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Meeting Update

The train is now boarding at the
Redwood Rec Center
with service to
Fun, Learning
and Fellowship!

The October Monthly Event will held at the

Redwood Recreation Center!

Saturday
November 19th, 2022
10:00 AM - Noon

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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/

November
19th
10:00 AM - Noon

Presentation

Scratch Building Structures
Presented by Bill Johnson

If your not able to find just the right building for your layout, then this clinic is for you! Bill is back again with tips and techniques for scratch-building structures for your layout.

December
17th
10:00 AM - Noon

Special Event

Christmas Party and Photography Presentation
Presented by Northern Utah Division and Rick Luther

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!

January
21st
10:00 AM - Noon

Presentation

SCARM Program usage
Presented by Charlie Treft

SCARM means *Simple Computer Aided Railway Modeller* – software for easy and precise design of model train layouts and railroad track plans. With SCARM you can easily create the layout of your dreams. Just download the setup package, install it and start editing your first track plan.

February
18th
10:00 AM - Noon

Presentation

What's New on the Utah Colorado Western
Presented by Lee Nicholas

Lee will give us an update on his fabulous Utah Colorado Western Layout. One of the best layouts in Utah!

March
18th
10:00 AM - Noon

Making Old Trains Run Like New
Presented by Geoff Carter

Did you inherit some old rolling stock and engines from a friend or family? Geoff Carter will give us some tips and tricks to get those old trains running like new.

April
15th
10:00 AM - Noon

Presentation

Making Water Effects
Presented by George Bell and Mark Lambert

Learn the insider information on how to create creek, rivers, ponds, lakes and more for your layout.

May
20th
10:00 AM - Noon

Hands On Presentation

Making Gondola and Flat Car Loads
Presented by Charlie Treft

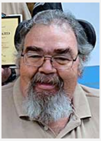
Just can't stand to see all those empty flat cars and gondolas running around the layout! Charlie will show us some tips and tricks for filling them up with loads.

June
17th
10:00 AM - Noon

Special Event

Outdoor Event TBA
Presented by Northern Utah division

Watch this space for more details



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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2022 Division Elections

DIVISION ELECTIONS

DIVISION ELECTIONS 2022

Just a rminder 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 words (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.

YOUR
VOTE
COUNTS

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 17th Meeting. You may if you wish to send your nominations via email to luther7664@comcast.net at the appropriate time.

A **SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE** will be sent out on November 30, 2022 and you will have until Midnight December 15, 2022 to cast your vote on-line. The winners will be notified and announced to the division at the December 17th meeting.

Positions available this election:

Superintendent

The Superintendent performs the usual duties of an Officer of a non-profit corporation. The Superintendent is in charge of all Division Events and Board Meetings and may appoint any Board member to moderate any Division Event or Board Meeting. The Superintendent is an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Election Committee and Financial Review Committee. The activities of the Division are the responsibility of the Superintendent as directed by the board.

Two Board Members (Seat A and Seat C)

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

The election committee consists of Rick Luther, Chairman, Michael Harris, Member.

If you want to run for any office, then please contact a member of the committee by November 18th, 2022. 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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Thoughts from the Superintendent

TRAINS OF THOUGHT

There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" That is especially true when you hold a train show at a convention center! It's great to be able to see friends (and family) at gatherings such as this. It's also exciting to see families and their young kids so excited to see the trains.

I want to thank everyone who stepped up to make the Intermountain Train Expo the great show that it was this year. Especially since the chairman had some family issues a couple weeks before the show. I want to thank Mark for his role, and too many more to mention, that went above and beyond what was expected. Like I have said before, this is YOUR show and its continued success is with the help of everyone! Thank you!

As I walked the floor I observed many of our members volunteering in the different areas of the hands-on stations. Many of you are also part of other clubs that had layouts and I appreciate you not only being there for your layout but also for the Division. We had a discussion about why we do this show. In part it's for the clubs to have an opportunity to set up their layout and in part an opportunity for vendors to sell. The biggest reason, I believe, is to allow the public an opportunity to enjoy trains as much as we do. This was confirmed when I was at the front table and a dad was leaving and shook our hands and said, "Thank you for putting on this show." I really appreciated that comment. Doing this show is how we can enjoy the journey together!

