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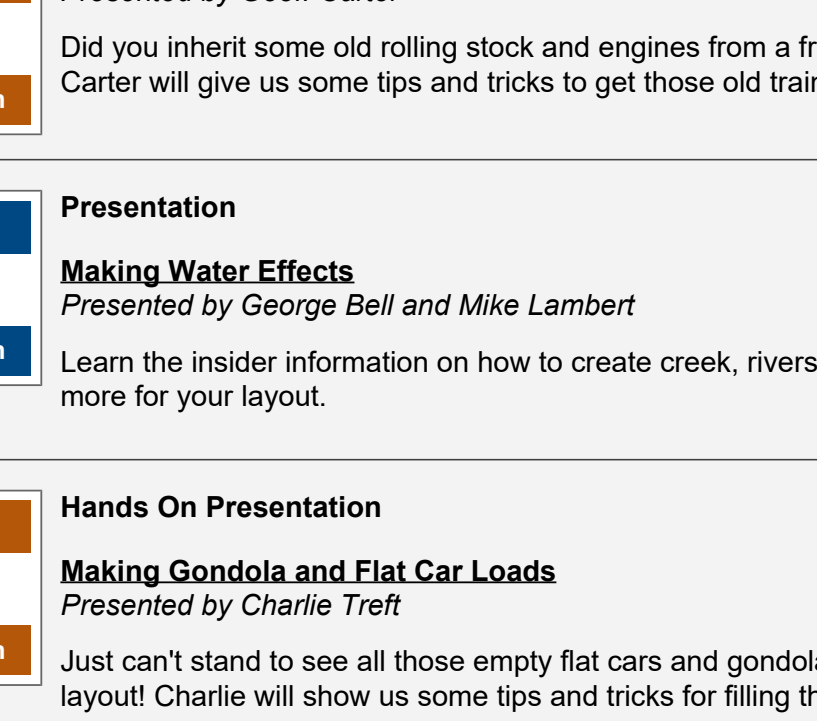
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Meeting Update

PLEASE NOTE!

The room we hold our monthly meeting in has changed!

We are now located in the southwest corner of the Recreation Center. Enter through the front doors and turn left into the hallway past the first room. Continue all the way to the end of the hallway and turn right. Our new meeting room is the last room on the left.



3100 South

The January Monthly Event will held at the Redwood Recreation Center!

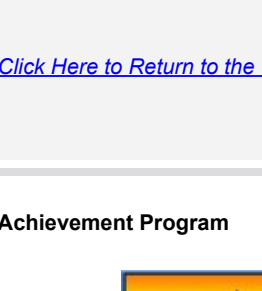
Saturday January 21st, 2023
10:00 AM - Noon

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Learn Something New

CLINIC SCHEDULE

February 18th 10:00 AM - Noon	Presentation What's New on the Utah Colorado Western <i>Presented by Lee Nicholas</i> 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 <i>Presented by Geoff Carter</i> 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 <i>Presented by George Bell and Mike Lambert</i> 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 <i>Presented by Charlie Trefl</i> 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 <i>Presented by Northern Utah division</i> Watch this space for more details
July 15th 10:00 AM - Noon	Presentation Plaster Carving <i>Presented by Blaine Holbrook</i> Learn the ins and outs of carving plaster to look like realistic cliffs, rocks and mountain scenery.
August 19th 10:00 AM - Noon	Presentation The History of the Union Pacific Turbines <i>Presented by Fred Barney</i> Discover the fascinating history of the Union Pacific's "Big Blow" gas turbines.



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

TRAINS OF THOUGHT

There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" For many years I believe that is what Paul did but for the last several years club members have been enjoying his creation! About three years ago I saw what he had accomplished. This time I brought a couple guys with me so we could pass him off on some requirements for AP Certificates. He earned one and also towards certificates which his peers will be evaluating your work, not to criticize you but to help make you better, elevates your work. Don't be afraid to work towards the standards set. We are here to help you!



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What Happened Last Month

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

SCARM Program usage

Charlie introduced the group to a computer program called SCARM. 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. In the FREE version of SCARM you can have access to tracks and objects from more than 230 libraries and instantly see your design in 3D preview with a single click.

