

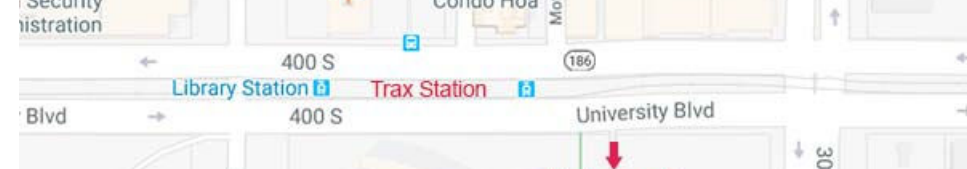


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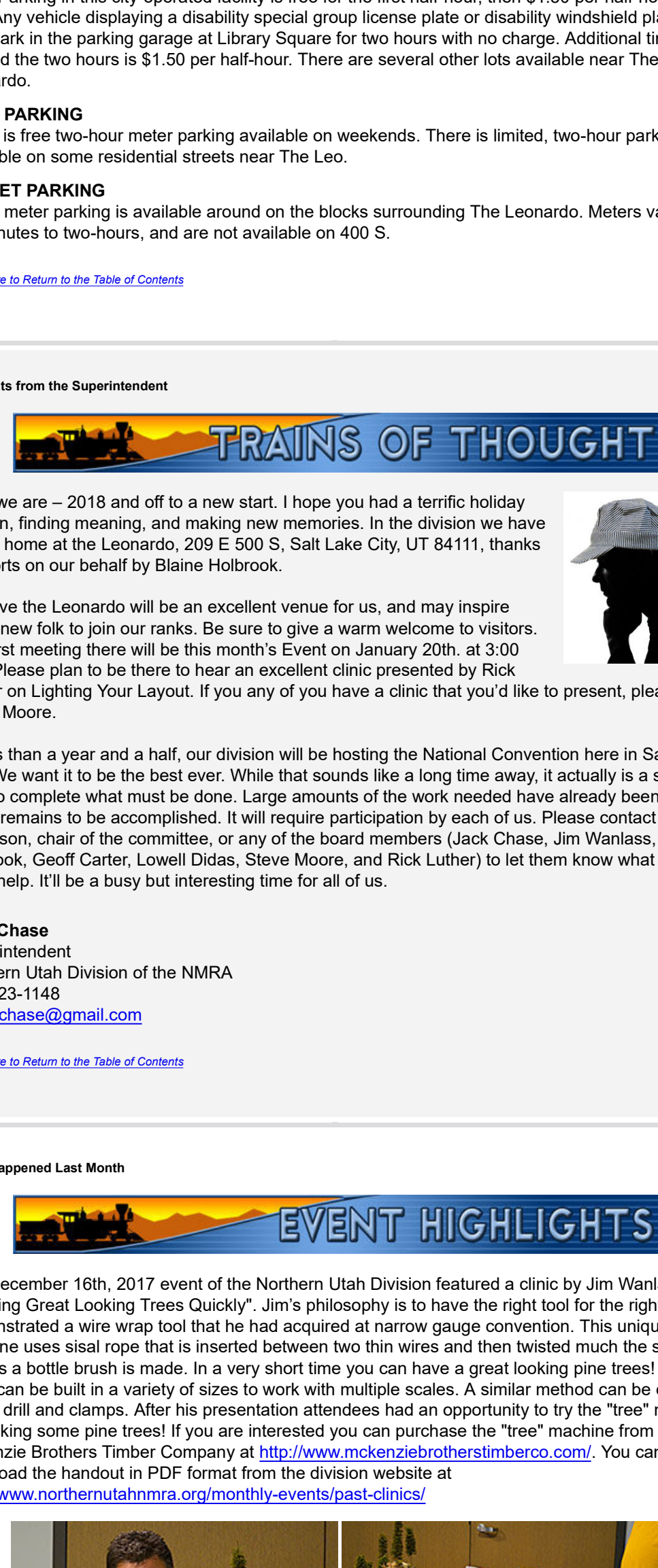
Meeting Notice



PLEASE NOTE!

The Event this month will be held at the new location from 3PM - 5PM.

Leonardo Museum
209 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, UT



PAID PARKING
An underground parking facility can be accessed from eastbound 400 South between 200 and 300 East. Parking in this city-operated facility is free for the first half-hour, then \$1.50 per half-hour after that. Any vehicle displaying a disability special group license plate or disability windshield placard may park in the parking garage at Library Square for two hours with no charge. Additional time beyond the two hours is \$1.50 per half-hour. There are several other lots available near The Leonardo.

FREE PARKING
There is free two-hour meter parking available on weekends. There is limited, two-hour parking available on some residential streets near The Leo.

STREET PARKING
Street meter parking is available around on the blocks surrounding The Leonardo. Meters vary from 30-minutes to two-hours, and are not available on 400 S.

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Thoughts from the Superintendent



Here we are – 2018 and off to a new start. I hope you had a terrific holiday season, finding meaning, and making new memories. In the division we have a new home at the Leonardo, 209 E 500 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, thanks to efforts on our behalf by Blaine Holbrook.

