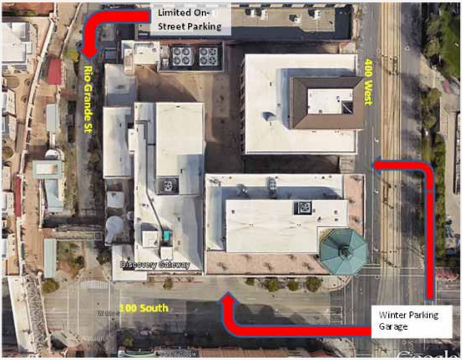

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