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later date.

Jim Wanlass, MMR

**April** 

May

15th

10:00 AM - Noon

MESSAGE The April Monthly Event at the Redwood Recreation center has been cancelled! PLEASE USE THE UPDATED LINK BELOW 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 Zoom solution that will allow us to maintain meetings and clinics while we weather the current crisis.

PLEASE READ:

PORTANT

This clinic will be broadcast on our NEW private **Zoom** channel. Please click the blue button below on Saturday to view the clinic. Follow the on-line instructions if you have not attended a Zoom meeting before. **CLICK HERE** JOIN & VIEW THE CLINIC

We anticipate that even after the crisis is past and we resume regular physical meetings, we may decide to maintain the on-line meeting 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

Meeting ID: 824 0172 8544 **Passcode: 446946 Saturday, April 17, 2021 10:00 AM - 2 hours** 

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**Learn Something New** CLINIC SCHEDULE

You can always find links to our previous recorded live video clinics on our website. Click the link below to go directly to the website.

https://www.northernutahnmra.org/monthly-events/past-clinics/

17th Presented by Charlie Treft 10:00 AM - Noon Charlie is doing this clinic to learn a new skill in Model Railroading. This idea is a great way for modelers to do a clinic presentation while learning something new and helping the rest of us.

Live On-line Presentation

Live On-line Presentation

Presented by Kevin Anderson

**Layout Wiring Part 2** 

love of trains.

**How to make Decals** 

information and covering more than the basics. Live On-line Hands-on June How to Build a Quick & Easy Fleet of Track Cleaning Cars 19th

This will be a continuation of the February Clinic that Kevin gave with more

As the Clinic Coordinator I look at what this requires and realize we all can contribute to our clinics. I started with a sheet of plywood with my father back when I was a child and since then have done so much, especially in the last few years. We all have skills and experiences that we can share. Being retired from the Education profession also has shown me that what I have done in the past can help someone else looking for an answer. I will call upon all of you to share what you have learned, because we all have a

THOUGHT

ENT HIGHLIGHTS

By Jim Wanlass 10:00 AM - Noon Whether you need one or a fleet of track cleaning cars, this method is quick and easy. The hardest part is gathering the materials which will be provided for you. In this Virtual, Hands-on Clinic, follow along by building your own. If you would like the materials mailed to you, send your address to me jamestowntrains@gmail.com and they will be sent the old fashioned way, through the mail, a week or two before the clinic. Let me also know which scale you will building it in. You need to provide your own boxcar, drill and epoxy.

**Charlie Treft** cptreft@yahoo.com 801-543-0186 Click Here to Return to the Table of Contents Thoughts from the Superintendent

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family, friends and co-workers come see and appreciate what we do so that we can enjoy the journey together! Jim Wanlass, MMR #585 Superintendent

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**Virtual Layout Tour** Presented by Frank Baker

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but that's O.K.

It has seemed so long that we have been restricted in how we meet and what we do and now suddenly there is an abundance of activities. For so many Saturdays I have had one or two things on my to-do list for the day and this last Saturday I had 11! No, I didn't get to all of them

We don't know when we will meet in person yet but I'm looking forward to it. Through our Zoom

