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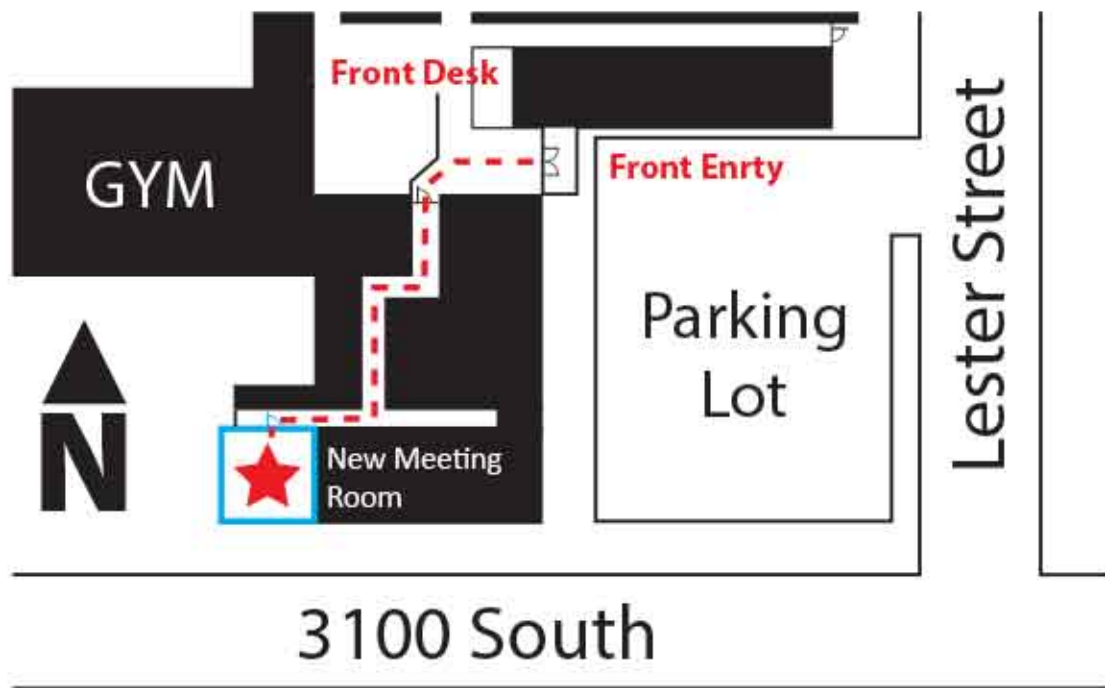
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Meeting Update

PLEASE NOTE!

The room we hold our monthly meeting in has changed!

We are now located in the southwest corner of the Recreation Center. Enter through the front doors and turn left into the hallway past the first room. Continue all the way to the end of the hallway and turn right. Our new meeting room is the last room on the left.



The February Monthly Event will held
at the Redwood Recreation Center!
Saturday February 17th, 2024
10:00 AM - Noon

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Learn Something New



February

17th

10:00 AM - Noon

Presentation

Mini-Dioramas

Presented by Kevin & Bekki Anderson

The Mini Diorama Circus is coming in February. For those who would like to participate please contact us so that we have an accurate count of how many diorama bases we will be needing. Call or text Kevin and Bekki Anderson at 801-842-7471 and let us know your name and if you want a straight or curve diorama and we will add you to the list. We need to know by January 2024. Build your own mini diorama and in March we will have a popular vote contest with prizes for the best mini dioramas. Blank dioramas with track attached will be available at the clinic during the February NMRA division meeting. Now's your chance to try out those techniques you've been wanting to learn.

March

16th

Presentation

Steamtown National Historic Park



TOU

10:00 AM - Noon

Presented by Phil Brueck

Steamtown National Historic Site is a railroad museum and heritage railroad located on 62 acres in downtown Scranton, Pennsylvania, at the site of the former Scranton yards of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad (DL&W). Many locomotives and freight and passenger cars are on display.



April

20th

10:00 AM - Noon

Presentation

N/A

Open for now. Please consider sharing your love of model railroading!



May

18th

10:00 AM - Noon

Presentation

Custom Signal Systems

Presented by Richard Piccuilla

Your model railroad layout is custom-built. Your signals can be, too. Custom Signal Systems has been manufacturing model railroad signals since 2006. Each signal is assembled by hand to your specifications using custom-designed printed signal components complemented with brass or photo-etched metal detail parts.

