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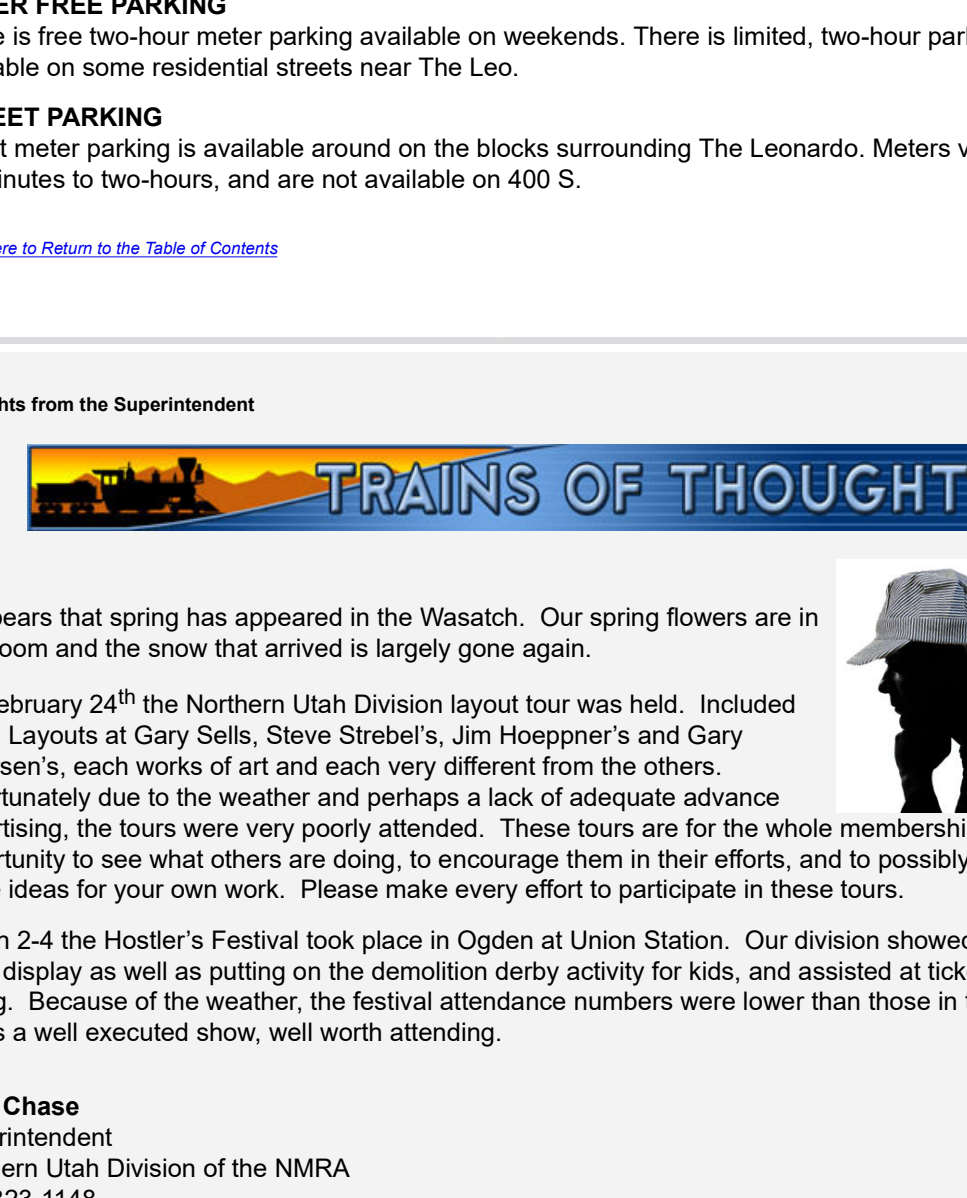
Meeting Notice



PLEASE NOTE!

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

Leonardo Museum
209 East 500 South
Salt Lake City, UT



NEW FREE PARKING AREA!
We found out often the Leonardo Museum has a parking lot behind the Utah State Board of Education building on 500 South. You need to drive down a narrow street off of 5th South at about the middle of the block.

OTHER 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



It appears that spring has appeared in the Wasatch. Our spring flowers are in full bloom and the snow that arrived is largely gone again.

On February 24th the Northern Utah Division layout tour was held. Included were Layouts at Gary Sells, Steve Strebel's, Jim Haggner's and Gary Petersen's, each works of art and each very different from the others.

Unfortunately due to the weather and perhaps a lack of adequate advance advertising, the tours were very poorly attended. These tours are for the whole membership, and an opportunity to see what others are doing, to encourage them in their efforts, and to possibly gain some ideas for your own work. Please make every effort to participate in these tours.

