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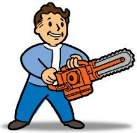
Thoughts from the Editor

TRAINS OF THOUGHT

Chainsaws and other modeling tools.



During the Hostlers Festival I had the opportunity to spend some time promoting the division and all the great activities that we are involved in that make this a fun organization. People outside the hobby are fascinated by the all the different aspects of the hobby. I heard many times that people would love to build a layout, but simply don't have the room. The "Pizza Box" layout classes we were displaying got a few people to thinking that maybe they could get involved in the hobby. Hopefully some of these people will follow through and attend a "Pizza Box" class and catch the bug. The one thing I tried emphasize about the "Pizza Box" layout is that it is an activity that brings families together in a common goal of learning and skill building.

A “Pizza Box” style layout is also something that in the model railroading world can be called a “Chainsaw” layout. If you hadn’t heard of the term, it means to build a layout that you know will not be around for long or will never be finished. A kind of stepping stone to the next and better version of ideas you have for a layout. A “Chainsaw” layout does not have to be basement filling or even room filling layout. It can be as large as you can afford or what you have space for.

Space is often one of the major issues we face with building or even getting started with a layout. Space issues will prevent a lot of people from working with scenery, building structures, laying track and adding details that make a layout come to life. Perhaps the problem is the word “Layout”. We seem to have the idea that it means something more than it really does. Our “Layouts” can be anything from a shoe box size diorama to a 4’ x 8’ or larger. If you don’t believe what you can accomplish with something small just ask Jim Wanlass. He recently received the coveted Master Model Railroader award from the NMRA. Jim accomplished this with a layout that is only slightly larger than a 4’ x 8’. Take a look at your surrounding and figure out where you could hide, stow away or place a layout. There are lots of places that a layout can go. Like the top shelf of a closet, leaning up against a wall, hanging from the back of a door or stored on shelf brackets.

The point of all this is, you don’t need massive space or amounts of money to begin a “Layout”. Start small and build to bigger future. Join a modular or Fre-mo club. Build dioramas that connect together on a table. If you don’t like something you have built get the “Chainsaw” out and start over again. Do whatever you need to do to get started. There is a world of fun just waiting for you.

Happy Modeling!

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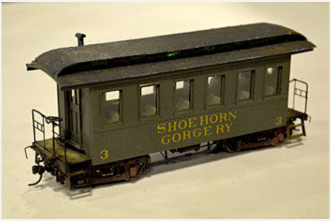
What Happened Last Month

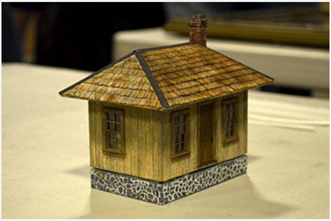
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The February 18, 2017 event of the Northern Utah Division featured a presentation by Mike Pettruzzelli on create unique and cheap buildings in any scale. Mike is a big believer that you don't need to spend large amounts of money to build structures. You can easily create buildings from many of the things you already have around your home, garage or even the garbage! Mike explained that he build structures from many found objects as well as inexpensive supplies from the craft store. He uses stirring sticks and other inexpensive wood strips from places like Michael's. The basic shell of the structure can be a small box that is the right size with the wood strips are glued to the outside. His presentation should really give all of us some ideas for creating structures economically while providing a challenge to see what creative ideas we can come up with. Thanks Mike!

5.5" Wood
Coffee
Stirrers

The division welcomed back our Superintendent, Jack Chase, after his recent health issues with a welcome back gift of a Z scale car. Al Badham brought his completed O scale passenger car that he featured at the January event. Al also brought along a beautiful O scale structure that he has been working on. Bill Hughes displayed some interesting plans showing all the building and railroad tracks from the Geneva steel plant that was once located in Vineyard, Utah.





Our AP Chairman, Jim Wanlass, handed out a Certificate of Achievement Award to Jack Chase for Association Volunteer and a Golden Spike Award to Bruce Alger. Congratulations guys for job well done!

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Learn Something New

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

March
18th
3:00 PM - 5:00PM

Presentation

Operations without the Aggravation
Presented by Rick Luther

Learn about using a simple car routing system without all the paperwork and without a lot time sitting in front of a computer.

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

Presentation

Eye Health and Safety
Presented by Dr. Bogus

Dr. Bogus will do a presentation on eyes, eye aging, close-up work and eye safety.

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

Presentation

The Circus - All about the prototype and Modeling
Presented by Marty Peterson

An updated presentation on circuses with updates reflecting the major changes in the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus that have happened in the last few months.

