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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.



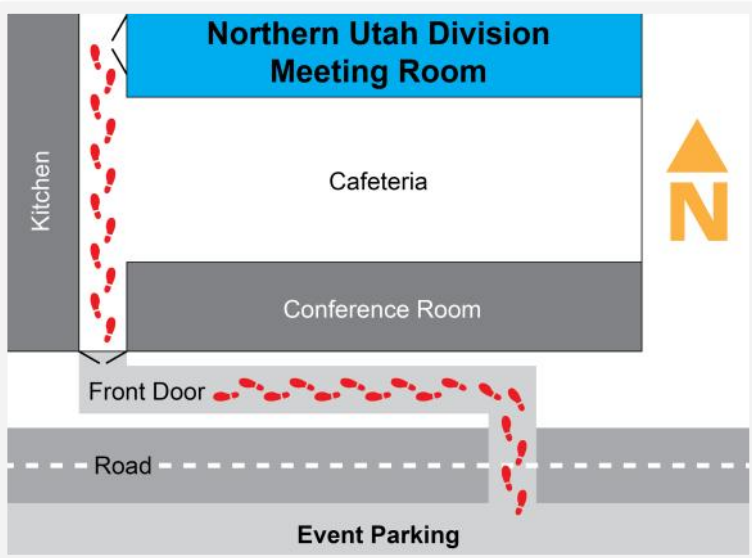
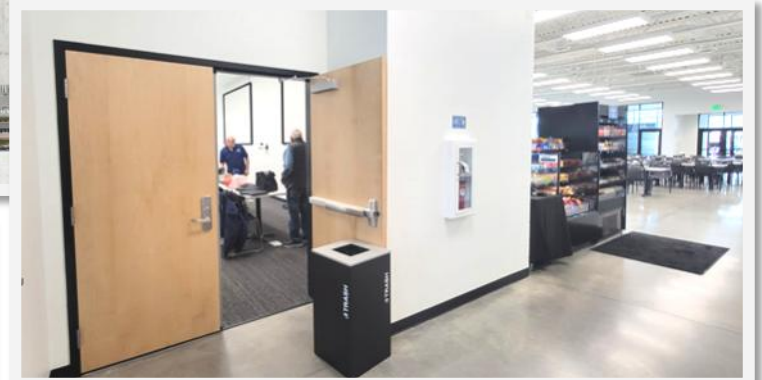
**Our next meeting will be
Saturday
November 15th, 2025
10:00 AM - Noon**

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

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.**



December
20th
10:00 AM - NOON

Special Event

Division Christmas Party

Presented by The Board of Directors

Inglennooks 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.



CLINIC SCHEDULE

January
17th
10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

The Aldey & Stillate

Presented by Paul Dishman

Paul Dishman's HO layout, the Aldey and Stillate, is based on the very short line railroad that runs between Pratt Falls, Utah and Hope Springs, Idaho. Besides providing scenic excursions between the two towns, it also services local businesses such as the M.T. Box Co., Tillwee Meats, and Oaks on Yew Lumber. Dishman will provide an insight into the questionable history of the railroad as well as a visual tour of the layout. The presentation will utilize Artificial Intelligence as that is the only kind the presenter has.

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. **Attendees please bring a small paintbrush!**

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

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DIVISION ELECTIONS 2025

Just a reminder if you want to be considered for a position you need to have your name, photo and bio to Rick Luther by this month'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 short 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 21st Meeting. You may if you wish to send your nominations via email to luther7664@gmail.com at the appropriate time.

A **SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE** will be sent out on November 30, 2024 and you will have until Midnight December 19th, 2024 to cast your vote on-line. The winners will be notified and announced to the division at the December 21st meeting.

VOTE THIS



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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.

Two Board Members (Seat B and Seat D)

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 Cameron Lafluer.