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Thoughts from the Superintendent



There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" It's fun to run trains with friends. I almost didn't go to the Kanab Train Show but I took the time because I wanted to have fun with my friends and run some trains. It's a good thing I went. While I did get to have fun running some trains, I also had the "pleasure" of spending some time at the ER. The guy I carpooled with had some issues and had I not been there I don't know how he would have gotten home. Last year he drove by himself so it would have been no big deal to go by himself again. However, it would have been a huge deal to get home had I not been there. I'm glad I was in a position to be of service to one of my friends.



While I was at the train show in Kanab another division in our region invited me on their division Zoom call. They asked how we did it every month and what we do to keep such a large division's members active. Without really thinking about it I told them what we do which all boils down to our motto of "Fun, Learning and Fellowship!" Hopefully the more you get involved with our division you can see that come through. As we enjoy this hobby together, hopefully we get to know each

other better and when something hard comes into your life you will realize you have friends around you that can help without hesitation. Let us keep running trains and getting to know each other better so we can enjoy the journey together!

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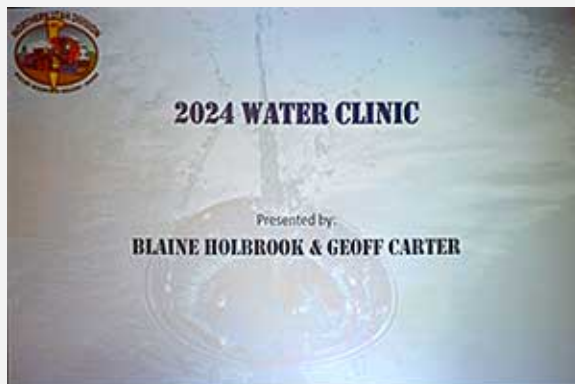
What Happened Last Month



Layout Water Effects

Presented by Blaine Holbrook and Geoff Carter

Blaine and Geoff gave us a clinic on tips, tricks and techniques for creating creeks, rivers, waterfalls, ponds, and lakes for your layout. They basically tried many different products for creating water and reported back to us on their successes, failures, likes and dislikes about the results. It was fun seeing the different techniques used in a small area so you could see and compare for yourself.





You can view past clinic information at the link below

<https://www.northernutahnmra.org/monthly-events/past-clinics/>

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Achievement Program



I know I mentioned it last month, “a huge Congratulations to Kevin Anderson for achieving MMR #752!” We were able to present his certificates and plaque at our last meeting. Our Region President, Lowell Didas, has made a goal of presenting the Master Model Railroader Certificate to the new MMRs in the Region. He didn’t have to travel far for this one because Lowell is in our Division! Kevin earned the certificates for Scenery, Electrical, Civil, Structures, Chief Dispatcher, Author and Cars.





Kevin also received his Merit Award for his last car as well as his Cars Certificate!



When a person signs the form for each certificate, at the bottom is a “Member’s Statement and Agreement” which says, “I certify that I have completed all of the requirements for this Certificate of Achievement as listed above and that I will agree to assist other members in this subject whenever possible, whether or not they are participants in the Achievement Program.”

Kevin has been very helpful with everyone I know who has asked questions and very willing to give of his time to help others. He admits that for a long time he was a lone wolf modeler (like me) until he joined our division and hasn’t looked back! He is very involved with division activities (This month he and his wife are giving the clinic.) Besides the division he has also been instrumental in growing the Utah Free-moN group by building modules and getting others excited about this modular standard.

Bob also earned a Merit Award for one of his cars. He is making good progress towards his Cars Certificate! Keep up the good work!



I believe I signed off on every one of Kevin's steps towards earning his MMR. It was great to see the progress and determination in all that he did. I want to also thank Rick for his help. He was also there every step of the way. Kevin has begun helping to sign off others too. There are several more that are involved with the evaluations and I am grateful for the help, it is a group effort to get someone to earn their MMR. An individual has to do the work but it takes others to get them there and in that way we can enjoy the journey together!

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2024 Intermountain Train Expo

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Intermountain Train Expo Committee

We will have a short initial meeting at the end of our Division meeting on Saturday February 17th. I will bring an agenda that mostly is a list of all the details we need to consider as we move forward,

and to discuss options about locations and dates for the show. We won't go long because we don't have the room past noon. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to participate.

Thank you for being members of the Northern Utah Division!

J. Michael Dean

Intermountain Train Expo, Co-Chair

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2024 RMR Convention



2024 Rocky Mountain Regional Convention



We would like to welcome you to Salt Lake City on June 5-8, 2024 for the Rocky Mountain Region's Annual Convention Golden Spike Limited 2024. We have a couple of great things for attendees to look forward to – The Heber Valley Railroad ride and the main event of our convention will be held at Stadler Rail SLC facilities. Of course, we will have several op sessions on popular and many published layouts as well as a number of layout tours.

