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Thoughts from the Superintendent

TRAINS OF THOUGHT

Good day to all of you,

Well, the Portland NMRA Convention has come and gone. Yours truly was in attendance. Honestly, the Convention was great and I highly recommend attending one. Almost all of the clinics were very complete and very well run. The was strict adherence to a timetable which avoided interruptions. The clinics started at 8:00 AM and concluded at 11:00 PM! I became so interested in the clinics and how the Convention operated at the show that I did not attend any of the extra fare tours that were offered. The banquet Saturday evening was well done with a semi-interesting speaker (I hate having speeches read to me!) The National Train Show was a bit disappointing in terms of the size. I was honestly not a great deal more than twice the size of the Hostler's show in Ogden. I expected more! One really surprising aspect of the show was the amount of Z Scale present. There was actually more Z Scale displayed in modules that HO! (Now, why did I enjoy that? Oh yes, I model Z!) In spite of the size of the show, it was still very easy to spend a lot of money! My first National NMRA Convention was a huge personal success. I will be going back!

Now, having mentioned the Portland Convention, it is time to put in a plug for the 2019 NMRA Convention and National Train Show. As I hope all of you realize, this event will be held in Salt Lake City, UT on the 150th anniversary of the driving of the Golden Spike linking the United States of America by rail. As you have been hearing over and over, we need help to pull off this great event. We have a few volunteers at this point, but we need MANY more! If you can't chair a committee, consider Approaching Alan Anderson and joining a committee. If being on a committee just isn't your think, approach Steve Moore, Bill Hughes or me and offer to do a clinic. If doing a clinic doesn't work for you, clean up your layout and offer it for a tour. There are dozens of ways to help out with this event. I want the rest of the World to know about the great model railroading that is going on in Utah. Together we can make that happen!
Well, those are my thoughts. What are yours? I'd love to hear from you.

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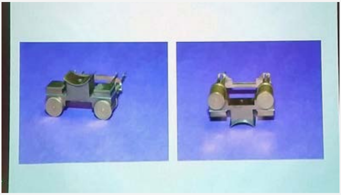
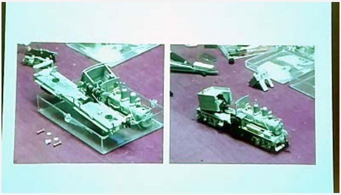
What Happened Last Month

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

The August 15th, 2015 event of the Northern Utah Division featured two interesting presentations.

Our first presentation was given by Bill Kennedy on basic machining and how the various methods can help model railroaders create unique models. Bill provided us with many examples of scratch building parts using machining techniques.



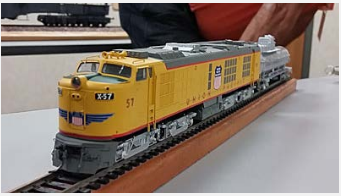


Our final presentation for the event was a review the history of Military Railway Guns with an emphasis on World War II. Paul Betts provided a fascinating look into how these large artillery pieces developed from the Civil War and reached their zenith in WWI and became dinosaurs during WWII. Paul also brought a large scale model of a German WWII gun he built.

Jordan Valley
MEDICAL CENTER

RAILROAD
ARTILLERY

Fred Baney brought by a model of the UP X57 Turbine powered by propane using a pressurized tank car as a tender that he has been working on. Jim Wanlass brought a beautiful craftsman kit built structure for AP certificate review, that I unfortunately did not get a picture of. Click on this link for a picture.



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Learn Something New

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

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

Presentation and Workshop

Trucks and Running Gear
Presentation by Fred Baney

Find out which car trucks are appropriate for the era and type of rolling stock you are modeling.

