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ALL ABOARD FOR THE NEW EVENT LOCATION!

We are meeting at the Stadler US cafeteria going forward. See the map inside for directions.



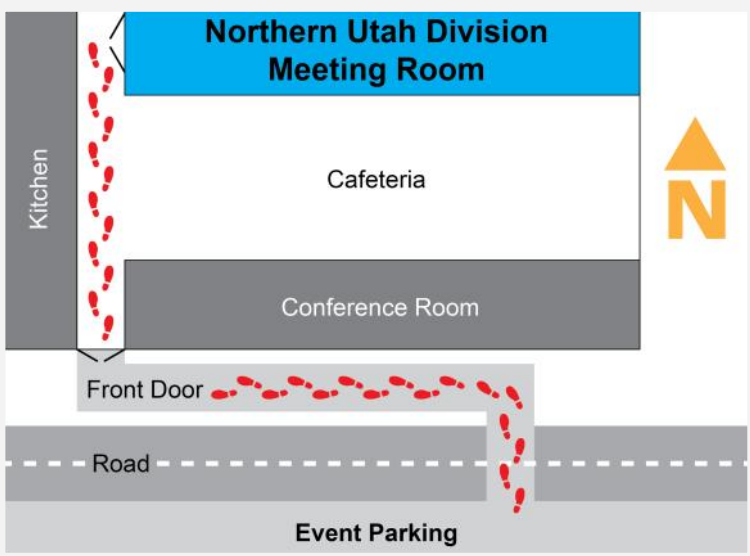
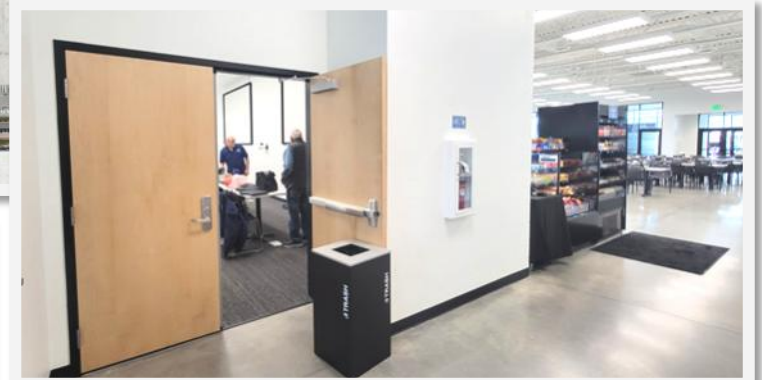
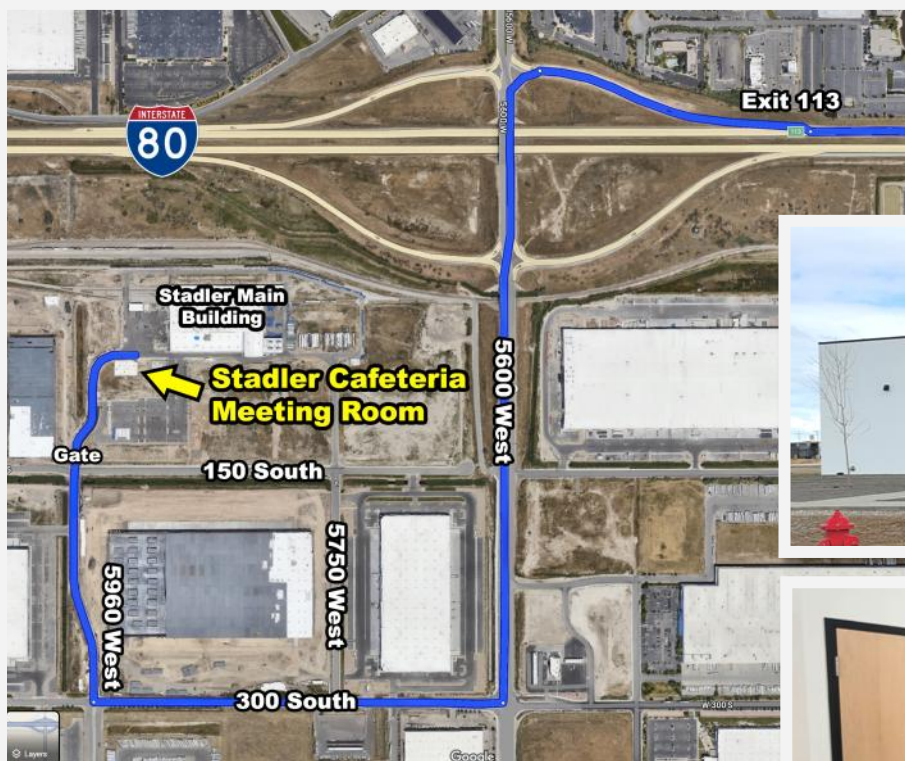
**Our next meeting will be
Saturday
September 20th, 2025
10:00 AM - Noon**

NEW MEETING INFORMATION

Our monthly meetings will be in Stadler's cafeteria which is a building off the main building. They are closed on Saturdays but arrangements for the gate to be open to allow us to meet there.

