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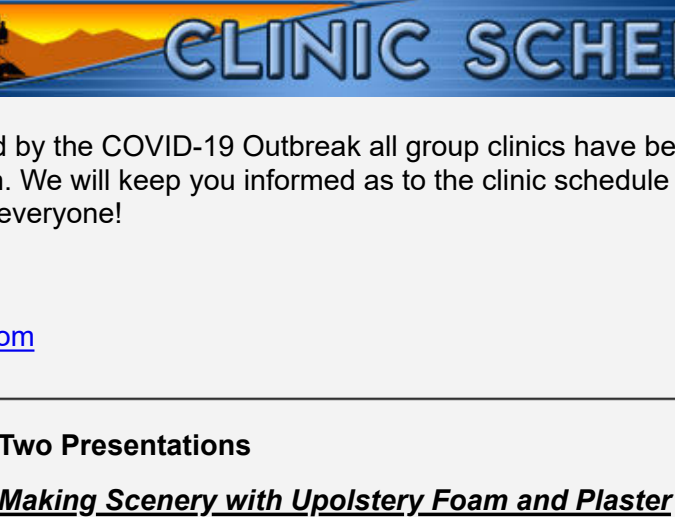
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Coronavirus Update

PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE

The March Monthly Event has been cancelled!

We have received this notice from Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation!



This notice includes our meeting location at the Redwood Recreation Facility. I am not one to give info type or overreact, but with all the announcements postponing and cancelling events and activities this is something I feel must be done. Hey, if Disneyland closes you know it must be serious!

We will have to wait and see regarding April. We are considering a technology based option for the future but until then be safe. Hopefully you have stocked up on kits like I have, and if you are stuck at home, will have plenty to do!

I will continue to consult with the Board of Directors and will keep you posted. Watch our Facebook Group and website for updates as well.

NEW UPDATE

Current restrictions due to the Coronavirus pandemic have obviously disrupted our club activities, including our regular meeting and clinics, as well as the Pizza Box program. We are setting up a Webex solution that will allow us to maintain meetings and clinics while we weather the current crisis. We anticipate that even after the crisis is past and we resume regular physical meetings, we may decide to maintain the Webex infrastructure because that will allow us to record our meetings. Members who cannot attend would then have the opportunity to view the recordings at a later date.

To get yourself ready to interact with the Webex solution, you need to download the Cisco Webex meeting application onto your computer, phone, or tablet. This software is free. We are trying a Social of Directors Meeting this Saturday on Webex. You can try the link below and see if you can connect. If this works, I will do my clinic on Foam Scenery later in the afternoon and record it for others to watch later. You will need to follow the directions from the browser. Copy and paste the Meeting number and Meeting password when prompted to do so.

JOIN THE MEETING

Meeting number (access code): 626 778 009
Meeting password: yZc6DEMy4D7

Saturday, March 21, 2020
9:00 am | (UTC-06:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada) | 1 hr

Jim Wanlass, MMR
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Learn Something New

CLINIC SCHEDULE

With the delays caused by the COVID-19 Outbreak all group clinics have been pushed back at least one month as of March. We will keep you informed as to the clinic schedule when we have more information. Stay safe everyone!

Lowell Didas
Clinics Coordinator
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April

18th

10:00 AM - Noon

Two Presentations

Making Scenery with Upholstery Foam and Plaster
Presented by Jim Wanlass

A different technique for building layout scenery.

Model Railroad Basics 101
Presented by Lowell Didas and Geoff Carter

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

May

16th

10:00 AM - Noon

Union Pacific

Panasonic Electric Turbines
Presented by Fred Baney

A fascinating history and facts about the UP Turbines.

June

20th

10:00 AM - Noon

Multi Mini Clinics

May will be the start of our multi mini clinics. We will have one on using an air brush with Blaine Holbrook and two others going on simultaneously. Rotating every thirty minutes or so. Stay tuned for more info.

