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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.

GYM · Front Desk · Front Enrty · Parking Lot · Lester Street · N · New Meeting Room · 3100 South

The November Monthly Event will held
at the Redwood Recreation Center!
Saturday November 18th, 2023
10:00 AM - Noon

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2023 Division Elections

DIVISION ELECTIONS 2023

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 theElection 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, 2023 and you will have until 6:00PM December 15, 2023 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 18, 2023. 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

CLINIC SCHEDULE

November 18th, 10:00 AM - Noon
Presentation
Finding the Junction City
Presented by Ron Davies
A detailed story of the events that led up to the selecting of the junction city between the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railroads for the first transcontinental railroad and the driving of the golden spike at Promontory Summit, Utah on May 10, 1869.

December 16th, 10:00 AM - Noon
Special Event
Presentation
"Potpourri" of electronic circuits and devices
Presented by Mike Dean
Mike's presentation will include Arduino based DCC command stations, auto-reversers, circuit breakers, occupancy detectors, and frog juicers. He will also describe the power distribution, occupancy detection and signaling system being used by the Wasatch N Scale club during train shows.

Christmas Party
Presented by Northern Utah Division

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 20th, 10:00 AM - Noon
Presentation
Layout Water Effects
Presented by Blane Holbrook and Geoff Carter
Tips, tricks and techniques on creating creeks, rivers, waterfalls, ponds, and lakes for your layout. Hip waders are optional!

February 17th, 10:00 AM - Noon
Presentation
Mini-Dioramas
Presented by Kevin & Bekki Anderson
The Mini Diorama Circus is coming in February. For those who would like to participate please contact us so that we have an accurate count of how many diorama bases we will be needing. Call or text Kevin and Bekki Anderson at 801-842-7471 and let us know your name and if you want a straight or curve diorama and we will add you to the list. We need to know by January 2024. Build your own mini diorama and in March we will have a popular vote contest with prizes for the best mini dioramas. Blank dioramas with track attached will be available at the clinic during the February NMRA division meeting. Now's your chance to try out those techniques you've been wanting to learn.

March 16th, 10:00 AM - Noon
Presentation
Steamtown National Historic Park
Presented by Phil Brueck
Steamtown National Historic Site is a railroad museum and heritage railroad located on 62 acres in downtown Scranton, Pennsylvania, at the site of the former Scranton yards of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad (DL&W). Many locomotives and freight and passenger cars are on display.

April 20th, 10:00 AM - Noon
Presentation
N/A
Open for now. Please consider sharing your love of model railroading!

May 18th, 10:00 AM - Noon
Presentation
Custom Signal Systems
Presented by Richard Piccuilla
Your model railroad layout is custom-built. Your signals can be, too. Custom Signal Systems has been manufacturing model railroad signals since 2006. Each signal is assembled by hand to your specifications using custom-designed printed signal components complemented with brass or photo-etched metal detail parts.

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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!" As I anticipated, we rode a number of trains while on our trip. In fact, on one of the trains it showed we were traveling at 299Km/h which I calculate to be 186 mph! Now that's fast!

I'd like to thank everyone for their help with the train show. I know a lot of time was put in by a lot of people and it all helps to make a show successful. I heard a lot of good comments from a lot of people. If you think I'm saying "a lot" a lot, well, I am! Every year I wonder if it's really worth it to put on such a show. Why do we do it? I love being able to see people I don't know get excited about model railroading. Sharing our love of the hobby with the general public is very rewarding. Spending time with fellow modelers (from your own club as well as the other clubs) is also a very rewarding time.

If you want to know more about how the show did you can hear the report at our monthly board meeting. Members are always welcome to attend but please be respectful that we are trying to get the division business taken care of before the general meeting. There is time for socializing afterwards. We always welcome input from all the members so we can make our programs and events better for you; that way we can enjoy the journey together!

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What Happened Last Month

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Presentation

The Restoration of 4420 at the Evanston Roundhouse
Presnted by Steve Ewing

The Union Pacific No. 4420 is a Class S-4 0-6-0 steam locomotive. It was built in 1914 by the Lima Locomotive Works for the Union Pacific Railroad (UP). It was designed to work as a switcher for the UP for most of its career.