March 2-4 the Hostler's Festival took place in Ogden at Union Station. Our division showed our 2019 display as well as putting on the demolition derby activity for kids, and assisted at ticket taking. Because of the weather, the festival attendance numbers were lower than those in the past. It was a well executed show, well worth attending.

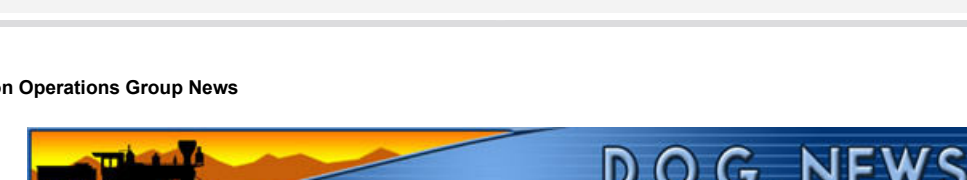
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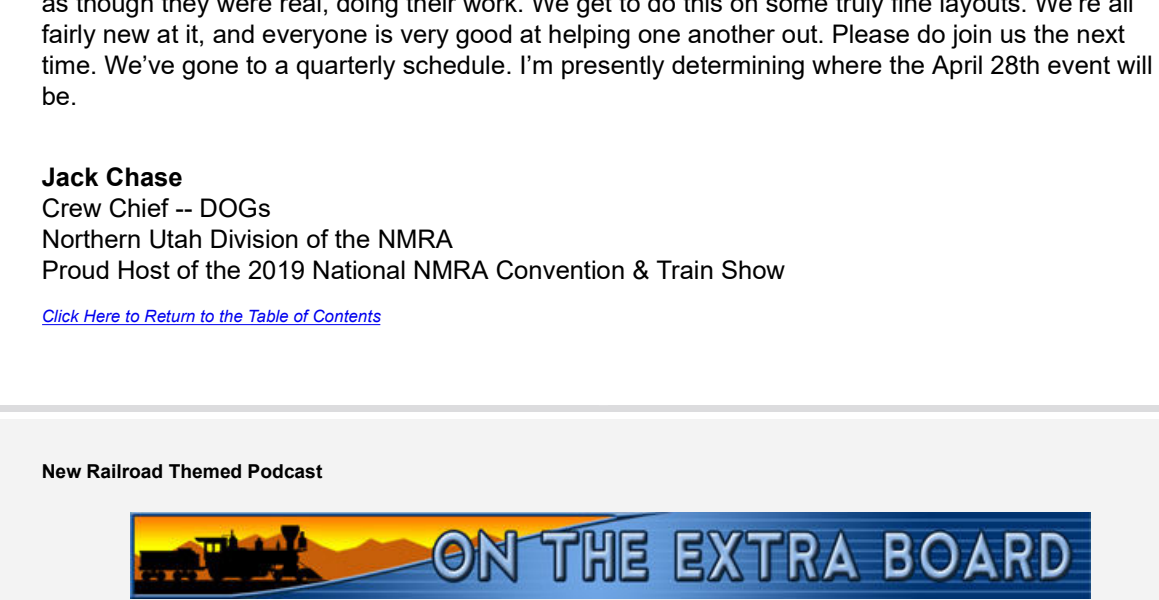
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What Happened Last Month



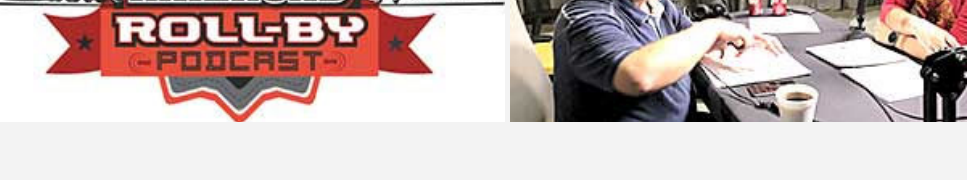
The February 17th, 2018 event of the Northern Utah Division featured a hands-on workshop for Blaine Holbrook on creating realistic sage brush to give your layout that distinctive look of the western United States. Blaine demonstrated some simple techniques and easy to use supplies for building a common plant for our layouts. All attendees had a chance to build these at the clinic.

Starting with Hemp rope you construct the individual branches by separating the fibers. Take a moment and decide if you need to trim your bush structure to reduce the size and or shape. After adding super glue to strengthen the branches, you paint the bush structure an appropriate color. Then its just a dip into this white glue and add a sage colored foam scenic material. You can download the handout/Powerpoint in PDF format from the division website at <http://www.northernutahnmra.org/monthly-events/past-clinics/>.



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Learn Something New



March 17th
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, memorizing what function buttons do, and other complexities required by typical digital control systems.