With SCARM you can create complex railroad layouts with many train stations on a virtually unlimited sized layout. The list of things you can do is amazing. You can create a layout on more than one level, with different heights and slopes for each chosen sections of the track route. You can add tunnels, bridges, buildings, signals, measure distances, check track sections' lengths, export and/or print your layout and share it. You can view and print a list with the track pieces needed and even use it as a shopping list.

The **FREE** version is limited to 100 pieces of tracks and objects in a project. The **FREE** version also does not allow you to print the track plan at a 1:1 scale. To add these features and many more the current version is priced at \$44.90. There are all kinds of tutorials from the SCARM website and on others such as YouTube. For more information go to <https://www.scarm.info/index.php>

You can view past clinic information at the link below
<https://www.northernutahnmra.org/monthly-events/past-clinics/>

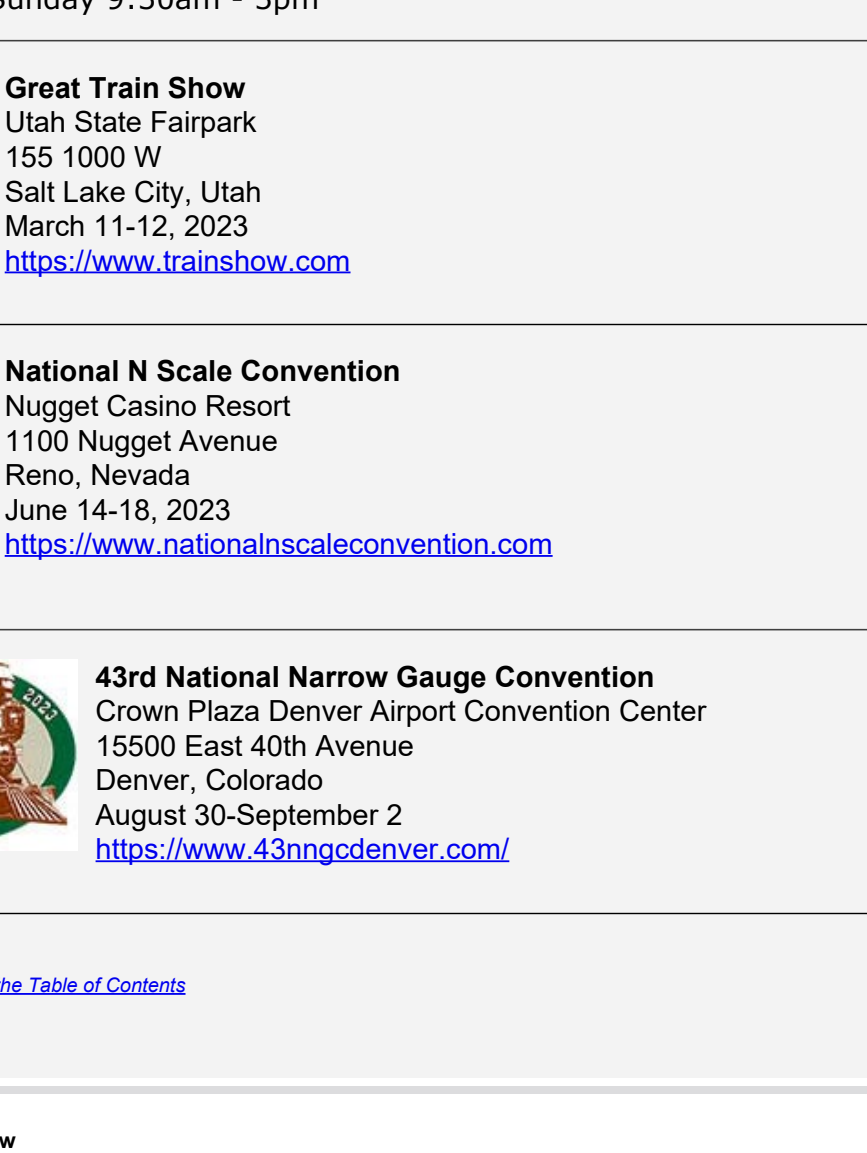
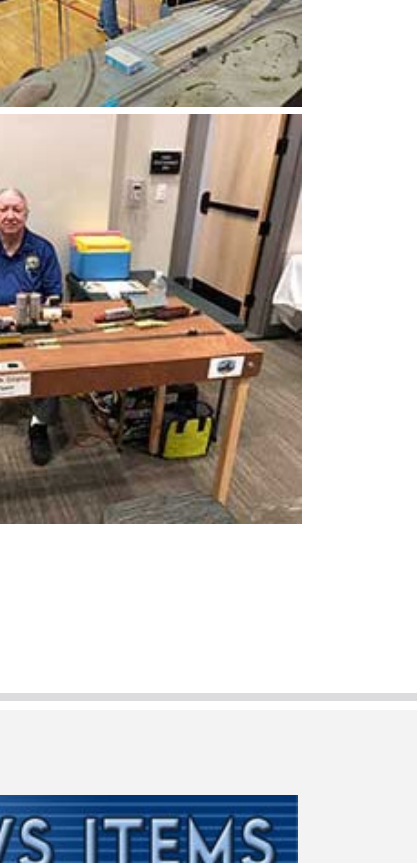