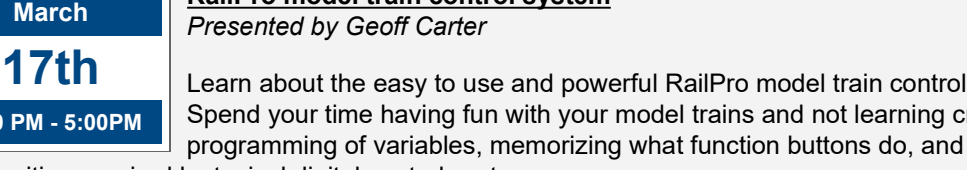
I believe the Leonardo will be an excellent venue for us, and may inspire some new folk to join our ranks. Be sure to give a warm welcome to visitors. Our first meeting there will be this month's event on January 20th, at 3:00 p.m. Please plan to be there to hear an excellent clinic presented by Rick Luther Lighting Your Layout. If you or any of you have a clinic that you'd like to present, please see Steve Moore.

In less than a year and a half, our division will be hosting the National Convention here in Salt Lake City. We want it to be the best ever. While that sounds like a long time away, it actually is a short time to complete what must be done. Large amounts of the work needed have already been done, much remains to be accomplished. It will require participation by each of us. Please contact Alan Anderson, chair of the committee, or any of the third members (Jack Chase, Jim Wanlass, Blaine Holbrook, Geoff Carter, Lowell Oidas, Steve Moore, and Rick Luther) to let them know what you plan to do help. It'll be a busy but interesting time for all of us.