April 21st
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
3M Electrical Connectors, an alternative to soldering
Presented by Lowell Distas
If you're not too confident in wiring your layout, or soldering skills, there is another way to connect those wires. Solderless connectors, quick connects, wire crimpers and a pair of pliers. An added bonus is there is nothing to plug in, which means no soldering iron, no burned fingers or hands.

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Division Operations Group News



Fellow operations enthusiasts!

The Division Operating Group is your chance to try your hand at 'operating' – that is running trains as though they were real, doing their work. We get to do this on some truly fine layouts. We're all fairly new at it, and everyone is very good at helping one another. Please do join us next time. We've gone to a quarterly schedule. I'm presently determining where the April 28th event will be.

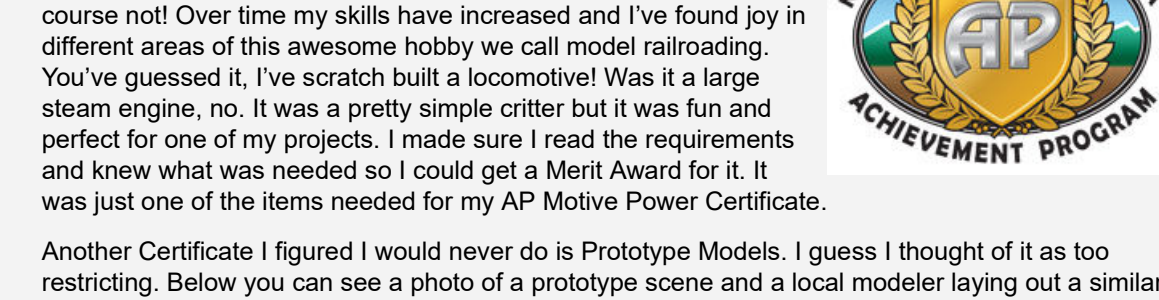
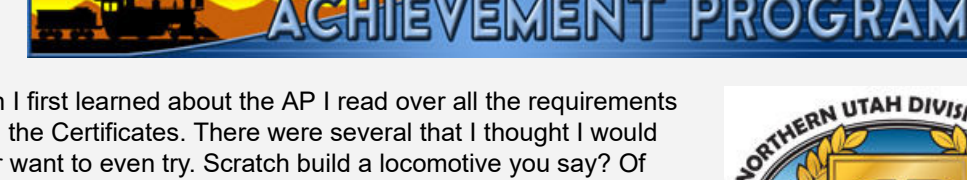
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Crew Chief - DOGs

Northern Utah Division of the NMRA
Proud Host of the 2019 National NMRA Convention & Train Show

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New Railroad Themed Podcast



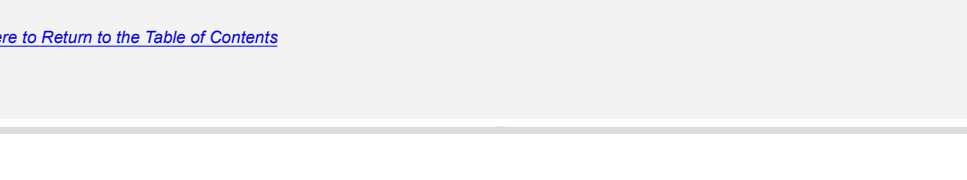
Our very own Schon Norris has joined forces with local radio personality, Todd Nukem, to produce a new prototype and model railroad podcast. This is a podcast for railfans and casual train enthusiasts that discusses current rail news and events, and model railroading. It will be a very interesting and entertaining show. Something for you to listen to while you are working on the layout or building that prize winning model. You can download the podcast from iTunes or go to the website listed below and listen on apple.