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Thoughts from the Superintendent

TRAINS OF THOUGHT

This last month has been pretty crazy. In February I made it to a couple of ops sessions (it had been a long time) and am now officially a member of the OT&W. March started off good with the Hostler's Train Show where I found a few goodies then this pandemic started, not to mention the earthquake! Unfortunately, there is this little global thing going around that is making people stay physically away from each other. That doesn't mean we still can't be a part of each other's lives.

Tonight when I got home one of my daughters was on Facetime with two other girls having fun interacting. On Sunday my brother and his family used to come to my place. I got to see my new niece who smiled at me over the video! I showed my nephews the model I was working on. Sometimes technology takes getting used to but the video conferencing has come a long way. We are going to do the Board Meeting using Webex at the same time as usual. We tested it and feel like it will be a good option. We will be discussing using it for the clinics as well. Even after all this chaos is over and we can meet in person again, we may still use it to reach a wider audience. Stay tuned for more info. Read the newsletters, Facebook and our website.

Besides our model railroad friends, keep in touch with your other friends and family. You can use the phone but most of our phones have cameras and it's fun to see who you are talking with. Stay in touch with your model railroad friends too and that way we can enjoy the journey together!

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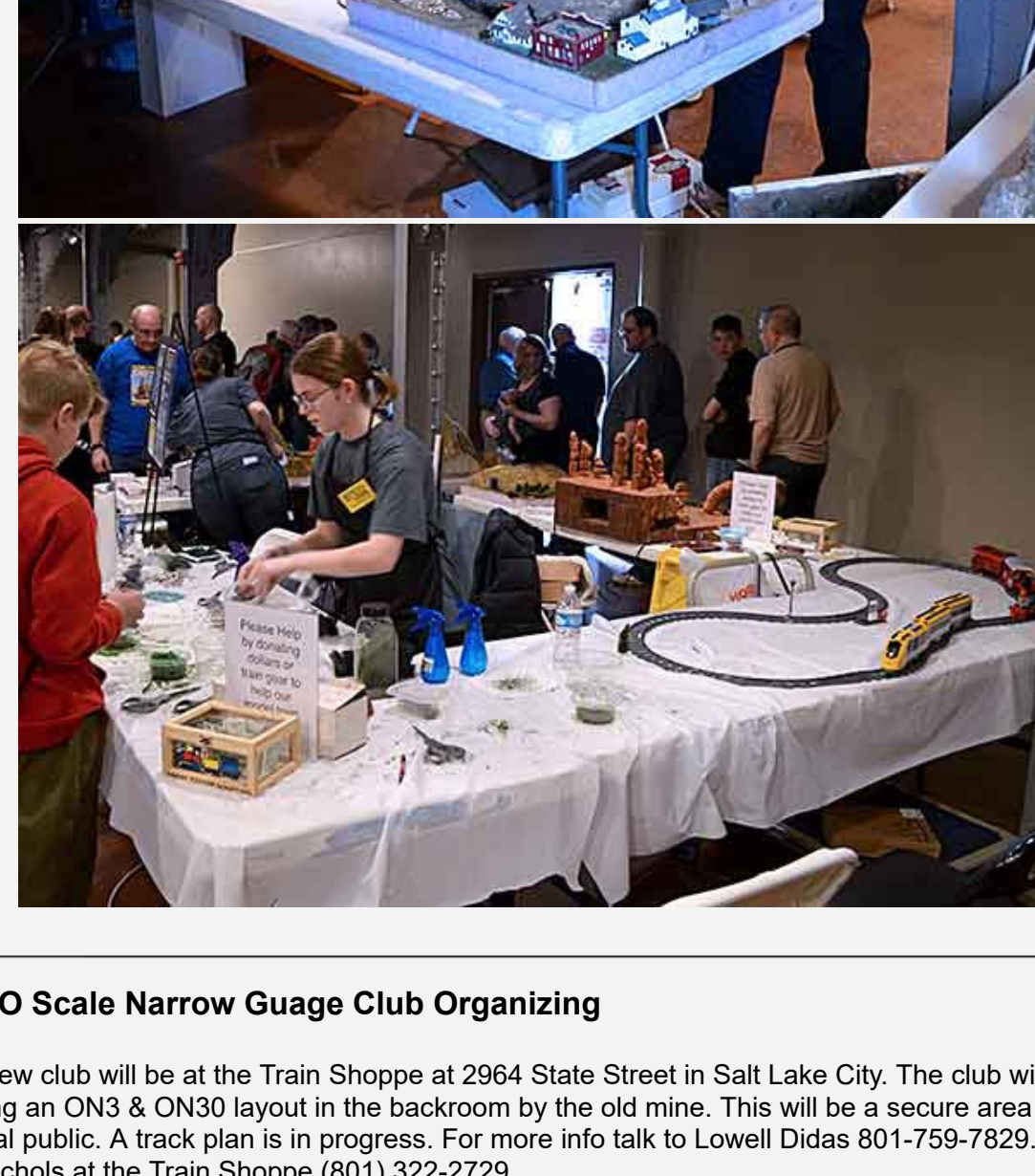
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What Happened Last Month