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Division Operations Group News

D.O.G. NEWS

The DOGs are taking a winter recess until further notice. Keep those thumbs warmed up as we will be back shuffling cars and cussing at the dispatcher soon. I should have news of a possible session at the event this Saturday. Stay Tuned!

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

Layout Tours for April

Hope everyone had a chance to view the great layouts at the Hostlers Festival in Ogden at the beginning of the month. Our next layout tour will be the April 8th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Blaine Holbrook's house in Bountiful. We will be sending out an email and announcing it at next Saturday's event.

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Achievement Program

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

What have you done lately to promote your hobby of Model Railroading? Notice I didn’t say the hobby I said your hobby. When I have done a clinic for the Railroading merit badge there are maybe 1 or 2 out of 20 in a class that are really interested. How many doesn’t really matter as much as the fact that you are sharing with others. My son has always said he doesn’t like trains. Well, that’s OK, I have nephews that do. A few weeks ago he said it’s not that he hates trains but he’s just not into them. In other words it’s not his passion. That’s an improvement because he used to say he hates them. He remembered how fun it was to help the kids doing the boxcar races and the excitement they had. Then, last week he volunteered to go to the train show with me! I was pleasantly surprised by this announcement. He did set a time limit though! We stuck pretty close to that time. We did have some lunch so that’s my excuse for going over! ? I think he was surprised how many people knew me because he commented on that several times. In the past I’ve told him that it’s not just about trains but it’s also about spending time together. Maybe that was his idea this time. I like to think so.

PIC-COLLAGE

My daughter said something about 2019 and I asked if she knew what was happening in 2019. She said, “Yes, Dad! You’ve told me and it’s on your bright yellow shirt!” Ha! When you talk to others about the NMRA National Convention coming to Salt Lake City for the first time in 2019 what do you say? Do you say, “Come check it out, it will be fun!”? As long as they live in the state of Utah I like to take a little different approach. If you just give them a flyer or tell them about it by the time 2019 rolls around they might have forgotten about it even if they intended on attending. In my opinion, we don’t just want attendees. We need people to participate! It takes a lot of people to put on a National Convention. I’ve been to a few and even volunteered at one. We want people to start participating now so when 2019 rolls around of course they will be participating and helping at the convention, but more so they will have been enjoying themselves being a part of this hobby! Why make them wait two years? Get them involved now! Invite them to one of the Division Events or another activity. Promote the benefits of being in the NMRA right now and then guess what – it will be natural to tell them about the NMRA National Convention in 2019! I joined the NMRA when the National Convention was in my hometown in 2000 when I lived in San Jose. If I had known about the NMRA and meetings they held before then, there’s no doubt I would have joined sooner and been having that much more fun!

I’ve heard people around the country are taking note of what we are doing here in Utah! We are one of the few Divisions showing growth. One reason is all the activities and benefits we, as a Division, are offering. Partnering with the Children’s Club has shown to be very beneficial. Getting parents to have fun with their kids in activities they can both enjoy is awesome! Can you guess the theme for this month’s AP – Volunteering! Get involved more than just showing up. Really be involved and that way we can enjoy the journey together!

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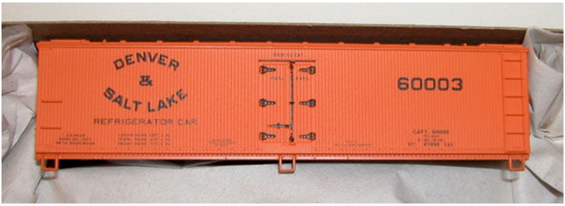
New Division Rolling Stock

THE CAR SHOP

2017 NORTHERN UTAH DIVISION CAR



The car chosen for the 2019 Northern Utah Division car is the Denver & Salt Lake refrigerator car.

The Denver & Salt Lake had six of these, 60000-60005, built by Pullman in April 1913. They were steel underframe, wood body cars painted burnt orange for most of their working life then painted black toward the end. They were in service until 1947; there is no record of their disposition but were likely scrapped or sold by the D&RGW.

We have chosen the orange color for our reefers (more colorful than black) and we are using the Accurail 4800 series 40' wood refrigerator car, which is very close to the prototype. Thanks to Ken Shaver of the Denver & Salt Lake Historical Society giving us great input about the artwork and supplying a builders photograph, the lettering is exact.

Renumbering decals will be included automatically for purchases of two or more cars, by request for single cars.

