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New Event Location and Time

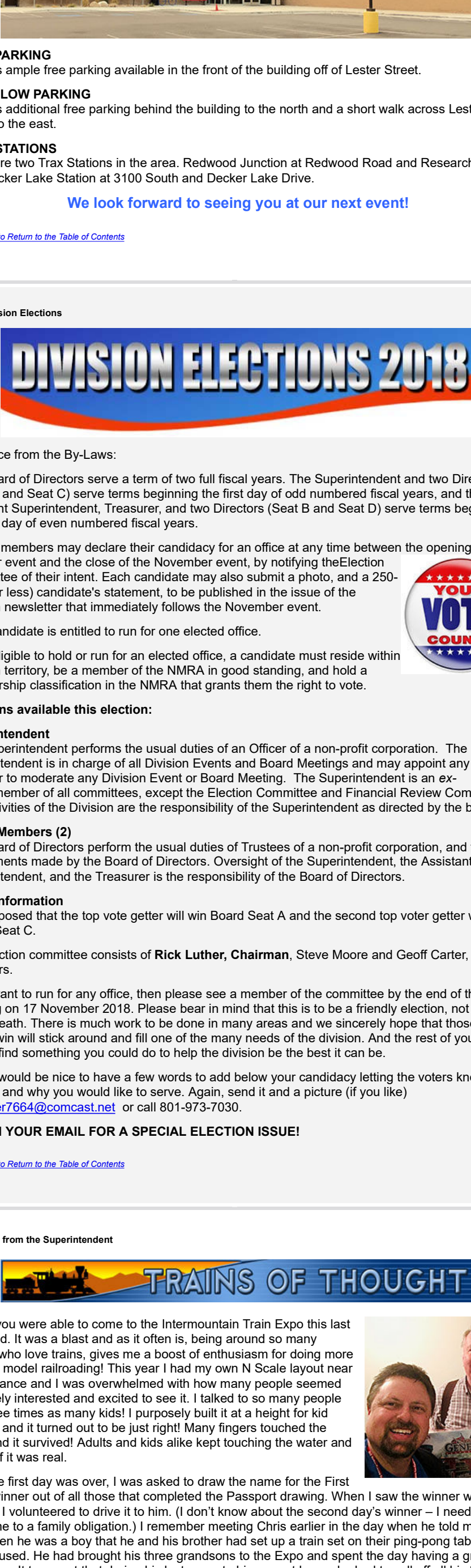
SPECIAL REPORT

PLEASE NOTE!

The Northern Utah Division Event has moved to the Redwood Recreation Center in West Valley City. Please note this for all future events.

We are also starting at a new time!
Board of Director's Meeting from 9 AM - 10 AM
Division Event from 10 AM - Noon

Redwood Recreation Center
3060 Lester Street
West Valley City, UT 84119



FREE PARKING

There is ample free parking available in the front of the building off of Lester Street.

OVERFLOW PARKING

There is additional free parking behind the building to the north and a short walk across Lester Street to the east.

TRAX STATIONS

There are two Trax Stations in the area. Redwood Junction at Redwood Road and Research Way. The Decker Lake Station at 3100 South and Decker Lake.

[We look forward to seeing you at our next event!](#)

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2018 Division Elections

DIVISION ELECTIONS 2018

Guidance from the By-Laws:

The Board of Directors serve a term of two full fiscal years. The Superintendent and two Directors (Seat A and Seat C) serve terms beginning the first day of odd numbered fiscal years, and the Assistant Superintendent, Treasurer, and two Directors (Seat B and Seat D) serve terms beginning the first day of even numbered fiscal years.

Eligible members may declare their candidacy for an office at any time between the opening of the October event and the close of the November event, by notifying the Election Committee of their intent. Each candidate may also submit a photo, and a 250-word (or less) candidate's statement, to be published in the issue of the Division newsletter that immediately follows the November event.

Each candidate is entitled to run for one elected office.

To be eligible to hold or run for an elected office, a candidate must reside within Division territory, be a member of the NMRA in good standing, and have a membership classification in the NMRA that grants them the right to vote.

Positions available this election:

Superintendent

The Superintendent performs the usual duties of an Officer of a non-profit corporation. The Superintendent is in charge of all Division Events and Board Meetings and is responsible for the Board member to moderate any Division Event or Board Meeting. The Superintendent is an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Election Committee and Financial Review Committee. The activities of the Division are the responsibility of the Superintendent as directed by the Board.

