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## SPECIAL REPORT

# PLEASE NOTE!

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

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 Drive.

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

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## CLINIC SCHEDULE

<b>February</b>	<b>Workshop</b>
<b>16th</b>	<b>Quick and Easy Weathering</b>
<b>10:00AM - Noon</b>	<b>Workshop by Rick Luther</b>

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 rolling stock. Supplies such as paint and brushes will be provided. We will have some aged rolling stock available to work on, but if you have an old car that you would like to experiment on please bring it to the clinic.

<b>March</b>	<b>Presentations</b>
<b>16th</b>	<b>Utah Rail Enthusiasts</b>
<b>10:00AM - Noon</b>	<b>Presented by Lee Wohlgemuth</b>

Utah Rail Enthusiasts was created for current news, events, special trains or random railroad stuff in Utah.

I am asking all in the division what they might like to see in the way of clinics. Hands on, video presentations, scenery ideas, dcc, weathering, track construction, tunnel portal and snowshed construction, just to name a few ideas. In our division we have a lot of beginners, advanced, and a lot of great modelers, we can all become better by sharing our ideas and talents. Join in with us each month for some fun and adventures in modeling.

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

# TRAINS OF THOUGHT

What do you do when you go out of town? Find trains of course! I just happened to find a model museum in Boulder City, Nevada! I tried to meet up with our NMRA friends in Las Vegas but the schedule (and weather) didn't cooperate with allowing that to happen. On the way back from an impromptu drive to Hoover Dam I saw signs for the Nevada State Railroad Museum and was able to spend a few minutes there. Now I know about it, I might be able to make more time next time we are down there.

There is less than six months until the NMRA National Convention is here in Salt Lake City! That is hard to believe - time flies! Look for updates on the registration page as well as the schedule of most of the activities on the convention website. (If the update hasn't happened yet, it will soon.) I need everyone's help. There are a lot that go in to a convention. There are a lot of moving parts working in harmony - a lot of reminds me of a steam engine! :-)

I want to thank everyone working to help make it a great convention. Recently, Lou and Rick had a little extra work scrambling to get the Convention Car back on track! (Fun intended!) You can read about it on the 2019 website but with the factory in China closing we are not able to offer the UTCCO car at this time. Instead we are doing a 150th Anniversary Convention Car that has been well received as the replacement option. I don't know if it's a first but in addition to having it in HO and N we are also going to have a Z scale version! We are also working on decals for other scales. I'm excited!

I ask that everyone be patient and positive. If you have questions, ask! We are excited to be able to have our NMRA friends from all over the world to our great state! Let us show them how enjoy our railroad heritage goes and how much we love model railroads and by so doing, we can help the journey together.

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## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Using JMRI to Enhance My Model Railroad Experiences

Presented by Mike Dean

One of the best things about this hobby is the diverse areas of interest that you can be involved in. Everything from the basic carpentry to the high tech world of computers and programming. Mike Dean presented a clinic last month on how to use a small program in conjunction with the JMRI computer program can take the pain out of programming speed tables in DCC decoders. This fascinating little program along with a test track can set the maximum speed and perform speed matching for any DCC equipped locomotive with out a lot of hassle.

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## ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

When is the best time to get started in the Achievement Program? NOW! In most cases, someone hasn't just bought their first train set and dove right into the AP, but they can. What I see more often is that those scale have been involved in model railroading for awhile and decide to see what it is all about. Not that long ago I went over to Keith's house after one of our Division meetings. He invited my son and I to help him with his model railroading. I saw signs for the Golden Spike Award requirements, I kept checking off items after I got to the line for my signature. The 24x34 with no posts or any other embellishments. I've started plans, and an eagerly awaiting more input.

I've been to three of the last four National Conventions, and am working the auction for 2019. Y'all come and help us out, PLEASE!!

I have been heavily involved in model trains in the Northern Utah area since early 2000. Like many people, I started small and have activities during the convention. They will help with pre-registration, registration, tour information, and the intricacies of how they move from location to location. As I'm heavy in to operations, I'm a staunch proponent on education, outreach and how learning how trains move can be lots of fun.