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What Happened Last Month

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Layout Control
Presented by Mike Dean

So, you built the bench work, laid the track and now have at least one train running around the layout. What comes next? Developing a system to automate how you control the switches, lights, power districts, signals and more. All of this requires wire, control buses, connectors and can require maps to trace down any wiring issues. There are many different systems available like CMRI, LocoNet, LCB, CAN and others. Mike Dean provided us with one answer to these problems. A wireless systems that can communicate with individual components without the need for miles of wire. The parts are all readily available from sources like Amazon. The system uses a miniature server and that sends out the commands via wifi. No miles of wire and no books of schematics to figure out which wire goes where. Mike provided a nice demonstration of how the system works. If you would like more information about this system please talk to Mike at the next meeting.

You can view past clinic information at the link below

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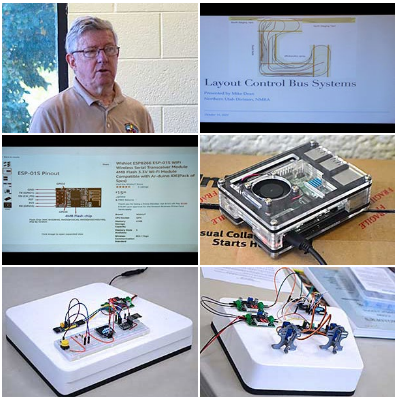
Layout Control Bus Systems
Presented by Mike Dean
Northern Utah Division, NMRA
ESP-01S Pinout
GND
TX (GPIO1)
EN (CH_PD)
RST
3V3
RX (GPIO3)
GPIO2
GPIO0
4MB Flash chip
Wishiot ESP8266 ESP-01S WIFI Wireless Serial Transceiver Module 4MB Flash 3.3V Wi-Fi Module Compatible with Ar-duino IDE(Pack of 5pcs)
FRAGILE
UNION PACIFIC

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Achievement Program

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

We held our Popular Vote contest again this year at the Intermountain Train Expo. We only had one entry per category so each person walked away with First Place in their category! So it wasn't much of a contest but the models that were on display were excellent. One of the reasons it is near the front and anyone can vote is that we want the public to see the top-notch modeling done here in Northern Utah! Sometimes excellent models might be overlooked when on a module. Next year we will send out reminders and we will see about having BIG prizes for the winners, in addition to the awesome certificates.

1st PLACE
1st PLACE
UNION PACIFIC

I was surprised to get this really cool award in the mail to present to Lowell for his model in the Region Convention contest.

It's nice to be recognized when you do good work. I appreciate great modeling in any scale and I enjoy having the opportunity to congratulate others on their accomplishments. Keep up the great work! The AP isn't just about getting or earning awards, although that is a part of it. One of the greatest benefits is being able to stretch yourself and grow in your modeling skills. As you do that, and are rewarded for that, we can enjoy the journey together!

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Skills and Thrills Breakout Session

SKILLS & THRILLS

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Bring Your Work, Build Your Skills, and Make Some Friends!

Want more out of your NMRA membership?
Need skills to complete your modeling goals?
Feel like a stranger among strangers?

Then join us after this month's Member Meeting for our first regular **Skills and Thrills Breakout Session**.

At recent meetings, members have suggested a need for a collaborative skill-building effort within the Northern Utah Division. But among our members, there are various levels of model railroading expertise that formal clinics can't always accommodate. Our hope in facilitating these sessions is to bring together experts, novices, and beginners alike as a sort of tutoring session/study group, whereby each attendee can teach or learn skills according to their own ability or need.

Our road to Skills and Thrills is easy.

1. Pick a skill to teach or learn.
2. Bring required tools and materials.
3. Group up with others to work on that skill.

This is a new program for the Division, so there's sure to be change along the way. To make that change smoother, please share your experiences about your participation and any ideas you may have for improvement.

