

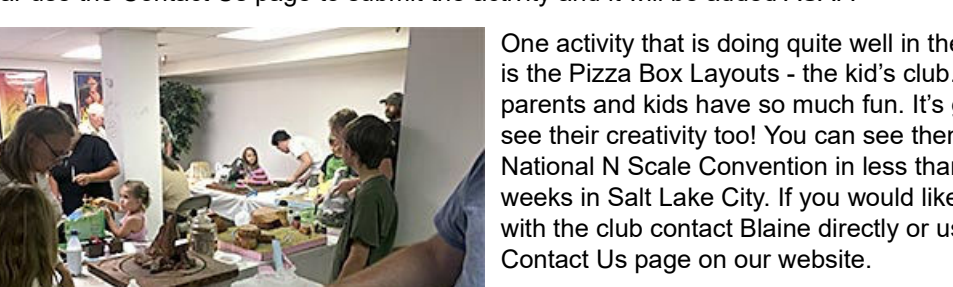


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What do you do beyond just modeling trains by yourself? I used to be a "lone wolf" modeler but one of the best benefits of belonging to the NMRA is the social interaction with others who enjoy trains as much as you do! The Northern Utah Division has lots of activities that you can join in on! If you can't make it to our regularly scheduled Monthly Events, there are so many other things you can do. I help, when I can, drive trains at Shay Park (you can see my family behind me in this month's selfie). By the way, you may have noticed my "author picture" is different this month. I plan to have a different selfie every month showing something different I have done since the last newsletter related to model railroading. I know it's a little silly but I think it's a fun way to prove just how involved I am with model trains. Here's a video I made: <https://youtu.be/Z4njkp4d1o>

Just yesterday I heard someone say, "Everyone knows Jim!" While I'm sure that's not the case, I do know that many of you do know me and if you don't, please introduce yourself! I never forget a face but sometimes names elude me. I try hard to remember names but I forget, forgive me. If I guess wrong tell me and we can have a good laugh. Seriously, I'm here to serve you and want all our programs to go smoothly. Let me know if you have ideas to make them better. Hopefully you will get involved, too. Read this fine newsletter to see all that we are doing. (Thanks, Rick!) Also, on our website is a Google calendar with events in the Division. If there's something missing on the calendar use the Contact Us page to submit the activity and it will be added ASAP.

One activity that is doing quite well in the Division is the Pizza Box Layouts - the kid's club. The parents and kids have so much fun. It's great to see their creativity too! You can see them at the National N Scale Convention in less than two weeks in Salt Lake City. If you would like to help with the club contact Blaine directly or use the Contact Us page on our website.

Whatever you have time for I hope you get involved with something we have to offer. Even though it might take away some time from your own layout, I know you will find your model railroading experience will be enriched as you share your knowledge with others and you will find that we can enjoy the journey together!

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What Happened Last Month



The May 10th, 2018 event of the Northern Utah Division featured a chance for the members to learn about and experience Time Saver style layouts. Small puzzle operations style layouts consist mainly of two types. The more traditional Time Saver layout based on John Allen's published design and the Inglenook developed by Englishman Alan Wright. Restricting the length of the tracks is a key element of the switching game, because it limits the number of freight cars you can temporarily leave on a siding while getting another car to its actual destination. Jim Wanlass brought his HO scale Time Saver and Karin brought their N Scale Inglenook DCC operated layout. If you like puzzles or operation then one of these style of layouts is easy to build and can provide hours of fun for all ages.

