



In conferring with our Division and Region Bylaws we will not need to have ballots cast for this year's election. Three open spots with three people running allows for no need to cast your vote. There are a total of seven Board Members and with NORTHERN LITAH DIVISION Click Here to Return to the Table of Contents **What Happened Last Month** ENT HIGHLIGHTS

The November 19, 2016 event of the Northern Utah Division featured a presentation on "Health, Aging and Modeling" presented by Stan Jennings. What is the most important thing in you life? YOUR HEALTH! Without good health, one can have a difficult time with the second most important thing...MODEL RAILROADING! This presentation provided tips about dealing with aging yet continuing your model railroading hobby. There were tips on heart health, keeping lungs working well and a couple of other staying-healthy tips; most of clinic was devoted to eye health and safety. An important thing to

always remember is...

40% of first heart attacks are fatal and many heart attacks are silent. See your doctor regularly and pay attention to what your body is telling you. What is the best way to avoid minimize serious injuries and fatalities in automobile incidents? Seat belts, no distracted driving, don't fixate on anything, keep the eyes moving. Stent in Coronary Artery Catheter Guide wire

IF IT DOES NOT FEEL RIGHT, IT IS NOT RIGHT.

PROTECT YOUR LUNGS!!! Use protective breathing gear! Especially when using power tools, making any sort of dust and painting. What is your body's most important, least protected organ? Your eyes! Use common sense and be "Eye Smart", especially if there are children around for whom you're setting an example. Use proper task lighting. Two 60 watt or one 150 watt lights at 18"-24" is about right. Which is more important, magnification or depth of field? The usual modeling distance is 8 to 13 inches so choose your magnification appropriately. There are many ways to maintain good magnification with reading glasses, clip-on magnifiers for glasses and products specifically design for hobby use.

Click Here to Return to the Table of Contents **Learn Something New** PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS Presentation **December Trains & Christmas** 17th Presented by Dale Angell 3:00 PM - 5:00PM Trains & Christmas and the story of the railroads of Parley's Canyon. **Two Presentations January** A.C. Gilbert / American Flyer **21st** Presented by Jim Buckley 3:00 PM - 5:00PM 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 Click Here to Return to the Table of Contents

FROM THE BENCH

**Tips and Techniques** 

Gerry Leone's Salt Weathering Technique

wondered how you might make yours look similar? Master Model Railroader, Gerry Leone, shares a great tip for weathering model railroad paint to look like the real deal with blistering, pock-marked and peeling finishes. He employs a technique that the pros use - coarse salt. As this technique calls for a little practice to get it just right, Gerry suggests working first on an old boxcar, building or scrap piece of styrene. He paints the entire car the color of rust-brown. Then, using a paintbrush (and this takes some practice to know how much water to use), he spreads a little water on the places where rust is likely to form - on bottom sills and along rivet seams. While still wet, he sprinkles on coarse salt (any type of large-granule salt will do, like Kosher or pretzel salt). Don't worry about being sloppy; there will be some wastage but some will stick. When dry (about 15 minutes), airbrush the entire car the overall desired color when the car was newer. Airbrush from a distance so the paint is nearly dry when it hits the car. Paint that's too wet will be absorbed by the salt and the granules will loosen. You'll also lose some salt by just the force of the airbrushed paint, so don't worry. When the paint is dry, simply rub your finger over the salt and remove it. It will reveal the rust color beneath, looking like peeling and blistering paint. Gerry finishes the car off with decals, and weathers the pock-marked areas with a couple different shades (light and dark) of rust-colored pastel chalks to add to the illusion of some newer- and older-looking rust patches. It's a great technique for weathering model railroad paint which, the more you practice, the better you'll become using it... And it makes your rolling stock look like they've spent a lot of hard years of service on your pike. This is an excerpt from Model Railroad Academy for more info go to: https://www.modelrailroadacademy.com/ Click Here to Return to the Table of Contents **Discovery Gateway Project Layout** UNDER THE HOOD 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 discovery gateway programs for children and adults. Each layout is built on wheels so that it can be easily moved in children's museum 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.

The latest photo update on progress of the layout and "Pizza Box" layouts.

