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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.



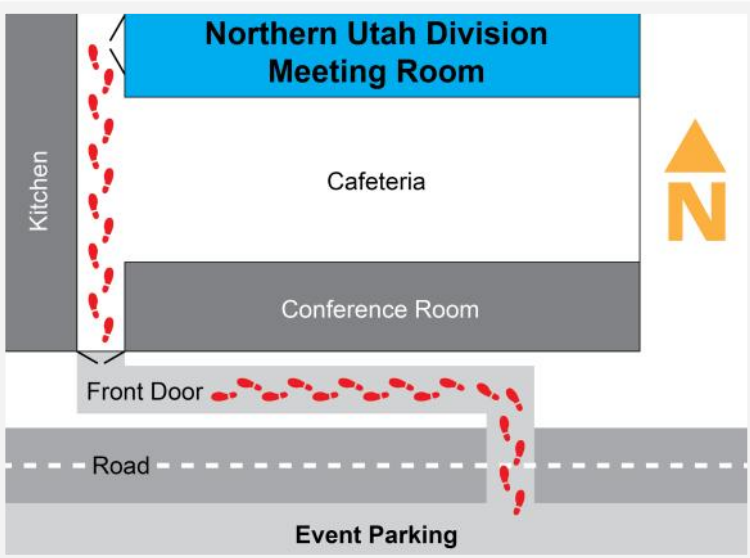
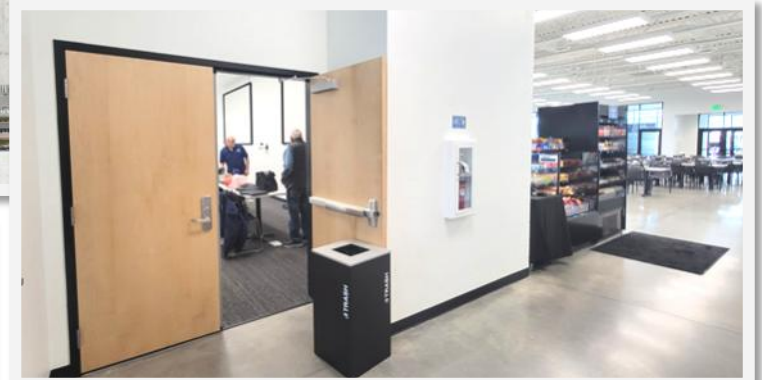
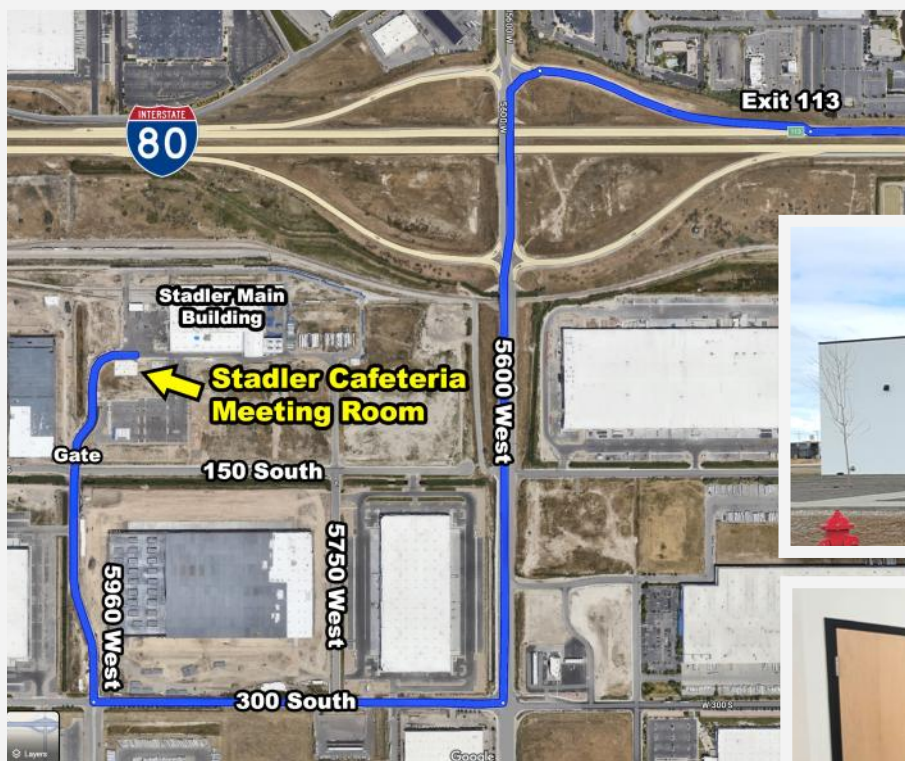
**Our next meeting will be
Saturday
October 18th, 2025
10:00 AM - Noon**

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

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

The November clinic will be a hands on demonstration of the techniques I use to scratch build structures. We will be building a very small section of wooden wall employing the simple techniques I have learned through the years. For anyone that is interested I will supply the wood and materials needed for the construction, as well as the Aleens Tacky Glue. You will need to provide a sharp exacto knife, a razor saw (an Old Atlas snap saw works fine) and maybe a tiny bit of fine sandpaper. A bottle of cheap craft paint of your desired wall color would also be helpful.