JOHN ALLEN'S TIMESAVER

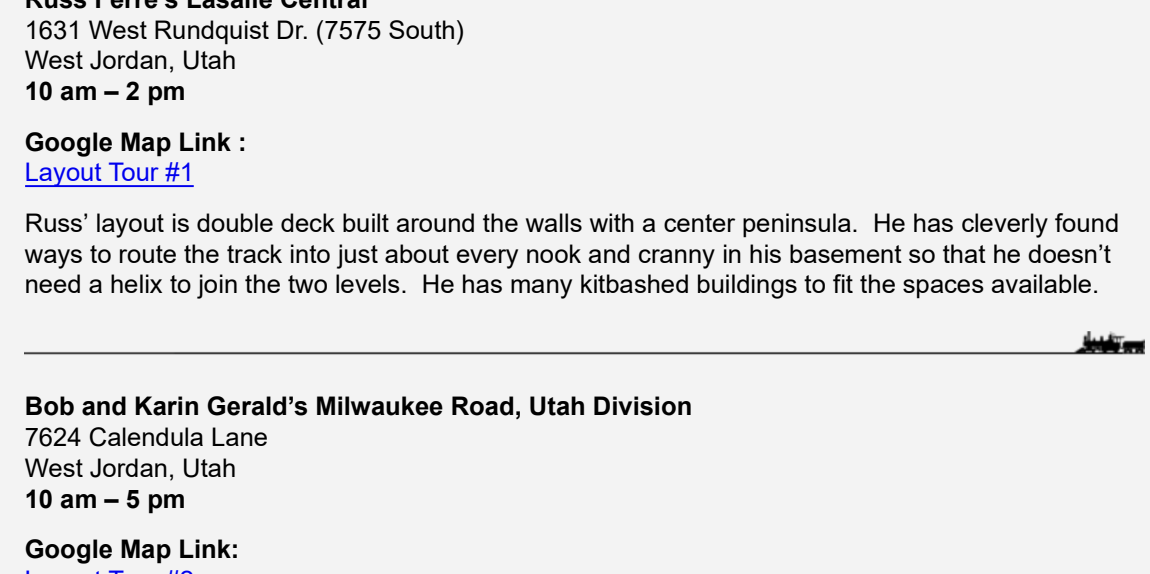
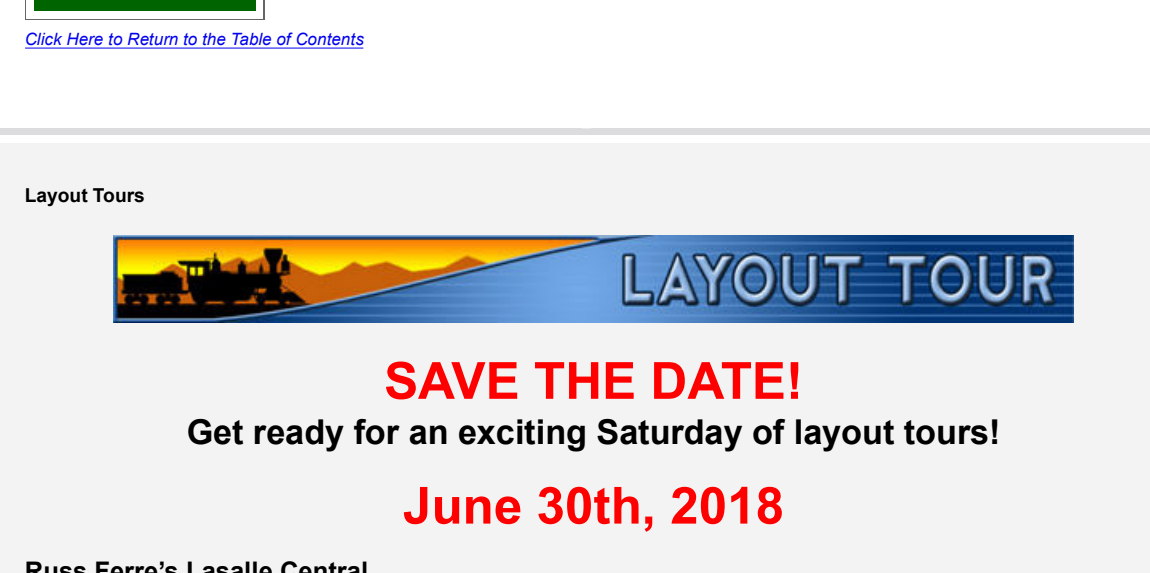
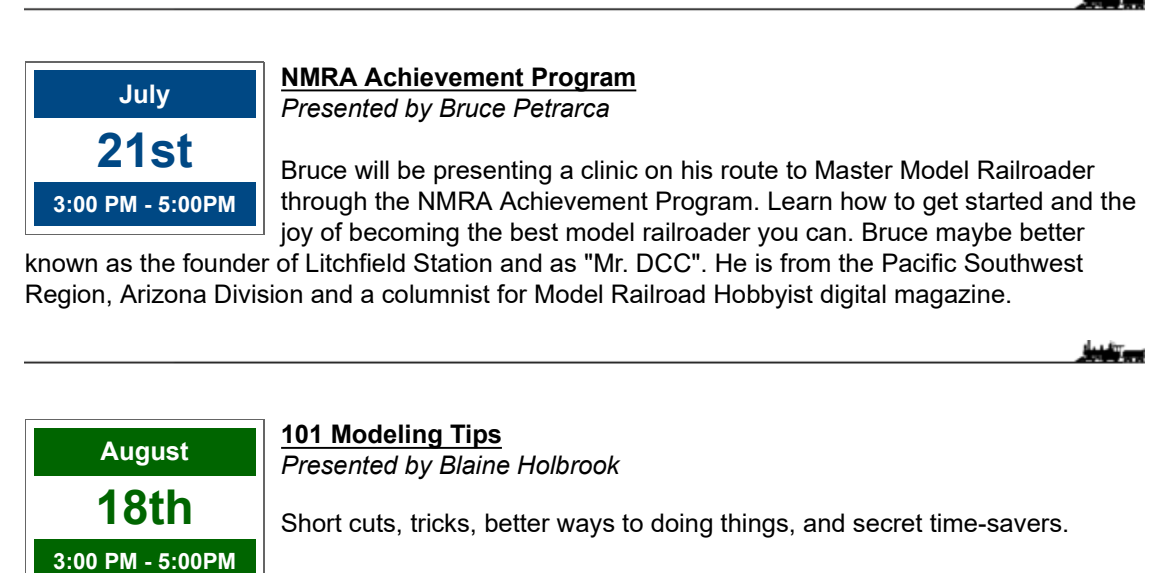