meetings, where we can interact with each other,

## What Happened Last Month

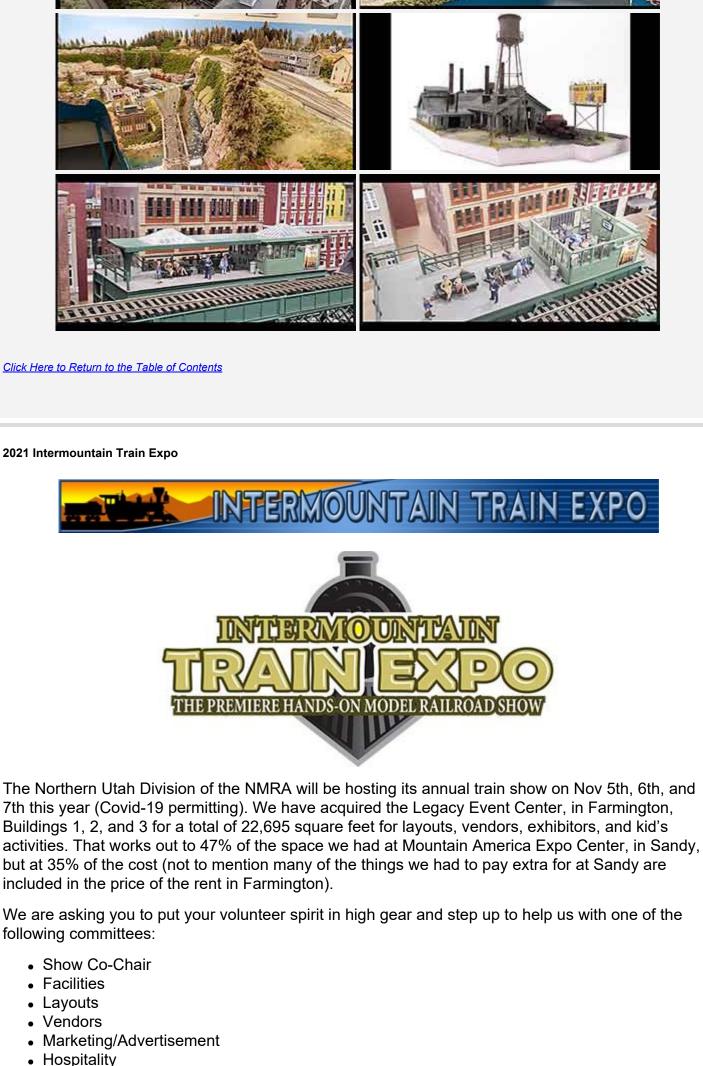
We enjoyed a virtual tour of the Superintendent of the Arizona Division, Frank Baker's layout the Morristown & Erie RR-Western Division. It is 18' x 33.6' in a special building next to his house in Scottsdale, Arizona. He is known as the "bird guy" because most of his structures have birds on them. Speaking of structures, some people won't bring a structure if they know he is bringing one to the contest room! He has been heard to say, "the devil is in the details." The amount of detail and the quality of his scratch-built structures is simply amazing. To view the informative video of this

I'm glad we've been able to keep in touch. Also, I've seen many of you at the Train Show at the University Mall in Orem. You can see my niece having fun running one of my trains in this month's selfie. It will be open through the 17th so come see it if you haven't yet. Shows like this allow us to interact with the public and it's fun to see others interested in model railroading! It's been fun to have

clinic, click on the link below and look for the March 20, 2021 clinic. March - Northern Utah Division Clinic Layout size 18' x 33.6' Micro Engineering code 70 Control system: Lenz Layout height: 43" to 53" Prototype: Freelance Mainline: 480 feet Structures: almost 250

Plan view

Schematic view



We need help in these areas today to get things organized and moving. We also need ideas to make the show even better even though it will be smaller. These jobs should not take more than an hour or two each week for now, but more as we get closer to the show dates. You are free to ask anyone you care to assist you fulfill the job responsibilities. Obviously when the days of the actual show arrives, we will need many to step forward to help make the show a success, such as set-up and take-down crew, ticket sellers, kid activity monitors, roving security, hospitality room host(ess),

Call me today to join the team that will be putting on the premier kid-friendly train show of the

If anyone has pictures/videos of previous train shows, please let Geoff Carter or Blaine Holbrook know soonest. We will use these in our advertising campaign on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, etc.

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Volunteer Coordinator

and etc.

Intermountain West.

**Achievement Program** 

Another thing I was able to do this last month is see the Sanpete Valley Railway in Mount Pleasant. Although the trains weren't running yet, we did get to see the track layout and the beautiful steam locomotive as well as the incredible shop it was built in. Talk about scratch-building a locomotive!

There are so many aspects of model railroading! I love them all! You can choose to focus on one specific area or work on many different things. At home my layout is better suited for shorter trains but on the Free-mo layout I have some long trains that are really fun to run. I also have some short,

interesting trains. I probably run the most variety on those modules and to me it's lots of fun.

In my article in the October 2020 Promontory Post, I told how these three, Mike McIntire, Mike Nelson and Dave Dane earned their Golden Spike Award. We haven't met since then so with all three being at the Train Show at the University Mall in Orem, I was able to present them their certificate! (Dave is from Colorado and his was actually already mailed to him.) I would like to say all three have great modules and I look forward to continue working with them!

Whatever it is you choose to do, have fun doing it! Let me know how I can help, be it at home, at a

show or wherever and that way we can enjoy the journey together!

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The operations conundrum

operational consideration.