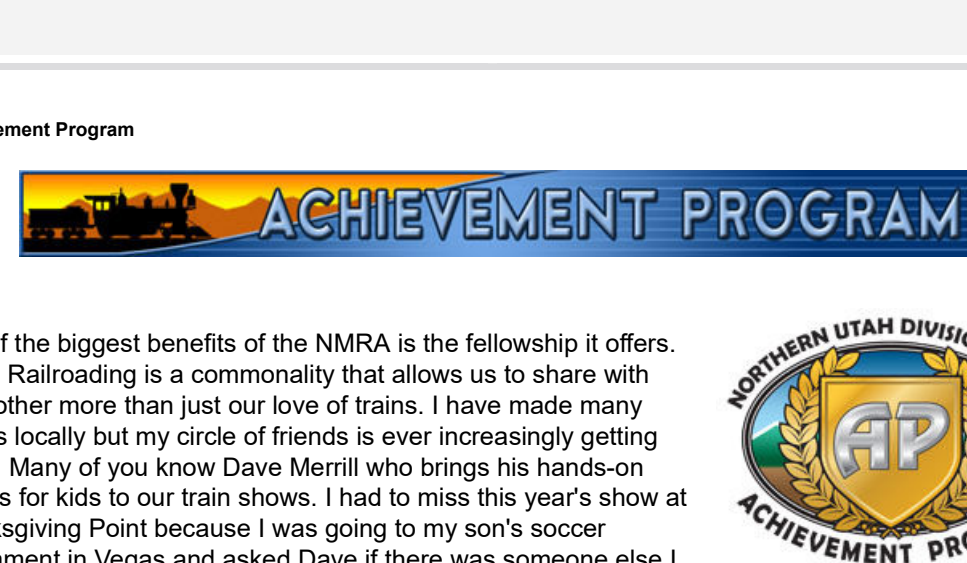
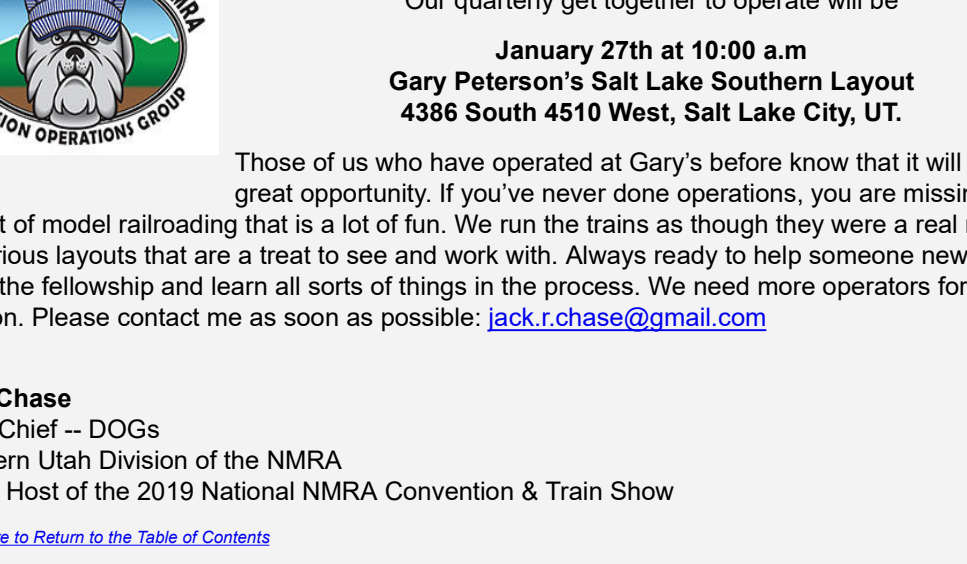
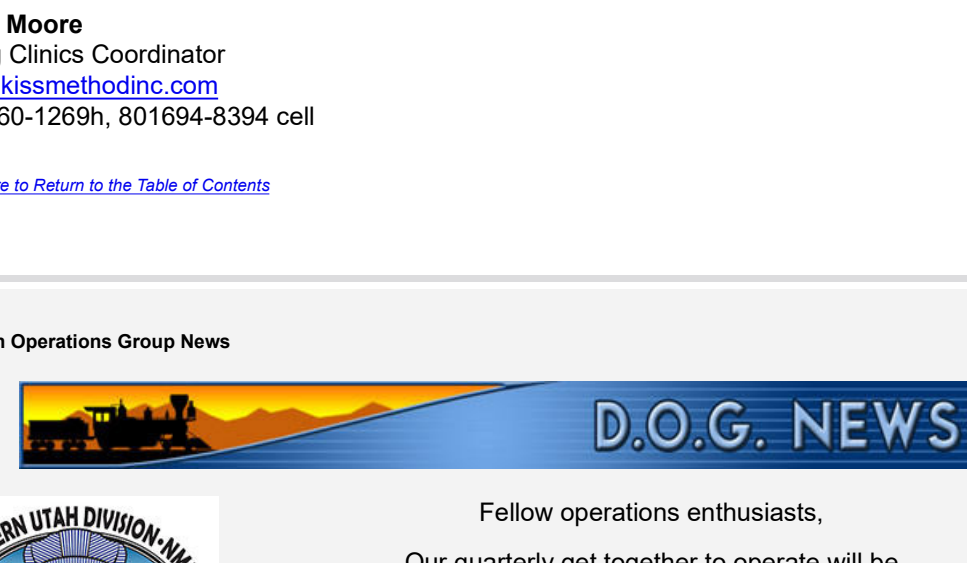
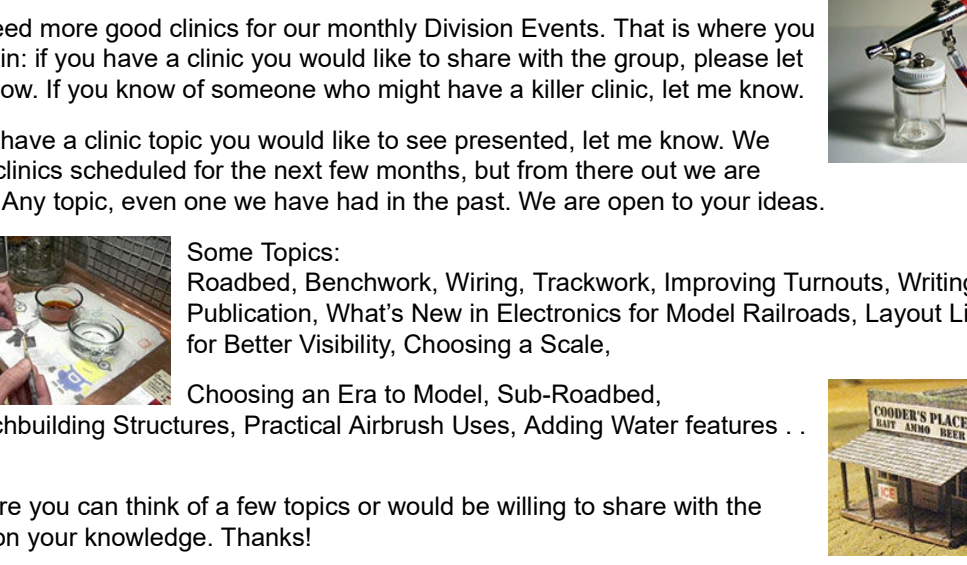
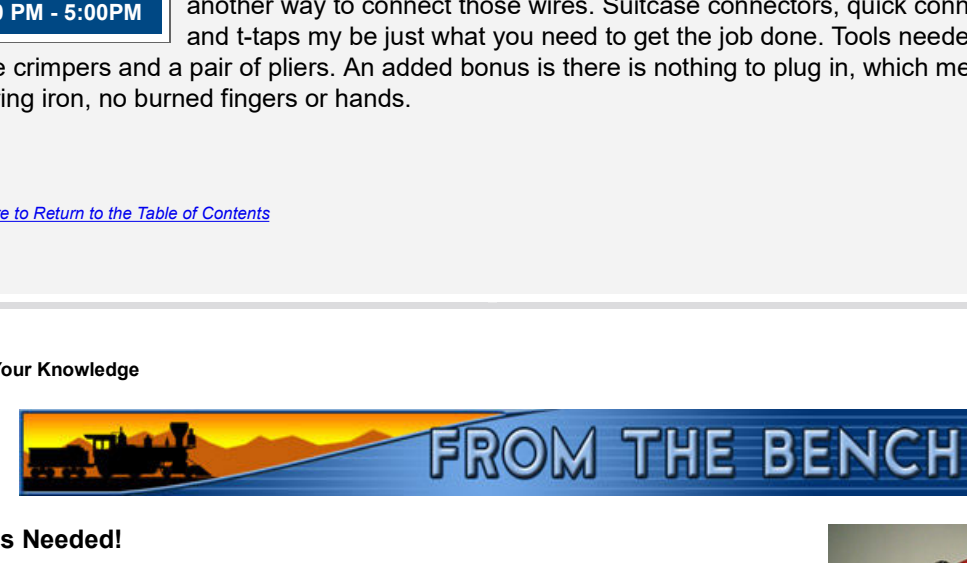
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What Happened Last Month