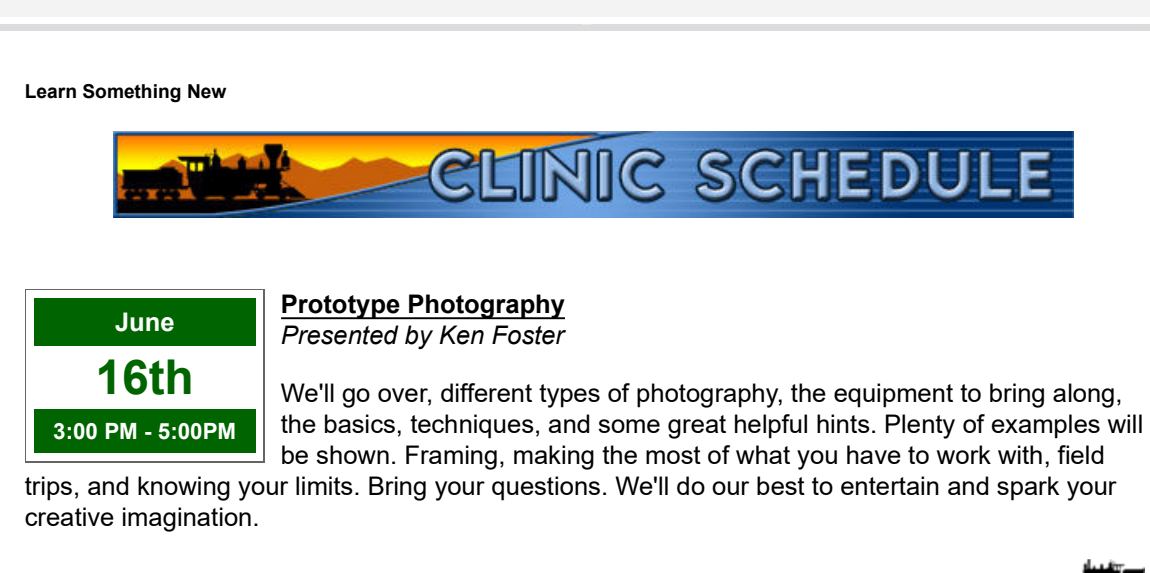
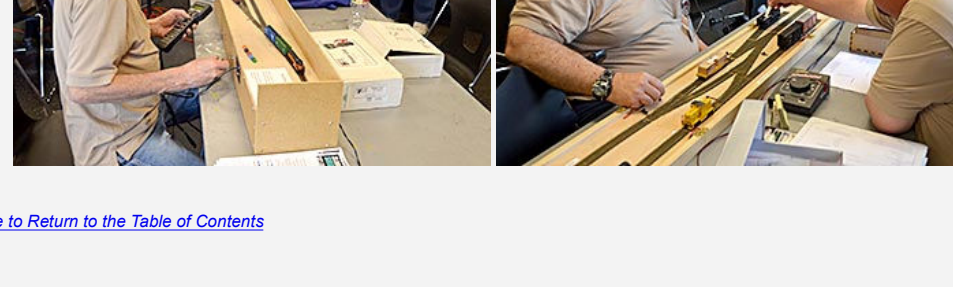
Track layout & storage capacity of sidings