We are happy to work with **Stadler Rail** as they have started holding a community event and staff appreciation and have asked us to partner with them to showcase the hobby.

We will have nearby hotels shortly and registration will be coming on the Northern Utah Division website: www.northernutahnmra.org.

Background

- Stadler Rail builds light rail cars for transit agencies around the world and you can see their website of what they do at: https://www.stadlerrail.com/en/about-us/locations/stadler_us_inc/26/
- Heber Valley Railroad is a tourist railroad just south of Salt Lake near Deer Creek Reservoir.

<https://www.hebervalleyrr.org/>

- Clinics will be in several of Stadler's training rooms and a train show and model contest will be available at the facility.

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UTOCO Tank Cars



The UTOCO tank cars are here!



UTOCO Tank Cars

The Northern Utah Division, National Model Railroad Association, is proud to offer a line of Utah Oil Company (UTOCO) Tank Cars manufactured by InterMountain Railway Company in HO Scale. These highly detailed cars come with metal wheelsets and Kaydee Couplers.

If you remember, these unique historically relevant cars were to be offered as Convention Cars for the 2019 NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. However, due to hiccups in the Chinese supply line at the time, we were not available at that time.

We have coordinated with the InterMountain Railway Company to produce these cars as a fundraiser for our Division and offer them for sale at \$50.00 for a single car, \$45.00 for two cars, and \$40.00 for three or more cars. Contact Geoff Carter at gkc4502192@gmail.com for more information.

History

Utah Oil Company was incorporated on June 3, 1901, and was the first commercially successful petroleum company in the state. In 1917, half interest in Utah Oil was bought by Midwest Refining Co. Standard Oil of Indiana took ownership of Midwest Oil in July 1921, including Midwest's half ownership of Utah Oil Company (UTOCO). Standard later acquired 75 percent of Utah Oil, and in the 1950s, that percentage was increased to 100 percent. UTOCO relied upon crude oil delivered by Union Pacific in tank cars until a pipeline was built between Salt Lake City and Wyoming oil fields in 1939. Utah Oil Company was owned as a subsidiary of Standard Oil of Indiana. In 1946 when the parent company decided on a common logo, combining the oval shape from subsidiary AMOCO and the torch from Indiana Standard. Utah Oil Refining became UTOCO.

UTOCO became a familiar brand of gasoline throughout Utah and Idaho, and later, in eastern

Nevada, western Wyoming, and eastern Oregon and Washington.

In late 1960, the parent company, also known as Indiana Standard, decided to tweak its marketing strategy. The subsidiaries AMOCO and UTOCO became the American brand. In 1974, the American brand was changed to AMOCO.[1]

[1] <https://utahrails.net/industries/oil.php>

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Division News Items



GET ONE BEFORE THEY'RE GONE!

We have a few unspoken for HO Scale 40' Bamberger Wood side boxcars from Accurail. You can have one of your very own limited edition boxcars for \$45.00. If you buy more than one you will pay only \$40.00 for each car. For those buying more than one, you will get a decal sheet that allows you to renumber the cars.

Drop a note to Geoff Carter at gkc450219@gmail.com and he will bring them to the next Norther Utah Division Event. Credit card is preferred, but we will take cash (exact change only).

This will be the last run of these local railroad gems!



Hostlers Model Railroad 2024 Festival

March 1, 2 & 3, 2024
Ogden Union Station
25th Street and Wall Avenue
Friday 3pm - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 9:30am - 3pm
<https://www.hostlers.info/>



OT&W 2024 Sprin Train Show

April 5-6, 2024
Spanish Fork Fairgrounds
475 S Main St, Spanish Fork, UT
Friday 3pm - 9pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm
<https://otwtrainclub.org/>



Rocky Mountain Train Show

April 6-7, 2024

National Western Complex

4655 Humboldt St.

Denver, CO 80216

<https://rockymountaintrainshow.com>

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Help Wanted



Help Wanted at the Tooele Valley Museum



This is the model of the Carr Fork Ball Mill at the Tooele Valley Museum. It is relatively in great shape, but as you know plastic warps and cracks. We are looking for someone to restore and clean this model. It has a couple of minor parts that are missing that could be made from basic styrene.

Let me know if someone might be willing to take this **paid** project on.