Board Members (2)

The Board of Directors perform the usual duties of Trustees of a non-profit corporation, and fulfill assignments made by the Board of Directors. Oversight of the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, and the Treasurer is the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

Other Information

It is proposed that the top vote getter will win Board Seat A and the second top voter getter will win Board Seat C.

The election committee consists of **Rick Luther**, **Chairman**, **Steve Moore** and **Geoff Carter**, Members.

If you want to run for any office, then please see a member of the committee by the end of the meeting on 17 November 2018. Please bear in mind that this is to be a friendly election, not a duel to the death. There is much work to be done in many areas and we sincerely hope that those who do not win will stick around and fill one of the many needs of the division. And the rest of you layabouts find something you could do to help the division be the best it can be.

Also, it would be nice to have a few words to add below your candidacy letting the voters know who you are and why you would like to serve. Again, send it and a picture (if you like) to luhtr7664@gmail.com or call 801-973-7030.

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE!

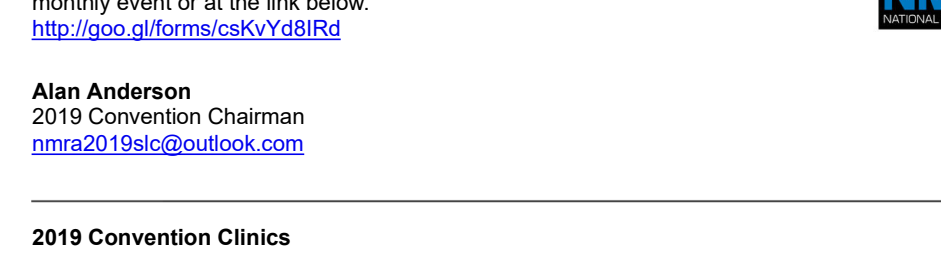
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Thoughts from the Superintendent

TRAINS OF THOUGHT

I hope you were able to come to the Intermountain Train Expo this last weekend. It was a blast and as it often is, being around so many people who love trains, gives me a boost of enthusiasm for doing more with my model railroading! This year I had my own N Scale layout near the entrance and I was overwhelmed with how many people seemed genuinely interested and excited to see it. I talked to so many people and three times as many kids I purposely built it at a height for kid viewing and it turned out to be just right! Many fingers touched the edge and I survived! Adults and kids alike kept touching the water and asking if it was real.

After the first day was over, I was asked to draw the name for the First Place winner out of all those that completed the Passport drawing. When I saw the winner was from my city, I volunteered to drive it to him. (I don't know about the second day's winner - I needed to get home to a family obligation.) I remember meeting Chris earlier in the day when he told me about how when he was a boy that he and his brother had set up a train set on their ping-pong table with no one used. He had brought his three grandsons to the Expo and spent the day having a great time with them. It turns out that during his last move to his current house he had to sell off all his trains from his youth. This train set will be a great opportunity for him to relive his love of trains with his grandsons. He might even come to our Division Events in the future and when he does, I know you will welcome him as a friend, as I will, and that way we can enjoy the journey together!