Stadler US Inc.

5880 W 150 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84104



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/>



As your Division Clinic Coordinator, I'm looking for people to give clinics on a variety of topics for the modeling community. You don't have to be an expert, just knowledgeable enough to teach others what you've learned. Giving a clinic is a great way to serve the community, and you can earn points for the AP program in the **Author** or **Volunteer** categories. If you're interested in signing up, please contact me. Thanks and happy modeling!

Kevin Anderson MMR #752

Northern Utah Division Clinic Coordinator

801-842-7471

September
20th
10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

The strange and unusual I saw on 34 years on the railroad.

Presented by Warren Johnson

Warren Johnson is a retired Union Pacific Employee, This clinic consists of a slide show presentation of over 300 photos taken throughout his career detailing the different and unusual things that he saw.

October
18th
10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

Layout planning and design

Presented by Steven Moore

Things to consider when thinking about designing a new model railroad, with plenty of DO's and DONT'S, plus suggested reading material.

November
15th
10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

Scratchbuilding: Tools, Tips, and Techniques

Presented by Doug Jolley

I will just be exploring the various tools, tips. and techniques I've learned through the years.

CLINIC SCHEDULE

December

20th

10:00 AM - NOON

Special Event

Division Christmas Party

Presented by The Board of Directors

Inglenooks and Timesavers

Presented by Jim Wanlass MMR

A brief background about these train puzzles will be given then time to try them out yourself. We have a number of them made by different members of the Division that will be there for you to test your switching skills.



January

17th

10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

The Aldey & Stillate

Presented by Paul Dishman

A Tour and History Up To This Very Minute



February

21st

10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

Wet Palettes For Model Railroad Painters

Presented by Mike Dean

This is a hands on session in which everyone will make a DIY wet palette and do a little painting.



March

21st

10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

So you want to do Operations?

Presented by Kevin Anderson MMR

Come learn about operations, then participate in a simulated operating session.



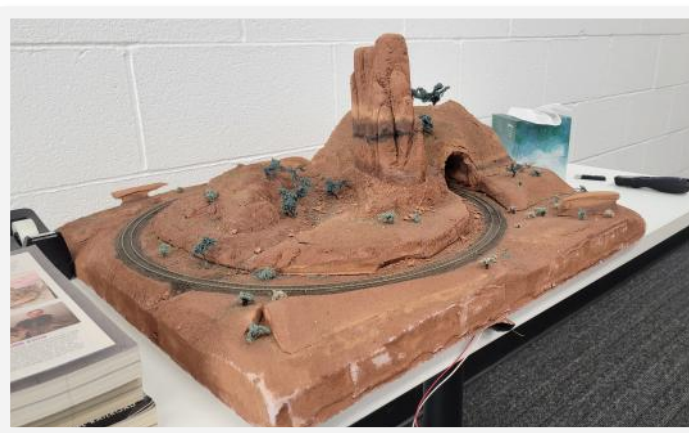
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Presentation

Pizza box

Presented by: Blaine Holbrook

Blaine covered many different topics related to the Pizza Box Group. He discussed the history of the Pizza Box and how it is tied directly with the Northern Utah Division's Hands-on activities. The major success that the group has had both locally and now nationally with such organizations such as Walthers, Kato, the B&O Museum and many others. The goals of the group to help create new model railroaders and to continue the long legacy of the hobby.



It started at a BOD meeting about 15 years ago

- How do we get more people, especially youth, involved in the hobby?

The Box Car Races
What do you see happening?

Model Building

Demolition Derby a big favorite

The results!

- We have now 540 families involved in the program
- We have 1500 people involved
- We have 50% of our teachers non NMRA members
- We have 20% that go onto building a second more complex layout.
- We are nationally recognized

• Walthers, Kato, The Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures, B&O museum, and more.

TRAINS OF THOUGHT

There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" My oldest daughter got married! I've shared my love of trains with her since she was born. In fact, her first word was Shay. (Although my wife disagrees.) I was holding her as we walked by my display case in the hallway and she pointed to the Shay when I heard her say Shay. Below is a picture of her driving that same Shay on my early switching layout. Once she met me in Provo to see the Big Boy saying it was better than doing homework! She doesn't share the same love for trains but maybe her future kids will.