My other interest in the hobby is electronics and computer control. I have had a hand in running a number of layouts, diagnosing, repairing and improving control systems. I also enjoy building and working on prototype wyeside block signal systems. I believe that this aspect of the hobby is one of the most neglected and I am happy to teach what I've learned to anyone interested. Going forward, I intend to help promote and see the division through the 2019 National Convention. I'm also anxious to promote outreach of the hobby such that anyone in the area can turn to the division if they are in need of help or advice. The need of new members and retention of existing members is important and I will work to ensure that is maintained as a high priority.

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## DIVISION NEWS ITEMS

### Rocky Mountain Train Show Spring Show

March 2nd & 3rd 2019  
 Denver Mart  
 1515 E. 68th Ave  
 Denver, CO 80216  
<https://rockmountaintrainshow.com/>

### Hostlers Model Railroad 2019 Festival

March 8, 9 & 10, 2019  
 Ogden Union Station  
 25th Street and Wall Avenue  
 Friday 3pm - 8pm  
 Saturday 9am - 6pm  
 Sunday 9:30am - 3pm

### 2019 Sherman Hill Train Show

May 18th & 19th 2019  
 Frontier Park Exhibition Hall  
 312 West 8th Avenue Cheyenne, Wyoming  
 Saturday 9am - 5pm  
 Sunday 10am - 4pm

## DIVISION & CONVENTION SHIRTS

As noted in previous Promotory 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 shirt - \$27 for Division shirts and \$22 for Convention shirts. (Why the price difference? Division shirts have a pocket, Convention shirts do not.)

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## 2019 NMRA National Convention

### NMRA 2019 SLC News

As you may have heard, a model railroad manufacturing plant in China that produced rolling stock for many of the US based model railroad companies unexpectedly shut down several months ago. The company the 2019 SLC Convention Committee had contracted with to supply the UTCCO Tank Cars was one of the companies that was adversely affected by this closure and have informed us that they can no longer honor the tank cars.

We have reached out to various manufacturers to see what they could offer to us. By piggy-backing onto current production runs, we have our commitments for the following:

- HO Scale: Acquired 10' 5" Single Door Box Car (5800) with the Road Number NMRA 2019 along with a decal set designed for changing road numbers on at least 12 cars.
- N-Scale: Micro-Trains Lines 50' Standard Single Door Box Car (031) with the Road Number NMRA 2019 along with a decal set designed for changing road numbers on at least 12 cars
- Z-Scale: Micro-Trains Lines 50' Standard Double Door Box Car (505)

We will give you one of the following options:

- If you ordered one tank car, accepting the new convention car in the same scale in lieu of the ordered tank car.
- If you ordered multiple tank cars, accepting the same number of new convention cars in the same scale.
- If you ordered multiple tank cars, reducing your order to the number of new convention cars you want.
- Cancelling your order altogether.

If you cancel your order or reduce the number of cars, then you will get a full refund via check or credit posted to your credit card. If you have registered more than 120 days ago, we can only give you a check refund.

Please let us know, soonest, how you would like to proceed. Your timely response is greatly appreciated.

Along with the new convention car the 2019 committee is working on some great items for the company store at the convention.

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 Halls - Little America Hotel - National Train Show - Mountain America Hotel (formerly South Towne 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 and Geoff Carter**  
 2019 National Convention Committee

## 2019 Convention Clinics

Each month we will entice you with some of the clinics that will be offered during the convention

<p><b>Carl Blum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using Foam Rubber for Scenery.</li> <li>PCV Terminal Strips</li> </ul>	<p><b>Bob Feuerstein</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Layout Photography, Getting a Pro Look with a Simple Camera.</li> <li>Photo Editing Programs and Efficient Workflow.</li> <li>Using Different Cameras to get the Results You Want.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bob Frankrone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Love Those Loads</li> <li>Creating Operations on the Louisville Southern Lines.</li> </ul>	

## THE DIVISION NEEDS YOU!

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 are now looking 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, tour 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://goo.gl/forms/cskvYd8lRk>

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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

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

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

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

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## ALL ABOARD!