Car forwarding systems

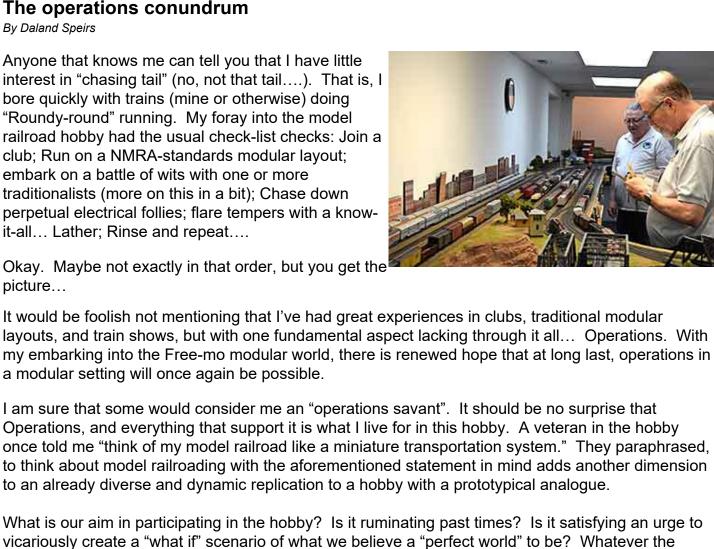
• Car Cards & Waybills

 Computer generated switch lists Detailed instructions of car moves

not a focal point of the industry that we model.

Northern Utah Division of the NMRA

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reasons, those ideas could likely render down into some aspect of logistics (what, when, where, why, and how). Could the idea that your freelance railroad that went from Whatchamacallit to Thingamajig be based on a more water level route? If so, chances are it would be based on an

Speaking for myself, operations are fundamental in my understanding how railroads work, and in that, how our country, and in larger part, our worldwide distribution of goods and services are moved. On one hand, I find it fascinating that there is so much to learn, and on the other hand,

Without belaboring the point, operations have provided me with a considerable foundation to base my activity in the hobby. Without it, the objective of trains and the details would become blurry and

Forwarding systems mimic the paperwork and administrative minutiae that dictate the movement of equipment around the rail system. Railroads historically used waybills and communications systems to move the information about rolling stock and where it needed to delivered. There are several model specific car forwarding systems in use at present. Most fall into the following categories:

alarming that more people don't know how "stuff" moves from place to place.

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CC&WB have a few drawbacks; any layout owner will tell you about missing car cards. Some operators don't move car cards with the cars or they otherwise get confused. Cards will wear and get "dog-eared" after a while, also showing signs of dirt and smudges. In all, CC&WB is an easy way to go for any modeler, provided they have a rudimentary understanding of car forwarding and other basic logistical considerations.

Computer generated switch lists are a relatively new advent to the hobby. With the onset of the home computer over the last few decades, automated car switch lists have become a worthy contender to the venerable Car Cards. Computer generated switch lists allow for a more

"automated" process, alleviating the owner / operations managing person the need to manually administrate Car Cards and Waybills. A computer can randomly select cars of given parameters and deliver them to applicable locations via printed switch lists. This type of operation has the

Computer switch lists have their deficiencies as well. The movement of cars with a computer

generated switch list is such that the computer must move every car "transaction", that is each move from one interchange location to another. This is sometimes called "cradle to grave" car forwarding. The computer must account for each movement, where CC&WB systems use the aforementioned "Assumptive Reasoning" of movement. Other issues surround lost cars that must be reported to the computer switch list software, such that it doesn't continue to "move" cars that either don't exist or

In the case of detailed car moves in instructions, the owner / manager simply details the moves in instructions. These types of moves are more laborious and tedious as each move must be detailed such that the operator will know what to do at each switching location. These types of instructions

are needed in cases where cars need to be handled in specific ways and order, such as an

Car Cards and Waybills (CC&WB) have been around for decades. They are simple, easy to manage and operators know how to interpret them. They don't require any special accounting or management system. CC&WB use an "Assumptive Reasoning" system. As an example, a car in San Francisco going to Chicago must be interchanged at Ogden from the Southern Pacific to the Union Pacific to complete the delivery. It's assumed that the yard in Ogden will know what to do with

the car based on geographical and logistical factors of the destination.

maintain an unknown location. With the first two car forwarding systems, trains usually move cars based on randomization. That is, because there is not an actual customer order for a car on our layout, each system moves cars based on a randomization factor. In CC&WB, waybills are flipped or exchanged to change the destination. In the case of the computer generated switch lists, the computer inherently uses random number generators to complete the switch lists and the car deliveries.

computer managing all car moves on the layout.

would detail building a car forwarding system. This would cover basics. Needed information such as locations, car information, industry information, lading information, etc. If there in sufficient interest, I can detail specific requisites for such a workshop. I hope to hold something in May of 2021. Look for more information in the May newsletter.

