



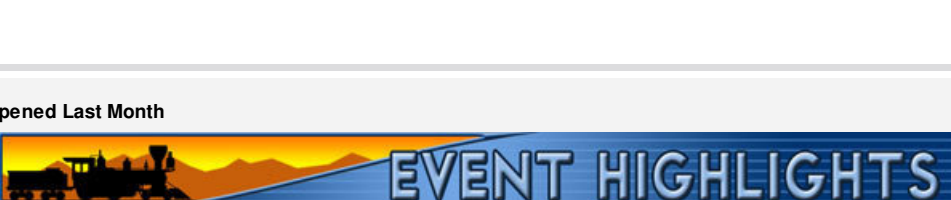
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Thoughts from the Superintendent



Well, here we are in September. Summer has come and gone with not much of a let up in model railroading. Just this week, we had Train Day at the Children's Museum. The Great Basin Gateway operations sessions and our Northern Utah Division events are coming up this weekend. Now is the time to get yourself refueled on your modeling activities. Dust off those recent acquisitions and get yourself geared up for a long Fall & Winter of improvements on your railroad.

Volunteer activities abound in our Division. One can volunteer to work on the Division events, give a clinic, work on one of the Model Expo committees, work at the show, work on one of the 2016 Convention committees, volunteer your layout for a D.O.G. session, join the D.O.G.s, go to the Children's museum on Tuesday AM to work on the layout, volunteer to set up our proposed Lone! layout at the museum, volunteer your layout for a layout tour, and see for sure. The opportunities are there. All YOU have to do is "step up".

My September volunteer activity was for the Great Basin Gateway. I volunteered at Ted's York's Capon Pass layout for 3 terrific days. If you have not seen Ted's layout and have a chance go and see it for sure. The modeling is superb and the layout runs very well. It really appears to be the Capon pass in California.

We will be having elections for the Northern Utah Division a couple of months. Stay tuned for them. I believe that we have 3 positions open so you might consider them in your activity listing. We have many exciting clinics coming up in the next few months. Get them on your calendar and plan to join us on the third Saturday of the month at 3 PM at the Children's Museum at the Gateway shopping Center.

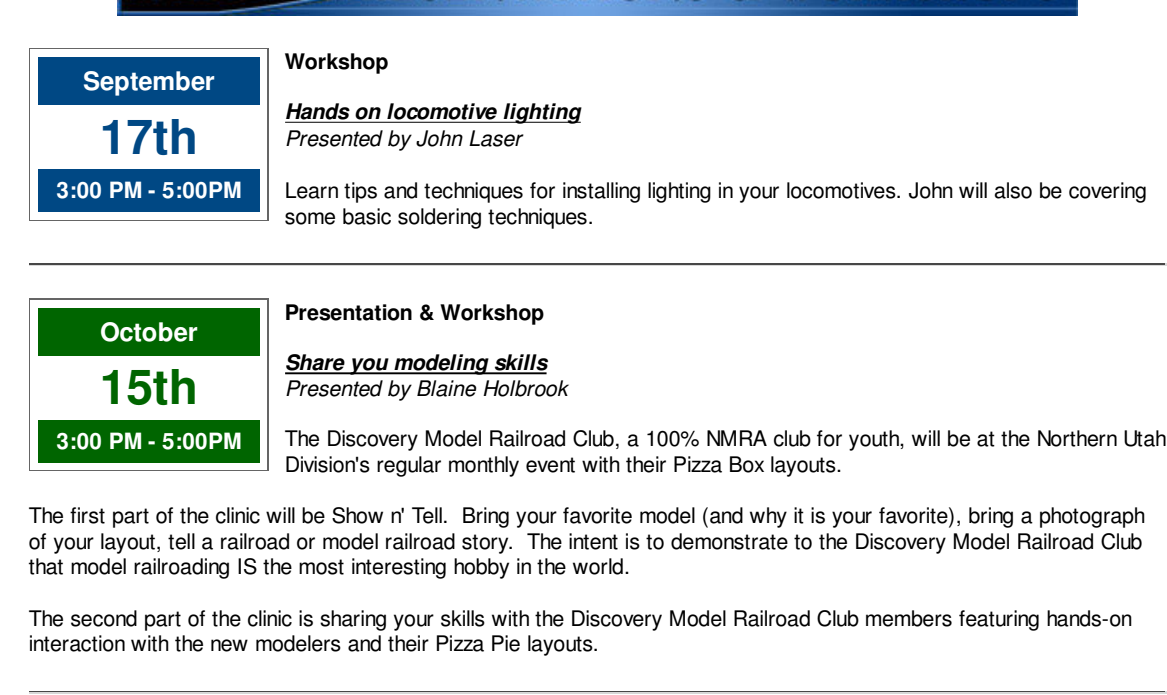
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What Happened Last Month