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Achievement Program

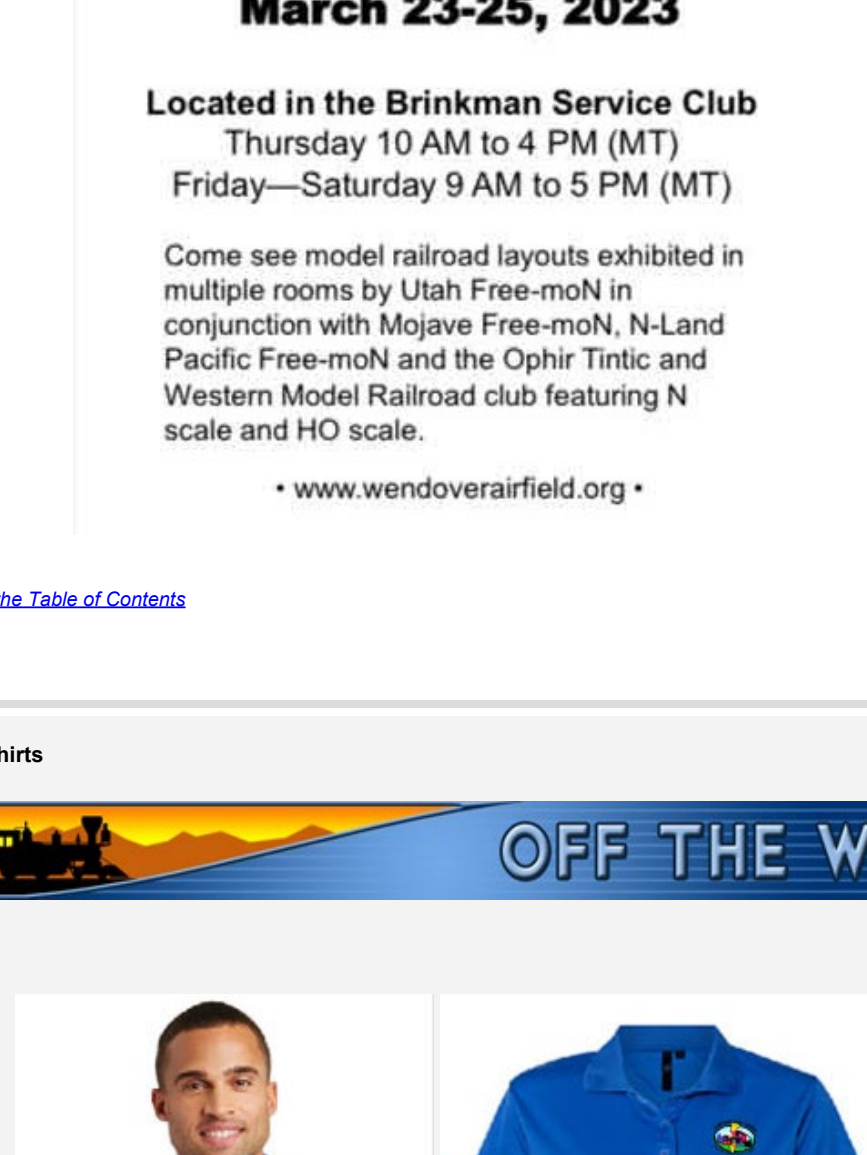
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