Running Geoff Carter's HO Scale timesaver puzzle. Running the NUD project layout and selling raffle tickets for it. Mike Nelson and a few HO FREE-MO friends will be displaying a few of those modules. The Wasatch N Scale club will also be present to display their magnificent modules. There will be plenty to enjoy! When: April 4th - 17th

**Show Photos** 

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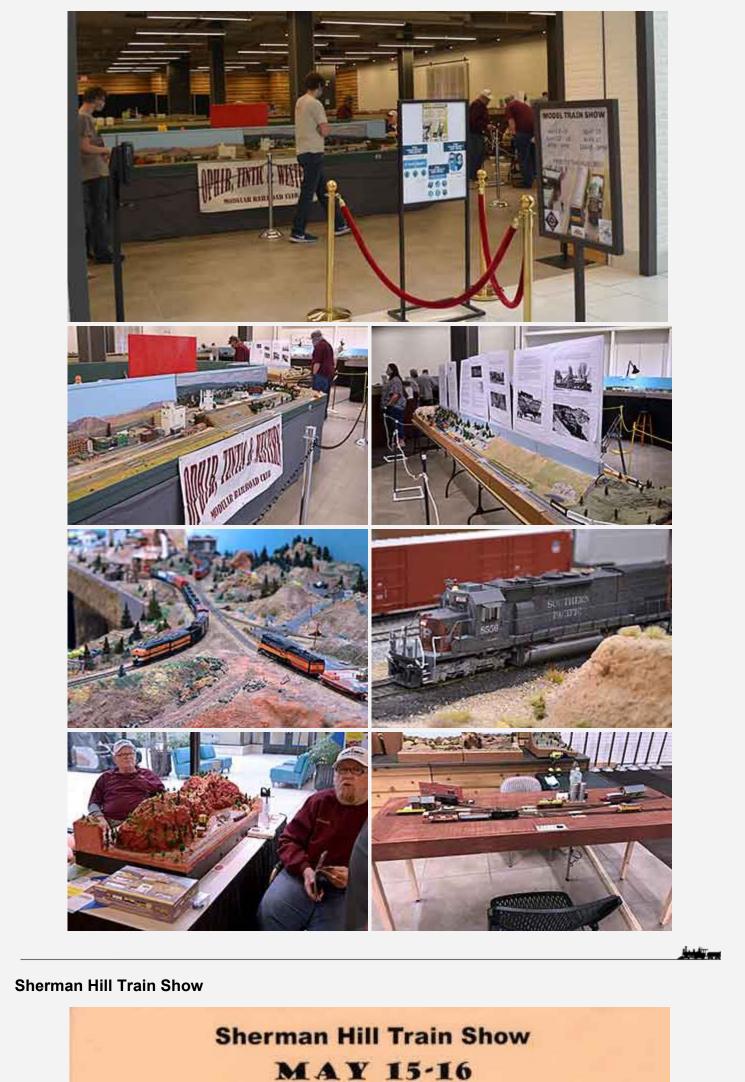
Admission Price: FREE!!

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Times: Monday through Friday from 5:00PM - 9:00PM / Saturday 10:00AM - 9:00PM Where: University Mall, Orem, Utah - 575 E University Parkway

industrial setting where order is important, such an in widget production. Car forwarding workshop I have been approached by a few people seeking information in building a car forwarding system. With COVID numbers in decline, I would like to help anyone interested in building a car forwarding system take the first steps. If all goes well, I'm hoping to put on a small, one day workshop that I hope that you will take the opportunity to dabble in operations, and more specifically, car forwarding. Its lots of fun and in doing so, you'll learn to think more objectively about railroads in

ways you never knew. Click Here to Return to the Table of Contents DIVISION NEWS ITEMS The OT&W is planning a model railroad display in one of the empty stores at the University Mall in Orem. We will be displaying our N-Rail, T-Track displays.



