



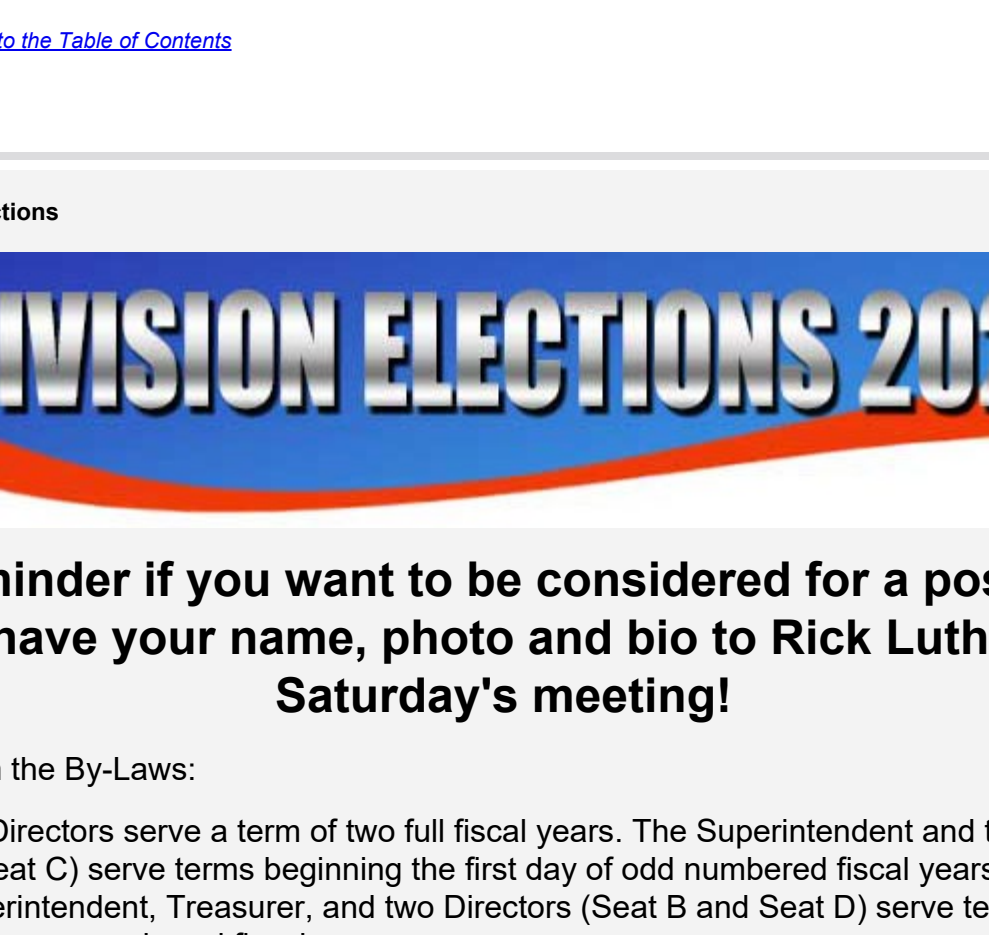
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Meeting Location Update

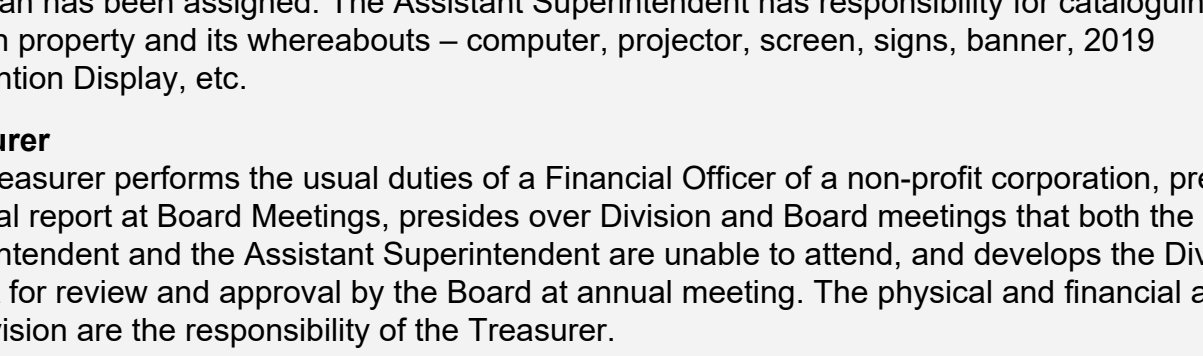


WE ARE BACK TO AN IN-PERSON MEETING!