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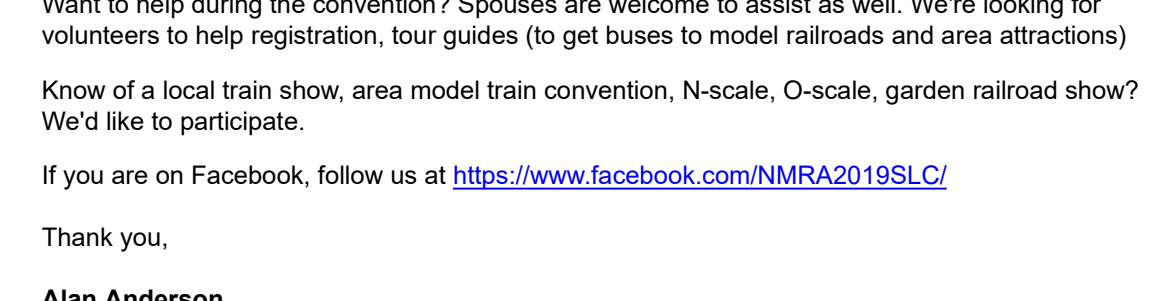
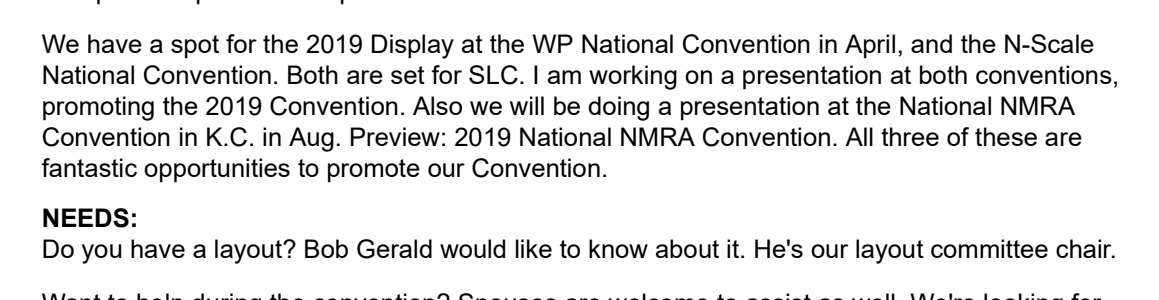
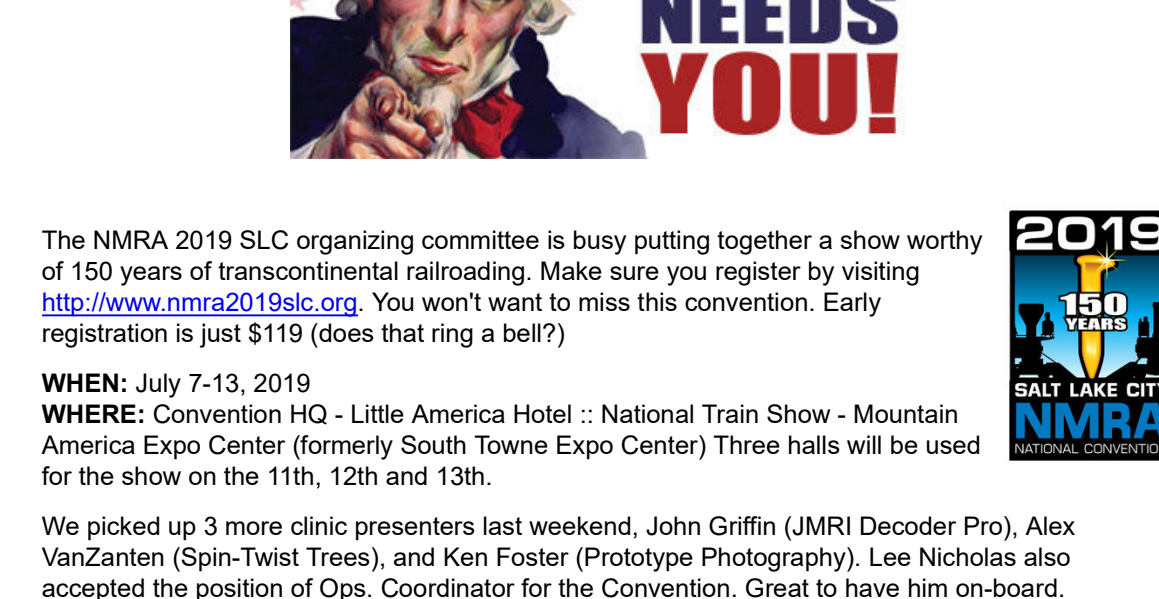
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Discovery Model Train Club

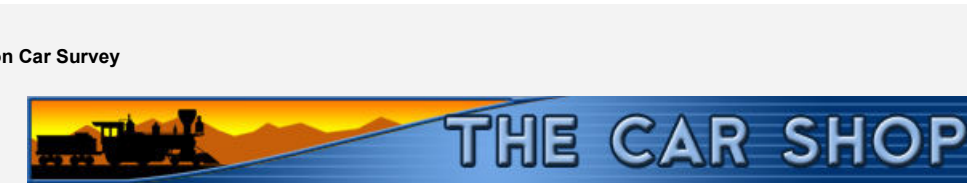


In addition to the Demolition Derby, Box Car Races, Locomotive Drag Race, Time Saver Switching Puzzles, we also have Pizza Box Layouts as part of our community outreach program to the general public. We need more folks to sign up as we need 30 layouts for display at the N Scale Convention. We have 40 under construction right now. The best 30 will make the show. Please sign up asap. I need to know how many of you are coming so I can arrange for materials to be ready. Here are the links to the next three clinics. These clinics are not only for young modelers, but the older children seem to enjoy themselves also (Jim Wanlass) If you are unable to attend the clinics please contact scenerying materials, N scale rolling stock and or locomotives, Pink/Bue foam board or even a cash donation. Please contact **Blaine Holbrook** at blaino1466@earthlink.net or call at 801-580-1459.