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 801-712-3888 and

37th Intermountain Train Expo Photo Report





Jolley's Jalopies ©



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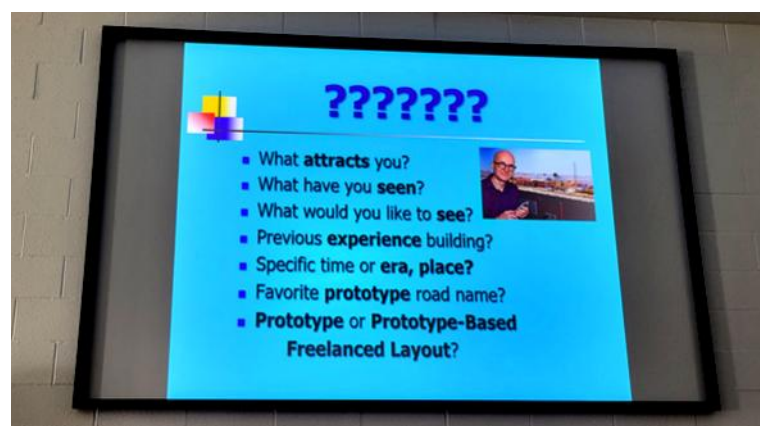
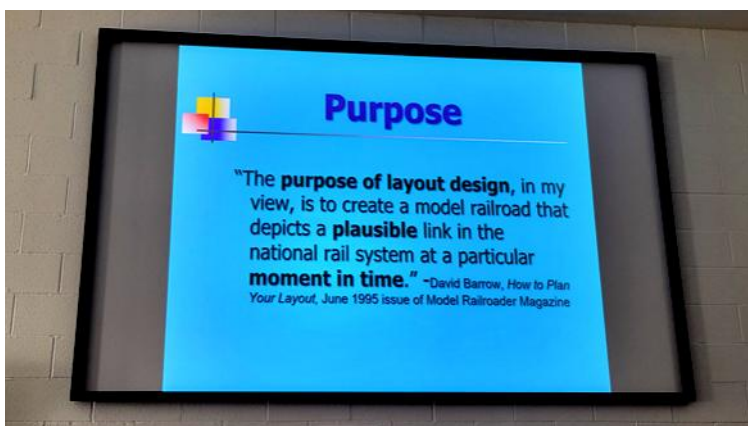
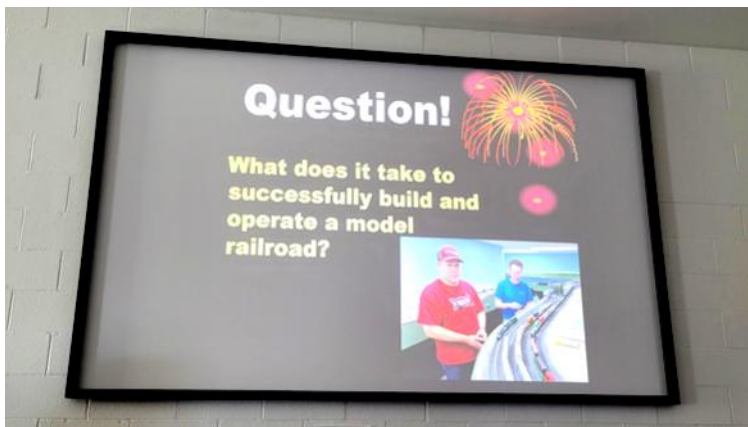
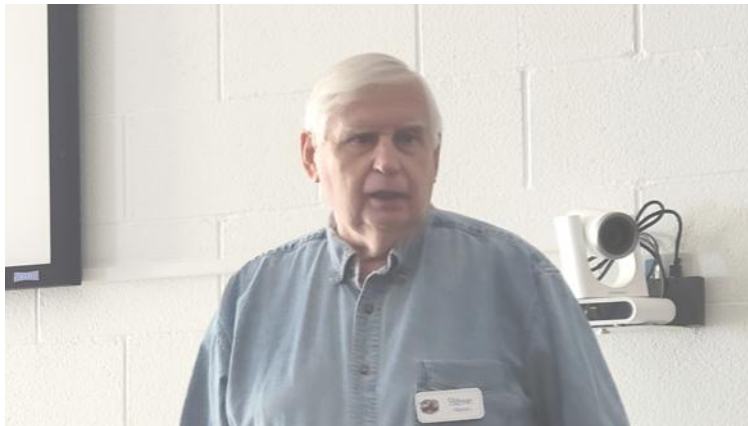
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Presentation

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 DONTs, plus suggested reading material. Steve provided a roadmap of the process that can be used to build a home layout. There are a lot of things to consider when you begin the process, You need to ask yourself a lot of questions about what you really want that will make you happy and increase your desire to continue on this exciting journey.



TRAINS OF THOUGHT

There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" There are train shows to go to – or in our case, host. Why do we host a train show every year? I have asked the board that question several times over the last decade. There is a lot of time, money and stress involved in doing one of these events. If it were up to me we would not. We risk losing money and it is very stressful. We do it for you.