**The November Monthly Event will held at the
 Redwood Recreation Center!
 Saturday November 20th, 2021 : 10:00 AM - Noon**

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2021 Division Elections



Just a reminder if you want to be considered for a position you need to have your name, photo and bio to Rick Luther by this Saturday's meeting!

Guidance from the By-Laws:

The Board of Directors serve a term of two full fiscal years. The Superintendent and two Directors (Seat A and Seat C) serve terms beginning the first day of odd numbered fiscal years, and the Assistant Superintendent, Treasurer, and two Directors (Seat B and Seat D) serve terms beginning the first day of even numbered fiscal years.

Eligible members may declare their candidacy for an office at any time between the opening of the October event and the close of the November event, by notifying the Election Committee of their intent. Each candidate may also submit a photo, and a 250 word (or less) candidate's statement, to be published in the issue of the Division newsletter that immediately follows the November event.

Each candidate is entitled to run for one elected office.

To be eligible to hold or run for an elected office, a candidate must reside within Division territory, be a member of the NMRA in good standing, and hold a membership classification in the NMRA that grants them the right to vote. The voting will take place on-line and at the December 18th Meeting. You may if you wish send your nominations via email to luther7664@comcast.net at the appropriate time.

A **SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE** will be sent out on November 30, 2021 and you will have until 6:00PM December 17, 2021 to cast your vote online. At the December 18th meeting, ballots will be available to those who did not vote online. The winners will be notified and announced at the December meeting.

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 cataloguing the division property and its whereabouts – computer, projector, screen, signs, banner, 2019 Convention 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 B and the second top voter getter will win Board Seat D.

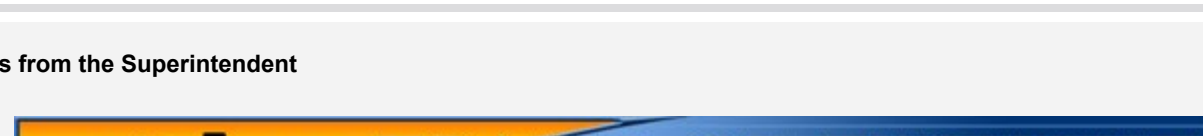
The election committee consists of **Rick Luther, Chairman** and Kevin Anderson.

If you want to run for any office, then please contact a member of the committee by November 20, 2021. 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 to help the division become the best it can be.

Also, it would be nice to have a few words to add below 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 or call 801-973-7030 and please leave a message.

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Learn Something New



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.northernutahnra.org/monthly-events/past-clinics/>

November 20th 10:00AM - Noon	Presentation Modeling Modern Passenger Service <i>Presented by Kevin Anderson</i>
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Everything from the history, to current and past paint schemes and equipment used around the system by Amtrak.

December 18th 10:00AM - Noon	SPECIAL MEETING! Train Day at the Discovery Gateway <i>Presented by the Northern Utah Division</i>
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The December meeting will be held at the Discovery Gateway in downtown Salt Lake City. This is an opportunity to share our love of the hobby with the general public and introduce the hobby with a whole new group of people.

January 15th 10:00AM - Noon	New Year Celebration and Presentation How to Build a DC/DCC Test Track <i>By Geoff Carter</i>
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In the spirit of the season, we would like everyone to bring a treat to share (dessert or meal-type food) and a wrapped gift for the Gift Exchange. It can be something funny or even practical that you no longer have need of. The gift should preferably be train-related but it doesn't need to be. Let's have some fun!

February 19th 10:00 AM - Noon	Presentation / Hands On Working with Arduinos <i>Presented by Mike Dean</i>
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We will be doing an Arduino clinic in February, and would like members to think ahead for clinic. Mike Dean will be presenting, but this clinic will require a fair amount of computer preparation. NOTE: If you do not have a computer, this is not a problem - we will bring some computers. But IF you have a laptop that you can bring to the clinic, it will help everyone. We will send details in subsequent newsletters about what how YOU can help by bringing a laptop.