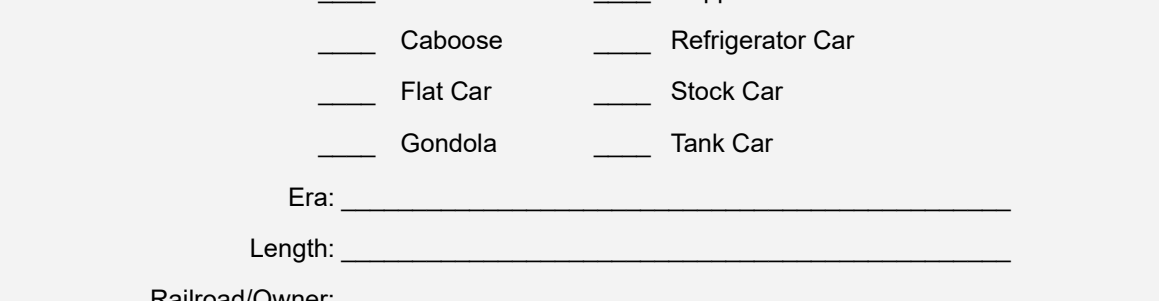
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Achievement Program



When I first learned about the AP I read over all the requirements for all the Certificates. There were several that I thought I would never want to even try. Scratch build a locomotive you say? Of course not! Over time my skills have increased and I've found joy in different areas of this awesome hobby we call model railroading. For you, I've scratched, I've scratch built a locomotive! Was it a little steam engine, no, it was a pretty simple critter but it was fun and perfect for one of my projects. I made sure I read the requirements and knew what was needed so I could get a Merit Award for it. It was just one of the items needed for my AP Motive Power Certificate.

Another Certificate I figured I would never do is Prototype Models. I guess I thought of it as too restricting. Below you can see a photo of a prototype scene and a local modeler laying out a similar scene on his layout. I guess I could see myself maybe doing the same type of thing one day. I have built a couple of structures from scratch using prototype photos that I took. It's just a matter of using a photograph as a blueprint for a whole scene instead of just a single structure.



I know there are a lot of great modelers in our Division. Why not try your hand at the Prototype Models Certificate, or just getting a Merit Award just by doing a single structure by scratch? I have to be honest, I don't have to feel the pressure of trying to get your MMR. Just do something simple. I'd like to see a few more people getting involved. Take the challenge and do just one thing in the Achievement Program. Feeling overwhelmed like you don't know where to start? Let's talk and I'll help you with ideas. I know I don't know everything but I can say "Been there, done that!" I can give you ideas about where to start and most likely, you already have started! As we share ideas and photos we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Wanlass, MMR #585

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2019 NMRA National Convention



THE DIVISION NEEDS YOU!

The NMRA 2019 SLC organizing committee is busy putting together a show worthy of 150 years of transcontinental railroad history. The Northern Utah Division is a proud member of the organizing committee. You won't want to miss this convention. Early registration is just \$119 (does that ring a bell?)

WHERE: July 7-13, 2019
WHEN: Convention HQ - Little America Hotel - National Train Show - Mountain America Expo Center (Formerly South Town Expo Center) Three halls will be used for the show on the 11th, 12th and 13th.

We picked up 1 more clinic presenters last weekend. John Griffin (JMRI Decoder Pro), Alex Varzantin (Spin-Twist Trees), and Ken Foster (Prototype Photography). Lee Nicholas also accepted the position of Ops. Coordinator for the Convention. Great to have him on-board.

We have a spot for the 2019 Display at the WP National Convention in April, and the N-Scale National Convention. Both are set for SLC. (Open Houses are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 12-4 pm. Contact Mark Forslund by email at 801-545-8561 Visit their website at <http://www.nmra.org>)

promoting the 2019 Convention. Also we will have a presentation at the National NMRA Convention in K.C. in Aug. Preview: 2019 National NMRA Convention. All three of these are fantastic opportunities to promote our Convention.

NEEDS:

Do you have a layout? Bob Gerald would like to know about it. He's our division chair. Want to help during the convention? Spouses are welcome to assist as well. We're looking for volunteers to help registration, tour guides (to get buses to model railroads and area attractions) Know of a local train shop, area model train convention, N-scale, O-scale, garden railroad show? We'd like to participate.