The Model Railways Sharing Puzzles Website: <http://www.wymann.info/ShuntingPuzzles>

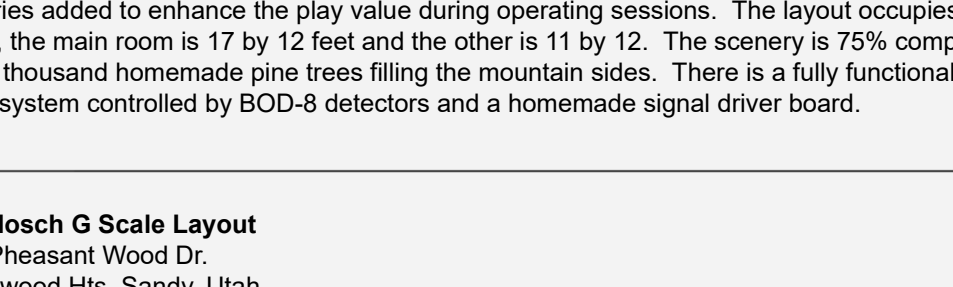


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Learn Something New



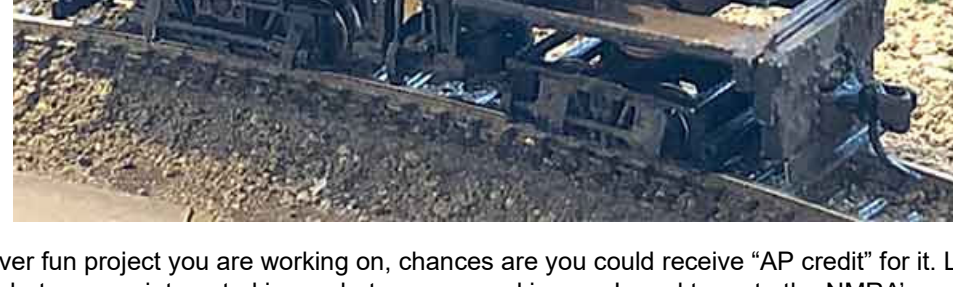
June 16th
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Prototype Photography
Presented by Ken Foster
We'll go over, different types of photography, the equipment to bring along, the basics, techniques, and some great helpful hints. Plenty of examples will be shown. Framing, making the most of what you have to work with, field trips and knowing your limits. Bring your questions. We'll do our best to entertain and spark your creative imagination.

July 21st
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
NMRA Achievement Program
Presented by Bruce Pearce
Bruce will be presenting a clinic on his route to Master Model Railroader through the NMRA Achievement Program. Learn how to get started and the joy of becoming the best model railroader you can. Bruce maybe better known as the founder of Litchfield Station and as "Mr. DCC". He is from the Pacific Southwest Region, Arizona Division and a columnist for Model Railroad Hobbyist and Pacific magazine.

August 18th
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
101 Modeling Tips
Presented by Blaine Holbrook
Short cuts, tricks, better ways to doing things, and secret time-savers.

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Layout Tours



SAVE THE DATE!

Get ready for an exciting Saturday day tours!

June 30th, 2018

Russ Ferro's Lasalle Central
1631 West Rundquist Dr. (7575 South)
West Jordan, Utah
10 am - 2 pm

Google Map Link:
[Layout Tour #1](#)

Russ' layout is double deck built around the walls with a center peninsula. He has cleverly found ways to route the track into just about every nook and cranny in his basement so that the doesn't need a helix to join the two levels. He has many kitbashed buildings to fit the spaces available.

Bob and Karin Gerald's Milwaukee Road, Utah Division
7624 Cathedral Lane
West Jordan, Utah
10 am - 5 pm

Google Map Link:
[Layout Tour #2](#)

Bob and Karin Gerald's Milwaukee Road is a multi-level N scale layout recreating the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad's mainline through Northern Idaho in 1955. All the locations on the layout are actual stations on the line, but only St. Maries and Avery are reasonable recreations of the locations with some selective compression. All the other locations have had many industries added to enhance the play value during operating sessions. The layout occupies two rooms, the main room is 17 by 12 feet and the other is 11 by 12. The layout is 75% complete with over 2 thousand homemade pine trees filling the mountain sides. There is a fully functional ABS signal system controlled by BOD-8 detectors and a homemade signal driver board.