I was able to present several AP Certificates at last month's meeting! From the Region reports, we are probably the most active in the Achievement Program yet I believe have the fewest MMRs. I'd like to see more join the ranks and the good news is there are a couple of you getting close. While I enjoy earning the awards, what I enjoy more is seeing the modeling improve because of the standards set. I have seen not only my modeling improve because of being in the program, but others have improved as well. The motto of the Free-moN group is "Raising the bar in N Scale." I like to think that those striving for MMR are also raising the bar in their own personal modeling. Setting and achieving goals, and also knowing your peers will be evaluating your work, not to criticize you but to help make you better, elevates your work. Don't be afraid to work towards the standards set. We are here to help you!



Keven - Chief Dispatcher, Lowell - Cars, Bob - Electrical, Charlie - Association Volunteer

I'm happy to see more people not just working on your layout but also towards certificates as they work on their layouts. You can see this motley crew is all smiles as we get to pass off Paul in earning an AP Certificate!



Let us know how we can help. We are all pretty busy but want to help you succeed. Let us all strive to improve our modeling, and our fun in doing so, and that way we can enjoy the journey together!

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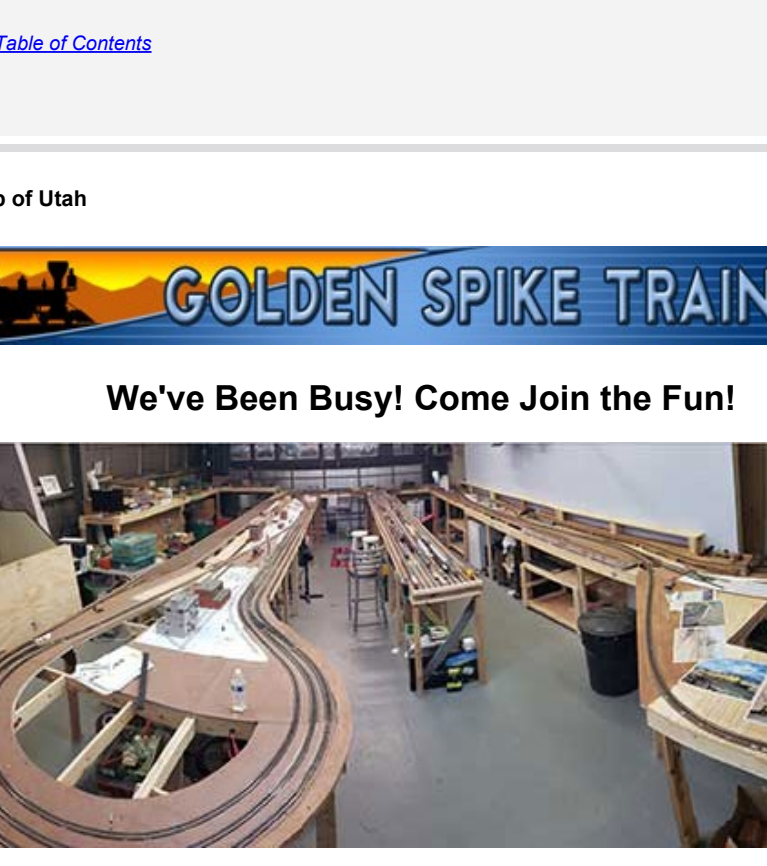
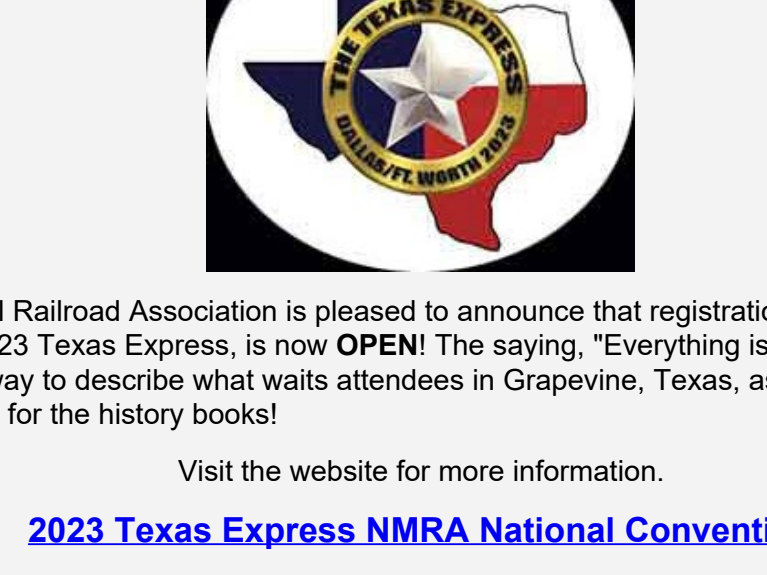
NMRA Pizza Box Layout