Just a reminder for everyone to check their expiration date on membership NMRA cards. Please don't let them lapse! You should receive a membership renewal form once a month in the mail months before your expiration. If you can't find it or didn't get it, you can always go on-line and renew there. Below is the link to NMRA website page.

<https://nmra.org/membership-application-and-renewal>

Also check NMRA home page for membership discounts through the NMRA Partnership Program. You can get discounts at over 30 vendors including Micro-Mart, Green Gro Productions, Minuteman Scale Models, Motrax Models, MRC (Model Rectifier Corporation) and many others. The discounts could add up to what a years worth!

<https://nmra.org/partnerships>

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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. Contact information is the most recent in our database. If you have a railroad modeling club in the state of Utah, we would be happy to include your color. Color Country 7-Track Club - This 7-track scale club is located in the Southern Utah Division in St. George, Utah. Contact Dave Merrill by email at [dave@colorcountry7tr.com](mailto:dave@colorcountry7tr.com). Visit their website at <http://www.colorcountry7tr.com>

Golden Spike Train Club - This N scale club meets the third Friday of each month at various club member homes. Their newsletter contains the time and place. Carl Jim Buckley by phone at: (801) 282-1821 or by email at: [jamesbuckley@comcast.com](mailto:jamesbuckley@comcast.com). Visit their website at <http://www.goldspikeclubandubutah.org>

Utah Large Scale Society - A G scale group that meets in various member's homes. Contact Stan Wilby by phone at: (801) 468-4035 or by USPS mail at: 500 N 1550 East, Lehi, UT 84040

Utah Live Steamers - Our railroad is at Gray Park, 40 West Aspen Hills Blvd, Saratoga Springs, UT which encompasses 12 acres. The key feature is an excellent production of live steam locomotives that are featured at the Utah Live Steamers Club. We have a live steam locomotive pull table as well as a live steam car as well as a live steam engine. We are typically in the morning on the first Saturday of the month. Contact Mike Anderson by email at: [mike@livesteamersclub.com](mailto:mike@livesteamersclub.com) or visit their website at <http://www.livesteamersclub.com>

Utah Train Collectors Association - Primarily Z and O scales. Though other scales are represented. Promotes model railroading in Northern Utah. Meets the last Thursday of each month. Contact Kent Silver (Club President) by email at: [westvalley@quabam.com](mailto:westvalley@quabam.com). Visit their website at <http://www.utahtraincollectors.com>

Wasatch N Scale Model Railroad Club - For contact info visit their website at [wasatchnslc.org](http://wasatchnslc.org)

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## DIVISION OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

# DIVISION BRASS HATS

Northern Utah Division Officers	
Superintendent:	Jim Wanlass
Assistant Superintendent:	Rick Luther
Treasurer:	Blaine Holbrook
Board of Director:	Alan Anderson
Board of Director:	Dalard Speirs
Board of Director:	Rex Bailey
Board of Director:	Wynne Lee

Committee Positions	
Advertising/Marketing:	Steve Moore
Convention Chairman:	Lowell Didas
Achievement Program:	Jim Wanlass
Division Operations Group (DOGS):	Dalard Speirs
Club Coordinator:	Lowell Didas
Layout Tours:	Bob Gerald
Division Librarian:	Robert Arnesen
Secretary:	Carlton Chase
Newsletter Editor:	Rick Luther
Membership Chairman:	Lowell Didas

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**Come Join us for Fun, Learning and Fellowship**

## MEETING INFORMATION

**Utah's center for model railroading excellence!**  
 Join us every third Saturday at the  
**Redwood Recreation Center**  
**3060 Lester Street**  
**West Valley City, UT 84119**  
**From 10:00 AM to Noon**

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