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

3D Printing and Model Trains
Presented by Michael Harris

Michael's presentation centered around the combination of two hobbies for the benefit of both. By combining 3D printing and model railroading we can enhance our experience and possibly invite more people into the model railroading hobby. He covered the basics of 3D printing including the many types of 3D printer, what things can be printed that apply to model railroading and what is required to get started. Whether you decide to buy a 3D printer, know someone who has one or use a pay-for-service you will need to have the files to print from. The easiest way is look on-line for websites like Thingiverse.com or Shapeways.com. Michael brought a few examples of some N Scale bridges, structures and tunnel portals that he has printed. If you have any questions please contact Michael at mharris@tmkassare.com. Thanks Michael for a very interesting look in 3D printing!

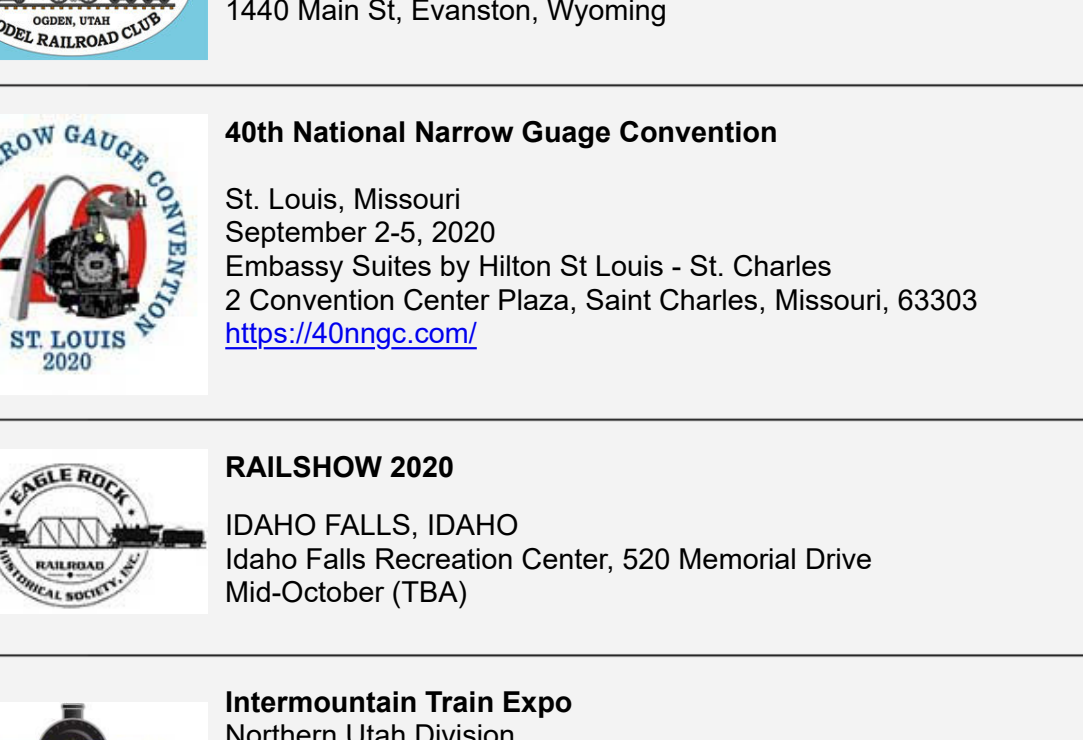


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Achievement Program

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

