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#### Thoughts from the Superintendent



Here we are on the brink of a spectacular Regional Convention in our very own back yard, and I am just about as excited as a school-boy on Christmas Eve!!

I have been lucky to keep up with the major developments of our Convention planning committee, and I think you should know that they have worked very hard to create a wonderful, memorable model railroad convention for each and every one of us, sort of a gift to the members of our Division.

If you haven't already done so, take a look at what they have put together for us by going to the convention website at <http://gsl2014.org> and looking around.

They are quite proud of their achievement, and frankly, so am I. In fact, each of us can be proud of what they have done. Our modeling friends throughout the Region will be our guests in just over a week, and they are going to have a great time here. You know what? So are we!

We belong to a model railroad association, and one of the great treats of our membership in the NMRA is to be able to attend Regional and National conventions and the annual train shows each year.

I hope that you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to experience the very best of the NMRA, and make it to this year's Region convention.

This has been a remarkable team effort. From the initial decision by David Shearer, Cindy Meiser, and Kevin Stockseth to host the 2014 Region Convention here in Salt Lake City, to the groundwork laid by Scott Perry and Ron Davies, and finally to the heavy lifting and super effort of Alan Anderson, Geoff Carter, Jack Chase, Stan Jennings, Pete Harmon, Peter Lieber, Ron Davies, Fred Baney, and Jim Wanlass (I sure hope I didn't leave anyone out) this Convention represents the very best that our Division has to offer.

Please join me in expressing our gratitude for the terrific job this committee has done to bring a world class convention to our Division!

I hope to see you there.

Ken



There are "literally" a TON of clinics in June. You just have to come to the convention!

For a PDF of the [Clinic Schedule click here.](#)

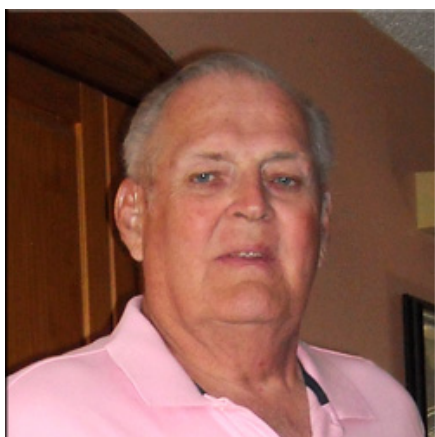
		Friday - June 20, 2014		Saturday - June 21, 2014			
		Aspen Room	Oak Room	Aspen Room	Oak Room	Morning	
8:00 am		<b>Dalton Speirs</b> LED Lighting for your Layout	<b>Bob Blöbe</b> An Introduction to EdutRAIN				8:00 am
9:00 am		<b>Deve Merrill</b> Creating Spectacular Scenery to Overcome Scenery Challenges	<b>Rob Spangler</b> Modeling the Real West	<b>Harold Huber</b> Scratchbuilding (2 hrs)	<b>Doug Geiger</b> Tools, Tricks, Tools (1.5 hrs)		9:00 am
10:00 am		<b>Bruce Chubb</b> Signaling Your Model RR Part 1: Fundamentals (Prototype & Model)		<b>Kevin Goodrich</b> Intro - Controllers in Model Railroad	<b>Durwin Hannig</b> DCC Intro		10:00 am
11:00 am		<b>Bruce Chubb</b> Signaling Your Model RR Part 2: ABS, APB, Grade Crossing Systems		<b>Bruce Chubb</b> Interfacing a Computer to Your Model Railroad			11:00 am
<b>Lunch Break</b>							
1:00 pm		<b>Bruce Chubb</b> Signaling Your Model RR Part 3: CTC Systems (2 hrs)		<b>Bruce Chubb</b> Sunset Valley Oregon System Updates & Operations (2 hrs)	<b>Dale Angell</b> Building a GoPro Camera Car		1:00 pm
2:00 pm					<b>Ren Davies</b> Building the Golden Spike Site		2:00 pm
3:00 pm		<b>Jim Harper</b> Handlaying Track	<b>Lee Nicholas</b> Utah Colorado & Western	<b>Mark Rindfleisch</b> Model Railroad Digital Photography	<b>Durwin Hannig</b> DCC Advanced		3:00 pm
4:00 pm		<b>Stan Jennings</b> Eureka Hill Railroad	<b>Bob Blöbe</b> Developing EdutRAIN Clinics	<b>NOTES:</b>			
<b>Dinner Break</b>							
6:00 pm		<b>Gil Bennet</b> Backdrop Painting					
7:00 pm		<b>William Hughes</b> Ironing					
8:00 pm		<b>Al Bodham</b> Foreground Pine Trees					