Sat 9-5

**Frontier Park Exhibition Hall** Sun 10-4 1312 W 8th Ave, LARAMIE MODEL Sandy 307-634-1617 Cheyenne, WY RAILROAD Erik 307-214-5483 CLUB, INC. shmrrcts@gmail.com FREE PARKING http://shermanhillrails.org Admission: Adults \$8.00 Children 12 & under FREE Sherman Hill Model Railroad Club, Inc. The SHMRRClub is moving forward with it's planned May 15/16, 2021 Train Show at Frontier Park in Cheyenne. So far we have a good selection of vendors who have committed to attending, including some new ones! So far we also have 9 layouts planning to attend, ranging from "O" scale, 1/48th; HO scale, 1/87.1; "N" scale and others. The Kids train is also planning on attending. We will also have food trucks to fill your hollow leg when you are visiting. We will be regularly up-dating on this page. COME ONE, COME ALL! Also, the health regulations relaxed today which will allow for

2021

Hills Mall

"social distancing"!

Train Expo Colorado **Saturday, May 22, 2021** Colorado Springs, CO Chapel Hills Mall 1710 Briargate Blvd 10 am until 2 pm \$5.00 per person

https://www.tecoshow.org/tecoswap.htm

TECO will have an outdoor swap meet at the southeast parking lot of Chapel

The O Scale National Convention is happening, and the registration form is

more people to attend. Masks at the moment will still need to be used in the building, as well as



online and active, ready for you to fill out! https://oscalenational.com/ **NUT-LUG (Northern Utah LEGO User Club)** June 25 : 4pm – 8pm June 26 : 10am - 8pm Ely, Nevada

O Scale National Convention

June 17-20, 2021 Denver, Colorado

NUT-LUG is planning a show in Ely with various model railroad groups from around the area. More details will follow as they become available.

**Union Depot** 301 W B St, Pueblo, CO September 11-12, 2021 https://pueblorailway.org/events/ RMR-NMRA Convention Rawlings Library 100 E Abriendo Ave. Pueblo, Colorado September 10-12, 2021

TRAIN EXPO

Pueblo Rail-fair

151 South 1100 West Farmington, UT November 5th - 7th, 2021 Friday 3:00PM - 9:00PM Saturday 9:00AM - 9:00PM Sunday 9:00AM - 4:00PM http://intermountaintrainexpo.com/

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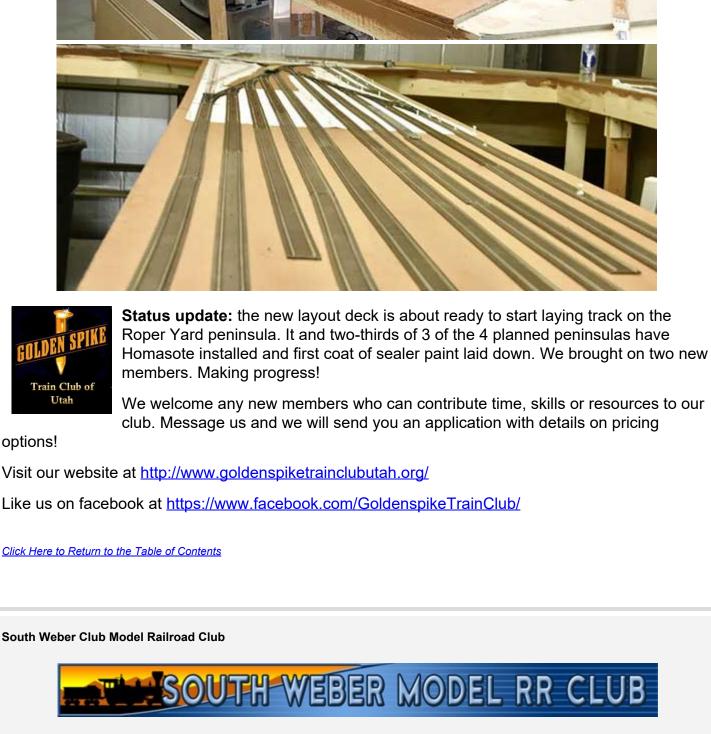
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**Rocky Mountain Train Show** 