This week is *See Tracks? Think Train® Week* (formerly Rail Safety Week). For more information go to the Operation Lifesaver website at <https://oli.org/> There is a ton of info on their website including downloads for all ages. Let's help others be aware of how dangerous the trains can be. We want others to enjoy this hobby as much as we do so let us all be safe so we can enjoy the journey together!



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Wasatch N Scale Model Railroad Club takes First Place!

The Sherman Hill Model Railroad Club of Cheyenne Wyoming puts on a train show each year. This year the Wasatch N Scale Model Railroad Club (WNS) attended the June 27-28 show with 10 of their members. They brought enough modules to make a 31 foot by 31 foot layout. The layout was one of approximately 12, in a variety of scales and sizes. There were Z-scale layouts as small as 18 inches by 30 inches, up to HO layouts bigger than 40 foot by 40 foot, along with T-track, O-gauge and Lionel layouts. There was even a T-scale (not to be confused with T-track) layout with the scale of 1:440. That's half the size of Z-scale.

Each of the layouts was assigned a number by the show. Those attending the show could vote for their favorite layout by number. Voting was stopped about 2 hours before the end of the show. After tallying the votes it was announced that the WNS had won first place.

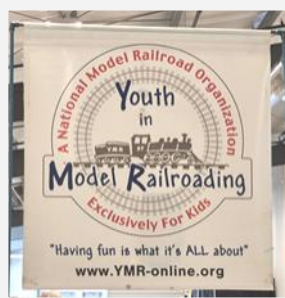


In addition to the layouts there were a variety of vendors with the expected trains, as well as railroad memorabilia, books, photos, timetables and railroad related papers, and miscellaneous items. There were also a few vendors offering craft items. The younger crowd, or those young at heart, could enjoy getting their face painted. A local group from Youth In Model Railroading had some hands on displays, some make and take clinics (including trees) and an area where they could run trains under loose supervision. They had set up a

large layout on 6 or 8 table tops using Kato HO unitrack and various buildings. Several of the clubs also had teen and younger members running trains.

The most unique aspect of the show was reserved for vendors and layout participants. The Sherman Hills Club had arranged a tour of the Union Pacific Railroad steam shop and round house in Cheyenne. The tour was scheduled to start shortly after the show closed on the first day. More than 50 people took advantage of this opportunity to see the Big Boy 4014, Challenger 844, the E9 locomotives, business cars and other rolling stock in the building. After an hour of exploring and visiting with our UP tour guides we called it a day.

All in all it was a fun show with a chance to see layouts, and shop with vendors, not normally seen in our local area.



One of the hands on displays of the Youth in Model Railroad.



The Youth in Model Railroad layout.



Denver and Rio Grande Western Z-scale display



Z-scale layout

T-scale (1:440) layout. This is half the size of Z-scale.



One end of the T-trak modules. The animated fireworks on the left are electroluminescent panels.

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

I am expecting a package to be delivered today that has the special awards from the Regional Convention Contest. Those along with other AP merit awards and certificates will be presented at our meeting this Saturday.



I have laid my last turnout and all the track on my Bronx Terminal! It feels a little surreal that that stage is complete. Trains can now go wherever they need in the entire yard. Because some of the points are confusing I have set up routes. For example, if you want to go to yard track #9 you just enter switch 709 on your throttle and everything will line up. There are a couple of rules to remember and a few special switch numbers to memorize and it will all “just work” – hopefully! In about a week I am taking it to the RPM meet in Greeley, CO and I can do more testing there while it is set up.

Below is the last turnout installed which is the tail end of a wye where an engine can reverse its direction if needed. Because of its unique function and placement the gaps were cut differently than a regular turnout. The other two images are close ups of the track work.



Now comes the hard part, I mean the fun part – finishing the scenery including ballasting 55+ linear feet of track, several structures, including the massive round freight building, weathering and blending the brick work into the dirt area, and so much more.



There were times when the wiring challenged me a little bit but overall it worked out well. I am excited about the progress I have been able to make and I am feeling like I will actually be able to finish this project! It will still take some time to finish but I am getting there. I haven't updated it recently but remember my website JamestownTrains.com has more information. You can also do a search for "Bronx Terminal by Jim Wanlass" on Facebook for some updates.

Keep me updated on any progress you are making on your layout/module so that way we can enjoy the journey together!

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37th Intermountain Train Expo!

Our Division will host the 37th annual Intermountain Train Expo at the Stadler factory Friday November 7th and Saturday 8th, 2025. The show hours will be 3pm to 8pm on Friday, and 9am to 5pm on Saturday. There will not be a Sunday session.



We have a dozen vendors and half dozen layouts registered, but I know many clubs have simply not sent in their registration. If your club exhibits at train shows, please attend to this, because if space is used up, it is first come, first served.