The goal of this clinic will be to help members see how very tiny microcontroller chips can do REAL things. You will be provided with a tiny chip, breadboard, and some LEDs, as well as a programming cable, in return for which we need your energy, and IF you want to keep the equipment, a mere \$10 for about \$25 worth of hardware! It's a no-brainer.

We will have about five laptops, and will bring Arduino chips, boards, LEDs, breadboards, wires, and everything you need to see how you can do some interesting things, with little difficulty.

March 19th 10:00 AM - Noon	Presentation TBA <i>Presented by ?</i>
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April 18th 10:00 AM - Noon	Presentation Weathering <i>Presented by Dave Sealy</i>
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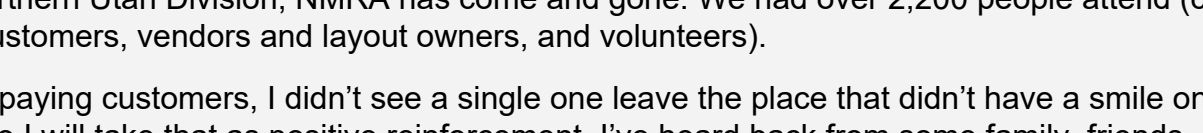
Learn the ins and outs about weathering techniques for your layout.

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 love of trains.

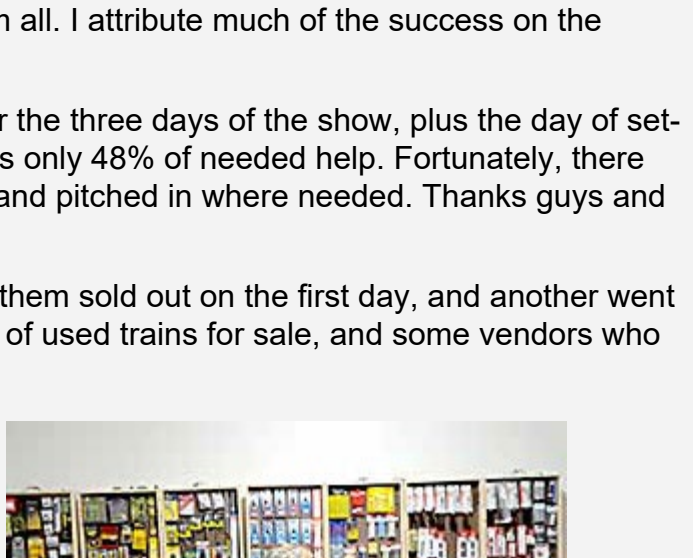
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Thoughts from the Superintendent



There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" While not a selfie, this month's selfie shows us evaluating models for the AP program. Learning how judges, or evaluators, look at a model helps when it comes time to have your own models evaluated. I've seen models that at first glance thought it wouldn't get a merit award but after closely examining it, it definitely earned one. I've also seen the opposite.



I want to give a HUGE thanks to all who helped to make the Intermountain Train Expo successful! Without a lot of volunteers we could not make it happen. There are a handful of people (you know who you are) that spent untold hours preparing for the show. A lot of people stepped up and filled assignments which is very appreciated. It is great being able to share with the kids this hobby that we love. I enjoyed seeing so many families come and everyone I saw had a great time!



I hope all the vendors and clubs enjoyed the show as well. We also need them to have a great show. While it can be a lot of work for them too, it also provides an opportunity for them to interact with each other as well as the public. It was fun for me to see ALL the many interactions going on. November is National Model Railroad Month so let's keep sharing our love of the hobby. It's great if you have time to work on your own trains but share what you are doing so we can enjoy the journey together!

