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Learn Something New

## CLINIC SCHEDULE

**November** **Two Presentations**

**16th** **How a real railroad operates**  
Presented by **Deland Spiers**

**10:00 AM - Noon** **Model Railroad Basics 101**  
Presented by **Lowell Didias and Geoff Carter**

Learn the ins and outs of creating benchwork for a 2" x 4" N scale layout.

**December** **Two Presentations**

**21st** **Making Trees**  
Presented by **Kevin Anderson**

**10:00 AM - Noon** **Making Trees**  
Learn another method of making trees for your layout.

**10:00 AM - Noon** **Model Railroad Basics 101**  
Presented by **Lowell Didias and Geoff Carter**

We will be developing a track plan and laying track.

**January** **Two Presentations**

**18th** **3D Printing**  
Presented by **Vince Toscani**

**10:00 AM - Noon** **3D Printing**  
Learn about the art of 3D printing.

**10:00 AM - Noon** **Model Railroad Basics 101**  
Presented by **Lowell Didias and Geoff Carter**

Learn how to do easy layout wiring on the Model Railroad Basics layout.

**February** **Two Presentations**

**15th** **Making Scenery with Uplastyfoam and Plaster**  
Presented by **Jim Wanlass**

**10:00 AM - Noon** **Making Scenery with Uplastyfoam and Plaster**  
A different technique for building layout scenery.

**10:00 AM - Noon** **Model Railroad Basics 101**  
Presented by **Lowell Didias and Geoff Carter**

We will be starting scenery on the Model Railroad Basics layout.

**March** **Presentation**

**21st** **Union Pacific Turbines**  
Presented by **Fred Baney**

**10:00 AM - Noon** **Union Pacific Turbines**  
A fascinating history and facts about the UP Turbines.

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, trestle construction, turned 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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## 2019 Division Elections



Yes, it is elections time again! I have served several different positions within the Division. First as a member of the Board of Directors and as Assistant Superintendent. These have been very enjoyable years working with some of the best people I have ever met. I have enjoyed sharing a common interest. We have had several people step up and agree to run office this year. I really encourage everyone to consider taking the opportunity to use these positions to help continue the friendship, the passing on of knowledge and just plain fun!

**Rick Luther - Elections Chair**

**Positions available this election:**

**Assistant Superintendent**  
The Assistant Superintendent performs the usual duties of an Officer of a non-profit corporation. He/she will preside over Division and Board meetings that the Superintendent is unable to attend, and is responsible for membership records, recruiting, and retention efforts. If there is no Show Chairman, the Assistant Superintendent will assume the responsibility of Show Chairman until a chairman has been assigned. The Assistant Superintendent has responsibility for cataloging the division property and its whereabouts - computer, projector, screen, signs, banner, 2019 Display, etc.

**Treasurer**  
The Treasurer performs the usual duties of a Financial Officer of a non-profit corporation, presents a financial report at Board Meetings, presides over Division and Board meetings that both the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent are unable to attend, and develops the Division's budget for review and approval by the Board at annual meeting. The physical and financial assets of the Division are the responsibility of the Treasurer

**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 C and the second top voter getter will win Board Seat D.

The election committee consists of **Rick Luther, Chairman, Steve Moore and Fred Baney, Members**

If you want to run for any office, then please see a member of the committee by the end of the meeting on 16 November 2019. 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 find one of the many new areas to help 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 to 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 [luther7664@comcast.net](mailto:luther7664@comcast.net) or call **801-973-7030**. I don't I answer please leave a message.

**WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE!**

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Thoughts from the Superintendent

## TRAINS OF THOUGHT

November is Model Railroad Month -- what have you done this month to share your love of trains with others this month? Many people bring trains to display at work. I had my scouts over. I was hesitant because they are young but everyone behaved themselves and they had lots of fun!



There are a lot of ways we can share our hobby with others. What have you done this month to get others involved with Model Railroad?

Our yearly elections are coming up. I hope you get done this month to share your love of trains with others this month? Many people bring trains to display at work. I had my scouts over. I was hesitant because they are young but everyone behaved themselves and they had lots of fun!

This is your Division and I hope you are having fun. I know that I have! I look forward to seeing everyone who comes to the meeting every month. We are excited to have you here now and then, we miss you! That way, when you do make it, we can enjoy the journey together!

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## What Happened Last Month

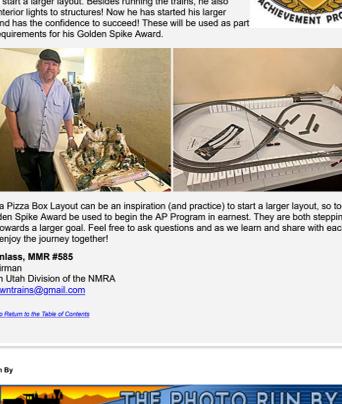


**My Life With the DRG&W**  
Presented by **Jeff Pierce**

We had the honor of having Jeff Pierce talk to us today in our monthly NMRA Club about the Rio Grande, Zypher and other trains he used to watch back in the 70's and 80's. It was very interesting listening to his childhood memories of going down the rail yard to watch these mighty beasts coming and going out everyday.