If you have any questions about the Skills and Thrills Breakout Session, please do not hesitate to call Blaine Holbrook at 801-580-1459 or Mark Reviea at 801-949-1124.

See you soon!

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2022 Intermountain Train Expo News

INTERMOUNTAIN TRAIN EXPO

2022 Intermountain Train Expo Wrap Up

We had a good show last year and we were sad to have to move venues again. We could not be guaranteed it would be available so we had to choose a spot that we knew would be available. Although less square footage than last year, the Davis Conference Center was a very nice venue with plenty of parking. I did have to park in the far parking lot the second day but it was an easy walk to the entrance. I really liked the building and the hall we were in was great. When I wasn't helping to man the ticket table, I was pretty close to it and from my point of view there was a steady flow of people on both days.

Attendance was up about 10% over last year. The entrance cost was more due to it being a more expensive venue. We spent more money on advertising and I think it was worth it. We received positive feedback from all the vendors and layouts.

I was able to enjoy interacting with the public and some of the layouts. As I mentioned in my Superintendent article, it was great having a dad shake my hand and thanking us for putting on the show. When doing a show like this we obviously don't want to lose money but it's nice to be able to have enough profit to cover our operating expenses for the year. We don't have Division dues (beyond the National NMRA dues). While the numbers are not final yet, it was a great show. What makes it even better is when everyone has a great experience, both model railroaders and the general public!

Jim Wanlass, MMR #585
Superintendent

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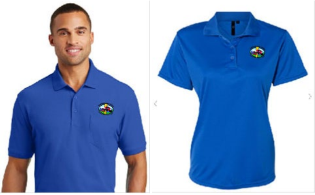
New Division Polo Shirts

OFF THE WIRE

Division Shirts



If you have ordered a Division Shirt, they will be available at the event on Saturday. Bring your credit card. We will take cash, but not give change. Remember, it will cost you $10 for your first shirt and full price (depending upon size) for any additional shirts. We do have a limited number of extra shirts, so, if you didn't pre-order a shirt, you might still be able to get one. We also have a few patches that can adorn any of your favorite apparel for only $2 each.

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Division News Items

DIVISION NEWS ITEMS

Congrats to Doug Baney

Our very own Douglas Baney recieved an unexpected surprise from the NMRA National Board of Directors. The BOD awarded Doug a 25 Year Award for continuous membership to the Association. This is quite an acheivement! Not many members can claim that distinction. From all of us -

CONGRAUALATIONS

DOUG!!

New Midvale Model Railroad Club

We have changed the name to the Midvale Model Railroad Club from E Mo as no one knew what E Mo was. We are meeting at the Midvale Museum at 350 west Park street (about 7600 south) the second Saturday of each month at noon til 2:00 pm we are still free and still building modules and those interested can reach me at:
marty_petersen@hotmail.com
Check our Facebook page
https://www.facebook.com/groups/emorail

New Facebook group with information about future of the Ogden Union Station

https://www.facebook.com/groups/687526419040676

Ogden's Union Station is a monument to our City's railroading history. It is a symbol of the cultural and economic changes brought to the West by the completion of the transcontinental railroad. Though it is no longer a train depot, the Station continues to attract people from all over the world. Most come to see the John M. Browning Firearms Museum and the Utah State Railroad Museum/Eccles Rail Center with its display of two of the largest locomotives ever manufactured anywhere. *Photo by Tricia Simpson, via Wikimedia Commons*

Rails Along the Rio Grande Model Train Show
November 19 and 20, 2022
Saturday 9am – 5pm
Sunday 9am – 4pm
Balloon Fiesta Park, Balloon Museum Drive
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Rocky Mountain Train Show - Holiday 2022
November 26th 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
November 27th 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
The Ranch Events Complex
5280 Arena Circle
Loveland, CO 80538
https://rockymountaintrainshow.com/