NMRA PIZZA BOX LAYOUT

Donations are needed!

Our local Pizza Box Layout group is in need of used N scale equipment. We are a 501(c)3 so all donations will be tax deductible. We are very short on used locomotives.

The Pizza Box movement is growing! The organization that began as an idea in our area has hit the big time at the Amherst Train Show in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Geoff Carter, Pete Hamon, Melinda Watson, Lowell Dudas, and Blaine Holbrook were part of the NMRA booth at the show. Blaine was interviewed as part of Heath Hurwitz's HumantCity Junction's live streaming from the show. You can watch the interview here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_178YQiuwQ. The actual interview starts at about 1:42:36 in the video.

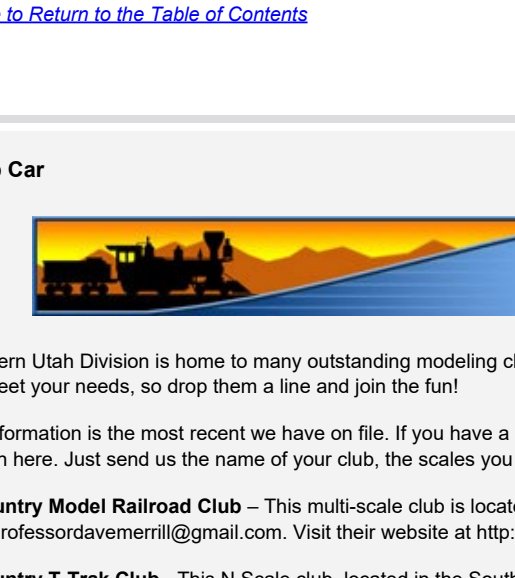
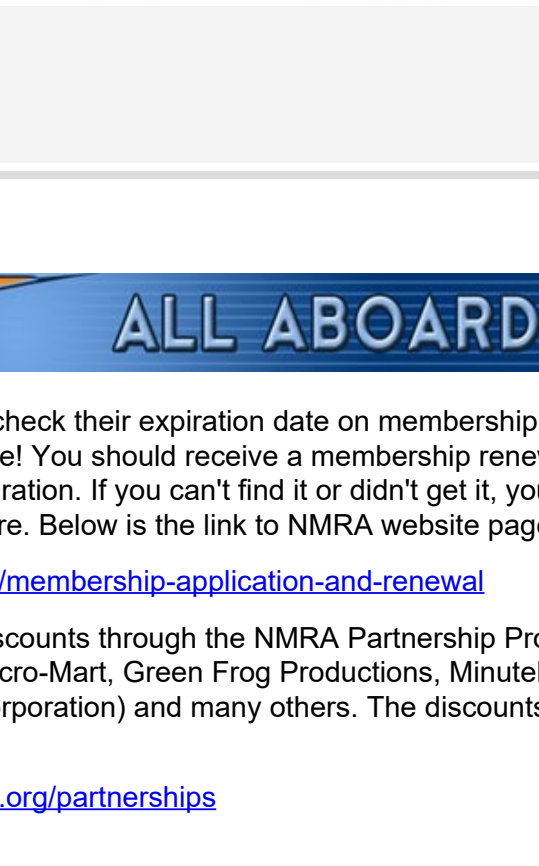


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Kanab Train Show Report

ON THE EXTRA BOARD

It looks like a good time was had by all at the recent show in Kanab at the Kanab Center Ballroom and Gymnasium. The Utah Free-moN, Color Country T-Track Club, Dave Merrill's Multi-Scale Interactive Layouts, Geoff Carter's Timesaver and Doug Baney all attended.