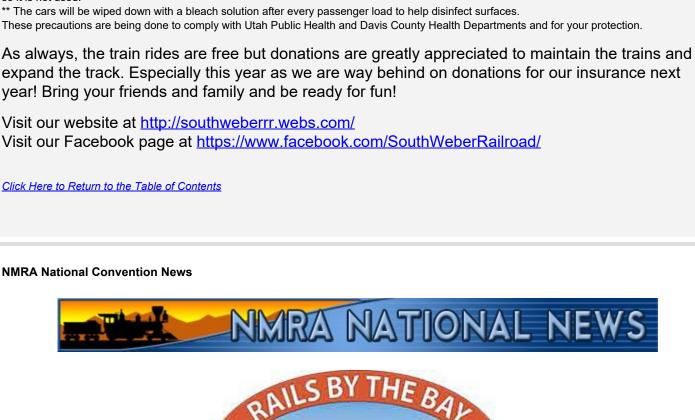
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Longmont, CO

Thanksgiving weekend November 27-28, 2021



2021 Kickoff Rides, bring your family, tell your friends. We may even have a live steam engine running. Bring a picnic lunch, just have fun in the sun in the beautiful Canyon Meadows Park, South Weber Utah Join us at Canyon Meadows Park (631 E Petersen Pkwy, South Weber, Utah) April 17 for train rides around the park again! Due to the situation with Covid-19 MODEL RAILROAD CLUB there are special precautions being taken for these train rides which may impact the length of time you wait in line so please be aware! \*\* If you are experiencing any Covid or flu-like symptoms, please stay home! \*\* When you arrive at the park we will be asking everyone to keep a 6' social distance between their family party and the others around you! \*\* Masks are required at this time. We will update the event if state requirements change. \*\* In order to maintain social distance on the trains, you will only be allowed to sit with your family members and every other car will be blocked off



recorded video layout tours, coupled with live Q&A with layout owners. You'll virtually visit the topquality layouts of modelers like Jack Burgess, Guy Cantwell, Dave Connery, Bill Decker, Dave Houston, Otis McGee, Dave Stanley, and more. We're also developing an online, photo-based model show so you can showcase the models you've built in the past year, with a "meet the modeler" panel so you can chat about techniques. Interested in layout design? We'll offer a complete LDSIG program including videos of LDSIG-oriented layouts grouped in one block, and a

To request a mail-in, paper registration form, send email to: <a href="mailto:registrar@nmra2021.com">registrar@nmra2021.com</a>.

The National Train Show, which is separately planned and operated, also is canceled.

dedicated team of volunteers is working to make this a great convention.

For further convention information, contact <a href="mailto:publicity@nmra2021.com">publicity@nmra2021.com</a>.

as we continue to develop the convention under challenging conditions.

As you've heard, NMRA 2021 Rails By The Bay has transitioned to a video-rich, online virtual convention scheduled for five days from July 6-10, 2021. We'll be offering live online video clinics

bandwidth, high-resolution, pro-level service from Zoom, supplemented by online chat via the Slack platform. We have clinic Frank Markovich MMR® will describe building parts of the "Magic of Scale Model Railroading" exhibit at the California State Railroad Museum. We'll also be offering pre-

panel discussion about lessons learned and layout improvements. For operators, virtual op sessions (either as an active participant or viewer) also are under development. We will offer a number of channels for interaction among the attendees to capture some of the feeling of meeting old friends in the hallways. Each convention day will run 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, Pacific time. Most content will be recorded and available for playback for a period of two weeks after the original live presentation. A

2020-2021 have been a year unlike any other, and we appreciate your patience and positive support

Visit <u>www.nmra2021.com</u> for further information.

SAVE THE DATE!

2022 NMRA National

Convention &

**National Train Show** 

and panel programs, with real-time Q&A with speakers. All video will be offered using high-



There are no vitual meeting planned at this time. Be sure to catch up on all the past clinics on the NMRA YouTube channel.