If you are on Facebook, follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/NMRA2019SLC/>

Thank you,

Alan Anderson

2019 Convention Chairman

Northern Utah Division member

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Division Car Survey



Northern Utah Division 2019 Division Car Survey

The Northern Utah Division produces cars as fund-raisers. The Division has no dues (other than being a NMRA member) and by doing a simple limited-run cars (usually 48) it helps raise money for our activities and events.

For the last five years, each Division Car has sold out.

2013- Wasatch Beers Polygram Porter (48) Accurail 40' Wood-Sided Refrigerator Car
2014- Saffler (SLCW) Boxcar Accurail 40' Double Sheath Wood Boxcar
2015- Fisher Beer Beer Accurail 40' Steel Pull Door Refrigerator Car
2016- Utah Poultry Producers Association (NAXD) Accurail 40' Wood-Sided Refrigerator Car
2017- Denver & Salt Lake Refrigerator Car (DSL) Accurail 40' Wood-Sided Refrigerator Car

We are seeking our member's input for the 2018 Division Car so let us know what car you would like us to consider.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| _____ Baggage Car | _____ Passenger Car |
| _____ Box Car | _____ Hopper |
| _____ Caboose | _____ Refrigerator Car |
| _____ Flat Car | _____ Stock Car |
| _____ Gondola | _____ Tank Car |

Era: _____

Length: _____

Railroad/Owner: _____

Other comments/details about the car you would like to see: _____

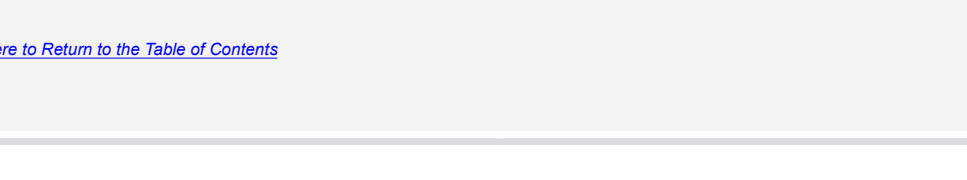
Name: _____ Contact: _____

Note: Due to the minimum number of cars we have to order, Division Cars are HO scale as the majority of members model in this scale.

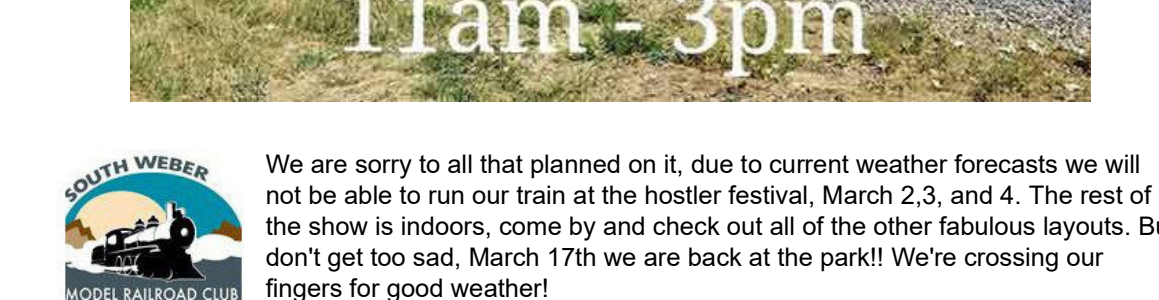
Please print and return this survey to Lou Anderson, either in person or at loulasqr@icloud.com.

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Division News Items

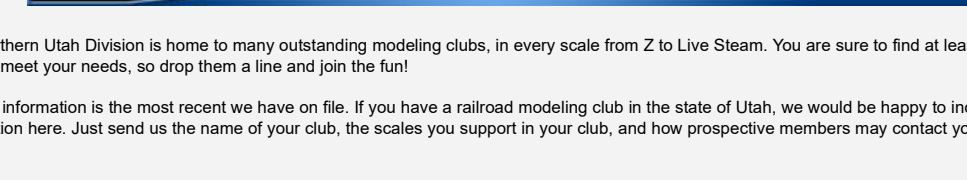


The division had a strong showing recently at the 2018 Hostlers Model Railroad Festival in Ogden. To promote our own 2018 Intermountain Expo as well as our Division events and activities, we had the crowd favorite setup, the Demolition Derby. The 2018 NMRA National Convention booth was also there to promote our upcoming convention. Thanks to everyone volunteered to cover both areas!



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BREAKING NEWS!