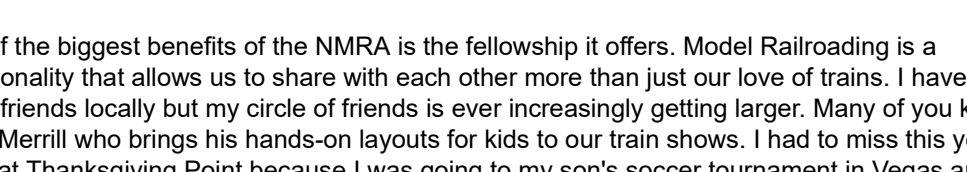


The December 16th, 2017 event of the Northern Utah Division featured a clinic by Jim Wanlass on "Building Great Looking Trees Quickly". Jim's philosophy is to have the right tool for the right job. He demonstrated a wire wrap tool that he had acquired at narrow gauge convention. This unique machine uses a steel rope that is inserted between the two wires and then twisted much the same way as a bottle brush is made. In a very short time you can have a great looking pine tree! These trees can be built in a variety of sizes to work with multiple scales. A similar method can be done with a drill and clamps. After his presentation attendees had an opportunity to try the "tree" machine by making some pine trees! If you are interested you can purchase the "tree" machine from McKenzie Brothers Timber Company at <http://www.mckenziebrotherslimberco.com/>. You can download the handout in PDF format from the division website at <http://www.northernutahnmra.org/monthly-events/past-clinic/>



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Learn Something New



January 20th
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Light your layout with the "Just-Plug" lighting system
Presented by Rick Luther

An introduction to the Woodland Scenics "Just-Plug" lighting system. Learn how to add lights to your buildings and install street lights with ease using this simple system. Also includes tips on how to add your own LED's, wiring and power.

February 17th
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Making Sage Brush
Presented by Blaine Holbrook

Learn how to create realistic sage brush to give your layout that distinctive look of the western United States.

March 17th
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
RailPro model train control system
Presented by Geoff Carter

Learn about the easy to use and powerful RailPro model train control system. Spend your time having fun with your model trains and not learning cryptic programming of variables, remembering what function buttons do, and other complexities required by typical digital control systems.

April 21st
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Time Saver Layouts and More
Presented by Jim Wanlass MMR, Fred Baney and Geoff Carter

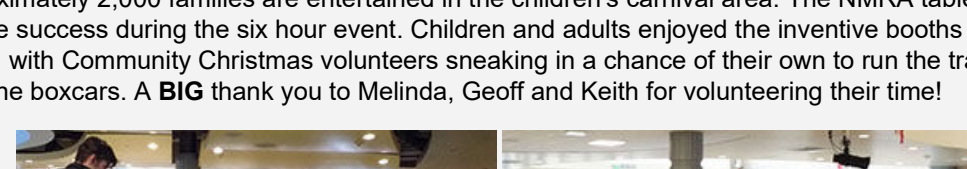
If you like puzzles or operation, you will love this. Let them show you all the tricks to more fun.

May 19th
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
3M Electrical Connectors, an alternative to soldering
Presented by Lowell Oidas

If you're not too confident in wiring your layout, or soldering skills, there is another way to connect those wires. Sullitcase connectors, quick connects, and t-taps my be just what you need to get the job done. Tools needed: a pair of wire crimpers and a pair of pliers. An added bonus is there is nothing to plug in, which means no soldering on, no burned fingers or hands.

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Share Your Knowledge



Clinics Needed!
We need more good clinics for our monthly Division Events. That is where you come in! If you have a clinic you would like to share with the group, please let me know. If you know of someone who might have a killer clinic, let me know.

If you have a clinic topic you would like to present, let me know. We have clinics scheduled for the next few months, but from there out we are open. Any topic, even one we have had in the past. We are open to your ideas.

Some Topics:
Roadbed, Benchwork, Wiring, Trackwork, Improving Turnouts, Writing for Publication, What's New in Electronics for Model Railroads, Layout Lighting for Better Visibility, Choosing a Scale.