This last month I found another 'hidden gem' down in Provo. I've talked with most of the members of the OT&W but now am officially a member! At my first meeting I sat next to Paul Dishman who I had only known on Facebook. He expressed an interest in the Golden Spike Award and I was able to make arrangements to go to his house and see his awesome layout! I had no idea how much he had done or not but like when I visited Keith's layout, I was able to check off every box. I sent off the form to the Region before even leaving his house! Like I've said before, if you've done much modeling, you most likely are close, if you don't already have the requirements done, for the Golden Spike Award! He is also really close to 3 or 4 APC Certificates and I gave him the assignment to look those up so he can see how much he's already done!



Like I said, it's a great layout with simple operations and scenery with lots of vignettes showing/hiding a story. With the current restrictions and request to stay home, I can still visit via Facetime, Skype or another service. The Golden Spike is easier than doing merit awards and APC Certificates because we need to really study the details but we can still try it out. Staying connected in this "social distancing" time is important and using technology we can still enjoy the journey together!

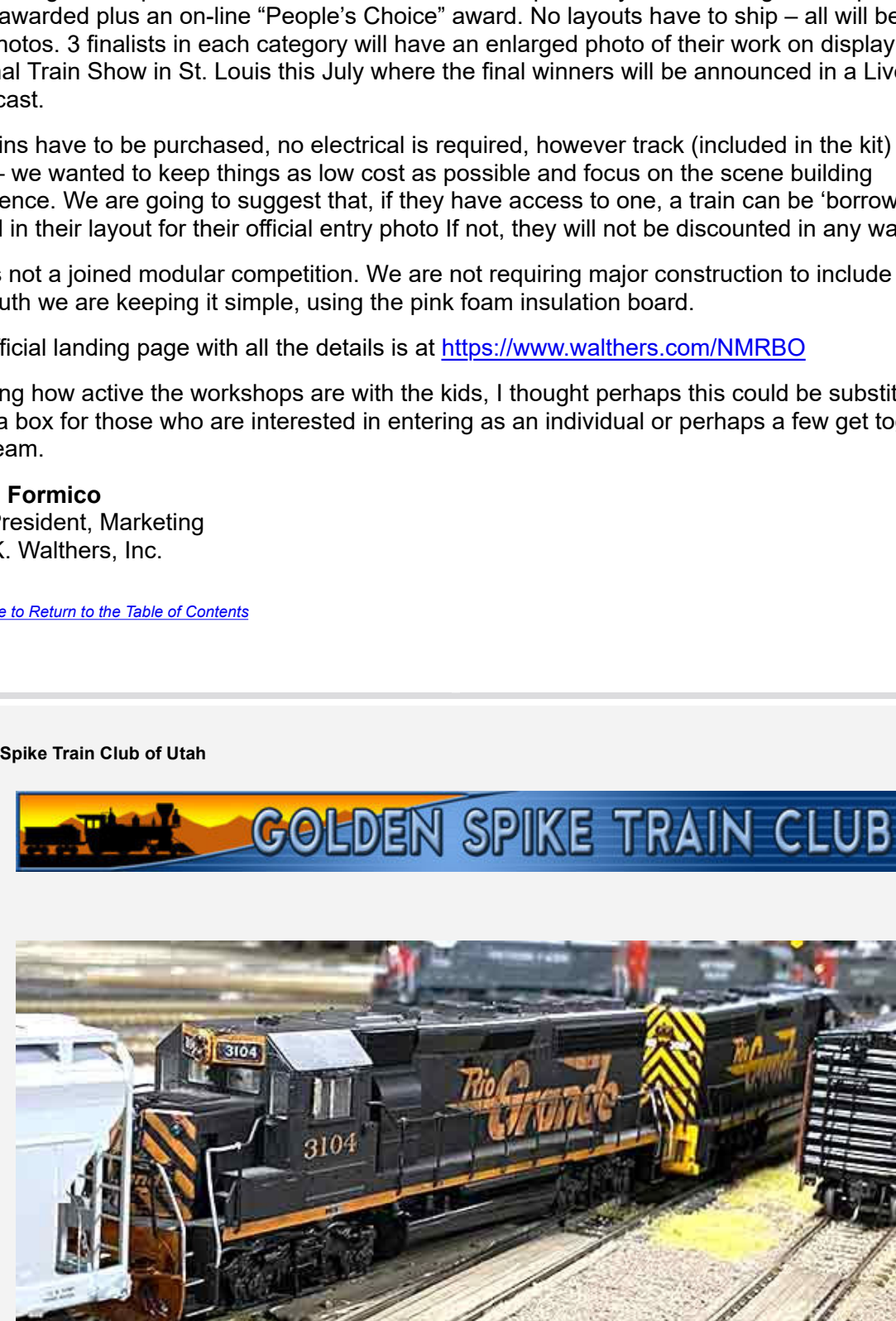
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Scenes from the Hostlers Show