The Hobby Stop, LC in OREM is MOVING!
They are moving 3 miles north of their current location to
934 North State Street #101
Ogden, Utah

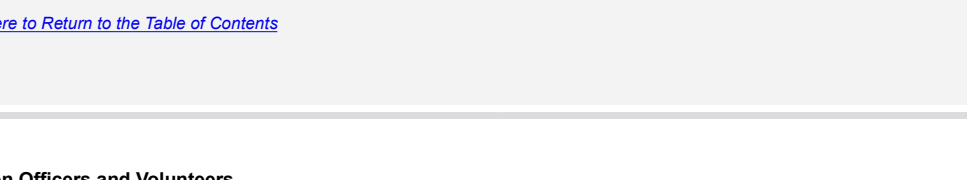
This is just north of the other Artby's. A soft opening will be happening in mid April with their grand re-opening on 4/21. I am happy to see them back in town. I have gone through not quite half of it so far and have over 300 items. So far I have found a few N-Scale items, mostly HO-Scale items, and a smattering of Lionel O-Scale stuff.

- N-Scale: mostly structures
 - HO-Scale:
 - Rolling Stock kits (Blue Box, Roundhouse, McName, Craftsman Passenger Cars)
 - Structure Kits, (Bachmann Plus, Kibri, Falier, Campbell, and others)
 - Scenery Items, (Woodland Scenic, Sculacraft Model Mountain Kit, etc.)
 - Track, (Still in the box turnouts and scenery items)
 - 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.

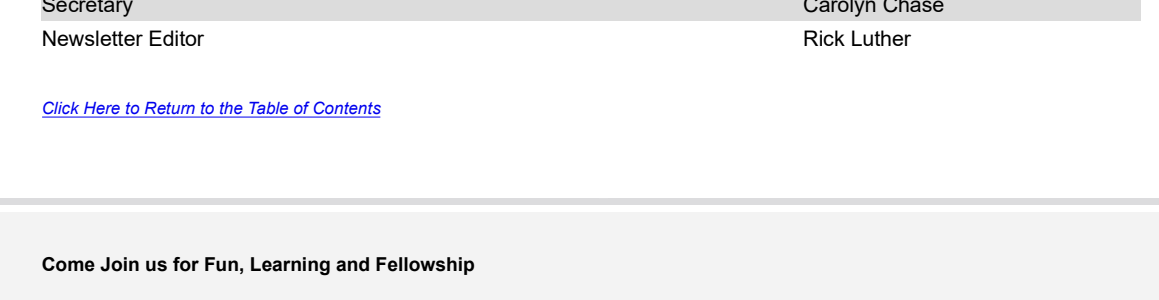
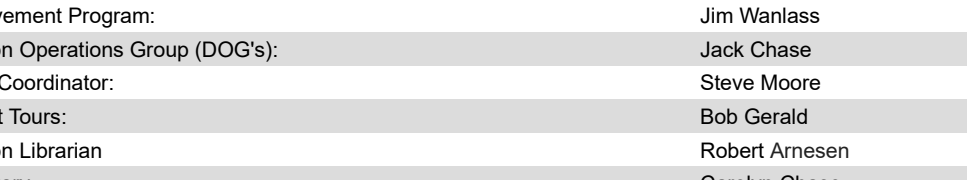
DIVISION & CONVENTION SHIRTS



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-- set off 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)

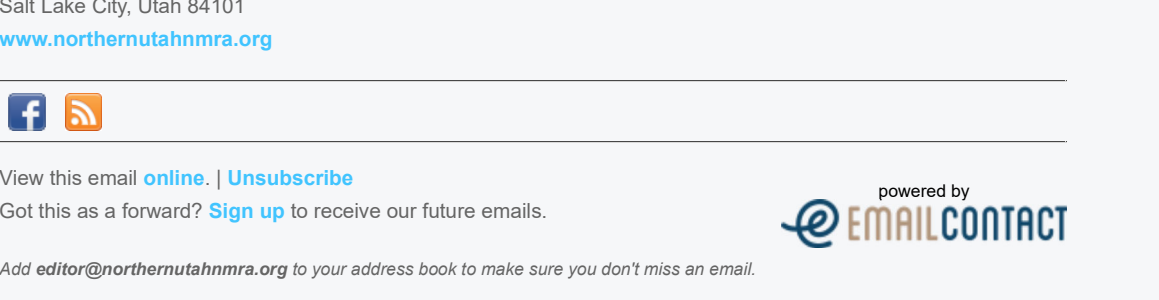
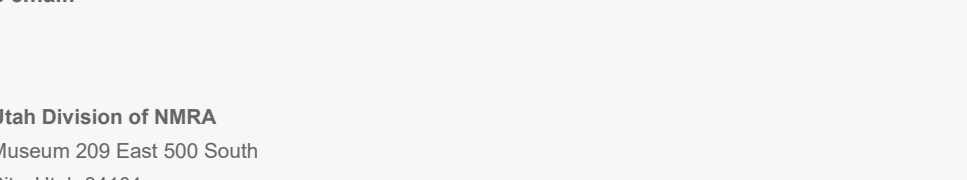
840 North 300 West Salt Lake City in the south basement of the old Children's Museum.