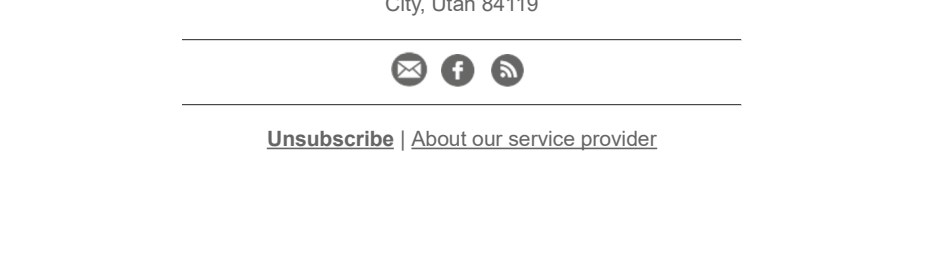
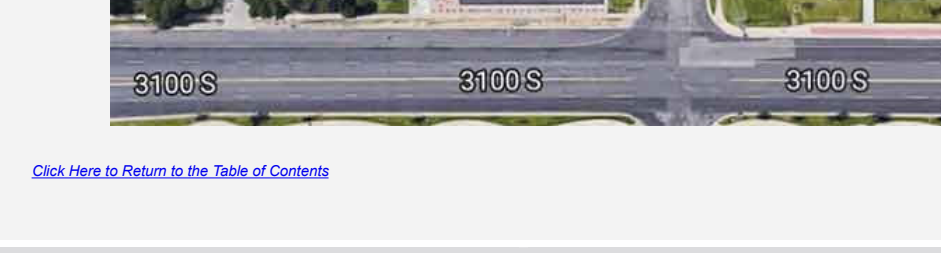
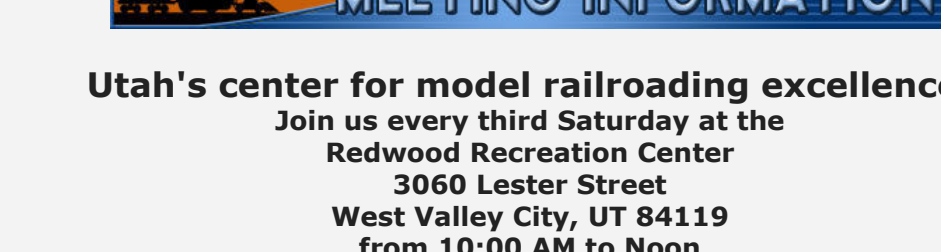
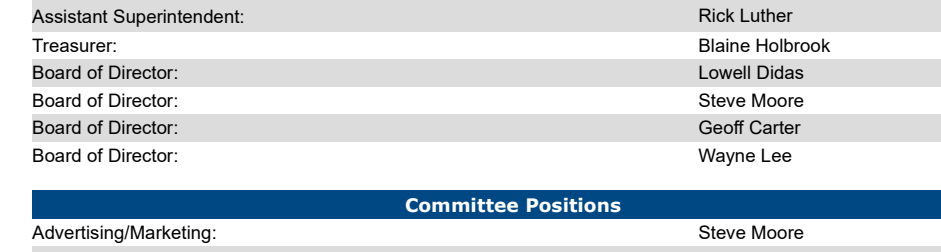
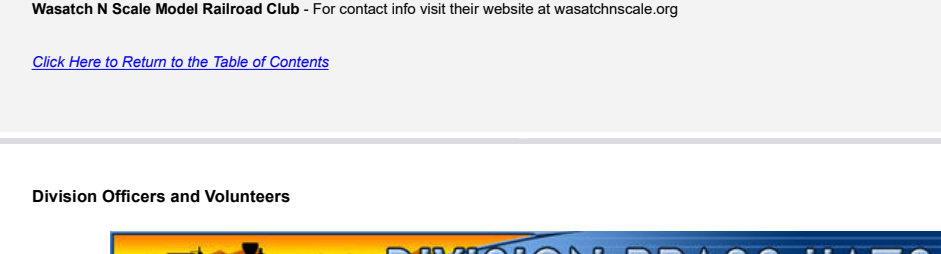
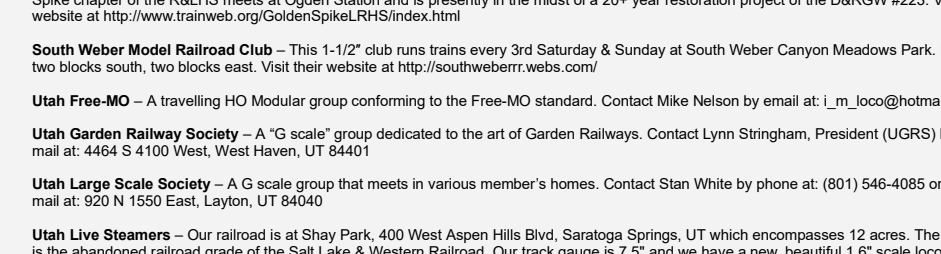
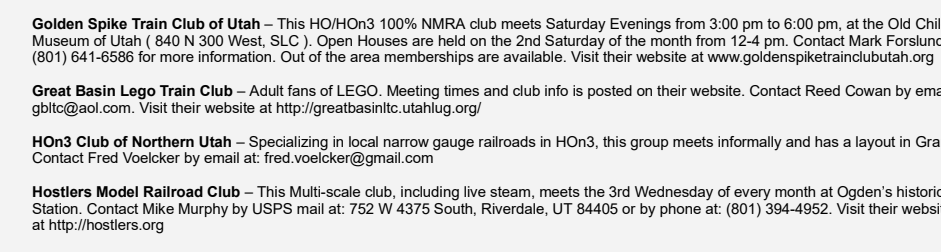
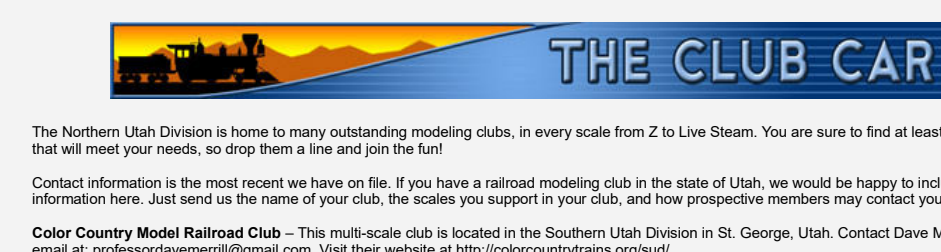
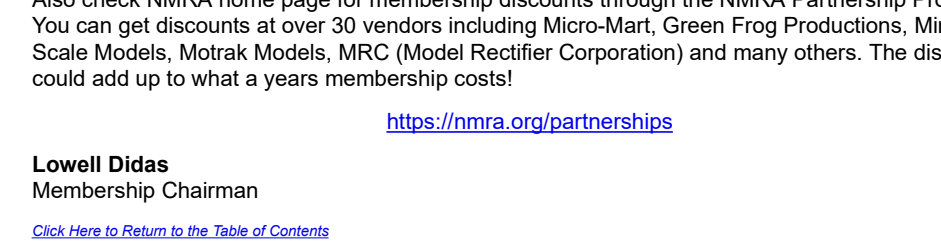
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What Happened Last Month