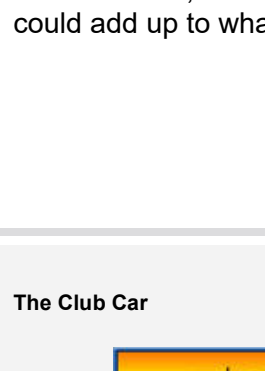


New O Scale Narrow Gauge Club Organizing

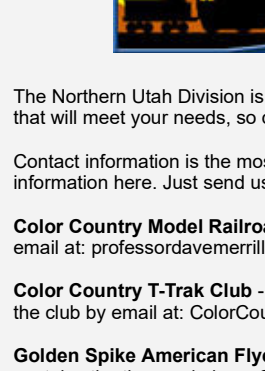
This new club will be at the Train Shoppe at 2964 State Street in Salt Lake City. The club will be building an ON3 & ON30 layout in the backroom by the old mine. This will be a secure area from the general public. A track plan is in progress. For more info talk to Lowell Didas 801-759-7829. Or see Jeff Nichols at the Train Shoppe (801) 322-2729.

Upcoming Shows and Events

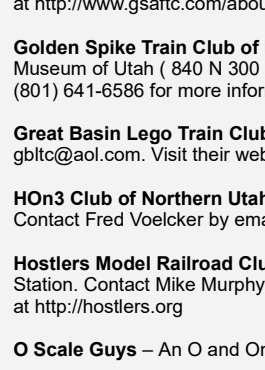
Please note that as of this writing some of the following shows and conventions are scheduled but may be postponed or canceled depending on the current status of the Coronavirus pandemic. Check the show websites for confirmation.



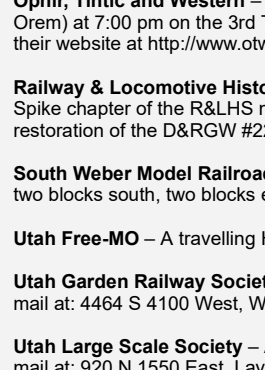
2020 Sherman Hill Train Show
Saturday, May 16, 9am - 5pm
Sunday, May 17, 10am - 4pm
Frontier Park Exhibition Hall
1312 W. 8th Ave.
Cheyenne, WY 82001



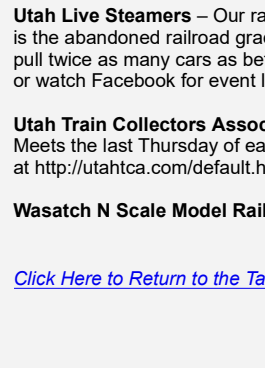
Gateway 2020
2020 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show
July 12-18 in St. Louis, Missouri
<https://www.gateway2020.org/>