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What Happened Last Month

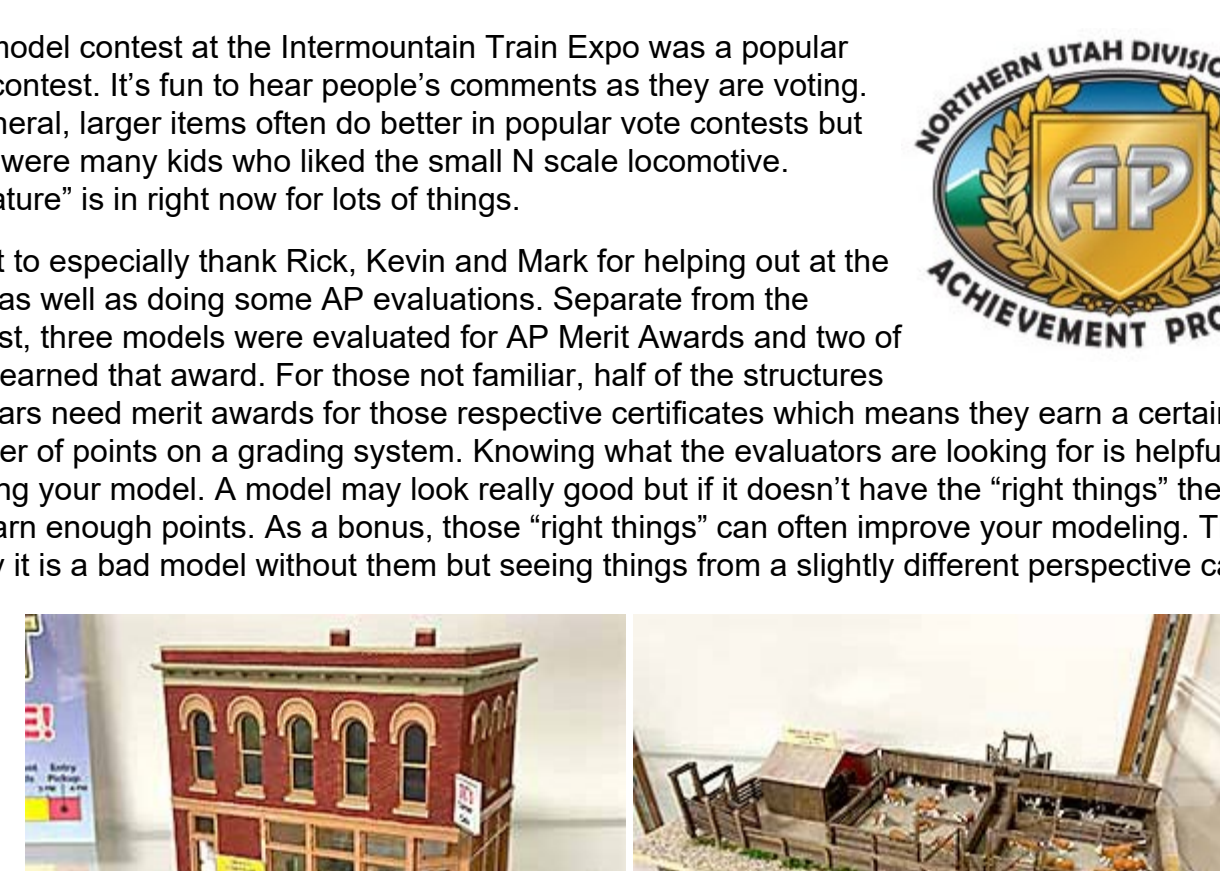


Layout Wiring Part 3

Presented by Kevin Anderson

This was the final presentation of the series on layout wiring that Kevin has given in February and June with more information on the types of power supplies and wiring for DC accessories. The different types of accessories for layout such as lights for building, sounds that create an atmosphere and animations. The presentation concluded with a discussion of interfacing a personal computer with the layout. A lot of good information and worth looking at the pdf of the presentation in our past clinics on the website.

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2021 Intermountain Train Expo



34th Annual Train Show



Well folks, the 34th annual train show, now known as the Intermountain Train Expo, sponsored by the Northern Utah Division, NMRA has come and gone. We had over 2,200 people attend (counting paid customers, vendors and layout owners, and volunteers).

Of the paying customers, I didn't see a single one leave the place that didn't have a smile on their face, so I will take that as positive reinforcement. I've heard back from some family, friends, and neighbors who attended, and it was a hit with them all. I attribute much of the success on the volunteers who helped in many ways.