Visit our website at <http://www.goldenspiketrainclubutah.org/>

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

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South Weber Model Railroad Club



March 17th
11am-3pm

Join us at Canyon Meadows Park (631 Petersen Pkwy, South Weber, Utah) for train rides around the park! The park offers a large park with lots of grass and a playground, there's also public restrooms available. Bring your friends, family and a bed and be ready for fun!

Visit our website at <http://www.southwebermodelrrclub.com/>

Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthWeberRailroad/>

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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 meets your needs, so stop them in time 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 contact info here. Add in the name of your club, the scales you support in your club, and how prospective members may contact you.

Color Country Trak Club - This N Scale club, located in the Southern Utah Division in St. George, Utah, uses the Trak module system. Contact the club by email at: ColorCountryTrak@gmail.com. Visit their website at <http://www.cccotrak.com>

Golden Spike Model Railroad Club - This HO scale club meets the first Friday of each month at 6:00 pm, at the Old Children's Museum (631 N. 300 West, SLC). Open Houses are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 12-4 pm. Contact Mark Forslund by email at 801-545-8561 Visit their website at <http://www.goldenspiketrainclubutah.org>

Great Basin Locomotive Club - Adult fans of LEGO. Meeting times and club info is posted on their website. Contact Reed Cowan by email at reel@icloud.com. Visit their website at <http://greatbasinleugo.org/>

HOH Club of Northern Utah - Specializing in local narrow gauge railroads in HO31, this group meets informally and has a layout in Grantsville. Contact Fred Wenzler by email at fred.wenzler@gmail.com

Hostlers Model Railroad Club - This HO scale club, including live steam, meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Ogden's historic Union Station. Contact Jim Bunkley by phone at: (801) 252-1921 or by email at jbunkley@utahnmra.org. Visit their website at <http://ho31club.org/>

O Scale Toys - An O and O31 scale club. Contact Alan Bachmann by phone at: (801) 975-0387.

Open Wheels and Wheels - This HO31 NMRA club meets in HO and HO scale at the SCEHA Theater Boardroom (745 South State Street, Ogden) at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Contact Gary Sells by email at gsells@utahnmra.org or by phone at (801) 545-8561 Visit their website at <http://www.openwheelsandwheels.com>

Railway & Locomotive Historical Society (Golden Spike Chapter) - An historically oriented group of researchers and preservationists, the Golden Spike Chapter of the RLHS meets at Ogden Station and presently in the midst of a 20+ year restoration project of the 1850-52 B&O. Visit their website at <http://www.railwayhistoricalsociety.org/GoldenSpike/index.html>

South Weber Model Railroad Club - This HO scale club meets the 1st Friday of each month at 6:00 pm, at Canyon Meadows Park. 154 east 85S, two blocks south, two blocks east. Visit their website at <http://southwebermodelrrclub.com>

Truckers - This HO31 club meets at the Tooele Railroad Museum (25 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 meetings/visitors to the layout, on weather permits. Contact Jim Bunkley by phone at: (801) 965-7411 or by email at: 512 Concord Drive Kearns, Utah 84118. Visit their website at <http://truckermodelclub.org/>

Utah Free-MO - A traveling HO modeler group conforming to the Free-MO standard. Contact Mike Nelson by email at: L_m_nelson@hotmail.com

Utah Garden Railway Society - A G scale group that meets in various member's homes. Contact Dan White by phone at: (801) 546-4085 or by USPS mail at 2018 1604 East, Layton, UT 84040

Utah Live Steamers - Formed in 2007 and in May of 2014 the name The Salt Lake and Utah Railroad & Steam Society was added. Our railroad will be located in Springdale, Utah, which encompasses 12 acres. The key feature is the abandoned railroad grade of the Salt Lake & Western Railroad (Salt Lake City). Our track gauge will be 7 1/2" and 16" scale Live Steam and Diesel Locomotives. There will be 1,000' of track and we plan to have train operation by summer-fall 2016. Anyone who wishes to help, please contact Mark at mark@utahnmra.org or 801-788-0241. Visit their website at <http://ho31club.org/>

Utah Train Collectors Association - Primarily 3-rail O gauge, though other scales are represented. Promotes model railroading in Northern Utah. Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact Kent Silver City (President) by email at: webster@utahnmra.org. Visit their website at <http://utahtraincollectors.com>

Wasatch N Scale Model Railroad Club - For contact info visit the website of wasatchnmra.org

Wasatch N Scale Model Railroad Club - Currently negotiating interested parties may send email to: jack1.chase@gmail.com

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Board Director: Steve Moore
Board Director: Geoff Carter
Board Director: Rick Luthier

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Achievement Program: Jim Wanlass
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