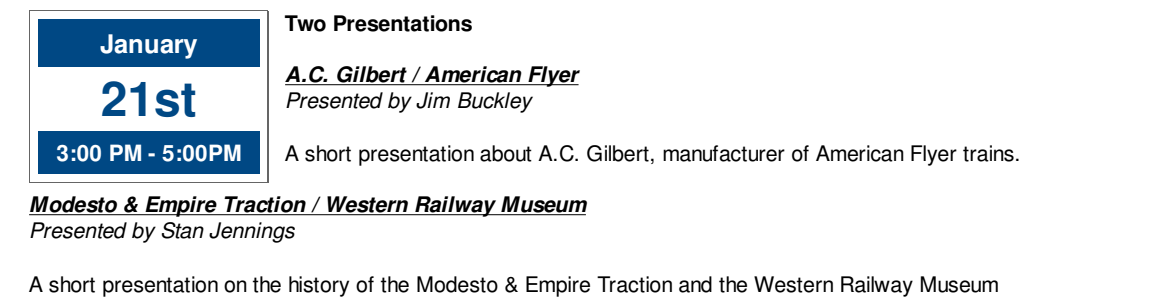


The August 20, 2016 event of the Northern Utah Division featured Lee Nicholas presenting an update on his Utah Colorado Western layout. It was interesting to see how far some model railroaders will go to perfect their layouts. Lee mentioned everyone with stories or adding the new "Blue Flag" staging underneath a part of his house that did not even have a foundation and the value of friends when you need to move tons of dirt. Lee also explained some of the techniques he uses for building his roadbed and wiring.



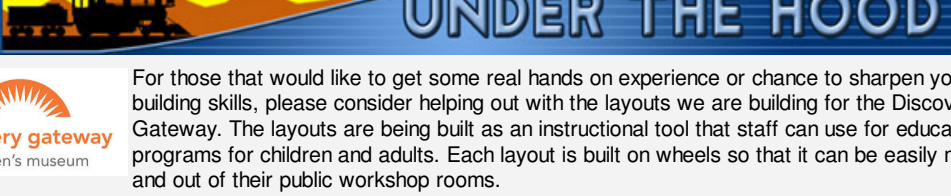
Geoff Carter brought along an interesting piece of modern railroad equipment that was given to him by a friend who works for a prototype railroad. When employees are working on a piece of rolling stock or locomotive, they will place a "Blue Flag" on the equipment to let everyone know that equipment is not to be moved until the "Blue Flag" is removed. The newest method is a flashing blue light that can be attached magnetically.

An important message that Stan Jennings wanted to communicate to the group was "Do not ask what you Division can do for you. Ask what you can do for your Division." Volunteering to help out with our events is not only satisfying and fun. We can help to grow this Division into one of the premier Divisions in the NMRA.



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Learn Something New



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

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 - 5:00 PM

Presentation & Workshop
Share your 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 Pizze 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 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 models and their Pizze Pie layouts.

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

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 - 5:00 PM

Presentation
Trains & Christmas
Presented by Dale Angel
Trains & Christmas and the story of the railroads of Parley's Canyon.

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

Two Presentations
A.C. Gilbert & American Flyer
Presented by Jim Buckley
A short presentation about A.C. Gilbert, manufacturer of American Flyer trains.

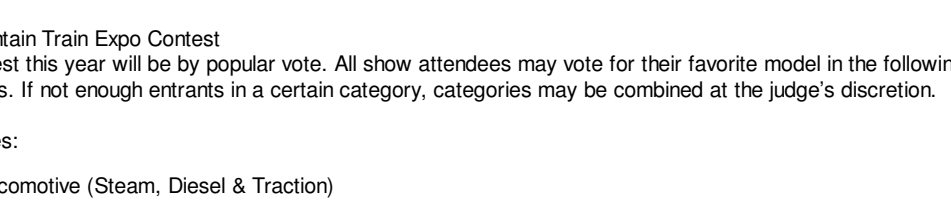
Modesto & Empire Traction / Western Railway Museum

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



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 blaineb1466@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 D.O.G. is on great. The track is fully operational as are all switches. We are in need of the following items:

- 2 UTS digital controller, plug in, and not radio
- Sorely material such as plaster cloth, paint, steel 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.