You can watch a video of the clinic on thr NUD clinics page. See the link below.

https://www.northernutahnmra.org/special-guest-at-the-october-clinic/

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

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Intermountain Train Expo News

INTERMOUNTAIN TRAIN EXPO

2023 Intermountain Train Expo

INTERMOUNTAIN TRAIN EXPO – UTAH'S HANDS ON MODEL RAILROAD EXPO

We had a successful show that went together seamlessly due to the expert guidance of Keith Osojnak, our Logistics Coordinator, and Mark Reviea, our Chief Cat Herder and Volunteer Coordinator, and all those he was able to convince to come and help out. For those who decided NOT use SignUp Genous, but came and helped anyway… You know that by your actions you had Mark sweating with anxiety not knowing if he had enough bodies to get the job done.

Our attendance was 1,585, based upon the number of wrist band given out. Down from last year a bit, we think because of a couple of family oriented happenings elsewhere and the excellent weather that had folks thinking about end of season outdoor activities. We will be announcing the venue and dates for next year's show once we determine if we stay where we are or search for a less expensive venue. In the meantime we are looking forward to Train Days at the Discovery Gateway Children's Museum on 1st and 2nd December, and the Great Train show at the Utah State Fairpark on 10 and 11 February.

A massive, massive thank you to all those who came and contributed their time and efforts to make this a successful show.

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Achievement Program

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

An often heard complaint about the AP Cars Certificate is the requirement to build a passenger car. "My railroad didn't carry passengers" is what they say. So why not try something different than just what "your model railroad" is all about? That is just what two of our Division members did. They are N scalers but build a car in On3! And they look fantastic! Probably because they can actually see the details they are working on. 🙂

It's great to see what others can do. I'm sure it expanded (and tested) their skillset. I work in multiple scales and there are some things that are unique to each scale but many skills cross over. I know this was a good exercise in modeling and glad to see it in action! Thanks Bob and Cameron for taking the time required to build these beautiful models and I hope you realize how it can help in your everyday modeling. By the way, Bob also had an N scale model evaluated and it looks just as great, just smaller!

If you feel stuck on a certain requirement and need some inspiration let me know. Sometimes it takes some creative thinking or a seemingly simple comment from someone else to spark an idea. You never know so let's talk to see how we can help and that way we can enjoy the journey together!

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Member Spotlight

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Member Spotlight : Bekki & Kevin Anderson
By Lowel Didas

Kevin was introduced to model railroading by his father when he was young. Kevin started designing his current layout in 2003. Started building it in 2011. He joined the NMRA in 2019. Bekki started in model railroading because of Kevin. She has joined the NMRA and Women in Model Railroading special interest group(SIG). Bekki is currently working on a Fremo-N module that is based on Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia.

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UTOCO Tank Cars

ON THE EXTRA BOARD

The UTOCO tank cars are here!

UTOCO Tank Cars

The Northern Utah Division, National Model Railroad Association, is proud to offer a line of Utah Oil Company (UTOCO) Tank Cars manufactured by InterMountain Railway Company in HO Scale. These highly detailed cars come with metal wheelsets and Kaydee Couplers.

If you remember, these unique historically relevant cars were to be offered as Convention Cars for the 2019 NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. However, due to hiccups in the Chinese supply line at the time, we were not available at that time.

We have coordinated with the InterMountain Railway Company to produce these cars as a fundraiser for our Division and offer them for sale at $50.00 for a single car, $45.00 for two cars, and $40.00 for three or more cars. Contact Geoff Carter at gkc4502192@gmail.com for more information.

History

Utah Oil Company was incorporated on June 3, 1901, and was the first commercially successful petroleum company in the state. In 1917. Half interest in Utah Oil was bought by Midwest Refining Co. Standard Oil of Indiana took ownership of Midwest Oil in July 1921, including Midwest's half ownership of Utah Oil Company (UTOCO). Standard later acquired 75 percent of Utah Oil, and in the 1950s, that percentage was increased to 100 percent. UTOCO relied upon crude oil delivered by Union Pacific in tank cars until a pipeline was built between Salt Lake City and Wyoming oil fields in 1939. Utah Oil Company was owned as a subsidiary of Standard Oil of Indiana. In 1946 when the parent company decided on a common logo, combining the oval shape from subsidiary AMOCO and the torch from Indiana Standard. Utah Oil Refining became UTOCO.