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.



April

18th

10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

The do's and don'ts of modern installation on brass with DCC

Presented by Jeremy Johnson

37th Intermountain Train Expo!



Next month is the Division's annual Train Show. As a member of the Northern Utah Division, NMRA we need your assistance to make this event a success. You can provide this sustaining assistance by doing the following:

Donate a couple of hours at one of the Division sponsored displays. You can do so by going to Signup Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CABAD28A2FEC25-58858623-intermountain/156888953#/>

Sharing the Intermountain Train Expo Facebook page to all of your contacts:

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

Sharing the Intermountain Train Expo webpage with all of your contacts:

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

Collecting a hand full of the flyers at this months event, this Saturday and pass them out with your Halloween candy to the tricker-treaters that visit you.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

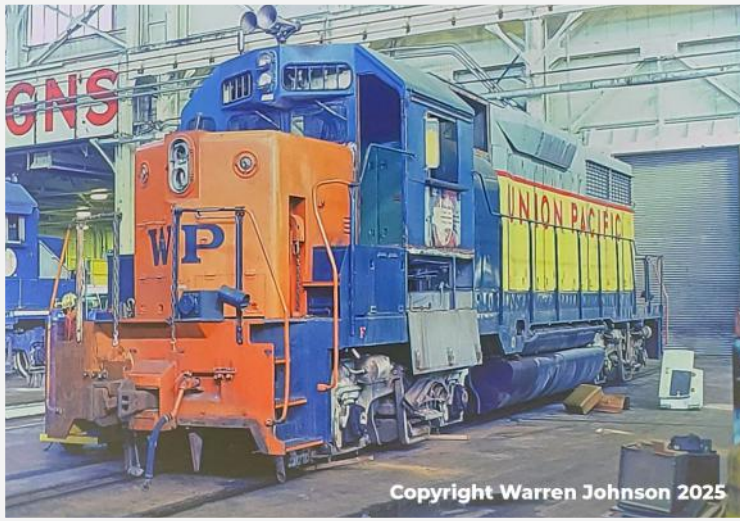
Presentation

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 consisted of a slide show presentation of over 300 photos taken throughout his career detailing the different and unusual things that he saw. Warren had the advantage that most of us will never have, spending your days right in the middle of a large rail yard and engine facility. We are very thankful that he always brought his camera to work and captured many interesting things that not many never had a chance to see. A fun and fascinating look into the past.





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TRAINS OF THOUGHT

There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" Sometimes you drive for hours to go to another state and set up modules with other people (some you know and others you might not) and then run your trains! One of the cool things about Free-mo (and Free-moN and others) is that by making modules to the standards set forth, one can connect to anyone else's modules without any issues. I recently drove to Greeley, CO to set up my Bronx Terminal module at the RPM meet. On one side of my module was someone I knew and the other was someone I didn't know. What a great way to make new friends!



I've mentioned before that I used to be a lone wolf modeler which is totally fine, but after becoming active in the NMRA (and other clubs) the amount of fun has gone up exponentially. I've made many friendships and my modeling has improved. Now that we are meeting at Stadler we have more space so I hope to see you there!

Our annual Intermountain Train Expo is coming up and we need help putting on a big train show. I'm pleased to see a lot of the spots on the sign up are filled. Please help with the remaining spots. Who knows, you might even make a new friend! Working as a team we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Wanlass, MMR #585

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NMRA Member Spotlight : Ryker Josephson

