

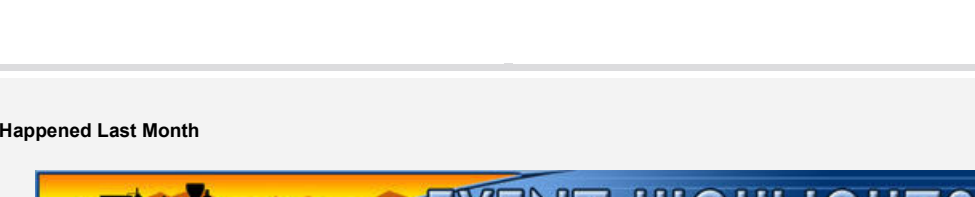


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### Thoughts from the Superintendent



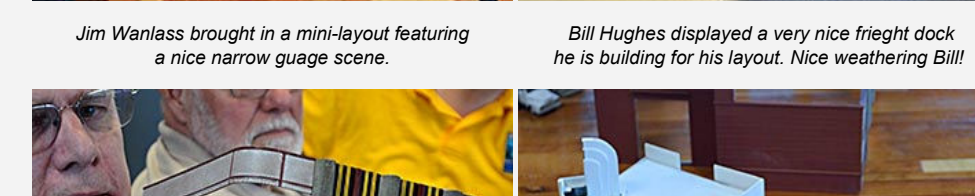
Sometimes life is so busy that we either don't have time or just forget to "enjoy life!" Another one of our fellow Northern Utah Division members has passed on. I was glad to see other members at Al Badham's funeral services. While Al's sisters shared a few funny things from his childhood, Al's step-son painted a beautiful picture of Al's life and how many people's lives Al touched, including his own. Besides being a master scratch-builder, Al was an accomplished musician. An especially nice portion of the program was when one of his students played a musical number using Al's clarinet. Toy Man TV's latest episode was about Al and some of his model railroad history. It was very well done.

For my bio picture this month, I am at Vivian Park getting ready to meet my daughter and her friends. I have always wanted to tube down the Provo River. So while not exactly tied to model railroading, the river does run along (and under) the tracks! It also ties nicely with something that was said at Al's services: Get out and enjoy life! I had a fun time with my daughter and got to do something I've always wanted to do! Whether it is about model railroading or not, take that advice and enjoy life! Try to make time, even if only once in awhile, to meet with the title of Master Model Railroad looks good, the program is more about you becoming the best model railroader you can be and the fun you will have achieving it. To learn more you can talk to Jim Wanlass our local AP Chairman or go to <https://www.nmra.org/education/achievement-program/> for more information.

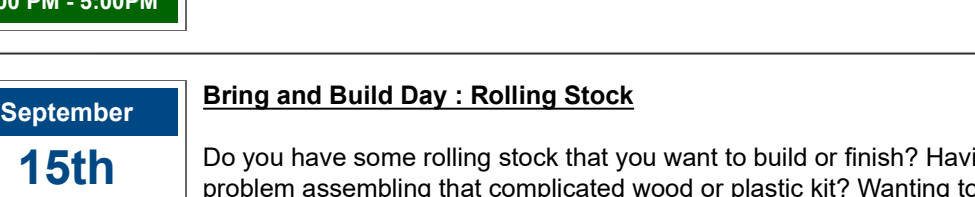
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### What Happened Last Month



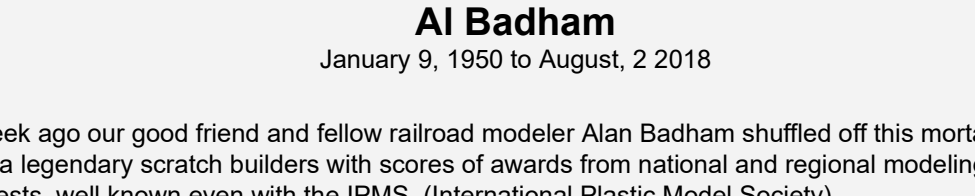
The July 21st, 2018 event of the Northern Utah Division featured a presentation by Bruce Petracca. You may remember Bruce as the founder of Litchfield Station and as "Mr. DCC" and a columnist for Model Railroad Hobbyist digital magazine. He is Master Model Railroader #574 and currently the AP Chairman for the Arizona Southwest Region, Arizona Division. His clinic focused on his route to becoming a Master Model Railroader through the NMRA Achievement Program. Bruce explained the various requirements and how easy it really can be with just a little work. He covered the different categories and how you probably are already doing things on your layout that you should be getting credit toward completing AP Certificates. While earning the title of Master Model Railroader looks good, the program is more about you becoming the best model railroader you can be and the fun you will have achieving it. To learn more you can talk to Jim Wanlass our local AP Chairman or go to <https://www.nmra.org/education/achievement-program/> for more information.



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What is the AP? How many contests do I need to enter?



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You didn't know you brought in a mini-railroad featuring a nice narrow gauge scene. Bill Hughes displayed a nice scene featuring Bill Hughes' layout. A nice scene featuring Bill Hughes' layout.



You Anderson brought in several of the structures that he has been working on. You very fine! You built a lot of structures that he has been working on.

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### Learn Something New

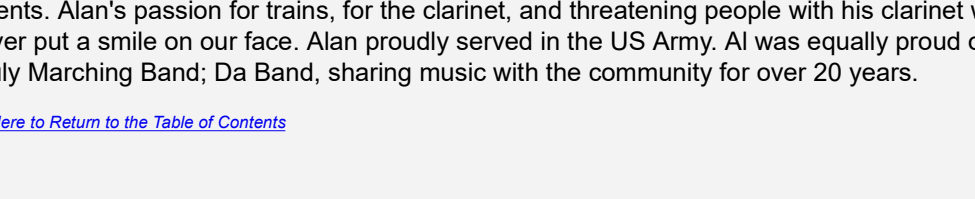


**101 Modeling Tips**  
**August**  
**18th**  
**Presented by Blaine Holbrook**  
**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
Short cuts, tricks, better ways to doing things, and secret time-savers.

**September**  
**15th**  
**Bring and Build Day - Rolling Stock**  
**3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
Do you have some rolling stock that you want to build or finish? Having a problem assembling that complicated wood or plastic kit? Wanting to learn some tips and techniques for building that awesome one? Bring your kits and some tools and we will spend time building and sharing creative ways to get more rolling stock on your layout.

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### The Loss of a Legend



**Al Badham**  
January 9, 1950 to August 2, 2018

A week ago a good friend and fellow railroad modeler Alan Badham shuffled off this mortal coil. Al was a legendary scratch builders with scores of awards from national and regional modeling contests, well known even with the IPMS (International Plastic Model Society).

Al began modeling in wood in N scale over 50 years ago, later moving on to styrene plastic modeling in O scale. Modeling in several gauges, O, standard, O<sub>1</sub>, On3, On3<sub>2</sub>, and even now and then, On15.

His favorite area was the wood car steam era, 1890 - 1905. And loved east coast structures and railroads, including the 2 foot Sandy River and Rangly Lake, yet also modeled Colorado Narrow Gauge, the Denver and Rio Grande Western as well as many more obscure lines like the Utah Central. Is favorite railroad was the Sabastackoo and Moosehead!