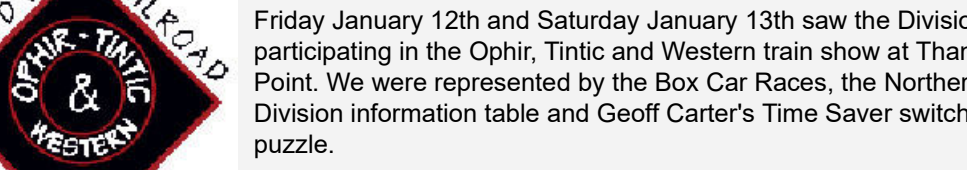
Choosing an Era to Model, Sub-Roadbed, Scratchbuilding Structures, Practical Airbrush Uses, Layout Features

I'm sure you can think of a few topics or would be willing to share with the Division's coordinator. Thanks!

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Division Operations Group News



Follow operations enthusiasts,
Our quarterly get together to operate will be
January 27th at 10:00 am
Gary Peterson's Salt Lake Northern Layout
4386 South 4510 West, Salt Lake City, UT.

Those of us who have operated at Gary's before know that it will be a great opportunity. If you have never done operations, you are missing an aspect of model railroading that is a lot of fun. We run the trains as though they were a real railroad, on various layouts that are a treat to see and work with. Always ready to help someone new, we offer the fellowship and learn all sorts of things in the process. Please contact Gary for this session. Please contact me as soon as possible: jack_r_chase@nmra.com

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Crew Chief – DOGs
Northern Utah Division of the NMRA
Proud Host of the 2019 National NMRA Convention & Train Show
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Achievement Program



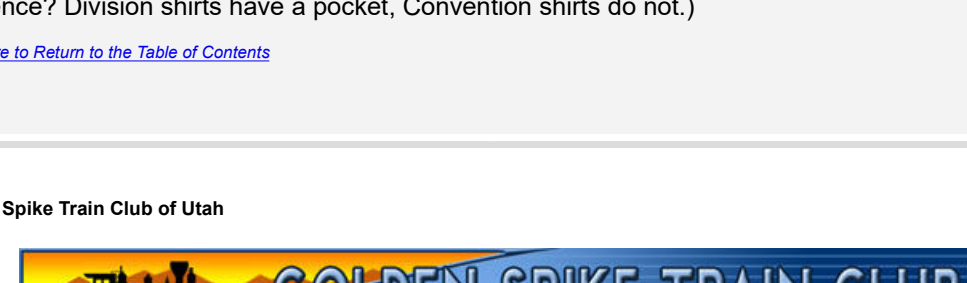
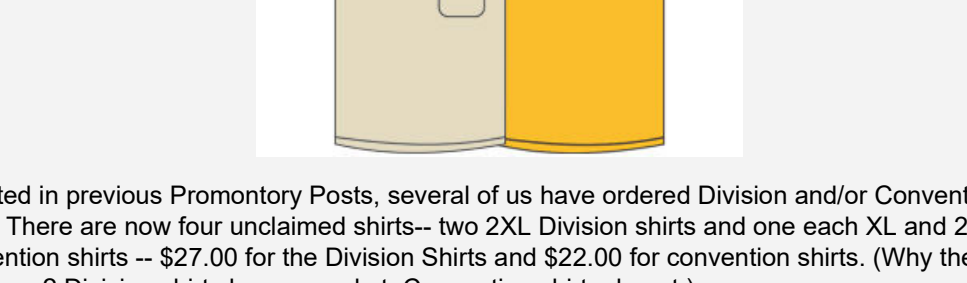
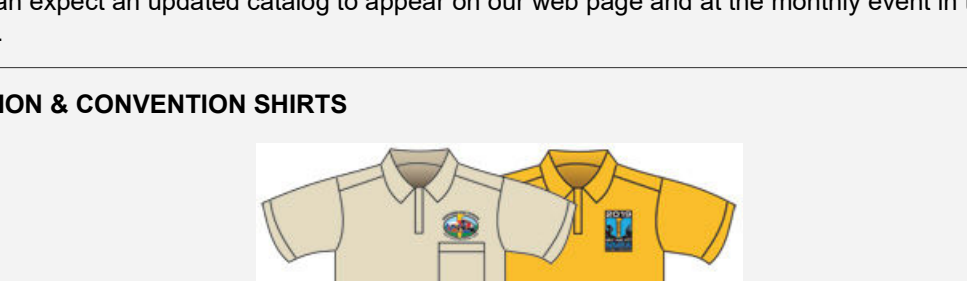
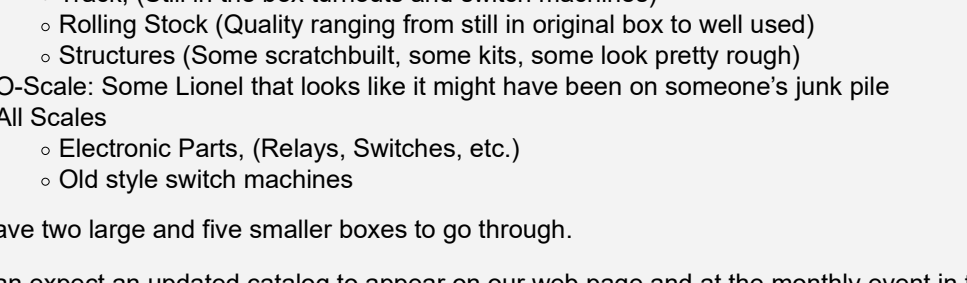
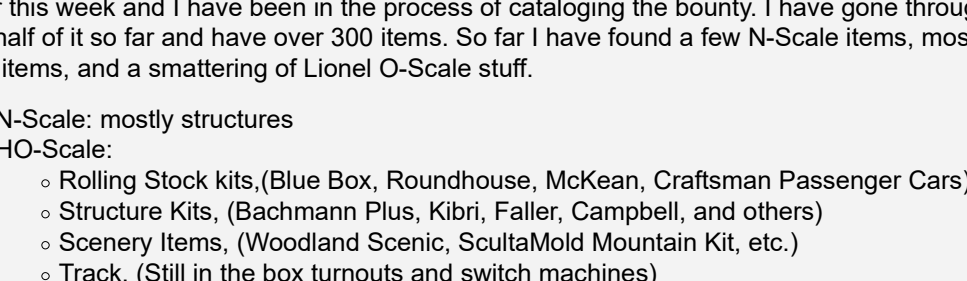
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I do realize that the AP isn't for everyone but I also know that it has helped me become a better modeler and I want everyone to have that opportunity as well. I have also learned a lot from helping others on this journey. Dave's layout is the perfect example of a medium sized layout that isn't too large that it will never be done and big enough that he can have ops sessions with several operators and have plenty of work to keep him busy for a number of years. It is also a great example of how someone can "work on their railroad" and eventually earn their MMR without having to be their primary focus. I believe his focus has been to have fun and as a bonus will be able to earn his MMR!