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Division News Items

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Hosters Model Railroad 2023 Festival
March 3, 4 & 5, 2023
Ogden Union Station
25th Street and Wall Avenue
Friday 3pm - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 9:30am - 3pm

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

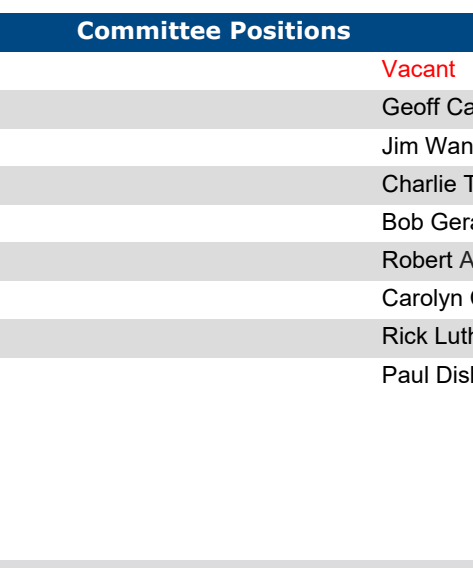
National N Scale Convention
Nugget Casino Resort
1100 Nugget Avenue
Reno, Nevada
June 14-18, 2023
<https://www.nationalscaleconvention.com>

43rd National Narrow Gauge Convention
Crown Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center
15500 East 40th Avenue
Denver, Colorado
August 30-September 2
<https://www.43nngcdenver.com/>

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Wendover Train Show

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Presents Our 2nd Annual Model Train Show

March 23-25, 2023

Located in the Brinkman Service Club
Thursday 10 AM to 4 PM (MT)
Friday-Saturday 9 AM to 5 PM (MT)

Come see model railroad layouts exhibited in multiple rooms by Utah Free-moN in conjunction with Mojave Free-moN, N-Land Pacific Free-moN and the Oghri Trinitic and Western Model Railroad club featuring N scale and HO scale.

www.wendoverairfield.org

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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 don't 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 add to any of your favorite apparel for only \$2 each.

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Pacific Southwest Region Convention

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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.pscconvention.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 best way to describe what waits attendees in Grapevine, Texas, as this Convention promises to be one for the history books!

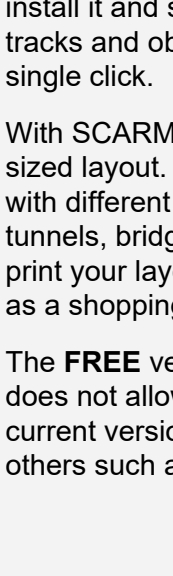
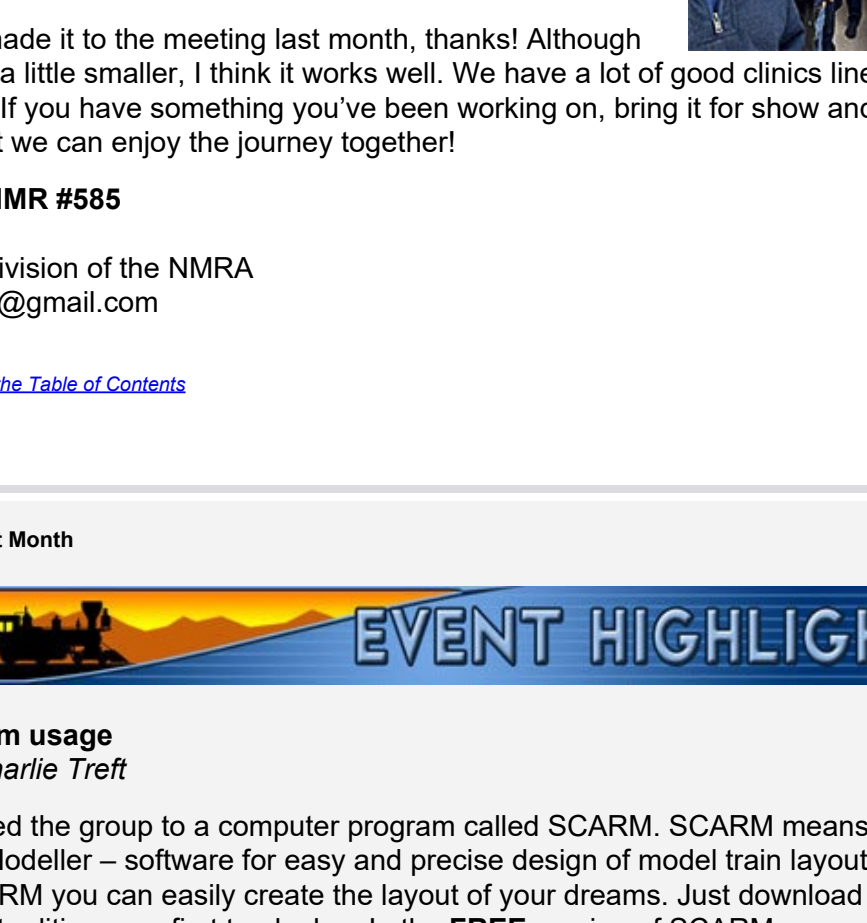
Visit the website for more information.
<https://nmra.org/2023-texas-express>