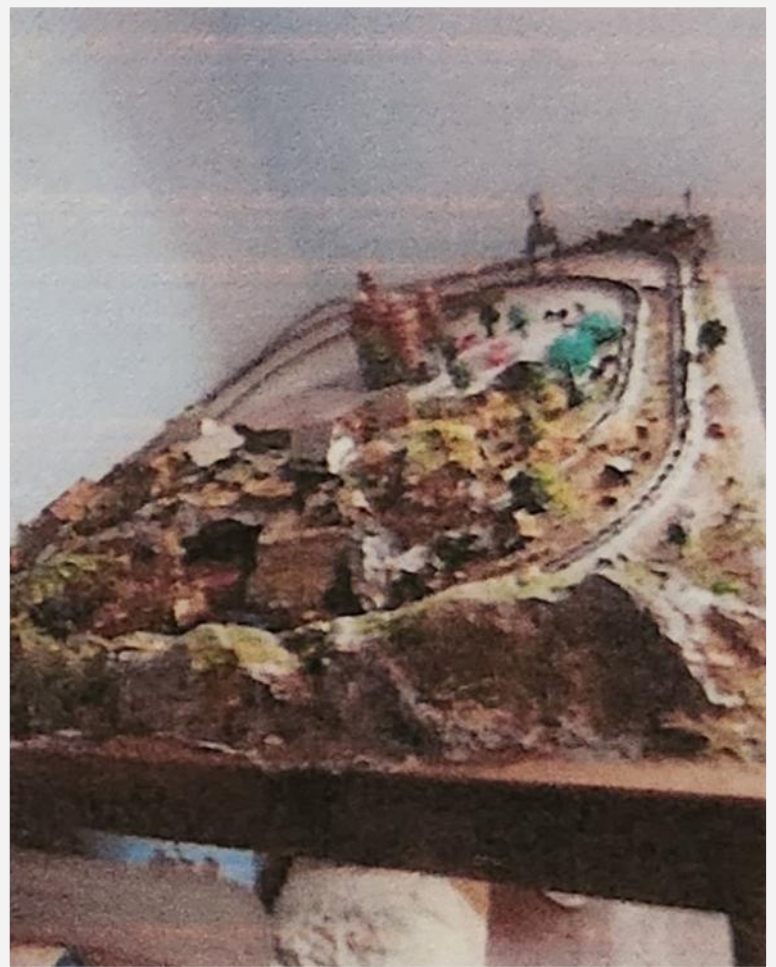
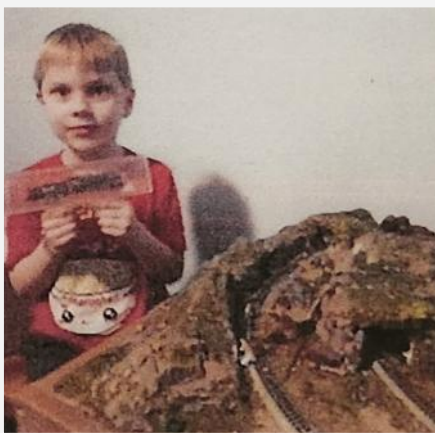
Article by : Jeff Herrmann, MMR 5th Division, PNR

Photos by: Jessica Josephson

Meet 7-year old Ryker Josephson of Post Falls, Idaho (5th Division), who is not only the youngest NMRA member in the Pacific Northwest Region, but also the youngest in the entire NMRA!

Ryker signed up as an NMRA member on his fourth birthday by his grandfather, Lowell Didas, who was serving as the Region President of NMRA's Rocky Mountain Region at the time.

Ryker reports that, when he was two years old, his grandfather bought him his first Lionel train set. When Ryker was four, he and his grandfather built his N scale layout and he has been working on scenery ever since. Ryker insists that "NO TOYS ARE ALLOWED ON MY LAYOUT!"



ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The regional contests are a bit confusing on how things are done but depending on how many points one scores there are different types of plaques you can receive. There are the “points” earned as well as the placement like 1st - 3rd. In any case, back in the July newsletter you can see the awards that were not plaques and below you can see that Cameron and I both earned a plaque for our models. I believe Cameron earned a second one but because there was some confusion at the event it didn't come with these ones. I also just noticed that my plaque says HO scale but it was N scale! Doesn't everyone know I model in almost all the scales? Talk about confusion!



You can also see in the pictures that Doug earned some merit awards for his track work and an AP Certificate for Model Railroad Engineer – Civil. He has also earned his Electrical and Author certificates. I don't think I'll have them in time for the meeting but I wanted to mention that with earning those he has completed the requirements to be our newest MMR! It is official that he is MMR #808. When you see Doug offer him a congratulations! Anyone who has been to his layout knows he deserves it. We have been working with him the last couple of years to get all the paperwork and evaluations completed.

The individual earning the title of Master Model Railroader puts in a lot of work – fun work, they are after all working on trains! There is also a team of several individuals who work together. Sometimes it is making sure the paperwork is done correctly. Other times it is doing evaluations on models often spending hours looking over all the details. There are many routes to achieving MMR and none of them are doing it alone. You might earn all the certificates or only one but hopefully your modeling improves along the way, you have fun and enjoy the journey! You can be a lone wolf modeler and still have fun but if you participate in the AP Program we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Wanlass, MMR #585

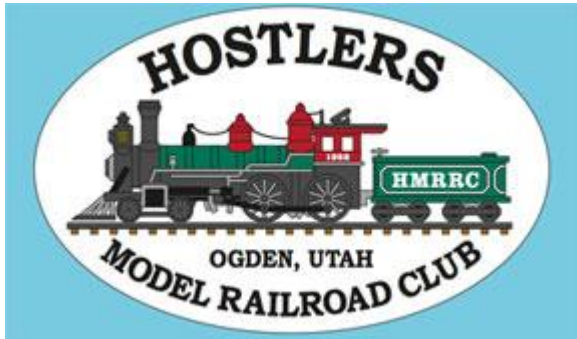
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UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS



Model Railroad Estate Sale

October 25th

Saturday, 10 am - 12 pm

Newgate Mall

3651 Wall Avenue, Ogden, Utah

FREE Admission

<https://www.hostlers.info/>



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/>



Trainfest

November 1st & 2nd

Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am - 5 pm

Baird Center

400 W Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53203

<https://www.trainfest.com/trainfest.html>



Rocky Mountain Train Show - Holiday 2025

November 29th & 30th

Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am - 3 pm

The Ranch Events Complex

5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO.

<https://rockymountaintrainshow.com/Default.aspx>

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 ...

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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.northernutahnrmra.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



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 Director-at-LargeCameron Lafluer
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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