Let me know how I can help you and I will answer any questions you have. If you have completed something recently, bring it to the monthly Division Events and share it with us. That way we can enjoy the journey together!

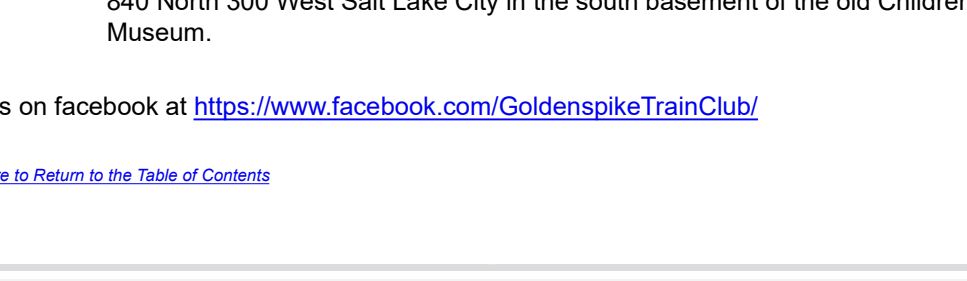


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8th Annual Community Christmas

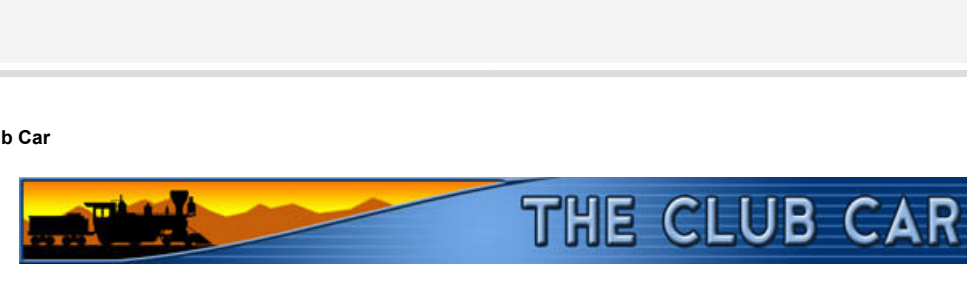
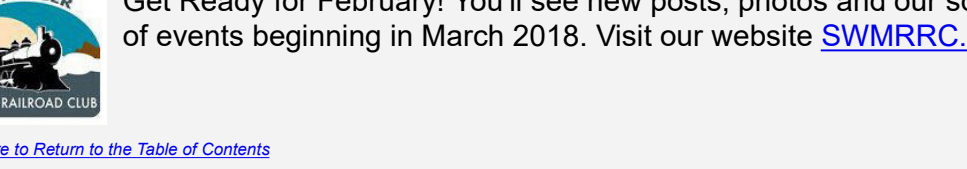


The Northern Utah Division's hands-on kids activities traveled to North Ogden, with the help of Melinda Watson, Geoff Carter and Keith Oskins, for the 8th annual Community Christmas. The event assists poverty and homeless families of Weber and Davis Counties with Christmas gifts, coats and hats, and canned food for the season. While parents "shop" for items, the children of approximately 1,000 families are entertained on the trains as they travel through the layout. The NMRA tables were a huge success during the six hour event. Children and adults enjoyed the inventive booths for hours, with Community Christmas volunteers sneaking in a chance of their own to run the trains and race the boxcars. A BIG thank you to Melinda, Geoff and Keith for volunteering their time!