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Golden Spike Train Club of Utah

GOLDEN SPIKE TRAIN CLUB

We've Been Busy! Come Join the Fun!



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!

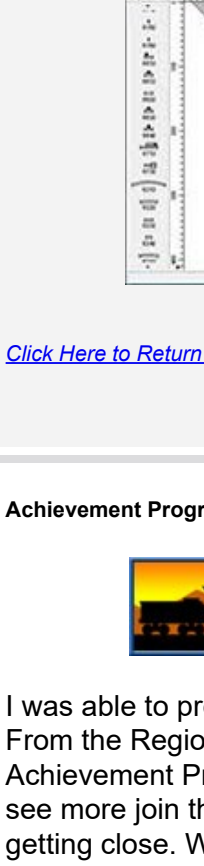
Visit our website at <http://www.goldenspiketrainclubutah.org/>

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

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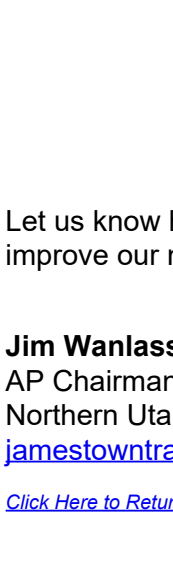
Catch up on all the past issues of the Division Newsletter the "Promontory Post" on the division website. There is a multitude of information about our past clinics, photos from layout tours, conventions, train shows, links to interesting information and the chance to get to know our fellow members.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

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NMRA Membership Renewal

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 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 model 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: professorcoveer@att.net. Visit their website at <http://colorcountrytrains.org/>

Color Country T-Track Club - This N scale club, located in the Southern Utah Division in St. George, Utah, uses the T-Track modular system. Contact the club by email at: ColorCountryTTrack@gmail.com. Visit their website at <http://ttrainsclubutah.org/>

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.gspcraio.com>

Golden Spike Train Club of Utah - This HO 100% NMRA club meets the second Saturday of each month 10:00am - 11:00am (summer) 12:00pm - 4:00pm (remainder of year), at the 132 S 800 W SLC UT in the Sugar Space Area. Contact Jon Thomas, Treasurer at ThomasJT@yahoo.com for more information. Out of the area memberships are available. Visit their website at <http://www.goldenspiketrainclubutah.org/home.html>

Great Basin Lego Train Club - Adult Lego LEGO. Meeting times and club info is posted on their website. Contact Reed Cowan by email at: reed@reelcraio.com. Visit their website at <http://www.sve22.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

Hosters 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, Riverton, UT 84403 or by phone at: (801) 394-4952. Visit their website at <http://hosters.org>

O Scale Guys - An O and On3 scale club. Contact Steve Stenbel by phone at: (801) 973-3067.