The "You" is fourfold. First, to have a place for modular clubs to set up their layout. We know there are limited opportunities to set up your modular model railroad that you work hard creating and want to run trains on and also share what you have done with others. Second, we are ambassadors to The World's Greatest Hobby. The general public have "little to none" layout of their own and enjoy seeing our model railroads and having fun with trains. Third is for our division members. By hopefully making a little bit of money we can continue running the programs we have in place. Some years we have lost a lot of money. We are constantly evaluating how we do things to mitigate that. Fourth is for the vendors by giving them an opportunity to be able to reach more people for their sales.

This year was unique in that we were able to hold it in the same facility where real trains are made! What an incredible opportunity. We asked the clubs to help staff certain tasks related to running the show. We do not charge clubs to be there so this was their way of helping to make it a great show! I was very pleased with all the participation. A huge thank you to all who helped make it a great show!

I know when I am just running on my own layout there is sometimes good interaction with the public but when staffing a table there are often more opportunities for better interactions. There was one little kid who literally was crying when he had to leave. His dad brought him back and he was so happy. It is a great feeling when a random dad who is there with their kids comes up and thanks us for putting on the show so they can have fun. We are ambassadors to model railroading and that is why I continue to be involved year after year. Shows like this are how we can enjoy the journey together!



Jim Wanlass, MMR #585

Superintendent

Northern Utah Division of the NMRA

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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

A while back Jon hosted a layout tour of his awesome layout. Besides having it in a unique space, his layout is in temperature controlled shipping containers and it is excellently built. The Golden Spike Award is one of the few AP awards that someone else (usually a division representative) can fill out and send in for someone else. While visiting Jon's layout I recognized he had met all of the requirements to earn the award. When someone asks where to start on the AP, I refer them to the Golden Spike Award requirements saying that many people who have been model railroading might already have everything done or at least close to it. Jon is one of those cases where he may not get any other AP certificates (it's up to him) but we recognize that he has at least done the requirements to earn his Golden Spike Award. He has been very busy and not been to meetings lately so I caught him at the Intermountain Train Expo where I gave him his award.



NMRA

Doug is like Jon where he has been working on his layout for years. Both are excellent layouts. The difference is that Doug finally decided to work on the paperwork to be acknowledged for all his hard work. He didn't have to do much more work besides all the paperwork to earn his MMR. Last month he was presented his Electrical and Author Certificates. We should be able to present his MMR plaque at the next meeting.

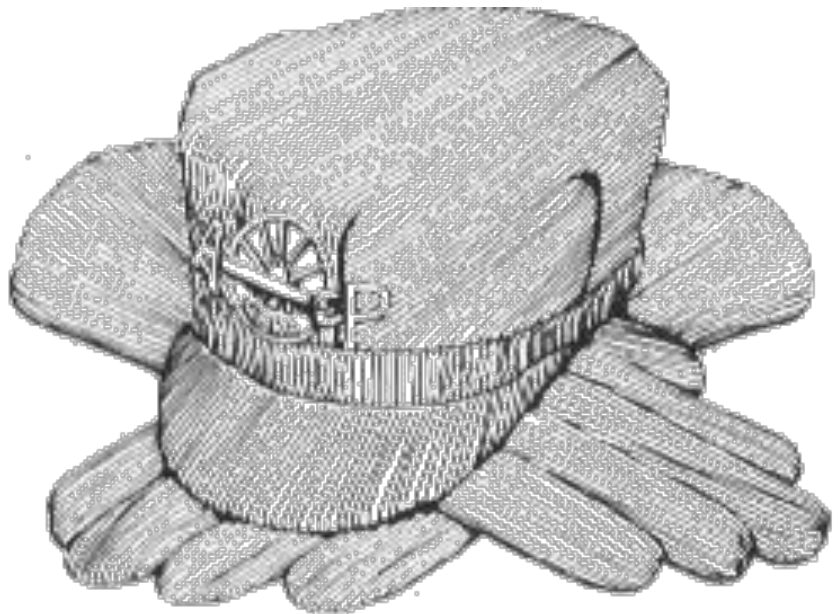


My Bronx Terminal hit a major milestone! I was able to get all the track laid and operational for the RPM meet in Greeley and here it is at the Intermountain Train Expo in Salt Lake City at Stadler. One of my goals in creating it was to be able to let others enjoy learning about operations. While I have not developed a formal session with it yet, all the track works. My young friend who comes to most of the train shows was able to drive the locomotive while I threw the switches (turnouts) for him. He had lots of fun switching cars in the yard and then taking a train out onto the mainline for a few laps.