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2019 NMRA National Convention

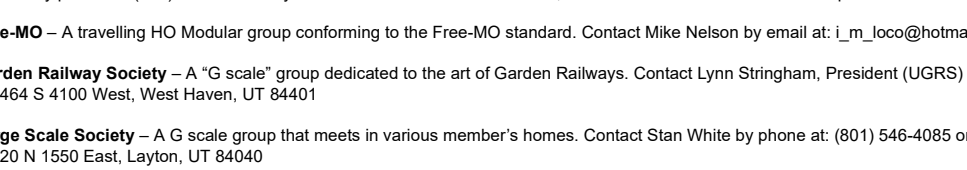


The 2019 National Convention Committee has been meeting every month since January and is working hard setting up budgets, clinics, layout tours, Prototype Rail, Non-Rail Tours and updating our brochure. We will have a look at the 2017 convention in Orlando promoting the 2019 Convention. We are now booking for a volunteers to assist at the 2019 convention. These volunteers will be needed to help with various activities during the convention. They will help with pre-registration, registration, tours helpers, setting up clinics, directing people to various activities, the silent auction and general help for whatever is needed. If you are interested please sign-up at our monthly event or at the link below.

<http://go.ap/forms/cskYYd8t>

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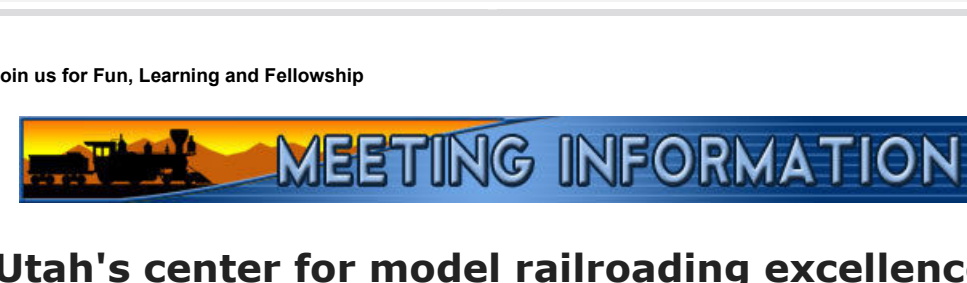
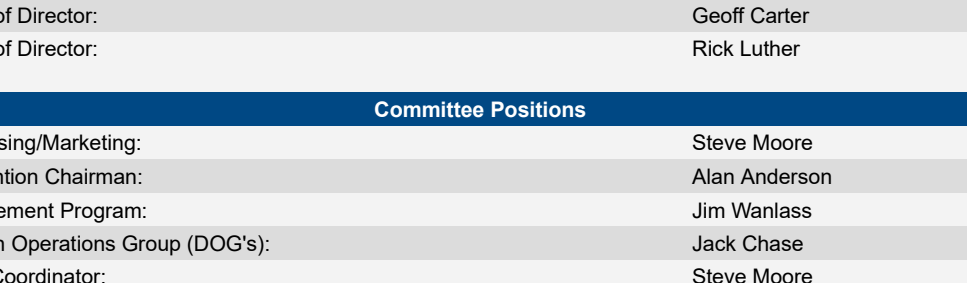
Division News Items



27TH ANNUAL MODEL TRAIN SHOW
Friday January 12th and Saturday January 13th saw the Division participating in the 27th Annual Model Train Show at the Salt Lake Convention Center. We were represented by the Box Car Races, the Northern Utah Division information table and Geoff Carter's Time Saver switching puzzle.

It was great to see all of our friends and acquaintances at the show; see the improvements to the modular layouts; and pick up a few bargains from the vendors.

We couldn't have done it without you, so a special thanks to Pete Harmon, Lou Anderson, Neil Mahoney, Grace Mahoney, Rick Luther, Mike Nelson, Jack Chase, Steve Moore, David Pendell, Fred Baney, Janet Jennings, Blaine Holbrook, and Geoff Carter for providing us with a few hours of your time. We had fun. Look for the next opportunity to serve at the Winter Palooza coming up in February... more info to follow.



Upcoming Train shows and Conventions

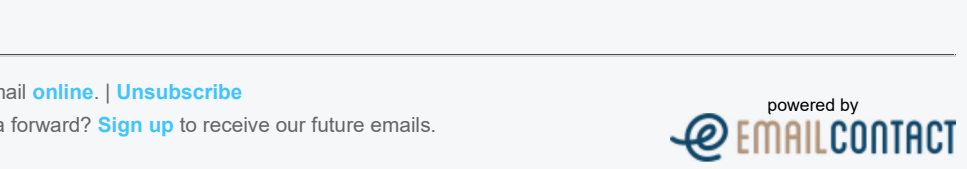
Hosters Model Railroad 2018 Festival
Ogden Union Station
25th Street and Park Avenue
Friday 3pm - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 9:30am - 3pm

Rocky Mountain Train Show at The Denver Mart
Denver Mart
451 East 58th Ave
Denver, CO 80216
Sat 10 AM - 5 PM
Sun 10 AM - 4:00 PM

2-1/2 acre Train Extravaganza
Adults and Kids 12 and over - \$10.00
Kids Under 12, Scouts in Uniform and Active Duty Military with ID - FREE

Rocky Mountain Region 2018 Convention
Cheyenne Express
May 19-20, 2018
Cheyenne, Wyoming
Details coming soon!