Speaking of volunteers we had 191 time slots over the three days of the show, plus the day of set-up. 93 slots got filled via SignUpGenius, which was only 48% of needed help. Fortunately, there were quite a number of folks who just showed up and pitched in where needed. Thanks guys and gals.

The vendors were pretty much successful, one of them sold out on the first day, and another went back for more inventory. We had a good selection of used trains for sale, and some vendors who keep coming back year after year.

We had a good showing for layouts too. Wasatch N-Scale and Ophir Tintic, and Western displayed the smaller scale; Golden Spike Train Club of Utah had a nifty HO-scale switching module; S-Scale and Western had fine scale S on display; the Golden Spike American Flyer Train Club represented the tin plate model railroads; Utah Train Collectors represented the other tin plate scale; and last but not least, the Utah Lego User Group had a fine display of their favorite medium.

The Kids had many fun activities in Building 1 consisting of the ever popular Box Car Races and Demolition Derby as well as a switching puzzle and a coloring table (thanks Sue). Another activity for the kids was the Passports, where they had to go around to different vendors and layouts and get a stamp, and the answer to a question. When they got their passports filled in, they came back to building 1 and selected from five different prizes to win in a raffle. Thanks Cindy Lund for the idea and legwork to make it happen.

Speaking of raffles... We had 183 people join the raffle for a nicely put together N-Scale 2' x 4' representation of the Durango & Silverton area. We sold tickets at the Brillecone train show in Ely, Nevada, the Evanston Roundhouse Festival, and the Intermountain Train Expo. The winner was from Evanston.

Stand by for word on the next Intermountain Train Expo coming to a venue near you. Dust off your volunteer hat and get ready to help us put on another really big show.

Geoff Carter
 Show Co-Chair

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Achievement Program

The model contest at the Intermountain Train Expo was a popular vote contest. It's fun to hear people's comments as they are voting. In general, larger items often do better in popular vote contests but there were many kids who liked the small N scale locomotive. "Miniature" is in right now for lots of things.

I want to especially thank Rick, Kevin and Mark for helping out at the table as well as doing some AP evaluations. Separate from the contest, three models were evaluated for AP Merit Awards and two of them earned that award. For those not familiar, half of the structures and cars need merit awards for those respective certificates which means they earn a certain number of points on a grading system. Knowing what the evaluators are looking for is helpful when building your model. A model may look really good but if it doesn't have the "right things" then it may not earn enough points. As a bonus, those "right things" can often improve your modeling. That's not to say it is a bad model without them but seeing things from a slightly different perspective can help.



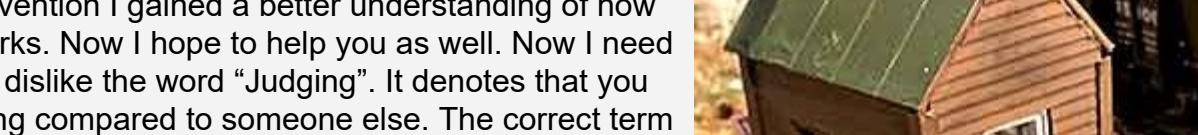
Lego models are always very popular. Adam won Best of Show with his scratch built locomotive. It was done in honor of his sister-in-law who passed away from cancer. The road number represents her birth year. Adding a personal touch to our modeling can make it more special and by sharing the story behind it we can enjoy the journey together!

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Preparing for the AP Evaluation



Editors Note: This article was originally run in the May 2021 issue. For some unknown reason the article did not appear in its entirety. I am returning the complete article this month.

Preparing your Models for the Achievement Program

By: Kevin Anderson

We all have models that we want to enter a contest with or use for the Achievement Program. Which is a good thing. Now we must ask ourselves, is it really ready? At the 2019 National Convention in Salt Lake City, I was able to spend some time in the contest room. My goal was to see what made a model worthy of entry. I looked at the models closely. What did the modeler do? What was down to the model? One model in particular I looked at and I saw what to me at the time was a defect. I didn't think it would do well. Apparently I was wrong. It took one of the top honors. Again I asked myself what were the judges looking at. I was able to speak one on one with the head "Judge" or "Evaluator" from National as well as others, and attend a clinic on how evaluations were done. I looked at the paperwork attached to each model to see how it was set up. Prior to the convention

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