Properly installing couplers and fine-tuning rolling stock
Workshop by Fred Baney

Learn tips and techniques for fine-tuning your rolling stock so that it performs better on your layout. Bring your "Problem" cars to the event and get them off the "rip" track and back in service

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

Workshop

Hands-On Weathering
Presented by David Seely

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

Presentation and Workshop

Quick and Easy Trees
Workshop by Karin Gerald

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

Workshop

Mold Making and Casting
Presented by Jim Wanlass

We will meet at Blaine Holbrook's home this month.

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Division Operations Group News

The DOG group has remained on a Summer break so that recharging of our collective batteries could happen. It is my intention to resume our DOG operating sessions on September 26. To do that session, I must first find a layout. Thus far, that is a problem. Four of the six layouts that we have used have owners who will be out of town. The other two have not yet responded to me. Stay tuned for late breaking news .

If anyone is interested in joining the DOGs, please email to me that request. jack.r.chase@gmail.com Every NMRA member is eligible to join us. NO prior operating experience is necessary or required. Come and join. Learn the real reward of Model Railroad Operations.

Regards,

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

Saturday September 26, 2015
1 PM to 4 PM

Mark Evans' Sn3 Narrow Gauge Railroad
Location: 2811 W Myers Lane, Riverton, UT
Contact: Mark Evans at omears@outlook.com

Mark is one of 2 Master Model Railroaders in the Division. Mark was a past member of the old USRM. The picture below is a sample of Mark's work, a structure closely replicating the prototype. You might notice that the structure is not HO scale. Mark models in Sn3 which is another reason to visit. The layout is in varying stages of completion allowing us to see the structure and construction. Contact Pete Harmon at 801-319-0430 for more details.

CITY HALL
1900

There is no handicap access. There is no smoking inside. There is a bathroom available. Children need to be well behaved and supervised. Parking is available in the church lot north of the house. The layout can handle around 10 visitors at time. Entry is through the front door. **PLEASE KNOCK** and wait for an escort. Questions are welcome. Please feel free to take pictures.

Etiquette: When visiting, don't criticize and don't touch the equipment. Stay as long as you like, being mindful of other visitors Please sign the guest book.

For more information, contact Pete Harmon at pharmon@bestweb.net or at 914-319-0430.

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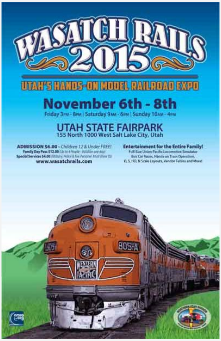
Wasatch Rails 2015 News

WASATCH RAILS NEWS

The 2015 Wasatch Rails Show has been given a new look for all posters, TV spots and other marketing materials. Steve Moore has completed a very nice the 30 second Public Service Announcement for the show. To view the PSA go to the Northern Utah Division website at http://northernutahnmra.org/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UTAH'S HANDS-ON MODEL RAILROAD EXPO
November 6th - 8th
Friday 3PM - 8PM | Saturday 9AM - 6PM | Sunday 10AM - 4PM
UTAH STATE FAIRPARK
155 North 1000 West Salt Lake City, Utah
ADMISSION $6.00 - Children 12 & Under FREE!
Family Day Pass $12.00 (Up to 4 People - Valid for one day)
Special Services $4.00 (Military, Police & Fire Personnel- Must show ID)
www.wasatchrails.com
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Golden Spike Train Club of Utah

GOLDEN SPIKE TRAIN CLUB

The Golden Spike Club has been working on the layout painting and sanding the Homaste! The process helps seal it and looks a lot better. Our next step is to put in custom switches that are DCC friendly.

GOLDEN SPIKE Train Club of Utah

Saturday, September 19th from Noon to 6:00 PM

We are having an open house of our layout at 840 North Beck Street in Salt Lake City, Utah. Everyone is invited!

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South Weber Model Railroad Club

SOUTH WEBER MODEL RR CLUB

The new club engine is coming along nicely.

Now this is the way mow your lawn!