NEW DONATIONS FOR SALE!



Our catalog of items for sale has just grown significantly. Two carloads of stuff arrived at my house earlier this week and I have been in the process of cataloging the bounty. I have gone through not quite half of it so far and have over 300 items. So far I have found a few N-Scale items, mostly HO-Scale items, and a smattering of Lionel O-Scale stuff.

N-Scale:
• N-Scale: mostly structures
• Rolling Stock kits (Blue Box, Roundhouse, McKean, Craftsman Passenger Cars)
• Structure Kits, (Bachmann Plus, Kibri, Falter, Campbell, and others)
• Scenery Items, (Woodland Scenic, ScatulaMod Mountain Kit, etc.)
• Track, (Still in the box turnouts and switch machines)
• Rolling Stock (Quality ranging from still in original box to well used)
• Structures (Some scratchbuilt, some kits, some look pretty rough)
• O-Scale: Some Lionel that looks like it might have been on someone's junk pile

All Scales:
• Electronic Parts, (Relays, Switches, etc.)
• Old style switch machines

Still have two large and five smaller boxes to go through.

You can expect an updated catalog to appear on our web page and at the monthly event in the near future.

DIVISION & CONVENTION SHIRTS

As noted in previous Promontory Posts, several of us have ordered Division and/or Convention shirts. There are now four unclaimed shirts-- two 2XL Division shirts and one each XL and 2XL Convention shirts-- \$27.00 for the Division Shirts and \$22.00 for convention shirts. (Why the price difference? Division shirts have a pocket, Convention shirts do not.)

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Golden Spike Train Club of Utah

The Golden Spike Train Club holds a public open house while running their trains for display at the state's largest static club layout!

Come down the Second Saturday of each month for our next open house from Noon to 4:00 PM (Extended hours this December from 11 AM to 5 PM)

840 North 300 West Salt Lake City in the south basement of the old Children's Museum.

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

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South Weber Model Railroad Club

Get Ready for February! You'll see new posts, photos and our schedule of events beginning in March 2018. Visit our website www.swnmrrc.org

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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. We are sure to find at least one of them that will meet your needs, no matter how big or small the layout.

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 me the name of your club, the scales you operate with your club, and how prospective members may contact your club.

Color Wheel Model Railroad Club - This multi-scale club is located in the Southern Utah Division in St. George, Utah. Contact Dave Merrill by email at colorwheelmrrc@gmail.com. Visit their website at <http://colorwheelmrrc.org/>

Golden Spike Train Club of Utah - This S scale club meets the first Friday of each month at various club member homes. Their newsletter contains the time and place. Call or text Buddy by phone at (801) 252-1021 or by email at jennedeb@colorwheelmrrc.com. Visit their website at <http://www.goldenspikeclubofutah.org>

Golden Spike American Flyer Train Club - This HO/N scale club meets the first Friday of each month at various club member homes. Their newsletter contains the time and place. Call or text Buddy by phone at (801) 252-1021 or by email at jennedeb@colorwheelmrrc.com. Visit their website at <http://www.goldenspikeclubofutah.org>

Great Basin Lipo Train Club - Add fans of LEGO. Meeting times and club info is posted on their website. Contact Reed Cowen by email at reed@colorwheelmrrc.com. Visit their website at <http://colorwheelmrrc.org/>

HO Scale Model Railroad Club - This HO scale club, including Live Steam, meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at Ogden's historic Union Station. Contact Mike Murphy by USPS mail at 752 W 4275 South, Riverside, UT 84403 or by phone at (801) 346-4950. Visit their website at <http://www.ho-scale.com/>

HO Scale Model Railroad Club - This HO scale club meets in various member's homes. Contact Stan White by phone at (801) 546-4085 or by USPS mail at 4406 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 4406 S 4100 West, West Haven, UT 84401

Utah Live Steaming Society - Formed in 2007 and in May of 2014 the name The Salt Lake and Utah Railroad Historical Society was added. Our railroad will be located in Dravot Springs - Ship Park, which encompasses 12 acres. The key feature is the abandoned railroad grade of the Salt Lake & Western Railroad (Salt Lake City). Our group will be 7' 6" and 8' scale live steam and diesel locomotives. There are 10,000 of us and we plan to have train operating by summer 2016. Anyone who wishes to help, please contact Mike at utahlivesteam@colorwheelmrrc.com or by phone at (801) 966-7411 or by mail at 512 Crockett Drive Kearns, Utah 84118. Visit their website at <http://www.utahlivesteam.org/>

Utah Free HO - A traveling HO Modular group conforming to the Free-MO standard. Contact Mike Nelson by email at u_ho@colorwheelmrrc.com

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