The reefers arrived shortly before the Hostler's Festival and many have been sold or are reserved. As of the writing, we have 16 of the 51 available. The cars will be at the March Northern Utah Division, NMRA, event. The cars are available fo $35 each.

To reserve your car please contact Stan Jennings at 801-967-0999 or order from our website http://northernutahnmra.org/club-car/.

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Division News Items

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National Model Railroad Association News

Our very own Alan Anderson (Yellow Shirt) can bee seen hard at work in Atlanta an the NMRA Board meeting this past February 18 & 19th. Some exciting news includes expanding our educational and informational resources for you. We are renewing our agreements with TrainmastersTV, Model Railroad Academy and Model Railroader Video Plus in which they've agreed to donate some of their outstanding educational videos to our online library. These can be accessed through the Member Only video page on the website. Free!

We will soon be launching a new electronic newsletter linking you to some of the best of the articles, videos and information on the Internet. Also free.

And we are very excited about new and increased efforts to launch a major Member Discount Program. We already have a significant number of rail attractions and museums offering discount admission for NMRA members. Now we are expanding that program to potentially include hobby shops, manufacturers and perhaps craft stores and big-box retail stores. Many organizations offer member discounts such as tie-ins to rental car companies or airlines. We want to initially focus on vendors of interest to our hobby and to our members.

Hostlers Model Railroad 2017 Festival Report

The show was another excellent production by the Hostlers group this year. There was lots to see and good food. We hope everybody had a chance to see all of the layouts and spend lots of money at the vendors.

The Northern Utah Division had a table promoting the Division activities, Intermountain Train Expo, Pizza Box Layouts, Dogs, Layout Tours, Convention and more. A big thank you to all who helped man the table.

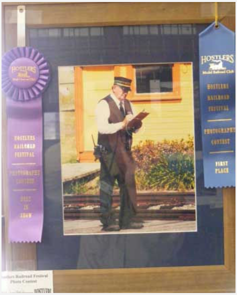
TRAIN SHOPPE

RAILROAD
CROSSING

2019
SALT LAKE CITY
NMRA
2019 NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
Celebrate the Sesquicentennial
driving of the Golden Spike!
July 7-13, 2019

HOSTLER FESTIVAL PHOTO CONTEST REPORT

The Hostler's Festival Photo and Model Railroad Contests had a good representation from Northern Utah Division, NMRA members



HOSTLERS RAILROAD FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

STEAM LOCOMOTIVES
1st Place - Robert Wert
2nd Place - David White
3rd Place - Stan Jennings

OTHER LOCOMOTIVES
1st Place - Stan Jennings
2nd Place - Paul Keogh, Sr.
3rd Place - Bruno Faccini

RAILROAD STRUCTURES
1st Place - Bruno Faccini
2nd Place - Lee Witten
3rd Place - Stan Jennings

ROLLING STOCK

1st Place - Stan Jennings
2nd Place - Lee Witten
3rd Place - Bruno Faccini

ACTION
1st Place - Stan Jennings
2nd Place - Greg Pettigrew
3rd Place - Robert West

RAILROADING
1st Place - Paul Keogh, Jr.
2nd Place - Robert Wert
3rd Place - Lee Witten

RAILROADING PEOPLE

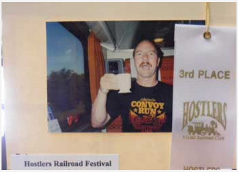
1st Place - Stan Jennings
2nd Place - Jerry Johnson
3rd Place - Mike Pettruzzelli

MODEL RAILROADING

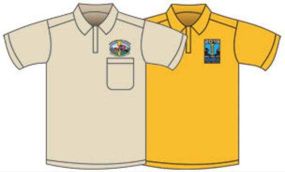
1st Place - Steve Blodgett
2nd Place - Lee Witten
3rd Place - Jim Wanlass

BEST IN SHOW

Stan Jennings -- Railroading People



DIVISION & CONVENTION SHIRTS



As noted in the last two Promontory Posts, several of us have ordered Division and/or Convention shirts. Most have been procured from Ruth. There are five unclaimed shirts. Two 2XL Division shirts and one each L, XL and 2XL Convention shirts at $27.00 for the Division Shirts and $22.00 for convention shirts.

UPCOMING AREA CONVENTIONS

There are two model railroad convention coming this year that should be of interest to all Division members

The first, coming June 8-11, 2017 in Durango, Colorado, is the Region Convention. The primary draw is a ride on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad Saturday.

