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Learn Something New

CLINIC SCHEDULE

May 18th 10:00 AM - Noon	Presentation RailPro model train control system Presented by Geoff Carter Learn about it's easy to use and powerful RailPro model train control system. Spend your time having fun with model trains and not learning cryptic programming of variables, memorizing what function buttons do, and other complexities required by typical digital control systems.
June 15th 10:00 AM - Noon	Presentation Finding the Junction City and the Story of the Golden Spike Presented by Ron Davies Congress dictated that the first transcontinental railroad had to join somewhere between the California Nevada border and Omaha. Early estimates as late as 1868 placed it to be in the middle of Wyoming or middle of Nevada. I will present the history for those states of building the Junction City and the driving of the Golden Spike.
July 20th No Meeting	A Celebration for all who helped with the 2019 National Convention. This will be a very special event.
August 17th 10:00 AM - Noon	Presentation My Life With the DR&W Presented by Jeff Pierce Jeff will weave an interesting story of his history with the Denver Rio Grande & Western Railroad.
September 21st 10:00 PM - Noon	Presentation JMRR Presented by Mike Nelson
October 19th 10:00 AM - Noon	Presentation TBA Presented by Josh McMurrin
November 16th 10:00 PM - Noon	Presentation Laser Structure Assembly Presented by Reggie Twigg Learn the ins and outs of assembling a laser cut structure.

I am asking all in the division what they might like to see in the way of clinics. Hands on, video presentation's, scenery ideas, doc, weathering, trestle 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.

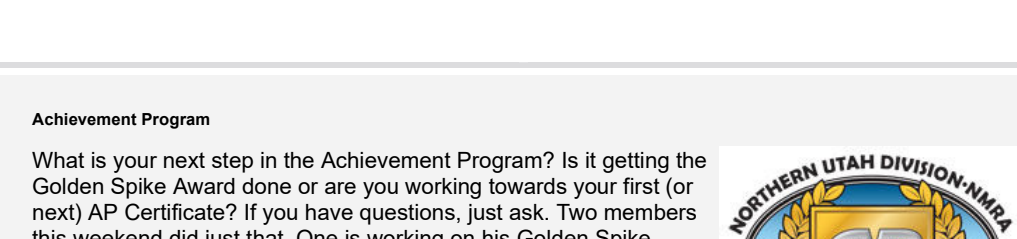
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Thoughts from the Superintendent



I hope you were able to enjoy the 150th Anniversary of the Driving of the Golden Spike last Friday! There were lots of different things going on around the state. I spent the day at *this is the Place Heritage Park* with my little N scale layout along with the Viasat N-Scale club and the OT&W club. There were people there from all over the country. It's great fun seeing the kids (and parents) really excited about the trains. There was one little guy that got super excited every time the train came around the loop as though he had been waiting for hours (it was only 15 seconds) and it was brand new for him every time I thought it's probably how most of the foamers were waiting for 4014 this past week - I say you are not what a "foamer" is, Google says, "One widely accepted definition of 'foamer' is one who 'foams at the mouth' when he sees a train. In general, I think that most will agree that a foamer is a railfan who has more 'foam' over the top." The problem usually comes with defining where that point is. :-)

We are super excited for the convention and planning is continuing but the actual date is getting so close! We will need everyone's help when the time comes. I was able to build my convention car this weekend and it looks awesome! If you haven't reserved yours, don't wait or you may miss out. The HO scale is a kit and the N & Z are ready-to-run. As far as I know, a Z scale Convention Car is a first! Spread the word! As far as the larger scales, we will have decals of the Convention Logo for them. I'm looking forward to people coming from all over the world so we can share our love of model railroading with them and in that small way, we can enjoy the journey together!



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What Happened Last Month



The Significance of May 10th
Presentation by Dale Angell

Dale Angell, also known as the creator of "Toy Man Television" on YouTube, stopped by to give us the latest update on Union Pacific's 4014 Big Boy steam engine. Dale has kept everyone well informed with frequent trips to the Cheyenne, Wyoming steam shops through his YouTube channel. It was a joy of questions to hear the amazing work that was being performed to get the Big Boy ready for the Golden Spike event. Dale was able to provide the intricate detail about the restoration and answer a lot of interesting the members had. It was a great precursor to Big Boys arrival for the Golden Spike. To see these videos and many more interesting videos go to https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSS_XUJmE9uAaUz7hG0GQ