**Thanks Jeff!**

**Article and Photos by Christopher Dyson**

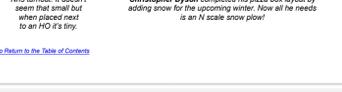


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## Layout Tours

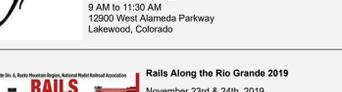


Hope you had an opportunity to see these great layouts during the tour on November 9th! Thanks to the layout owners and Bob Gerald for a fun tour. Below are a few photos to enjoy.



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## Achievement Program



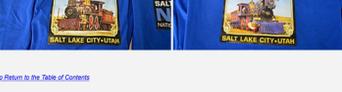
Will doing a Pizza Box Layout get you to MMR? Of course not but it can be a stepping stone! When Christopher felt overwhelmed on where to start, it was the perfect size to get him going, to prove to himself (and what others already knew) that he could do it! It gave him the chance to practice laying a little bit of track, figuring out scenery and where to place structures. It was enough to get him going to start a larger layout. Besides running the division he has added interior lights to structures! Now he has started his larger layout and has the confidence to succeed! These will be used as part of the requirements for his Golden Spike Award.



Just as a Pizza Box Layout can be an inspiration (and practice) to start a larger layout, so too can the Golden Spike Award be used to begin the AP Program in earnest. They are both stepping stones towards a larger goal. Feel free to ask questions and as we learn and share with each other we can enjoy the journey together!

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## Photo Run By



What is happening with modelers from around the area.



**Kevin Anderson** is making progress on his scratch-built Wendover depot.



**Jim Wanlass** built this 1/2" layout. It doesn't seem that small but when placed next to an HO it's tiny.

**Christopher Dyson** completed his pizza box layout by adding snow for the upcoming winter. How well he needs to be an HO FS boy.

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## Division News Items



**New modular clubs organizing**  
Two brand new modular clubs forming as we speak. Both will be at the Train Shoppe. One is a N scale, the other is a HO scale with ON3 & ON30. For more info talk to Lowell Didias 801-769-7929. Or see Jeff Nichols at the Train Shoppe.

## Upcoming Shows and Events

**Model Railroad & Toy Train Swap Meet**  
Hosted by the **Rocky Mountain Collector Events**

November 16th, 2019  
9 AM to 11:30 AM  
12900 West Alameda Parkway  
Lakewood, Colorado

**Rails Along the Rio Grande 2019**

November 23rd & 24th, 2019  
Ballon Fiesta Park  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
[www.railsalongtheriogrande.org](http://www.railsalongtheriogrande.org)

**Hostlers Newgate Mall Show**

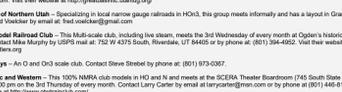
November 29th - December 26th, 2019  
Mon-Sat 10:00AM - 9:00PM  
3651 Wall Ave  
Ogden, Utah

**CONVENTION MERCHANDISE**  
We have a polo shirt with the convention logo above the pocket. A t-shirt with a large convention logo and two more shirts each with either the Jupiter or the 119 steam engines. At the next event ask Geoff Carter for details!



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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.goldenspikeclub.org>

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

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## South Weber Model Railroad Club



Thank you to everyone that joined us for the annual Freight Train! Especially all the club members that stuck it out through the cold and wind that crashed the party after 3pm. There were nearly 2300 riders on Saturday! That brings our total for the 2019 year up to over "6200" rides around the park! There were another 1400 rides around our portable track at the Hostlers Model Railroad Club in March and the Golden Spike celebration at The Gateway.

In the 2019 Club is grateful for your support and donations! We're all excited to work with the city on some development issues, but we're hopeful that it gives us an opportunity to make some exciting changes to the track around the park! If you love the train park, or there is something specific you would love to see get added there, please consider sending an email to the South Weber city and letting them know how much you enjoy the trains and what you think we should do!

There are no run days scheduled for November, but we have a poll going to see how many people are interested in a winter run at the end of December! If you'd like to join us in the snow (hopefully) please vote in the poll on our Facebook page! We see enough interest we'll see if we can get a train out in the snow for you all!

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

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

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## NMRA Membership Renewal



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 from the club 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 Frog Productions, MinuteMan Scale Models, Model Models, MRC (Model Recycler/Collector) and many others. The discounts could add up to what a years membership costs!

<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 2" to Live Steam. You are sure to find at least one of them that will meet your needs, so drop them a line and join the fun!