Train shows have a lot of moving parts. Here is a partial list:

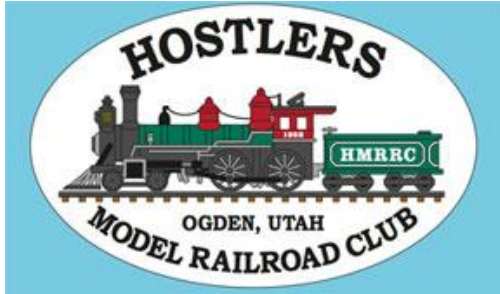
- 1) **Marketing and Promotions:** Cameron LaFleur will be doing this.
- 2) **Vendor sales:** Mike Dean will be doing this.
- 3) **Renting tables and chairs:** Stadler does not have sufficient tables and chairs for this show. Need to get best possible price, figure out setup, delivery, etc.
- 5) **Hands on activities:** Picking things up and setting up, volunteers to run the session, etc.
- 6) **Floor plan coordination:** Geoff Carter and Mike Dean will work on this.
- 7) **Flyers for advertising:** We need help to distribute materials throughout the area.
- 8) **Ticket sales:** At the door, handling cash and door attendance.
- 9) **NMRA NUD table:** Our goal is to recruit more members.
- 10) **Clinics:** Could have an area with rotating topics, etc. similar to tree building.

Show Planning Committee

We need to establish a show planning committee with 5 to 10 members to better plan the show so that it runs smoothly in November. The show will also benefit from broad input from our Division so that we can improve it and increase our attendance. Please consider participating on this planning committee – it does NOT mean you have to fill all the volunteer slots yourself, but gives you a chance to help us make the show particularly great.

Contact: Mike Dean (miketraindoc@gmail.com) or Geoff Carter (gkc450219@gmail.com)

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS



Hostlers Layout Tours 2025

September 20, 2025

Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

7 Home Layouts

They are all located relatively close to each other.

For more info and addresses click on the link below:

<https://www.hostlers.org/styled-11/index.html>



Colorado Rail Proto Meet

September 27 & 28, 2025

Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am - 4pm

Island Grove Event Center

421 N 15th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631

<https://corpm.org/2025-event/>



RAILSHOW 2025

October 11 & 12, 2025

Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, 10 am - 2 pm

Idaho Falls Recreation Center

520 Memorial Drive Idaho Falls, Idaho

<https://www.facebook.com/errhsi/>



Intermountain Train Expo

November 7th & 8th

Friday, 3 pm - 8 pm

Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

Stadler US Inc.

5880 W 150 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84104

<https://www.intermountaintrainexpo.com/>

FOR SALE!



Add this superb, one of a kind, historical box car to your collection. The Northern Utah Division of the NMRA is selling an HO scale Bamberger Rail Road box cars kits, manufactured by Accurail. The cars feature a build date of 8/48.

You can get your very own historical box car before this limited edition is sold out.



DECEMBER NEWS

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RICHARD BALE AND JEFF SHULTZ
REPORT THE LATEST HOBBY
INDUSTRY NEWS ...

VIEW READER
COMMENTS

CLUB NEWS



The Northern Utah Division of the NMRA is selling a series of HO scale Utah Oil Company (UTOCO) tank cars manufactured by InterMountain Railway. Featuring a build date of 8/45 and a test date of 9/28/51, the cars are offered in six road numbers and are equipped with metal wheelsets and Kadee couplers.
Info: www.northernutahnmra.org/club-car

Originally intended to be the convention cars for the 2019 NMRA convention in Salt Lake City, supply chain issues prevented the cars from arriving on time. Offered in six road numbers, the cars have metal wheelsets and Kadee couplers. You can get your very own historical tank car before this limited edition is sold out.

The price is \$45 each with free shipping, or \$40.00 if you pick them up either at the event or at Geoff Carter's home. Contact Geoff at

gkc450219@gmail.com



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>



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.gsafc.com/about.htm>

Golden Spike Train Club of Utah - This HO 100% NMRA Club is in the process of moving. 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://greatbasinlhc.utahlug.org/>

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 club models in HO and N and meets at the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Hobby Stop in Orem (537 N 1200 W, Orem). For more information contact HO-VP Mike Lambert, mlambert54@comcast.net 303-919-4703 - N-VP Chris Cox, coxcl1@gmail.com 801-897-2269. 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



Northern Utah Division Officers

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NMRA Online sites



<https://x.com/nmraonline>



https://www.instagram.com/nmra_online/



<https://www.youtube.com/c/NMRAORGModelRailroading>



<https://www.pinterest.com/nationalnmra/>

MEETING INFORMATION

Utah's center for model railroading excellence!

Join us every third Saturday at the

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5880 W 150 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84104

from 10:00 AM to Noon