Thursday is registration and entering the contests. Friday features six clinics and tours of the D&S shop and yard, home layouts and SOUNDTRAXX. As mentioned, Saturday is the ride or the DSNGRR with two clinics in the evening. Sunday morning will feature DSNGRR photo opportunities and distribution of the contest awards.

For more detailed information go to: http://www.rmr-nmra.org/RMRConvention2017/AnimasRails.html

The second, the 37th National Narrow Gauge Convention, will be held Aug. 30th - Sept. 2nd, 2017 in Denver, Colorado at the Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel.

Do you have to be narrow-minded to attend and enjoy a narrow gauge convention? Absolutely not! You will meet many great people and learn many modeling techniques. At the moment, forty-nine clinics and many, many rail and non-rail tours. And for those who need a taste of a national convention and can not make it to Florida, a National Narrow Gauge Convention is very similar to a NMRA National convention.

For more detailed information go to: http://www.37nngc.com/

DONATIONS FOR SALE

D & R G W
60952
Rio Grande

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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Golden Spike Train Club of Utah

GOLDEN SPIKE TRAIN CLUB

The guys at the Golden Spike Club have been busy rebuilding the yard with new turnouts and of course running trains! Come down the Second Saturday of the month for our next open house.

We now have a new website that we will be updating with new content! Check it out at www.goldenspiketrainclubutah.org

Like us on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/GoldenspikeTrainClub/

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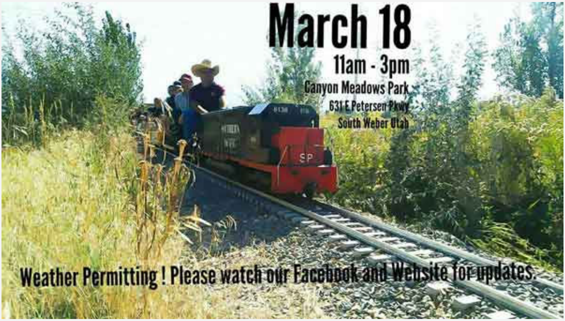
South Weber Model Railroad Club

SOUTH WEBER MODEL RR CLUB



Its that time of year again! Join us at Canyon Meadows Park (631 Peterson Pkwy, South Weber, Utah) March 18 for train rides around the park! The park offers a large park with lots of grass and a playground, there's also public restrooms available. Bring your friends, family and a lunch and be ready for fun!

Be sure to join us the third Saturday of every month, from March to October, as the South Weber Model Railroad Club gives free train rides at Canyon Meadows Park in South Weber Utah! Donations are greatly appreciated to help expand the track and pay for maintenance and upgrades.

Visit our website at http://southweberrr.webs.com/
Visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/SouthWeberRailroad/

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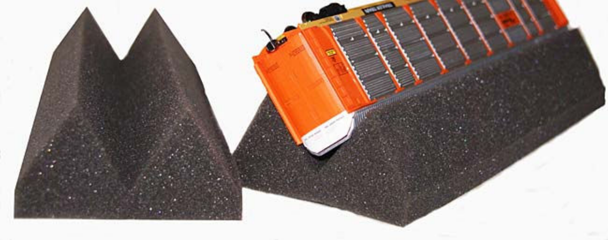

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The Club Car

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. 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 www.goldenspiketrainclubutah.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 - For contact info visit their website at wasatchnscale.org

Wasatch Z Scale Model Railroad Club – Currently reorganizing. Interested parties may send email to: superintendent@nmrawasatch.org

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DIVISION BRASS HATS

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Board of Director:	Geoff Carter
Board of Director:	Blaine Holbrook

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Come Join us for Fun, Learning and Fellowship

MEETING INFORMATION

NEW LOCATION!

Utah's center for model railroading excellence!

Join us every third Saturday at the
Discovery Gateway Children's Museum
at the Gateway Shopping Center
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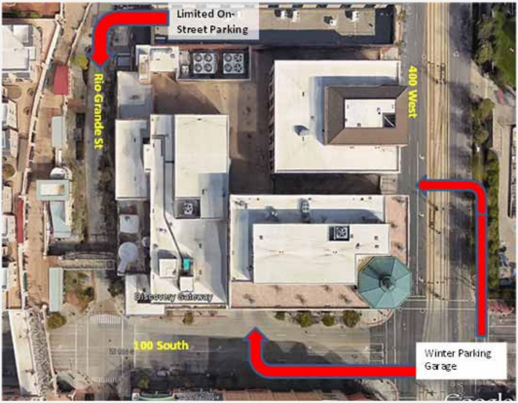
from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM



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