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Division Operations Group News



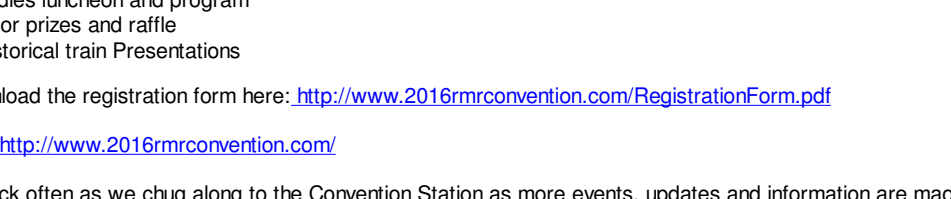
The D.O.G.s had a great session at Bob & Karin Gerald's in July. Because of the Great Basin Gateway, I was unable to secure a layout for an August D.O.G. session. After that Saturday October 30th, 2016 and conclude on Sunday the 31st of October. Come join us for what promises to be one of the best sessions 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 this in a first class hotel with beautiful and majestic views of Pikes Peak - America's Mountains.

If you have any interest in Railroad Operations, I strongly encourage you to consider a Saturday D.O.G. session with us. We can accommodate any level of ability and I guarantee that you will have an absolute ball! Please consider joining us. Contact me at jack.jchase@gmail.com or by email at 801-323-1463.

Jack Chase
Crew Chief - D.O.G.s
Northern Utah Division of the NMRA
Proud Host of the 2019 National NMRA Convention & Train Show

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Layout Tours



In September, in addition to the Hostlers layout tour which includes maybe 9 layouts, on the third Saturday October 30th, 2016 and conclude on Sunday the 31st of October. Come join us for what promises to be one of the best sessions 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 this in a first class hotel with beautiful and majestic views of Pikes Peak - America's Mountains.

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 still do by the awards will be based upon the votes, not points earned. If enough points are earned for a merit award, that will still be issued from the Region and presented at the next Division Event.

The show website will have the most current information about the contest.

Below is the information about the contest.

Intermountain Train Expo Contest
The contest this year will be by popular vote. All show attendees may vote for their favorite model in the following categories. If not enough entrants in a certain category, categories may be combined at the judge's discretion.

Categories:

- Locomotive (Steam, Diesel & Traction)
- Rolling Stock (Freight, Passenger & Non-revenue)
- Caboose
- Structure

Important:

- All models must be able to fit a 12x12 inch space. Larger models may be displayed if there is room but will be given lowest priority.
- Enter models into the contest between 9 - 11 am on Saturday.
- Judging will be open from 11 am on Saturday until 1 pm on Sunday.
- Display models after 3 pm on Sunday.
- Other arrangements may be made if needed.
- If a contestant ALSO wants merit judging for credit towards the AP Program that will be done upon request.

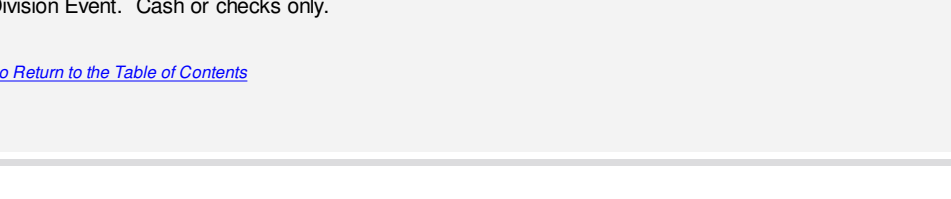


I hope that we get lots of entries into the contest. I would like to show the public the great level of modeling within our Division. Let us know if you have questions or concerns regarding the rules above. I am open to suggestions. Let us show our great models to others and that way we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Warless
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Busy Times



It seems everywhere we turn there are busy, busy activities going on: 2016 National Convention in Indianapolis, 2019 National NMRA Convention Committee meetings, Intermountain Train Show meetings, "Train Day" at the Discovery Gateway Children's Museum, Marketing Committee meetings, selling vendor space for the November train show, communications with the media, TV air time to purchase and schedule, press releases, releasing a layout, Promotional Poster articles to submit, articles to be written for national magazines, notices of Division events to publication, internet, and community calendars. A Rocky Mountain Region Convention in October, TV commercials to produce, design a layout, facilities to negotiate, Facebook page development, printing to be printed and distributed, floor plans to be made, First Annual Model Rail Prototype Modeler's Meet in Evanston with the Free-Mo group, PowerPoint presentations to develop... You get the picture.

And these are only a few of the activities going on. These and many more are happening only because of the efforts of a few hard working members of our Division. I refuse to use the word "tireless" to describe these individuals, because they do get tired. So many more people are needed to share the work, and the fun. This is not a spectator's sport, or like watching TV. All these important functions are needed for a successful Division. A Division that is first class for all of us.