Rick Graham

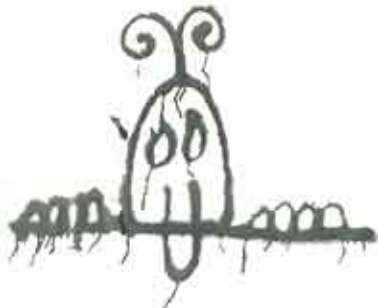
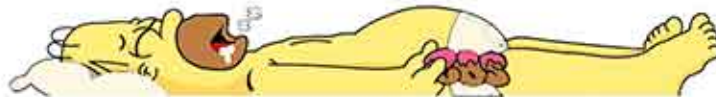
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Classifieds



RR Graffiti, Signs, art work



I have hundreds of prototype railroad graffiti, signs, and artwork all ready to be used for signs, decals, etc. I would like to make them available to the Division members. For the most part, they are all cleaned up and ready for use. These are all from real rolling stock, buildings, RR yards, and signs. If anyone would like to have some of them or see what I have that they could use, just E-Mail me or give me a call. Again, those shown are just samples. I have tons, old time, current, and everything in between but all of them are the real deal.

Steve Moore, 801 694-8394

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REGION NEWS ITEMS

Rocky Mountain Region Polo Shirts are now available!



You can order your very own polo shirt at this link: [Daylight Sales](#)

You can choose Cool Grey or Royal colors.

NMRA members can save 10% using the code: **nmrax20**

Besides clicking on the link you can just go to Daylight Sales.net, scroll down on the left to NMRA then on the second page is the Rocky Mountain Region NMRA shirt. It has the new logo designed by our own Rick Luther!

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Newsletter Archive



ON THE EXTRA BOARD



Catch up on all the past issues of the Division Newsletter the "Promontory Post" on the division website. There is a multitude of information about our past clinics, photos from layout tours, conventions, train shows, links to interesting information and the chance to get to know our fellow members. Just click the button below and learn more!

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NMRA Membership Renewal



Just a reminder for everyone to check their expiration date on membership NMRA cards. Please don't let them lapse! You should receive a membership renewal form in the mail months before your expiration. If you can't find it or didn't get it, you can always go on-line and renew there. Below is the link to NMRA website page.

<https://nmra.org/membership-application-and-renewal>

Also check NMRA home page for membership discounts through the NMRA Partnership Program. You can get discounts at over 30 vendors including Micro-Mart, Green Frog Productions, MinuteMan Scale Models, Motrak Models, MRC (Model Rectifier Corporation) and many others. The discounts could add up to what a years membership costs!

<https://nmra.org/partnerships>

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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.gsafrc.com/about.htm>

Golden Spike Train Club of Utah – This HO 100% NMRA club meets the second Saturday of each Month 10:00am - 11:00am (summer) 12:00pm - 4:00pm (remainder of year), at the 132 S 800 W SLC UT in the Sugar Space Arts. Contact Jon Thomas, Treasurer at Thomas.JT@Yahoo.com for more information. Out of the area memberships are available. Visit their website at <http://www.goldenspiketrainclubutah.org/home.html>

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://greatbasinlrc.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>

Midvale Model Railroad Club - The Midvale Model Railroad Club (formerly know as E Mo) is a free model railroad club meeting at the Midvale Museum on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 12 noon to 2:00 pm. We are building HO, HOm and HOe modules and set up on and off in the Midvale Museum. We are located at 350 west Park Street off of Jefferson Street from Center Street in Midvale Utah. Contact Marty @ <https://www.facebook.com/EmoUtah>

O Scale Guys – An O and On3 scale club. Contact Steve Strebel by phone at: (801) 973-0367.

Ophir, Tintic and Western – This 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. For more information contact HO-VP Mike Lambert, mlambert54@comcast.net 303-919-4703 - N-VP Chris Cox, coxcl1@gmail.com 801-897-2269. 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 every second Tuesday at noon at Two Bit Street Cafe on 25th Street in Ogden and is presently in the midst of the restoration of the D&RGW #223. Visit their website at <http://www.save223.org>

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/>

Utah Free-MO – A travelling HO Modular group conforming to the Free-MO standard. Contact Mike Nelson by email at: i_m_loco@hotmail.com

Utah Free-moN – We subscribe to the N scale Free Mo standards. You can find us on Facebook at Utah Free-moN.

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 – Our railroad is at Shay Park, 400 West Aspen Hills Blvd, Saratoga Springs, UT which encompasses 12 acres. The key feature is the abandoned railroad grade of the Salt Lake & Western Railroad. Our track gauge is 7.5" and we have a new, beautiful 1.6" scale locomotive to pull twice as many cars as before. Rides are 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Summer months. Contact Mike at utahlivesteamers@gmail.com or watch Facebook for event listings. <https://www.facebook.com/cmry260/>

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

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