Have you ever visited a really well-done layout and noticed how realistically weathered the rolling stock looks and

Blaine Holbrook Director at Large, Northern Division, NMRA 801-580-1459 bholbro1466@earthlink.net Click Here to Return to the Table of Contents **Division Operations Group News** D.O.G. NEW CAN UTAH DIVISION. On November 26th we operated at Lee Nicholas' world class Utah Colorado Western layout for a great Ops Session. Everyone that attended had a great time. If you want to learn how to operate a layout this is one to not miss! Get on the roster for the next time we have the opportunity to operate on Lee's layout. The next DOGs session hasn't been confirmed yet. I will let you know by the event this Saturday or send out a crew call to everybody on the roster as soon as I know something. Contact me at <a href="mailto:jack.r.chase@gmail.com">jack.r.chase@gmail.com</a> to be added to the roster. **Jack Chase** Crew Chief -- DOGs Northern Utah Division of the NMRA Proud Host of the 2019 National NMRA Convention & Train Show Click Here to Return to the Table of Contents **Achievement Program** CHIEVEMENT PROGRAM RTHERN UTAH DIVISION Many people are reflective this time of the year. We just had Thanksgiving where sharing what you are thankful for is a big part of the holiday. Christmas is coming up fast and that's also a time for sharing. One thing I have found with model railroading is that when you get busy and don't have as much modeling time as you would like it's OK. Your trains will be there when you do have more time and their feelings won't be hurt at all! It's fine to spend more time with family and friends. If they come over to your house you can even share your trains. Let them know what you have been working on and let them run some trains. Don't forget to listen to what they have been up to. HIEVEMENT PROC As far as the AP goes in our Division we have had a lot of progress these last couple of months! Below is a list of what has been earned. Some will be handed out at the upcoming Division Event. The AP Certificates have to go to National and take longer to get back so they will be presented at another time. One thing I want to point out that Mike had several structures judged and they did not get enough points for a merit award. He took our suggestions and made some changes and improvements and brought them back to be re-evaluated. When I saw them I said they look much better out of the display case but then I realized that it was because he had improved them! I'm glad he didn't get frustrated and took the next step to improve. That's awesome and the real example of how when we work together, we can enjoy the journey together!

**Golden Spike Award** Mike Petruzzelli **Geoffrey Carter** Robert Gerald

John Laser - 4 for his locomotives Mike Petruzzelli – 2 for structures Jim Wanlass – 2 for structures Al Badham - 1 for cars

Master Builder - Motive Power

Master Builder - Structures

Jim Wanlass - Merit Award Structures

Al Badham - Merit Award Cars

**Merit Awards** 

**AP Certificates:** 

Jack Chase **Geoffrey Carter** 

John Laser

Jim Wanlass

**Association Volunteer** 

John Laser - Merit Award Locomotives Mike Petruzzelli - Merit Award Structures Jim Wanlass AP Chairman ap@northernutahnmra.org Click Here to Return to the Table of Contents **Division News Items** DIVISION NEWS ITEMS The 26th Annual Ophir, Tintic & Western Train Show January 13th and 14th 2017 Friday 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Saturday 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM In the "Big Red Show Barn" at **Thanksgiving Point** 3303 North Thanksgiving Way in Lehi, Utah From the North I-15 Exit 284 or from the South Exit 282 Adults \$7.00, Children 10 and under are FREE! **DONATIONS FOR SALE** Rio Grande D&RGW 60952 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. Click Here to Return to the Table of Contents **Layout Tours** LAYOUT TOUR The December layout tour featured a new layout that many of us have never had a chance to see nor even knew it existed. The layout is a freelanced version entitled "The Tour of Utah". It does not follow a specific rail line in Utah. The "Tour" portion of the name comes from the various scenery elements that used on the layout that are representative of the various areas of Utah. Our host for the tour was Scot Meyers. Scot works with the Utah Developmental Center in American Fork helping adults with disabilities. They use the layout as a therapeutic escape for the students at the campus. Scot, along with other modelers, are building a very nice layout. The layout runs on DCC and can be controlled with JMRI. There are many nice mini-scenes on the layout that provide a great deal of character and interest. Scot explains that many of the techniques they have used on layout were learned from watching Youtube videos. It was a very enjoyable "Tour of Utah". Thank you Scot!

Our next layout tour will be the 26th Annual Ophir, Tintic & Western Train Show at Thanksgiving Point. Stop by Friday, January 13th from 3 PM to 9 PM or Saturday the 14th from 10 AM to 6 PM. There will be layouts, vendors and more!

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