We are a very small 1-1/2" scale model RR Club in the Canyon Meadows Park. (South Weber City) We have more than 3/4 mile of track, 1/2 mile loop. We would invite you to join our Club and have fun with us. We give free rides the third Saturday of every month beginning in March and ending with a BIG HOLOWEEN run in October. Last Holloween we gave over 700 rides. I'm afraid if we ever get MEDIA attention we would have to run more trains, more days and need new members. SO DON'T TELL THE MEDIA WE EXIST........... Then we would have more fun building more track........ potential of 2 miles. Visit their website at http://southweberrr.webs.com/

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Achievement Program

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Has the weather been too nice to work on your railroad? For me, going to the basement where it's cool has been nice. Sometimes there are many distractions in life that keep us away from our hobbies. That's OK because your hobby will be there for you when you are ready. I like to look at ways to enjoy my hobby while being engaged in those "distractions." You can take a train magazine with you on that family outing. Something I find more useful however is a camera!

One unique aspect of model railroading versus other hobbies, in my opinion, is that it helps me look at the world around me a little differently. Look at those needles on a pine tree. How does that building sit or go into the ground. Is that building clean or dirty and if painted and peeling up how could I replicate that? The details around us are what make the difference. Sure we can go through life not really looking at anything and there's the extreme of looking at every little detail we don't see the whole picture.

When I go about my day I like to take some time to look at things and if I happen across an idea that makes me a better modeler then that's great. If not that's OK too. It doesn't hurt and I might just enjoy the day a little bit more.

I challenge you to enjoy your day and your hobby! Look at the world around you and pick out a little detail to add to your layout or building you are working on. It could be as simple as how does that newspaper sit on that chair on the porch? Some of the models and layouts I've looked at have details that are easily overlooked but it's great to hear someone comment on a detail I added that I thought might be overlooked. That way, as we improve our modeling skills, we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Wanlass
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Member Benefits and Discounts

BENEFITS & DISCOUNTS

Northern Utah Division NMRA Member Benefits and Hobby Shop Discounts

The Northern Utah Division, NMRA's Wasatch Rails 2015 will be offering some special benefits for NMRA members. In a few days we will be sending a separate mailing with the complete information to NMRA members.

Hobby Shop Discounts

The Train Shoppe offers a 5% club discount, NMRA members can take advantage of this discount by showing the NMRA membership card. However, The Train Shoppe also offer a card program that offers a 10% discount, any customer is eligible for the card discount.

2964 South State Street | Salt Lake City, Utah 84115 | 801-322-2729 | Open 10am-7pm Mon-Sat

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MRS Hobby Shop offers a points system discount, ask them for details.

9860 South 700 East | Sandy, Utah 84070 | 801-572-6082
Monday - Saturday: 10 AM-7 PM | Sunday: Closed

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New Division Rolling Stock

THE CAR SHOP

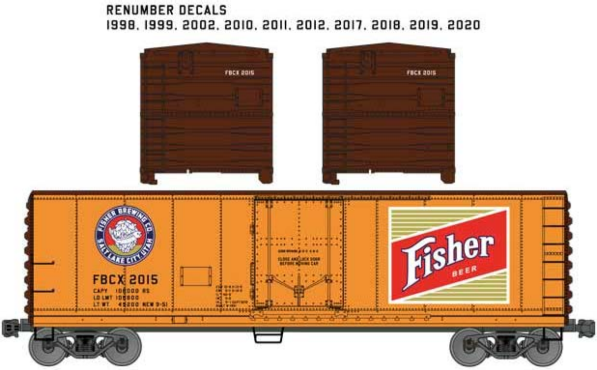
HURRY WHILE THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

The Fisher Beer reefers have arrived and are available for immediate shipment or pick-up. Contact Stan Jennings to get yours!

The 2015 Northern Utah Division Car is a Fisher Beer reefer fantasy car based on logos from an actual Fisher Beer bottle dating to the 1950s-1960s. An Accurail 8500 Series 40' Steel Plug Door Refrigerator Car will be used. There will be only forty-eight cars produced.

