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ALL ABOARD FOR THE EVENT!

Our next meeting will be
Saturday
July 20th, 2024
10:00 AM - Noon



CLINIC SCHEDULE

You can always find links to our previous recorded live video clinics on our website.

Click the link below to go directly to the website.

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

July
20th
10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

The Historic Wendover Airfield

Presented by Landon Wilkey

The curator of the Historic Wendover Airfield will offer a brief history of the Wendover Army Air Base in World War II. He will then address how the model railroad community has brought new engagement to this historic site and museum.

August
17th
10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

The Cyprus Route - Helix Update

Presented by Mark Riviea

The Cyprus Route is a prototype-based HO scale layout inspired by the Seaboard Coast Line's Columbia Subdivision prior to May 1, 1971. This territory extended from Columbus, SC to Savannah, GA.

Construction of the layout began one year ago with building the 9' helix that will transport trains between three layout levels. To reveal hidden train traveling the grade, the fascia has been opened to reveal several signature scenes as shadow boxes and ring extensions. Peeks into and around the helix reveal a busy interlocking plant, a large freight shipping port, a derailment clean-up with its still-smoldering forest fire, and another scene yet to be determined. Come see the progress so far, and my plans for the future.

September
21st
10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

TBD

Presented by (This could be you!)

Anything that you find interesting and would like to share with the group.

October
19th
10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

TBD

Presented by (This could be you!)

Anything that you find interesting and would like to share with the group.

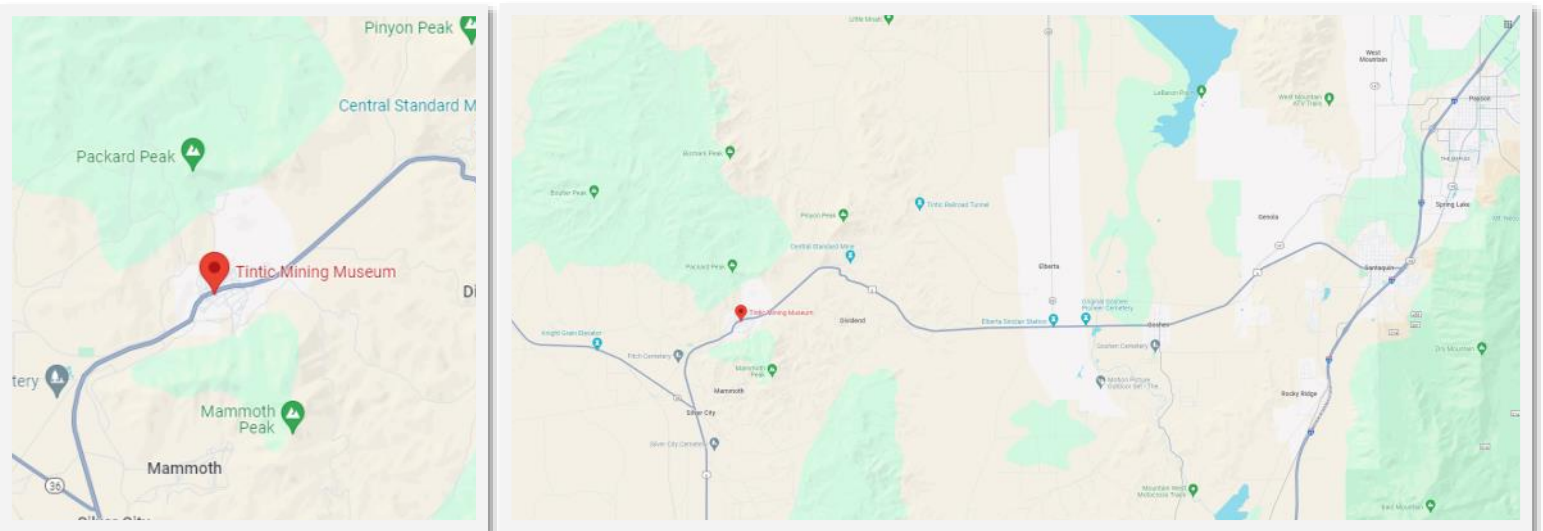
TRAINS OF THOUGHT

There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" I have several selfies to choose from this month but here you find me with the OT&W visiting the Tintic mining district (part of the club's namesake.) We drove to Eureka, then one the prior mayors, and longtime resident, opened up the museum, shared personal stories and drove us out to several spots where the railroad ran and to where the mines are. You can see Utah Lake in the distance! It was cool to see "in real life" where the railroad used to run, not just in a book. He showed us a picture of a giant trestle and we drove to where it was before it burned down. Even though it is no longer there, you could imagine how massive it was!