Oghri, Trinitic and Western - This club models in HO and N and meets at the SCERA Theater Boardroom 1745 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) 448-8161 Visit their website at <http://westerntrains.org>

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 7th St Street Cafe on 26th Street in Ogden and is presently in the midst of the restoration of the DARROW #223. Visit their website at <http://www.sve22.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, between the two blocks west. Visit their website at <http://southwebermodelclub.org/>

Utah Free-MoN - A traveling HO Modular group offering the Free-MoN standard. Contact Mike Nelson by email at: L_m_nico@hotmail.com

Utah Free-moN - We subscribe to the N scale Free MoN standards. You can find us on Facebook at Utah Free-moN.

Utah Grand Railway Society - A "G scale" group dedicated to the art of Garden Railroads. 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) 546-4095 or by USPS mail at: 502 N 1550 East, Riverton, 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 1/2" and we have a new, beautiful 1 1/2" scale locomotive to pull twice as many cars as before. Dates 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/utahlive1>

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 Mike by USPS (Cuba-Peters) by email at mike@utahtrainclub.org. Visit their website at <http://utahtrainclub.org/default.htm>

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

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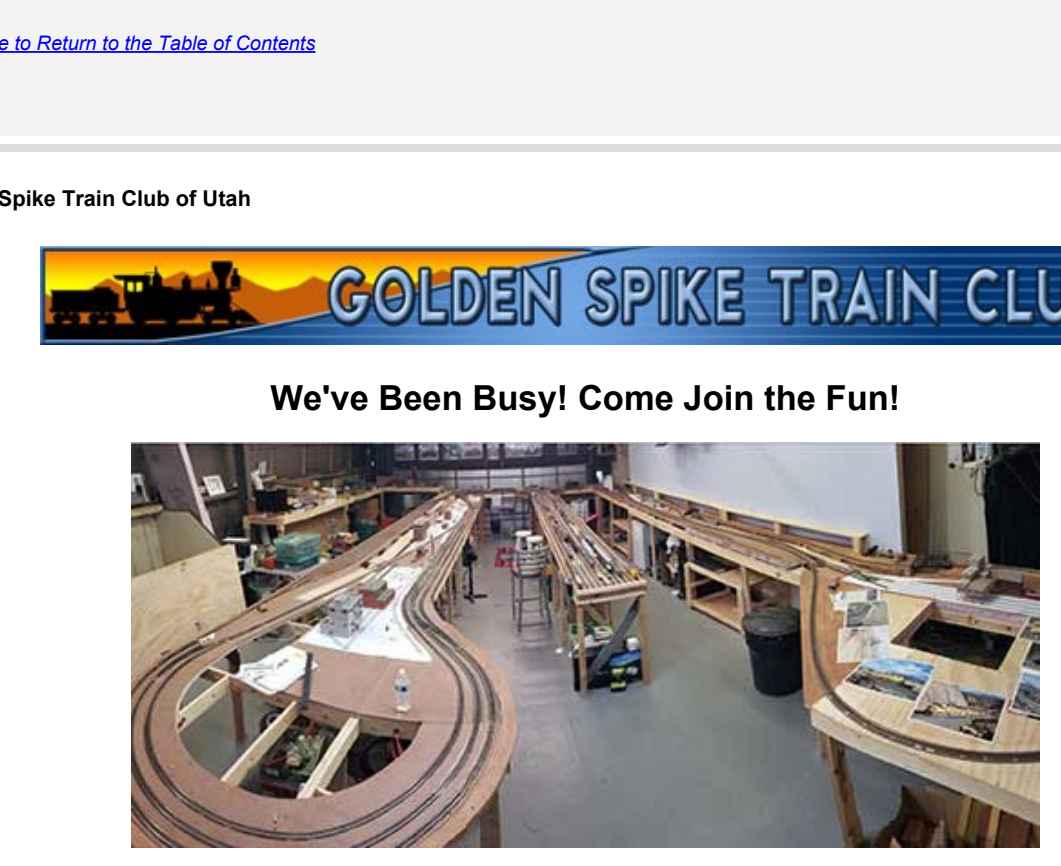
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Advertising/Marketing:	Vacant
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Achievement Program:	Jim Wanlass
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MEETING INFORMATION

Utah's center for model railroad 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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