The Intermountain Train Expo (and other train shows) are an excellent opportunity to interact with others. We get a chance to share what we have been working on and also our love of this hobby. My new son-in-law came with my daughter to see what it is all about. He was impressed and didn't realize that we, in his words: create little worlds. I let him drive one of my trains so he could have some hands-on fun. Who knows, maybe he will earn his own Golden Spike Award one day. In the meantime, it's about having fun together in the moment and that way we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Wanlass, MMR #585
AP Chairman
Northern Utah Division of the NMRA
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A new look for the NMRA

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

– *John F. Kennedy*



NATIONAL
MODEL RAILROAD
ASSOCIATION

The goal of this refreshed brand is to represent our strong, unified association that appeals to both current and future generations of model railroaders. This is a visual commitment to our future as a vibrant, inclusive, and fun global association dedicated to making the hobby better for everyone.

Read the NMRA Due Diligence Report here:

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/m037u6ctc74o7mer26r98/
NMRA_Package1_DueDiligence.pdf?rlkey=l7mqk7zkd57j71uxbf88p9rli&e=1&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/m037u6ctc74o7mer26r98/NMRA_Package1_DueDiligence.pdf?rlkey=l7mqk7zkd57j71uxbf88p9rli&e=1&dl=0)

Access the new logo and graphic standards here:

<https://www.nmra.org/promotional-materials-2026>

“I cannot think of anything that would be relevant to modelers under 40, and I think that overemphasis on the past hinders the NMRA’s potential reach to new types of modelers.”

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS



Rocky Mountain Train Show - Holiday 2025

November 29th & 30th

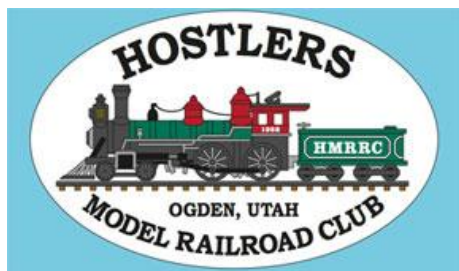
Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am - 3 pm

The Ranch Events Complex

5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO.

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



2026 Hostlers Model Railroad Festival

March 6th, 7th & 8th

Friday, 3 pm - 8 pm

Saturday, 9 am - 6 pm

Sunday, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Ogden Union Station

2501 Wall Avenue, Ogden, UT.

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



Model Train Show

April, 9th, 10th & 11th

Thursday, 1 pm - 5 pm

Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

Brinkman Service Club Building

352 Airport Way, Wendover, UT.

<https://wendoverairfield.org/>



2026 RMR CONVENTION

May 13-16 • Rapid City, SD.



**Win a chance
to ride in the cab
of a 2-6-6-2 Mallet!**



For more information and to register use the QR Code or go to:
<https://www.rmr-nmra.org/2026%20Convention/Home2026.html>

Wednesday, May 13

Visit local attractions. (Not included in convention registration.)

Thursday, May 14

South Dakota State Railroad Museum

1880 Train to Keystone and back

Museum Tour, Yard Tour, Evening Social

Friday, May 15

Homestake Mine

Mine Tour, Clinic, Northern Hills Railway Society Layout Tour

Saturday, May 16

Black Hills Railway Layout Tour/Ops Session

Convention Location

Best Western Ramkota Hotel

2111 N LaCrosse Street,

Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Clinics are included in your registration.



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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.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-Large Geoff Carter
 Director-at-LargeCameron Lafluer
 Director-at-Large Bob Connolly



Website:

www.northernutahnmra.org/

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www.facebook.com/groups/nutahnmra/

Committee Positions

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 Convention Chairman Mike Dean/Geoff Carter
 Achievement Program Jim Wanlass
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 Layout Tours..... Bob Connolly
 Division Librarian:..... Robert Arnesen
 Secretary:Carolyn Chase
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 Membership Chair Person..... Lowell Didas
 Pizza Box Chairman Blaine Holbrook



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<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

Stadler US Inc.

5880 W 150 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84104

from 10:00 AM to Noon