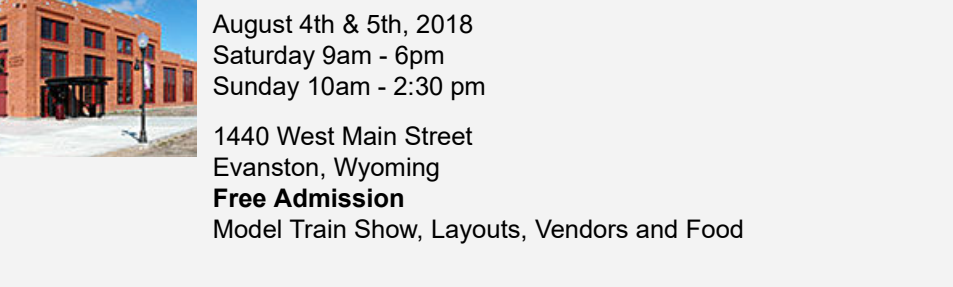
Nail Bloech G Scale Layout
7711 Pheasant Wood Dr.
Cottonwood Hts. Sandy, Utah
3:30 PM - 6 pm

Google Map Link:
[Layout Tour #3](#)

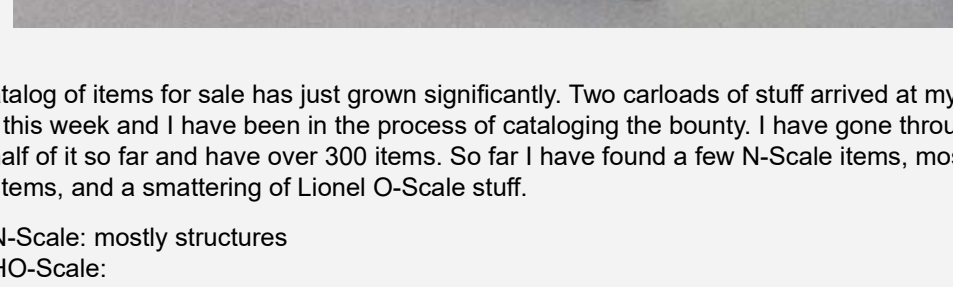
Nail's layout is housed in a purpose built building approximately 30 ft. by 100 ft. The layout has two loops at different levels with a ramp track that joins the two loops together. The layout has many well detailed buildings with complete interiors as well as other detailed scenery. One highlight of the layout is very large suspension bridge. The rolling stock includes two Big Boy locomotives as well as other big steam and diesel engines.

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Achievement Program



If I didn't already have the Motive Power AP Certificate, I'd have one more locomotive to submit toward it. If you've read my article about earning it in the NMRA Magazine, you would know it's a little easier than it seems. I never thought I would even go for. Now, I not only have earned it but have another locomotive built! I do feel that my prior experiences gave me the confidence to tackle this "tiny" project. It is a shame in Nod! I used to think the guys modeling in HO were crazy. Now I know they are because I'm one of them!!!!

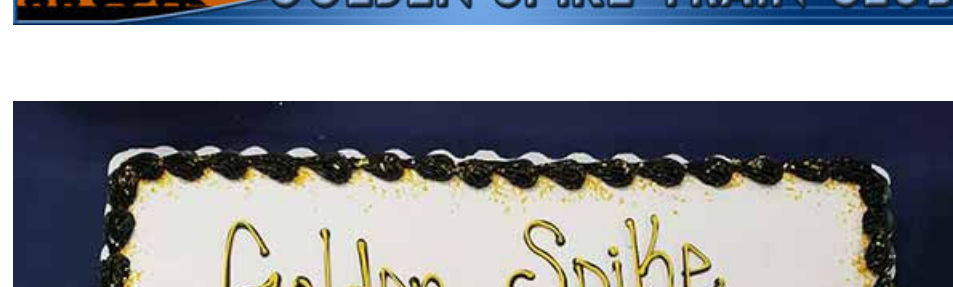


Whatever fun project you are working on, chances are you could receive "AP credit" for it. Let me know what you are interested in or what you are working on. I used to go to the NMRA's website and just read over the requirements of the different categories. I was confused by some of the items are a little confusing. Ask me questions and I can help clarify things. One of the best things about the AP is that you don't have to do them all in the same scale. I just read about someone scratch building a car in 1 1/2" scale (the steam scale) Another benefit is that there is no time limit. I had several structures 50% done for ten years or more! Setting my own goals helped me get it all done and I'm happy you to bring something you've been working on to our regular monthly Division Events, even if it's not for the AP. It's fun to share our progress with others and that way we can enjoy the journey together!