UTOCO became a familiar brand of gasoline throughout Utah and Idaho, and later, in eastern Nevada, western Wyoming, and eastern Oregon and Washington.

In late 1960, the parent company, also known as Indiana Standard, decided to tweak its marketing strategy. The subsidiaries AMOCO and UTOCO became the American brand. In 1974, the American brand was changed to AMOCO.[1]

[1] https://utahrails.net/industries/oil.php

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Division News Items

DIVISION NEWS ITEMS

GET ONE BEFORE THEY'RE GONE!

We have a few unspoken for HO Scale 40' Bamberger Wood side boxcars from Accurail. You can have one of your very own limited edition boxcars for $45.00. If you buy more than one you will pay only $40.00 for each car. For those buying more than one, you will get a decal sheet that allows you to renumber the cars.

Drop a note to Geoff Carter at gkc450219@gmail.com and he will bring them to the next Norther Utah Division Event. Credit card is preferred, but we will take cash (exact change only).

This will be the last run of these local railroad gems!

Rocky Mountain Train Show - Holiday 2023
November 25-26, 2023
The Ranch Events Complex
5280 Arena Circle
Loveland, CO 80538
Rocky Mountain Train Show

Polar Express (Train Days)
December 1-2, 2023
Discovery Gateway
444 West 100 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101
Discoverygateway.org/event/polar-express

Great Train Show
Feb 10-11, 2024
Utah State Fairpark
155 North 1000 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
https://www.trainshow.com/

Hostlers Model Railroad 2024 Festival
March 1, 2 & 3, 2024
Ogden Union Station
25th Street and Wall Avenue
Friday 3pm - 8pm
Saturday 9am - 6pm
Sunday 9:30am - 3pm
https://www.hostlers.info/

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Region Polo Shirts

REGION NEWS ITEMS

Rocky Mountain Region Polo Shirts are now available!

You can order your very own polo shirt at this link: Daylight Sales

You can choose Cool Grey or Royal colors.
NMRA members can save 10% using the code: nmrax20

Besides clicking on the link you can just go to Daylight Sales.net, scroll down on the left to NMRA then on the second page is the Rocky Mountain Region NMRA shirt.
It has the new logo designed by our own Rick Luther!

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Newsletter Archive

ON THE EXTRA BOARD

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 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 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 Arts. Contact Jon Thomas, Treasurer at Thomas.JT@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 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

Midvale Model Railroad Club - The Midvale Model Railroad Club (formerly know as E Mo) is a free model railroad club meeting at the Midvale Museum on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 12 noon to 2:00 pm. We are building HO, HOm and HOe modules and set up on and off in the Midvale Museum. We are located at 350 west Park Street off of Jefferson Street from Center Street in Midvale Utah. Contact Marty @ https://www.facebook.com/EmoUtah

O Scale Guys – An O and On3 scale club. Contact Steve Strebel by phone at: (801) 973-0367.

Ophir, Tintic and Western – This 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. For more information contact Club Communication specialist Mike Nelson by email at: i_m_loco@hotmail.com or 801-368-9132. 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	
Superintendent:	Jim Wanlass
Assistant Superintendent:	Blaine Holbrook
Treasurer:	Neil Mahoney
Board of Director:	Kevin Anderson
Board of Director:	Mike Dean
Board of Director:	Michael Harris
Board of Director:	George Bell

Committee Positions	
Advertising/Marketing:	Looking for a volunteer
Show Chairman:	Geoff Carter
Achievement Program:	Jim Wanlass
Clinic Coordinator:	Looking for a volunteer
Layout Tours:	Bob Connolly
Division Librarian:	Robert Arnesen
Secretary:	Carolyn Chase
Newsletter Editor:	Rick Luther
Membership Chair Person:	Lowel Didas

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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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