If you could make some phone calls for your Division, on decisions on a committee, or would like to get your two cents in on participation being made, give one of the following people a call:

Jack Chase, Division Superintendent : 801-231-9614
Alan Anderson, 2019 National NMRA Convention Chairman : 801-971-5341
Rick Luther, Promotory Post Editor : 801-712-3888
Stan Jennings, Clinics Chairman, Intermountain Train Expo Chairman : 801-967-0999

Hector Morazan, Intermountain Train Expo Marketing Committee Chairman : 801-718-3187

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2016 Rocky Mountain Region Convention



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 conclude on Sunday the 9th of October. Come join us for 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 this in a first class hotel with beautiful and majestic views of Pikes Peak - America's Mountains.

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 RMR stuff in all guises
- 20 spaces for manufacturers and suppliers of RMR items
- Auction with hundreds of items in 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

You download the registration form here: <http://www.2016rmrconvention.com/RegistrationForm.pdf>

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



Hostlers Model Railroad Swap Meet
Saturday September 24, 2016
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Ogden Union Station - Grand Lobby - 25th Street and Wall Avenue in Ogden

The Swap Meet is coming up and everyone is excited. If you have anything train related you would like to sale the table fee is \$5.00 and set up starts at 8:30am Saturday. Doors open to everyone at 10am and well close at 1pm.

Mountain States Prototype Modelers Meet

The first annual Mountain States Prototype Modelers Meet was a success. We had some beautiful models brought by several participants. Look for a link to a photo gallery in the coming days.

We also had four great clinics and behind the scenes tour of the Roundhouse and Powerhouse. We took to Evanston City for offering the last which included the unfinished portion of the roundhouse. We got to see the inspection pits that remain and will soon be in place. Call Jim Buckley by phone at: 801-323-1463 or by email at: blaineb1466@earthlink.net

We consider this inaugural event a success and are already starting plans for next years event.

If you were unable to attend the meet you can view a YouTube video of the meet.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eV1Y7H735U&list=Ud6aue-yoUd6aue>



DONATIONS FOR SALE



Remember the lot 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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Golden Spike Train Club of Utah

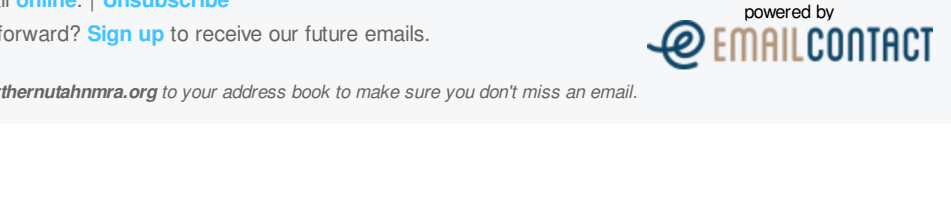


GOLDEN SPIKE TRAIN CLUB OF UTAH
OPEN HOUSE TIME LAPSE
AUGUST 20, 2016

Watch a time lapse of our August open house on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20mMh0xv0u0>
Saturday, October 15th 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! 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://goldenspikeclubofutah.org/>, or like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GoldenspikeTrainClub/>

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South Weber Model Railroad Club



Train Rides
Saturday September 17
475 Peterson Pkwy, South Weber, UT 84405

The 2016 ride season is coming to an end. Only 2 more ride days left this year! This will be our last regular season ride day before the Flight Train in October. Make sure you stay tuned for the Flight Train info coming later this month, date and times for it will be different than the regular season runs.
The park offers a large field perfect for clinics or a covered pavilion if you prefer to rest 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.
Visit our website at <http://southwebermodelrrclub.org/>,
Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthWeberRailroad/>

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Classifieds

Super-V Mini Crodle

The Mini Crodle is set right for Z scale and N scale. The Crodle V shape gently holds cars and engines in any position without harming delicate details. The Super-V Mini Crodle measures 12 inches long, 1 inch high, and 2 inches wide. \$5.95 + \$2 S.H.ea. K.I.S.S. Method Inc. www.kissmethdinc.com 9199 So. Mountain Laurel Ln. West Jordan UT 84081.