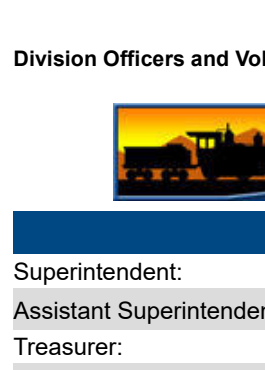
Rocky Mountain Region
Joint Lines to Pueblo
July 31 - August 2, 2020
Pueblo Union Station - 132 West B Street
Rawlins Public Library - 100 E Abriendo Ave
Pueblo, Colorado



23rd Annual Roundhouse Festival
August 7, 8 & 9, Evanston show
1440 Main St, Evanston, Wyoming



40th National Narrow Gauge Convention
St. Louis, Missouri
September 2-5, 2020
Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Louis - St. Charles
2 Convention Center Plaza, Saint Charles, Missouri, 63303
<https://40nngc.com/>



RAILSHOW 2020
IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO
Idaho Falls Recreation Center, 520 Memorial Drive
Mid-October (TBA)

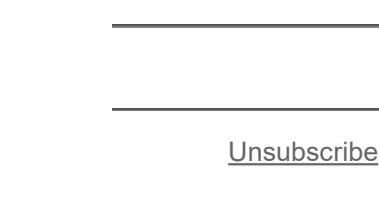


Intermountain Train Expo
Northern Utah Division
November 13 & 14th
Redwood Recreation Center
3060 Lester Street West Valley City

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Walters National Build-Off

ON THE EXTRA BOARD



I wanted to personally invite you to take a look at the exciting new event we are launching.

It's called the "Walters NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD BUILD-OFF" designed to grow awareness of the hobby, inspire idle modelers to action, and get the youth involved in an organized activity that allows them to participate without having to commit to significant expense, time or space.

It is a scene building competition open to youth and adults, teams and individuals, to build a small HO scale layout module.

Youth - age 14 and under - 2' x 2'
Youth team (2 or more) 2' x 4'
Adult - age 15 and older - 2' x 4'
Adult team (2 or more) - 2' x 6'

For a small investment, a kit is supplied with some of the elements to include in the layout (we don't make any money). The idea is that each modeler uses the various elements to come up with their own creative solution. (Kids are encouraged to have fun and include fantasy as well)

Kits will begin to ship March 1st and entries must be completed by June 1st. Significant prize \$\$\$ being awarded plus an on-line "People's Choice" award. No layouts have to ship - all will be done with photos. 3 finalists in each category will have an enlarged photo of their work on display at the National Train Show in St. Louis this July where the final winners will be announced in a Live broadcast.

No trains have to be purchased, no electrical as possible, however track (included in the kit) must be used - we wanted to keep things as low cost as required and focus on the scene building experience. We are going to suggest that, if they have access to one, a train can be 'borrowed' and placed in their layout for their official entry photo. If not, they will not be discounted in any way.

This is not a joined modular competition. We are not requiring major construction to include legs. For the youth we are keeping it simple, using the pink foam insulation board.

Our official landing page with all the details is at: <https://www.walters.com/NMRBO>

Knowing how active the workshops are with the kids, I thought perhaps this could be substituted for a pizza box for those who are interested in entering as an individual or perhaps a few get together as a team.

Karen Formico
Vice President, Marketing
Wm. K. Walters, Inc.

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Golden Spike Train Club of Utah

GOLDEN SPIKE TRAIN CLUB

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.goldenspietrainclubutah.org/>

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

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NMRA Membership Renewal

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 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 over 3 vendors including Micro-Mart, Green Frog Productions, MinuteMan Scale Models, Motrak Models, MRC (Model Rectifier Corporation) 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 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 we have on file. If you have a railroad modeling club in the state of Utah, we would be happy to include your information here. Just send us the name of your club, the scales you support currently in your club, and how prospective members may contact your club.