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2019 NMRA National Convention



The 2019 Dog and Pony Show: It strike again, this time at the National N-Scale Convention at the Sheraton Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah June 20-24th. Direct from the Western Pacific Convention, and the Rocky Mountain Region Convention, now once again, in Salt Lake City. On the chills, the spills, and yes, the wonder of it all! See Lou and Steve make complete lots of themselves. It's Show-n-Tell on steroids. And now at a Convention near you. Don't miss it!
(Future engagement: August 5-12th at the 2018 National NMRA Convention, Kansas City, MO. Crown Center Westin Hotel.)

Registration is now open at <http://www.nmra2019slc.org>
[Registration](#). Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity right in our own backyard.

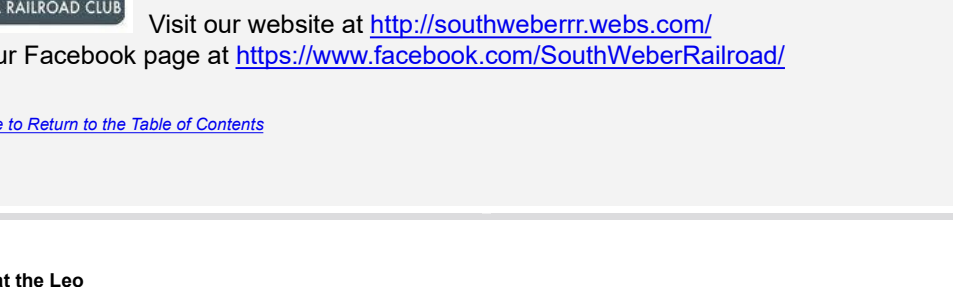
The NMRA 2019 SLC organizing committee is busy putting together a show worthy of 150 years of transcontinental railroading. Make sure you register by visiting <http://www.nmra2019slc.org>. You won't want to miss this convention. Early registration is just \$119 (does that ring a bell?)

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

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

Steve Moore
Co-Chairman, Clinics
2019 National NMRA Convention
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2018 Intermountain Train Expo News



Wanted: A Few Good People

The 2018 Intermountain Train Expo, the second weekend in November, will soon be upon us. It is time we start getting our ducks in a row and ready for the show.

Here are some of the positions needing help:

Volunteer Coordinator:

- **TD**
- Arrange for bodies to cover the following areas:
 - o Set-up of venue-oversee the marking of the floor by the contractor, provide traffic control to ensure efficient and coordinated entry of vendors and exhibitors.
 - o Security/Ambassadors-to roam the venue during the event to provide answers as needed and to detect and report any troubles.
 - o Announcing Door Prize Distribution - working with the announcer, ensure the efficient distribution of door prizes as they are announced.
 - o Hands-on displays - provide staffing for the various division hands-on displays (Box Car Races, Locomotive Races, Demolition Derby, Division Loop, Switching Puzzle, etc.)
 - o Tear down-to provide traffic control to ensure an orderly and efficient removal and departure of all vendors and exhibitors

Layout Coordinator:

- Contact and liaison with the following with the registration form
 - o Layouts
 - o Exhibitors
 - o Hands-On Displays

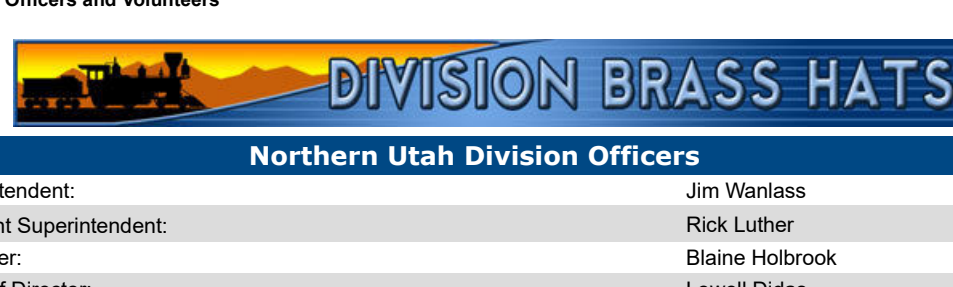
As you can see, some positions have a chair already, and some don't. Please contact me at gcartier1945@centurylink.net or (801) 815-6028 with the answer to the two following questions:

1. If you are willing to serve on a committee and are not already signed up, which committee would you most like to be and be willing to serve on? Note: I am not asking you to be a committee chair, unless you are so inclined.
2. What day(s) and time(s) would you find most convenient to assemble? Please let me know soonest, so you can get in on the fun too!

Thanks,

Geoff Carter
Committee Chair:
Contact 1945 - gcartier1945@centurylink.net
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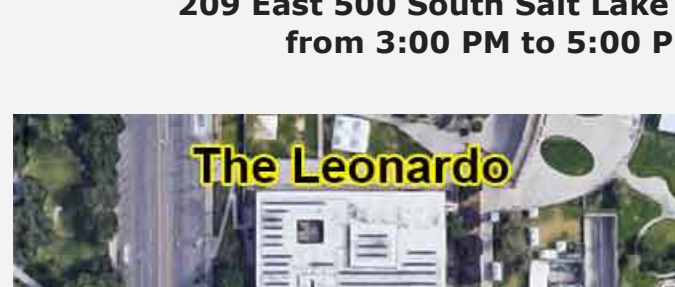
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2018 NATIONAL N SCALE CONVENTION

June 20 to June 24, 2018
Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel,
150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT

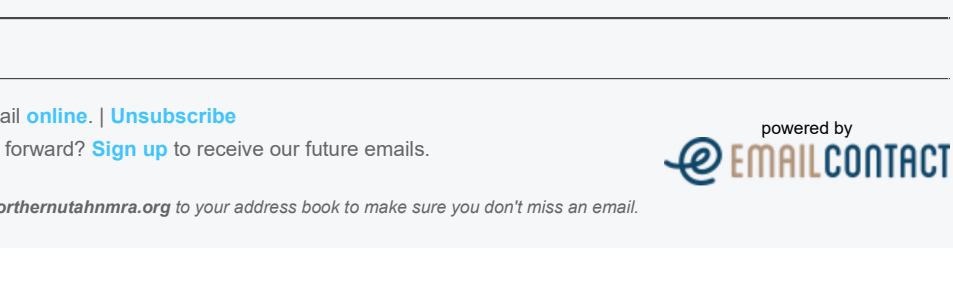
This convention will include home layout tours, club layouts at the hotel, clinics, bus tours to Golden Spike/Heber Valley/Ogden Museum, Model Contest, Auction, Public Sale, and more! More info go to <https://www.nationalscaleconvention.org/>



21st Anniversary Roundhouse Festival
August 4th & 5th, 2018
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 10am - 2:30 pm
1440 West Main Street
Evanston, Wyoming
Free Admission
Model Train Show, Layouts, Vendors and Food

NMRA National Convention
August 5-12, 2018
Westin Kansas City at Crown Center
Kansas City, Missouri
<http://www.kc2018.org/>

NEW DONATIONS FOR SALE!



Our catalog of items for sale has just grown significantly. Two barrels of stuff arrived at my house earlier this week and I have been in the process of cataloging the contents. 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, and a smattering of Lionel O-Scale stuff.

- N-Scale: mostly structures
 - o Rolling Stock kits (Blue Box, Roundhouse, McKean, Craftsman Passenger Cars)
 - o Structure Kits, (Bachmann Plus, Kibri, Falter, Campbell, and others)
 - o Scenery Items, (Woodland Scene, Scenic Model Mountain Kit, etc.)
 - o Track, (Still in the box turnouts and switch machines)
 - o Rolling Stock (Quality ranging from still in original box to well used)
 - o Structures (Some scratchbuilt, some kits, some look pretty rough)
 - o Hands-on displays - provide staffing for the various division hands-on displays (Box Car Races, Locomotive Races, Demolition Derby, Division Loop, Switching Puzzle, etc.)
- O-Scale: Some Lionel that looks like it might have been on someone's junk pile
- All Scales:
 - o Electronic Parts, (Relays, Switches, etc.)
 - o 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 undecimated 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

Congratulations to the Golden Spike Train Club for celebrating their 50th anniversary! They held an open house Friday June 8th and Saturday June 9th where the public had the chance to become an engineer for the day.