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

This was our second time meeting at the Redwood Recreation Center and we had another great time besides the fellowship. Fred Baney taught us his technique of using chalks to weather rolling stock. Being a former weatherman gives him a bit of a different perspective to weathering than most model railroaders. Spraying Dulcote first, gives it some "tooth" for the chalks to adhere to. If you don't like what you've done you can wash it off and start over. If you spray over it, it will seal what you've done but depending on the colors used it may alter their appearance a bit. You can see in the photos that some are weathered more heavily and others more subtly. This technique works across the scales.



Learn Something New

CLINIC SCHEDULE

November
17th
10:00 AM - Noon

Workshop
Building Cardstock Structures
Presented by: Rick Luther
In earlier days of the hobby, cardstock (paper), wood and metal kits were the norm. The proliferation of inexpensive plastic kits pushed these other models to the back for decades. One big advantage of card-stock kits is the adhesives used to build them. Basswood and white glue work fine. There are no harmful fumes and no worries about slicking your fingers together. You may also be surprised at how little glue is needed on these models, how quickly the glue sets, and how strong they can be once dry. There will be a hands-on portion so bring your own scrap, knife and straight edge, but other supplies will be provided.

December
15th
10:00 AM - Noon

Presentation
Alaska Railroad
Presented by: Aaron Pederson
Aaron will talk about the fascinating Alaska Railroad. This is a unique railroad that faces drastic weather and situations that railroads in the lower 48 never have to deal with.

January
19th
10:00 AM - Noon

Presentation
Using JMRI to Enhance My Model Railroad Experiences
Presented by: Mike Dean
Discover the ins and outs of the JMRI computer program to take model railroading to the next level. This program is an amazing tool for making DCC decoders easier, control signals and track and much more.

February
16th
10:00 AM - Noon

Workshop
Quick and Easy Weathering
Workshop by: Rick Luther
Learn how to quickly weather your entire fleet of rolling stock. Fred Baney taught you how to do a meticulously beautiful job, but what about all the other cars that will have to wait for you to have the weather? No railroad has that many bright and shiny new cars. Rick will show you how to quickly turn that fleet of shiny plastic into aged revenue rolling stock.

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 see presented, 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 and Model Railroads, Layout Lighting for Better Visibility, Choosing a Scale.
Choosing an Era to Model: Sub-Roadbed, Scratchbuilding Structures, Practical Airbrush Uses, Adding Water features.
I'm sure you can think of a few topics or would be willing to share with the Division your knowledge. Thanks!

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2018 Intermountain Train Expo

INTERMOUNTAIN TRAIN EXPO

THE PREMIERE HANDS ON MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

Another Intermountain Train Expo has concluded. A big thanks to Geoff Carter, Cindy Lind, Al Hovey and all the volunteers who helped to make this a successful show. Below are just a few images to remind us why model railroading is truly a community event.