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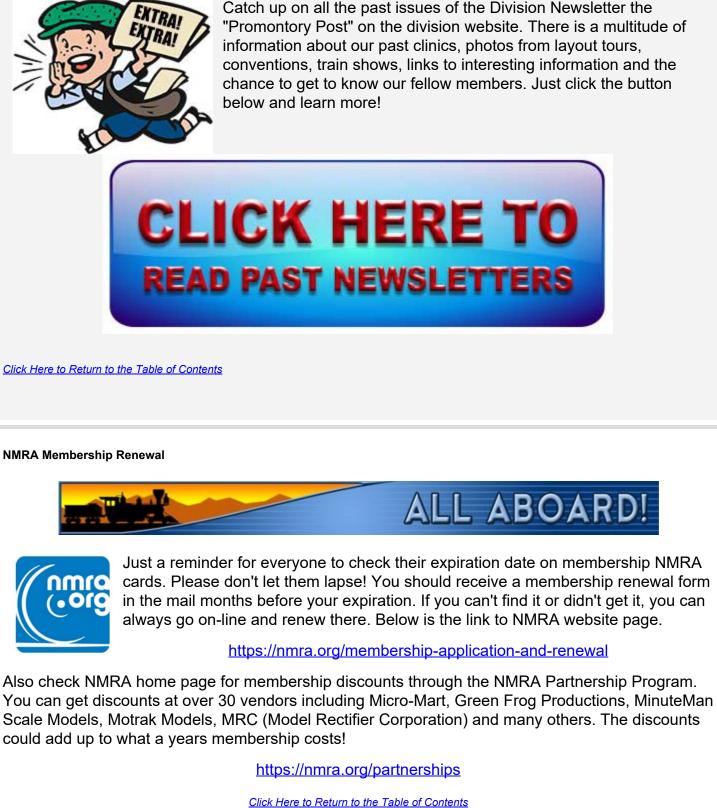
Walthers National Model Railroad Build-Off 2021

us that you're the best at what you do! Ready to build? Follow these simple steps to get started: 1. Know which category you are entering

Class)

May 31st

2021!



South Weber Model Railroad Club - This 1-1/2" club runs trains every 3rd Saturday & Sunday at South Weber Canyon Meadows Park. I-84 exit #85, two blocks south, two blocks east. Visit their website at http://southweberrr.webs.com/ Utah Free-MO - A travelling HO Modular group conforming to the Free-MO standard. Contact Mike Nelson by email at: i\_m\_loco@hotmail.com Utah Free-moN - We subscribe to the N scale Free Mo standards. You can find us on Facebook at Utah Free-moN. Utah Garden Railway 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 84401

midst of the restoration of the D&RGW #223. Visit their website at http://www.save223.org

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them that will meet your needs, so drop them a line and join the fun! 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 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: professordavemerrill@gmail.com. Visit their website at http://colorcountrytrains.org/sud/ Color Country T-Trak Club - This N 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.ccttc.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/HOn3 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 Forslund by phone at (801) 641-6586 for more information. Out of the area memberships are available. Visit their website at www.goldenspiketrainclubutah.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: gbltc@aol.com. Visit their website at http://greatbasinltc.utahlug.org/

their website at http://www.otwtrainclub.com/

USPS mail at: 920 N 1550 East, Layton, UT 84040

The Club Car

at http://hostlers.org

HOn3 Club of Northern Utah – Specializing in local narrow gauge railroads in HOn3, this group meets informally and has a layout in Grantsville. Contact Fred Voelcker by email at: fred.voelcker@gmail.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: 752 W 4375 South, Riverdale, UT 84405 or by phone at: (801) 394-4952. Visit their website O Scale Guys – An O and On3 scale club. Contact Steve Strebel by phone at: (801) 973-0367. Ophir, Tintic and Western - This 100% NMRA club models in HO and N and meets at the SCERA Theater Boardroom (745 South State Street, Orem) at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Contact Larry Carter by email at larrycarter@msn.com or by phone at (801) 446-8161 Visit

Railway & Locomotive Historical Society (Golden Spike Chapter) - An historically oriented group of researchers and preservationists, the Golden Spike chapter of the R&LHS meets every second Tuesday at noon at Two Bit Street Cafe on 25th Street in Ogden and is presently in the

Utah Large Scale Society - A G scale group that meets in various member's homes. Contact Stan White by phone at: (801) 546-4085 or by

Utah Live Steamers - Our railroad is at Shay Park, 400 West Aspen Hills Blvd, Saratoga Springs, UT which encompasses 12 acres. The key

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feature is the abandoned railroad grade of the Salt Lake & Western Railroad. Our track gauge is 7.5" and we have a new, beautiful 1.6" 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 utahlivesteamers@gmail.com or watch Facebook for event listings. https://www.facebook.com/cmry260/ Utah Train Collectors Association - Primarily 3-rail O 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@utahtca.com. Visit their website at http://utahtca.com/default.htm Wasatch N Scale Model Railroad Club - For contact info visit their website at wasatchnscale.org Click Here to Return to the Table of Contents

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