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 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.goldenspietrainclubutah.org/>

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

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South Weber Model Railroad Club

Train Rides June 16
11am - 3pm
Canyon Meadows Park
631 E. Petersen Parkway
South Weber, Utah

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 picnic and a lunch and be ready for fun!

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

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

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Events at the Leo

It is The Leonardo's mission to use science, technology, and art in experiences that inspire creativity and innovation in people of all ages and backgrounds. Here are just a few of the upcoming events at the Leonardo. Take your family, friends and support the people who provide us with a great event

Summer Camp: Galactic Explorers
June 18th 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
For children entering 3rd grade or 4th grade. This half-day camp will be held at The Leonardo and will be provided by Clark Planetarium staff.

Tech Take Apart at The Leonardo!
July 14th 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Have you ever wanted to see the inside of a radio or a television? Join us every second Saturday for Tech Take Apart where our lead engineer will take apart some every day gadgets. Strap on your safety goggles and grab your toolset, this activity is for YOU! Find out what makes

Make-Take Activities at The Leonardo!
Join us every Saturday at The Leonardo for a special Make-N-Take activity hosted by our fabulous floor facilitators!

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The Club Car

The Northern Utah Division is home to many outstanding modeling clubs, in every scale from 2 to Live Steam. You are sure to find at least one of them that will meet your needs, so stop them on the line and join the fun!

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 professordevmerrill@gmail.com. Visit their website at <http://colorcountrymrra.org/>

Color Country Train Club - This N-Scale, locomotive focused club is located in St. George, Utah. Uses the T-tracker model system. Contact the club by email at ColorCountry771@gmail.com. Visit their website at <http://www.ccc-train.org/>

Golden Spike American Flyer Train Club - This S scale club meets the third Friday of each month in various club member homes. This newsletter comes out time and time again. Contact Ken Silver (Club President) by email at kensilver@att.net

Golden Spike Train Club of Utah - This HO-N scale club meets at the Toole 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 need for maintenance/repairs to the layout, as weather permits. Contact Mike Meyer by phone at (801) 966-7411 or by mail at: 512 Crooked Drive Kaysville, Utah 84041. Visit their website at <http://utahspiketrainclub.org/>

Great Basin Loop Train Club - Add item of LQO. Meeting time and club info is posted on members' home pages. Contact Reed Cowley by email at reelc@earthlink.net

HOH Club of Northern Utah - Specializing in local narrow gauge model railroads in HO3, the group meets informally and has a layout in Grantsville. Contact Fred Vandecker by email at fred.vandecker@gmail.com

O Scale Guys - HO 0 and O scale club. Contact Alan Baughman by phone at (801) 397-2897

Ogden, Tooele and Weaver - This HO-N scale club meets in Ogden and Tooele. Contact Mike Meyer by phone at (801) 966-7411 or by mail at: 512 Crooked Drive Kaysville, Utah 84041. Visit their website at <http://utahspiketrainclub.org/>

Railways & 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 is presently in the midst of a 20+ year restoration project of the DARVO #223. Visit their website at <http://www.railwayhistoricalsociety.org/>

South Weber Model Railroad Club - This 1-1/2" club runs trains every 3rd Saturday & Sunday at South Weber Canyon Meadows Park. Ld and #85, two locomotives, two locos each. Visit their website at <http://southwebermodelrrclub.com/>

Train Rides - This HO-N scale club meets at the Toole 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 need for maintenance/repairs to the layout, as weather permits. Contact Mike Meyer by phone at (801) 966-7411 or by mail at: 512 Crooked Drive Kaysville, Utah 84041. Visit their website at <http://utahspiketrainclub.org/>

Utah Train Collectors Association - Primarily 3 and O gauge, though other scales are represented. Promotes model railroading in Northern Utah. Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact Ken Silver (Club President) by email at webmaster@utahtrain.org. Visit their website at utahtraincollectors.com

Wasatch N Scale Model Railroad Club - For contact visit their website at wasatchnsc.org

Wasatch 2 Scale Model Railroad Club - Currently negotiating. Interested parties may send email to jackc@att.net

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Board of Director:	Wayne Lee

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Utah's center for model railroading excellence!

Join us every third Saturday at the
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209 East 500 South Salt Lake City, UT
from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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