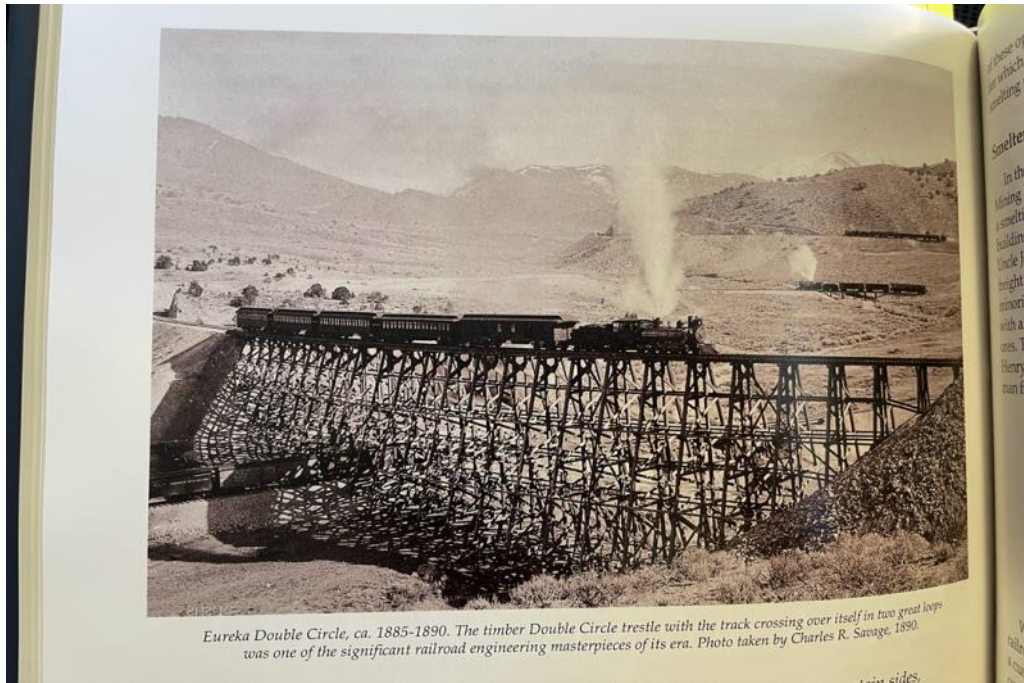
With the regional convention behind us, there are a couple more shows and meets to plan for in the coming months. We have the next couple months of clinics planned but we need help filling out the rest of the year. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities we can use your help with. At the upcoming Division Meeting there will also be a special AP presentation. We look forward to seeing you there so we can enjoy the journey together!

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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

One of the things I enjoy lately is researching the prototype. Whether or not I actually build anything that I am researching, it is fun to see how the real railroads were built and how they did things. I recently went on a field trip with the OT&W Club to the Tintic Mining Museum in Eureka. Not only did we see lots of artifacts and old mining equipment, we were also able to drive to where the railroad used to be. Usually my research has just been online or using books but it was fun to see real items at the museum and walk where the tracks used to be.



The photo from the book in the museum shows how the track looped back on itself to gain elevation. The railroad cars under the trestle are in the same spot where our cars are in my photograph and the trestle went from the hill on the left to that dirt spot on the right.



Learning about the prototype can help with your AP because there literally is a Prototype Certificate. It can also help with scenery, cars, structures and locos if you want to build better models. It was fun to go exploring and learn new things with fellow club members and that way we were able to enjoy the journey together!

P.S. There are quite a few awards to be given out at the next Division Meeting to at least six people! I hope to see you there!

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"The construction crew HARD at work!"

NMRA PIZZA BOX LAYOUT



The NMRA Pizza Box Layout group will be having layout tours on August 10th, 2024!

We will be visiting Geoff Carter, Kent Holbrook, and Blaine Holbrook's layouts. Space is limited and must be scheduled. Hurry and sign-up to attend at the link below!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444A9A823A4F85-50241078-summer>





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>

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!

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

Evanston 2024

July 27th
Roundhouse & Railyards
1440 Main Street
Evanston, Wyoming 82930
Saturday 12pm - 4pm

There will not be any dealers or manufacturers with booths setup. The entire space is dedicated to modular N scale layouts. There will be limited time that the event that will be open to the public on the 27th.

26th Annual Evanston Roundhouse Festival

August 2, 3 & 4
Roundhouse & Railyards
1440 Main Street
Evanston, Wyoming 82930
Friday 4pm - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 10am - 2:30pm





Union Pacific's famed Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest operating steam locomotive, will return to the rails this summer with a scenic tour across mountain ranges and high desert vistas in four western states: Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California.

Big Boy will journey from its home base in Cheyenne, Wyoming on Sunday, June 30, en route to Roseville, California, before returning to Wyoming by the end of July. It will make numerous whistle-stops in communities along the way, with public display stops scheduled in:

Saturday, July 20

Ogden, Utah

Ogden Union Station

2501 Wall Ave.

On Display: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. MT

Sunday, July 21

Ogden, Utah

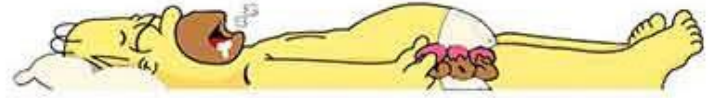
Ogden Union Station

2501 Wall Ave.

On Display: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. MT

Additional route details and approximate times for whistle-stops will be shared closer to the tour. A route map can be found on UPsteam.com.

FREE 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. Remember all of these are FREE!

Steve Moore, 801 694-8394

kiss@kissmethodinc.com



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>



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 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>

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 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



Northern Utah Division Officers

- Superintendent Jim Wanlass
- Assistant Superintendent Blaine Holbrook
- Treasurer Jerry Bragg
- Director-at-Large Kevin Anderson
- Director-at-Large Mike Dean
- Director-at-Large Geoff Carter
- Director-at-Large George Bell

Committee Positions

- Social Media Chairman Cameron Lafluer
- Convention Chairman Mike Dean/Geoff Carter
- Achievement Program Jim Wanlass
- Clinic Coordinator **Looking for a volunteer**
- Layout Tours Bob Connolly
- Division Librarian: Robert Arnesen
- Secretary: Carolyn Chase
- Newsletter Editor: Rick Luther
- Membership Chair Person Lowell Didas



Website:

www.northernutahnmra.org/

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/nutahnmra/



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www.nmra.org

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MEETING INFORMATION

Utah's center for model railroading excellence!
Join us every third Saturday at the
Redwood Recreation Center
3060 Lester Street
West Valley City, UT 84119
from 10:00 AM to Noon