Contact information for the club you are interested in is listed in the table of Utah. We would be happy to include our information here. Just send us the name of your club, the scales you support in your club, the projective members may contact your club.

**Color Country T-1a Club** - This N scale club is located in the Southern Utah Division in St. George, Utah. Uses the T-1a track module system. Contact the club by email at [ColorCountryT1a@gmail.com](mailto:ColorCountryT1a@gmail.com). Visit their website at <http://www.cctc1a.org>

**Golden Spike Southern Flyer Train Club** - This HO scale club meets the first Friday of each month at the South Weber Model Railroad Club. Their newsletter contains the time and place, C&M Jim Buckley by phone at (801) 252-1182 or by email at [jimbuckley7@comcast.net](mailto:jimbuckley7@comcast.net). Visit their website at <http://www.goldsouthernflyer.com>

**Golden Spike Train Club of Utah** - This HO scale club meets Saturday Evenings from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Old Children's Museum of Utah (540 N 300 West, St. G). Open Houses are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 12-4 pm. Contact Mark Forslund by phone at (801) 654-6888 for more information. Out of the area meetings are available. Visit their website at [www.goldenspikeclub.org](http://www.goldenspikeclub.org)

**Great Basin Lego Train Club** - Adult fans of LEGO. Meeting times and info is posted on their website. Contact Russ Cooney by email at [russcooney@lego.com](mailto:russcooney@lego.com). Visit their website at <http://www.greatbasinlego.com>

**HO's Club of Northern Utah** - Specializing in local narrow gauge railroads in HO scale. This group meets informally and has a layout in Grantsville. Contact Fred Vuestker by email at [fred.vuestker@gmail.com](mailto:fred.vuestker@gmail.com). Visit their website at <http://www.hosclub.org>

**Scale Swap** - A HO and HO scale club. Contact Steve Striebel by phone at (801) 973-0387.

**Circle, Tonic and Western** - This 100% NMRA club meets in HO and H0 and meets at the BCRRA. Contact Boardroom 1745 South State Street, Ogden at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Contact Larry Carter by email at [larrycarter@comcast.net](mailto:larrycarter@comcast.net) or by phone at (801) 446-1611 Visit their website at <http://www.circletonic.com>

**Railway & Locomotive Historical Society (Golden Spike Chapter)** - An historically oriented group of researchers and preservationists, the Golden Spike Chapter of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society meets at the 1818 Street Cafe on 28th Street in Ogden and is open to all. For more information contact the secretary of the DSRGW #223. Visit their website at <http://www.sawc23.org>

**South Weber Model Railroad Club** - This HO scale club meets Saturday Evenings from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Old Children's Museum of Utah (540 N 300 West, St. G). Open Houses are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 12-4 pm. Contact Mark Forslund by phone at (801) 654-6888 for more information. Out of the area meetings are available. Visit their website at <http://www.goldenspikeclub.org>

**Uah Garden Railway Society** - A HO scale group dedicated to the art of Garden Railway. Contact Lynn Strangren, President (LGRS) by USPS mail at: BGN #1550 East, Layton, UT 84040

**Uah Large Scale Society** - A HO scale group that meets in various member's homes. Contact Stan White by phone at (801) 546-4035 or by USPS mail at: BGN #1550 East, Layton, UT 84040

**Uah Live Steamers** - Our railroad is at Sky Park, 420 West Aspen Hills Blvd, Saratoga Springs, UT which encompasses 12 acres. The key feature is the 1/2" scale railroad grade of Salt Lake & Western Railway. Our track opens at 10 am on Wednesdays. If you have a new, beautiful 1/2" scale locomotive or watch Facebook for event listings. <https://www.facebook.com/295912959>

**Utah Train Collectors Association** - Primarily HO & G scale, though other scales are welcomed. Promotes model railroading in Northern Utah. Meets the 1st Thursday of each month. Contact Geoff Carter by email at [retiredgeoffcarter@gmail.com](mailto:retiredgeoffcarter@gmail.com). Visit their website at <http://utahtraincollectors.com>

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

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## Division Officers and Volunteers



### Northern Utah Division Officers

Superintendent:	Jim Wanlass
Assistant Superintendent:	Rick Luther
Treasurer:	Elaine Hubbard
Board of Director:	Lowell Didias
Board of Director:	Deland Spiers
Board of Director:	Rex Bailey
Board of Director:	Geoff Carter

### Committee Positions

Adverse Confrontation:	Steve Moore
Convention Chairman:	Alan Anderson
Achievement Program:	Jim Wanlass
Division Operations Group (DOG):	Deland Spiers
Club Coordinator:	Lowell Didias
Layout Tours:	Bob Gerald
Division Librarian:	Robert Amesen
Secretary:	Caroline Chasica
Newsletter Editor:	Rick Luther
Membership Chairman:	Lowell Didias

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## Come Join us for Fun, Learning and Fellowship



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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