**Bruce Chubb**

**Signaling Your Model Railroad Part 1, 2 & 3 / Interfacing a Computer to Your Model Railroad / Sunset Valley Oregon System Updates and Operation (5 Different Clinics)**  
For a complete description of the clinics Bruce is giving see the post "[Bruce Chubb to Present 5 Different Clinics](#)"

Dr. Bruce Chubb is a Master Model Railroader and the author of the model railroading books, How To Operate Your Model Railroad, The Computer/Model Railroad Interface (C/MRI) User's Manual and the two-volume Railroader's Applications Handbook – a complete thesis on railroading applications. A retired electrical engineer in digital systems applied to aerospace, he is currently occupied full time building and operating his famous Sunset Valley Oregon System to model ten prototype railroads operating in the Pacific Northwest.



**Harold Huber**

**Scratchbuilding**

A chance to see tools, templates, jigs, and techniques that are presented in the **CallBoard** in the *Scratch Building Corner*. I am working on having Chris Blackmarr, who does the weathering section to the article, join me.



## Mark Rindflesh

### *Model Railroad Digital Photography – Basics Class*

Learn the basics of digital photography for shooting your layout or prototype trains. Covers camera basics, composition, lighting, focusing and more. Bring your camera!



## Rob Spangler

### *Modeling the Real West*

Designing and building typical scenery for western United States prototype railroads. The clinic covers backdrops, fascia, landform construction, color, and ground cover.



## Doug Geiger

### *Tools, Tools, Tools*

Tools can easily be the most important part of enhancing your modeling skills. Join us as we explore various modeling tools and supplies, ranging from basic (like exploring the workbench), advanced (for example, calipers and material organization), moving to exotic (punch and die sets and scribes to name just a few), and concluding with power tools (slow speed drills and mini sawz-alls for instance). Modeling tips will also be discussed during the seminar. Examples of many of these tools will be available after the clinic for inspection and trial.



## Dave Merrill

### *Creating Spectacular Scenery to Overcome Scenery Challenges*

The trestle at Sulphur Gulch is an illustration of the type of scenery I will describe. Whetstone Ridge rises from a few inches above the floor to 6 feet. Whetstone Ridge hides a helix which connects the staging yard that serves both ends of the point to point railroad.



## Al Badham

### *Foreground Pine Trees*

Have you ever wondered how those trees were made? You know, those beautiful ones right up front with tons of detail? Now's your chance to see Al's techniques for how he does it.

**Bob Blake** – *An Introduction to EduTRAIN & Developing EduTRAIN Clinics*

**Duwin Hanning** – *DCC Intro & DCC Advanced*

**Kevin Goodrich** – *Micro-Controllers in Model Railroading*

**Dale Angell** – *Building a GoPro Camera Car*

**Ron Davies** – *Building the Golden Spike Site*

**Jim Harper** – *Handlaying Track*

**Stan Jennings** – *Eureka Hill Railroad*

**Gil Bennet** – *Backdrop Painting*

**William Hughes** – *Tree Making*

**Daland Speirs** – *LED Lighting for your Layout*

Beyond June, check out the website for upcoming clinics:

<http://northernutahnmra.org/meeting-info/>

### Help Me Promote the Division



Getting the word out can be daunting at times. I have been in the media business for more than thirty years. My job for the Division is to promote the activities of the Northern Utah Division, (such as meeting dates, information about up-coming clinics, etc.) to the magazines, E-publications like Model Railroad Hobbyist, and who ever might have an "audience" of train lovers. Many of these publications work up to four months in advance, meaning if you want to get it in their publication, for say the Sept. 2014 issue, I have to submit the material no later than June 15th as an example.