Approx. Quantity Remaining: 5

Each car is $40 with $5 shipping for any quantity. (US only, outside US email for shipping costs.)



To reserve your own car, contact Stan Jennings at 801-967-0999 or order online from the division website at http://northernutahnmra.org/club-car/

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Events of Interest

INTERCHANGE POINT

What follows is a list of railroady-type events that may be of interest to all you train nuts.

HOSTLERS
Model Railroad Club
www.hostlers.info

September 26th, 2015

Hostlers Model Railroad Swap Meet
GRAND LOBBY in Ogden Union Station
25th Street & Wall Avenue in Ogden

Doors open to the public from 10:00AM-1:30PM.A DCC & DC test track will be available. The Hostler Club is not responsible for the authenticity or condition of any item(s) sold by the sellers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL MIKE MURPHY (801) 394-4952

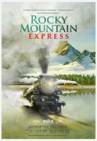
WASATCH RAILS
2015
UTAH'S HANDS-ON MODEL RAILROAD EXPO

November 6th - 8th 2015

Wasatch Rails 2015 The Utah Model Train Show
Utah State Fairpark

Friday 3PM - 8PM
Saturday 9AM - 6PM
Sunday 10AM - 4PM

Contact Stan Jennings : 801-967-0999 or
Blaine Holbrook : bholbro1467@earthlink.net



Rocky Mountain Express

Rocky Mountain Express propels audiences on a steam train journey through the breathtaking vistas of the Canadian Rockies and highlights the adventure of building a nearly impossible transcontinental railway. Recruited to realize this venture—one of the greatest engineering feats of all time—were engineers and laborers from around the world.

The film weaves together spectacular IMAX aerial cinematography, archival photographs and maps, and the potent energy and rhythms of a live steam locomotive to immerse audiences in this remarkable story from the age of steam. 40 Min program shown multiple times daily

clarkplanetarium.org/shows/rocky-mountain-express/

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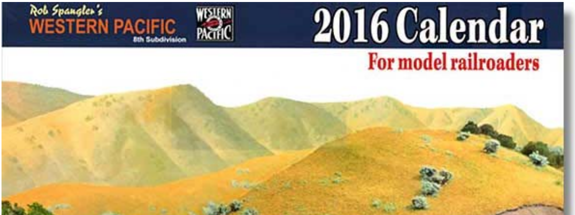
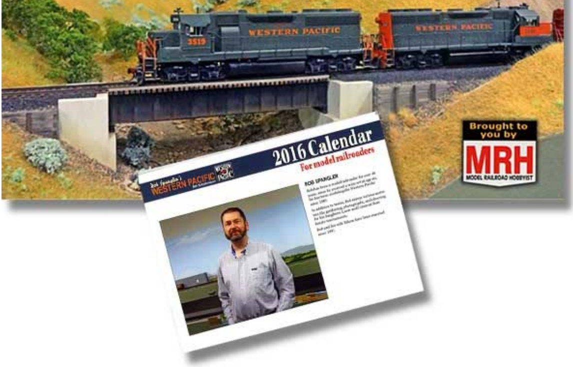
2016 Model Railroad Calendar

ON THE EXTRA BOARD

Model Railroad Hobbyist Magazine has honored one of our own local modelers with a specialty 2016 calendar. Rob Spangler is one of the featured layouts for their new line of 2016 calendar's. This is a very well done 11" x 17" calendar featuring 12 stunning photos of Rob's Western Pacific 8th Subdivision. You can order one from the Model Railroad Hobbyist website for only $16.95. Go to the following link to order yours today: http://store.mrhmag.com/2016-wp-8th-sub-calendar.html





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Modeling Tips

ON THE RIP TRACK

Dryer sheet scenery

Gauzy fabric softener and anti-static sheets from the home laundry can be salvaged for use in model railroad scenery. That way, scenery costs come out of the household budget