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The Club Car

The Northern Utah Division is home to many outstanding modeling clubs. If you have a railway modeling club in the state of Utah, we would be happy to include your information there. 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 HO scale club is located in the Southern Utah Division in St. George, Utah. Contact Dave Merrill by email at: professorstevensmerrill@gmail.com. Visit their website at <http://colorcountrynmra.org/>

Color Country T Train Club - This N scale club, located in the Southern Utah Division in St. George, Utah, uses the T-train modular system. Contact the club via email at ColorCountryTTrain@gmail.com. Visit their website at <http://www.ttrainclub.org/>

Golden Spike Home-own Flyer Train Club - This S scale club meets the first Friday of each month at various club member homes. Their newsletter contains the list of each month. Contact Mike by phone at: 801-323-1463 or by email at: jamesbuckley78@comcast.com. Visit their website at <http://www.gspclub.org/>

Golden Spike Train Club of Utah - The HO scale club meets Saturday evenings from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, at the Old Children's Museum of Utah (540 N 200 West, SLC). Open Houses are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 12-4 pm. Contact Mark Farmland by phone at (801) 641-6066 or by email at blaineb1466@earthlink.net. Visit their website at <http://www.gspclub.org/>

Great Basin Layout Team Club - Adult level of LEGO. Meeting times and club info is posted on their website. Contact Reed Cowen by email at: reel@psd.com. Visit their website at <http://greatbasinlayout.org/>

HOOD Club of Northern Utah - Specializing in local narrow gauge steam trains, meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Ogden's Historic Union Station. Contact Mike Murphy by USPS mail at: 752 W 427th St, Riverton, UT 84405 or by phone at: (801) 394-4952. Visit their website at <http://hoodclub.org/>

O Scale Guys - An HO and O scale club. Contact Alan Badham by phone at: (801) 975-0267. Visit their website at <http://photoscaleguys.blogspot.com/>

Ogden, Traction and Western - This 100% NMRA club meets in HO and N and meets at the SCERA Theater Boardroom (745 South State Street, Ogden) at 10:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Contact Mike by phone at: (801) 394-4952. Visit their website at <http://www.ogdenclub.org/>

Railway & Locomotive Historical Society (Golden Spike Chapter) - An historically oriented group of researchers and preservationists, the Golden Spike Chapter of the NMRA 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.railwayhistoricalsociety.org/GoldenSpike/index.html>

South Weber Model Railroad Club - A HO scale club meets every 3rd Saturday & Sunday at South Weber Canyon Meadows Park, 144 east 855, between 1450 East 1450 and 1450 East 1450. Visit their website at <http://southwebermodelrrclub.org/>

Trackers - This HOHO club meets at the Toole Railroad Museum (318 N Broadway, Toole) 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 purposes to the layout, as weather permits. Contact Cindy Meisner by phone at (801) 966-7011 or by email at cindy@toolemuseum.org. Visit their website at <http://www.toolemuseum.org/>

Utah Free-Mo - A traveling HO Modular group conforming to the Free-MO standard. Contact Alan Carter by email at: UthaFreeMo@aol.com

Utah Garden Railway Society - A HO scale group dedicated to the art of Garden Railways. Contact Lynn Strimghorn, President (UGRS) by USPS mail at: 4464 S 4100 West, West Haven, UT 84414

Utah Live Steamers - Formed in 2007 and in May of 2014 the name The Salt Lake and Utah Railroad Historical Society was added. Our railroad will be located in Saratoga Springs - Shady Park, which encompasses 12 acres. The key feature is the abandoned railroad grade of the Salt Lake & Western Railroad (Salt Lake City - Shady Park) which was built in 1871. We are currently in the process of restoring the railroad and we plan to have train operating by summer-fall 2016. Anyone who wishes to help, please contact Mike at cmj@pilot.com or (801) 784-0241. Visit their website at <http://www.utahlivesteamers.org/>

Utah Train Collectors Association - Primarily 1/8" O gauge, though other scales are represented. Promotes model railroading in Northern Utah. Meets the last Thursday of each month. Contact Kurt Silver (Club President) by email at: webmaster@utahnmra.org. Visit their website at <http://utahnmra.com/>

Wasatch N Scale Model Railroad Club - Contact Steve Greer by phone at: (801) 854-0774

Wasatch N Scale Model Railroad Club - Currently reorganizing. Interested parties may send email to: superintendent@utahnmra.org

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Director-at-Large:	Geoff Carter	
Director-at-Large:	Blaine Holbrook	
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Achievement Program:	Jim Warless	
Division Operations Group (D.O.G.):	Jack Chase	
Presentation & Workshop Coordinator:	Stan Jennings	
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Come Join us for Fun, Learning and Fellowship

Utah's center for model railroading excellence!
Join us every third Saturday at the
Discovery Gateway Children's Museum
at the Gateway Shopping Center
444 West 100 South, Salt Lake City
from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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