As you can see, if you have an up coming clinic or information about a Division activity of any kind, I need to receive it ASAP. Your kind and timely input will be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance. 😊

Steve Moore,  
Division Marketing  
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[Editor comment] Steve has done a great job getting the word out to publications about our special run division club cars. We have already had people from outside our area placing orders online!

<http://northernutahnmra.org/club-car/>



**June.** See the convention website if you want to operate in June. <http://gsl2014.org/ops-sessions/>

There are a few spots left. Contact Jack at [jack.r.chase@gmail.com](mailto:jack.r.chase@gmail.com). No experience necessary.

This is a great chance to operate on Ted York's layout that has been featured in *Tracks Ahead* and a number of train magazines. Rob Spangler and Gary Petersen have a couple spots left as well. As of last night there was one spot left at Quintin Foster's.

**Hurry and email Jack. This is a great opportunity not to miss!!!**

Jack Chase  
Crew Master  
DOGs of the Northern Utah Division of the NMRA

**Golden Spike National Historic Site Trip and Convention Cars**



**Convention Golden Spike National Historic Site Trip, June 19, 2014**

We have been promised a reenactment (not usually preformed on Thursday) and a shop tour (rarely offered.) We will have a bus-only layout tour of Lee Nicolas' suburb (and newly expanded) model railroad on the return trip. A box lunch, drinks and a special desert are included.

There are only three seats remaining so hurry and sign up!



**Convention Cars**

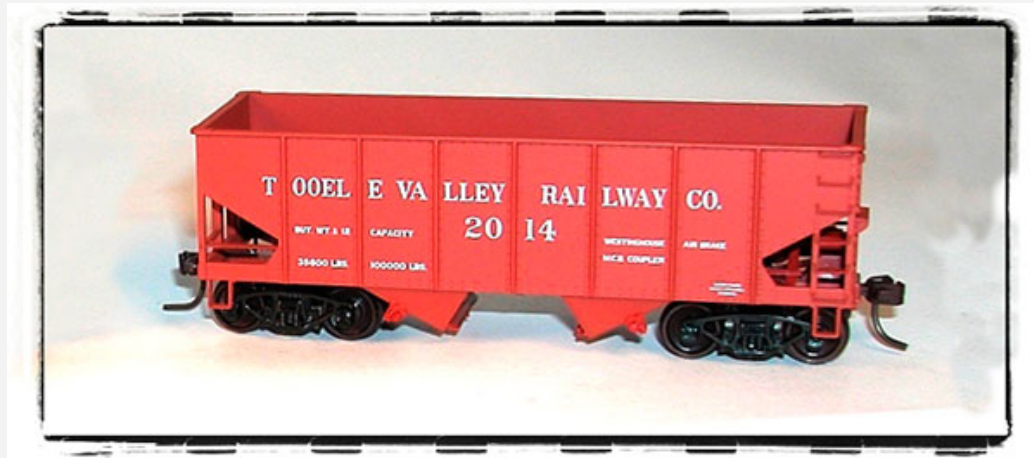
The new convention cars -- the green Saltair boxcars and Tooele Valley hoppers -- will be available at the convention. If you have already committed to one or more, you may pick up and pay for them at the convention. If you have not committed to any, contact Stan -- 801-967-0999 -- it is possible we will sell out at the Convention. (Twenty-two green Saltair boxcars and nineteen Tooele Valley hoppers are already committed -- only forty-eight of each car are available.)

If you have committed to an oxide Saltair boxcar and/or a Salt Lake & Utah gondola please pay for and pick them up at the convention if possible.

Only one oxide Saltair boxcar and two Salt Lake & Utah gondolas from the earlier runs are left uncommitted.

Remember, renumbering decals are available for all cars, see us at the convention or a meeting.





## Achievement Program



Don't forget to bring some models to the upcoming convention. If you are still working on something, hurry and get it done! I know it feels great to finish one I've been working on for more than a decade! I took some pictures of it outside and I love how it looks! My next goal is to work on the supporting buildings and finish the module I made for them all and, and, and,.....

There's always so much to do but I have found the AP Program helps me to narrow the focus to half a dozen things at a time, instead of a full dozen! 😎

Let me know how I can help you. One thing I will be doing (with a couple other guys) is learning how to judge models at the convention. This way I can be more informed when it comes time to helping you with your own models.