Did you know that you can use 'spent' dryer sheets as scenery material. After creating the basic form of the terrain with your prefered method you soak spent dryer sheets in plaster of Paris and lay them over the terrain, overlapping each one and smoothing it all out with the leftover plaster mix. This is cheaper than using paper towels or plaster-impregnated gauze materials. – Jim Schulte

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Help Promote the Division

OFF THE WIRE

2019 NMRA National Convention & Train Show

2019
150 YEARS
SALT LAKE CITY
NMRA
NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Portland Convention has come and gone. A few members of the Northern Utah Division attended and our turn will begin to ramp up fairly quickly. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

We'll send a small crew to 2016 "Highball to Indy" convention in Indianapolis (www.nmra2016.org) that will be held on July 3-10, 2016. A mere 10-months away! We'll be sending 2019 Convention crews to NMRA conventions in 2016, 2017 in Orlando, FL held July 30th to August 5th. The purpose for these crews is to man the 2019 recruiting booth and get NMRA attendees familiar with all the great model railroads, both prototype and models in our great state!

This is where we can use your volunteer help. We need crews and crew leads for the following:

- Volunteers recruiting and management
- Layout Tours
- Non-Rail activities
- Proto tours and activities

(This is a model railroad here in Salt Lake that only a few people have seen... There are GREAT layouts in the area!!!)

Thanks to Steve Moore, Bill Hughes, Jack Chase and others who have been working on commitments for clinics.

If you know of model railroads, both finished and work in progress (aren't they all in a state of progress??), proto rail sites, non-rail tours such as Tabernacle Choir, downtown, Clark Planetarium, etc.

We can use your help to let us know where they are and who the contacts are. Maybe you can call a few people to set up their layout, check and see about tickets to area attractions. If you can help, and we need your help, contact Alan Anderson, the convention chair, at 801-971-5341 or email at nmra2019slc@outlook.com (our official convention email address)

There are opportunities to see a convention in action with the following locations for NMRA National Convention sites:

- 2016: Indianapolis, IN - July 3-10, 2016
- 2017: Orlando, FL - July 2017
- 2018: Kansas City, MO - Dates pending
- 2019: Salt Lake City, UT - July 7-13, 2019 - Sesquicentennial of the driving of the Golden Spike

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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 club meets Saturday Evenings from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm, at the Old Children's Museum of Utah (840 N 300 West, SLC). Contact Mark Forslund by phone at (801) 641-6586 for more information. Visit their website at http://goldenspiketrainclub.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 3 Guys – An O and On3 scale club. Contact Alan Badham by USPS mail at 3061 Bonnie Brea Ave, Salt Lake City, UT 84124 or by phone at: (801) 278-1004 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 goal is to design and build the Utah Railroad Heritage Park in the near future. Our main attraction will be the 1.6″ scale 7.5″ gauge railroad. Anyone who wishes to help, please contact us at cmry@sfcn.org. 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 - Contact Bob Gerald by phone at: (801) 864-0174

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

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DIVISION BRASS HATS

Northern Utah Division Officers	
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Director-at-Large:	Geoff Carter
Director-at-Large:	Blaine Holbrook

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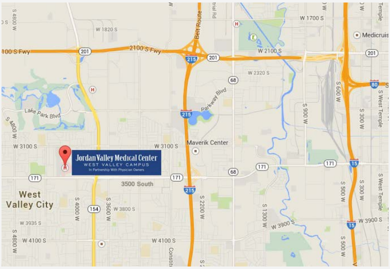
Come Join us for Fun, Learning and Fellowship

MEETING INFORMATION

Utah's center for model railroading excellence!

Join us every third **Saturday** at the
New Jordan Valley Medical Center West Valley Campus
(Same location as the old Pioneer Valley Hospital)
from **3:00 PM** to **5:00 PM**
at the Hospital's Administrative Conference Room
3460 South Pioneer Parkway in West Valley City
(4200 West 3500 South)



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