OTW Model Annual 2023 Model Railroad Show
PLEASE NOTE: New dates
January 5th and 6th, 2023
Friday 3:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
In the 'SHOW BARN' at THANKSGIVING POINT
Dave Turner 801-560-3376
Larry Carter 801-971-3179

2023 Kanab Train Show
Kanab Center Ballroom and Gymnasium
20 E 100 N
Kanab, Utah
February 10, 2023
February 11, 2023
https://kanabtrainshow.com/

Great Train Show
Utah State Fairpark
155 1000 W
Salt Lake City, Utah
March 11-12, 2023
https://www.trainshow.com

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Pacific Southwest Region Convention

ON THE EXTRA BOARD

Pacific Southwest Region Convention
Arizona Division / Flagstaff, Arizona June 7 –11, 2023

Greetings from Arizona. We have been fortunate to have an NMRA member and former employee of the Grand Canyon railroad as part of our convention team. We have shortened the days of the convention and have split it into two major events; The convention and a full day steam train ride from Williams, Arizona to the Grand Canyon and return. Since is a unique event, we would like to let NMRA members in the surrounding regions/division the opportunity to join us for a fun filled day on the steam train ride. Since we are using the steam engine only, the number of cars is limited. We offer the train ride as a separate entity for members and their family to enjoy the steam train ride and the grandeur of the Grand Canyon.

For more information or to register, visit our website at:
www.psrconvention.org

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NMRA National Convention

NMRA NATIONAL NEWS

The National Model Railroad Association is pleased to announce that registration for the next national Convention, the 2023 Texas Express, is now **OPEN**! The saying, "Everything is bigger and better in Texas" is the bestway to describe what waits attendees in Grapevine, Texas, as this Convention promises to be one for the history books!

Visit the website for more information.

2023 Texas Express NMRA National Convention

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Golden Spike Train Club of Utah

GOLDEN SPIKE TRAIN CLUB

Model trains are the best, G.S.T.C just completed a positive contribution to our shared love of our hobby to the community. Thanks for the help in expressing our message to those who joined in G.S.T.C representation at the Intermountain Train Show, as a combined goal our club is destined for success. A club is only as good as its members, G.S.T.C is fortunate to have a good gathering of model train enthusiasts.

We welcome any new members who can contribute time, skills or resources to our club. Message us and we will send you an application with details on pricing options!

Visit our website at http://www.goldenspiketrainclubutah.org/

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

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Newsletter Archive

ON THE EXTRA BOARD

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Catch up on all the past issues of the Division Newsletter the "Promontory Post" on the division website. There is a multitude of information about our past clinics, photos from layout tours, conventions, train shows, links to interesting information and the chance to get to know our fellow members. Just click the button below and learn more!

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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 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, 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 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/

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 at http://hostlers.org

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 larry_carter@msn.com or by phone at (801) 446-8161 Visit their website at http://www.otwtrainclub.com/

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

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

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

Utah Live Steamers – Our railroad is at Shay 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 7.5" and we have a new, beautiful 1.6" scale locomotive to pull twice as many cars as before. Rides are 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Summer months. 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

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Division Officers and Volunteers

DIVISION BRASS HATS

Northern Utah Division Officers	
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Board of Director:	Mike Dean
Board of Director:	Michael Harris
Board of Director:	George Bell

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Achievement Program:	Jim Wanlass
Clinic Coordinator:	Charlie Treft
Layout Tours:	Bob Gerald
Division Librarian:	Robert Arnesen
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Membership Chair Person:	Cindy Lund

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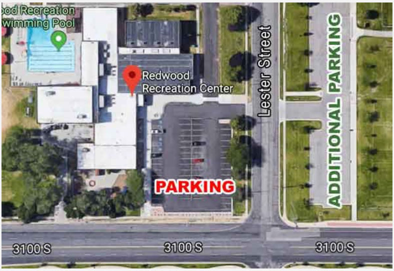
Come Join us for Fun, Learning and Fellowship

MEETING INFORMATION

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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