If you are not interested in having your model "AP Judged" that is fine, bring it anyway! There is a popular vote contest. I remember one of my first conventions I brought two models but left them in the car at first to just check out things. I'm glad I brought them in because I took home two awards! It was pretty cool. It's been awhile since I've been able to go to a convention (and the last few I didn't have anything ready to bring) so I'm excited this one is so close!

Bring something you are proud of and share it with the rest of us and let's enjoy the journey together.

Jim Wanlass  
AP Chairman  
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## The Club Car



There are many model railroading clubs and organizations within the Northern Utah Division territory. Rather than listing them all here go to our website and you will find a list of them. If there are any corrections please let us know so we can update and keep it as current as possible!  
[admin@northernutahnmra.org](mailto:admin@northernutahnmra.org)

<http://northernutahnmra.org/local-clubs/>



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

## 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.

ATK Imax Theater at Clark Planetarium

40 Min program shown multiple times daily thru Apr 3rd

[clarkplanetarium.org/shows/rocky-mountain-express/](http://clarkplanetarium.org/shows/rocky-mountain-express/)

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## Golden Spike Limited 2014

June 19-22, 2014

***This will be an event you will not want to miss!***

For more information and to register go to <http://gsl2014.org>

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## Evanston Train Show

August 1st thru 3rd. For more information goto:

<http://roundhouserestoration.net>

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## Wasatch Rails 2014

November 7th, 8th, & 9th

Utah State Fairpark

Step up and volunteer to help make this the most successful Train Show sponsored by the Division in many years. Contact Alan Anderson.—[alan.anderson66@gmail.com](mailto:alan.anderson66@gmail.com). Come on, this is your division and your reputation that is on the line. Don't just stand there... lend a hand. It's fun and rewarding, I promise.

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## National Train Day



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Saturday, May 10th, the day before Mother's Day, saw a crew from the Northern Utah Division of the NMRA at the Historic Ogden Union Depot to help celebrate the depot's 90th Anniversary as well as National Train Day. Fred Baney brought his timesaver and a collection of HO scale Union Pacific steam locomotives. He had fun explaining some of the history of steam locomotives used by that railroad. He had a replica of engine 119, used at the historic driving of the Golden Spike at Promontory Summit, joining the eastern and western lines of the first transcontinental railroad. To gain a perspective of the relative scale of early steam locomotives with the behemoths used at the end, Fred had the 119 sitting right next to a Big Boy. He had lots of customers lined up to try their hand at being an engineer and switchman at his timesaver layout. Fred tells us the kids loved the timesaver and he had a good time. Ron Davies brought his iPad with some video clips of the Hollywood movie Union Pacific, as well as other video clips.

Janet Jennings was there taking registration forms for the Rocky Mountain Region Convention, the Golden Spike Limited 2014, being hosted by the Division Jun 19th thru 22nd, as well as selling off the last of the convention boxcars and gondolas.

Stan Jennings had a video display of historic Utah railroad photographs, some Utah-related models and played the part of the roving host, talking to people about the convention, the NMRA, and the Division. He also saw that all the exhibitors had a supply of convention flyers. Jack Chase brought a complete, sceniced Z-Scale layout and had trains running the entire length of the celebration. Jack assisted Stan as a roving host.

Geoff Carter brought up a second timesaver module and was able to make many a kid happy by allowing them to not only watch the trains, but to operate them as well. We only ran a couple of full timesaver sessions before we realized it was taking more time than the parents were willing to stand and watch their kids play. So we had them do a couple of simple car movements before the next in line had a chance.



During the day, we had visits from some of the other members of the Division. Among those were Schon Norris and his family (his little brother had a blast running the trains); Rick Luther, who you will be glad to note is alive and well; Jim Wanlass stopped by and took some pictures for our Facebook page... go take a look, and Steve Moore.

I think all who attended had a great time and count this as one of the many successful events the Northern Utah Division of the NMRA has participated in. The next big event is the Convention in June. If you haven't signed up already, what in the heck are you waiting for? Consider this an engraved invitation to join us.

For more pictures see our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nutahnmra/>



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