Color Country Model Railroad Club - This multi-scale club is located in the Southern Utah Division in St. George, Utah. Contact Dave Merrill by email at professorstevemerrill@gmail.com. Visit their website at <http://colorcountrytrains.org/>

Color Country T-Trak Club - This multi-scale club, located in the Southern Utah Division in St. George, Utah, uses the T-Trak modular system. Contact the club by email at ColorCountryTTrak@gmail.com. Visit their website at <http://www.cctc.info>

Golden Spike American Flyer Train Club - This S scale club meets the third Friday of each month at various club member homes. Their newsletter contains the time and place. Call Jim Buckley by phone at (801) 252-1921 or by email at jamesbuckley7@comcast.com. Visit their website at <http://www.gsaftc.com/about.htm>

Golden Spike Train Club of Utah - This HO/N30 100% NMRA club meets Saturday Evenings from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, at the Old Children's Museum of Utah, 840 N 300 West, SLC. Open Houses are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 12-4 pm. Contact Mark Forehand by phone at (801) 541-6161 for more information. Out of the area memberships are available. Visit their website at www.goldenspietrainclubutah.org

Great Basin Lego Train Club - Adult fans of LEGO. Meeting times and club info is posted on their website. Contact Reed Cowan by email at gbc@col.com. Visit their website at <http://greatbasinle.utahing.org/>

HO3 Club of Northern Utah - Specializing in local narrow gauge railroads in HO3, this group meets informally and has a layout in Grantsville. Contact Fred Voelker by email at fred.voelker@gmail.com. Visit their website at <http://ho3clubutah.com>

Hostlers Model Railroad Club - This multi-scale club, including live steam, meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Ogden's historic Union Station. Contact Mike Murphy by USPS mail at 723 W 637S South, Riverton, UT 84065 or by phone at (801) 384-4852. Visit their website at <http://hostlers.org>

O Scale Guys - An O and On3 scale club. Contact Steve Strebel by phone at (801) 973-6367.

Ogden, Tropic and Western - This 100% NMRA club models in HO and N and meets at the SCERA Theater Boardroom (745 South State Street, Ogden) at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Contact Larry Carter at the SCERA Theater Boardroom in St. George, Utah, uses the T-Trak modular system. Visit their website at <http://www.otwtrains.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 is dedicated to the preservation of the Salt Lake & Western Railroad. Our track gauge is 15" and we have a new beautiful 1/8" scale locomotive to pull twice as many cars as before. Rides are typically in the morning on the third Saturday of the month. Contact Mike at utahivesteamers@gmail.com or watch Facebook for event listings. <https://www.facebook.com/utahivesteamers/>

South Weber Model Railroad Club - This 1-1/2" club runs trains every 3rd Saturday & Sunday at South Weber Canyon Meadows Park. 1-84 east exit #85, two blocks south, two blocks east. Visit their website at <http://southweberrrm.com/>

Utah Free-MO - A traveling HO Modular group conforming to the Free-MO standard. Contact Mike Nelson by email at l_m_jocco@hotmail.com

Utah Garden Railroad Society - A "G scale" group dedicated to the art of Garden Railways. Contact Lynn Stringham, President (UGRS) by USPS mail at 4464 S 4100 West, West Haven, UT 84041

Utah Large Scale Society - A G scale group that meets in various member's homes. Contact Stan White by phone at (801) 545-0855 or by USPS mail at 960 N 1500 East, Layton, UT 84040

Utah Live Steamers - Our railroad is at Shy Park, 400 West Aspen Hills Blvd, Saratoga Springs, UT which encompasses 12 acres. The key feature is the abandoned railroad grade of the Salt Lake & Western Railroad. Our track gauge is 15" and we have a new beautiful 1/8" scale locomotive to pull twice as many cars as before. Rides are typically in the morning on the third Saturday of the month. Contact Mike at utahivesteamers@gmail.com or watch Facebook for event listings. <https://www.facebook.com/utahivesteamers/>

Utah Train Collectors Association - Primarily 3-rail G gauge, 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 webmaster@utahica.com. Visit their website at <http://utahica.com/default.htm>

Wasatch N Scale Model Railroad Club - For contact info visit their website at wasatchnscale.org

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DIVISION BRASS HATS

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