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ALL ABOARD FOR THE NEW EVENT

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



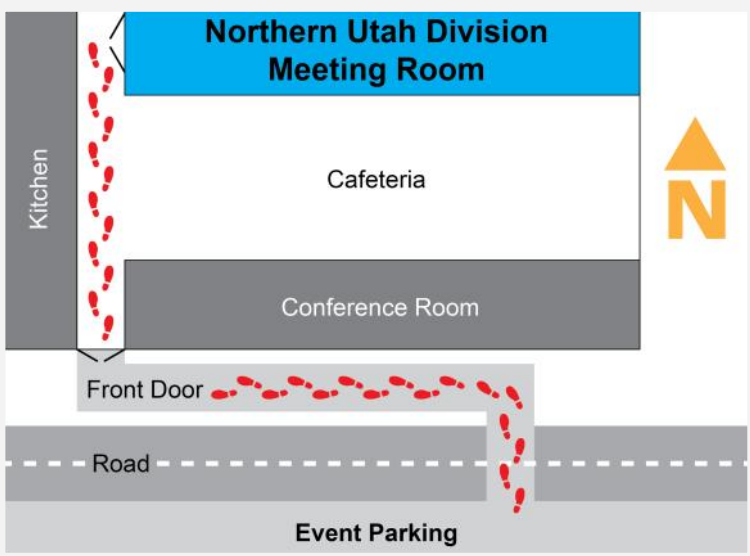
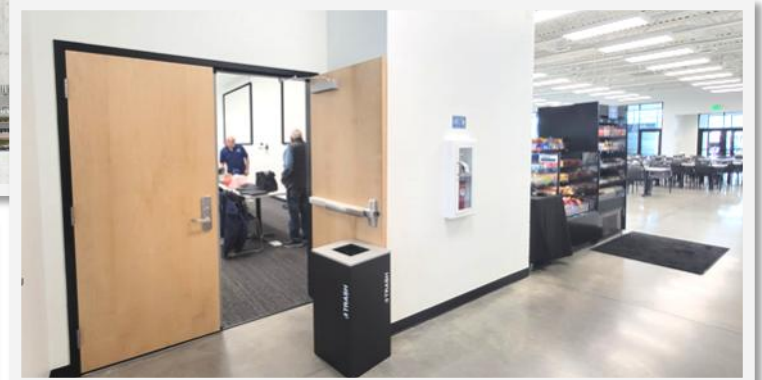
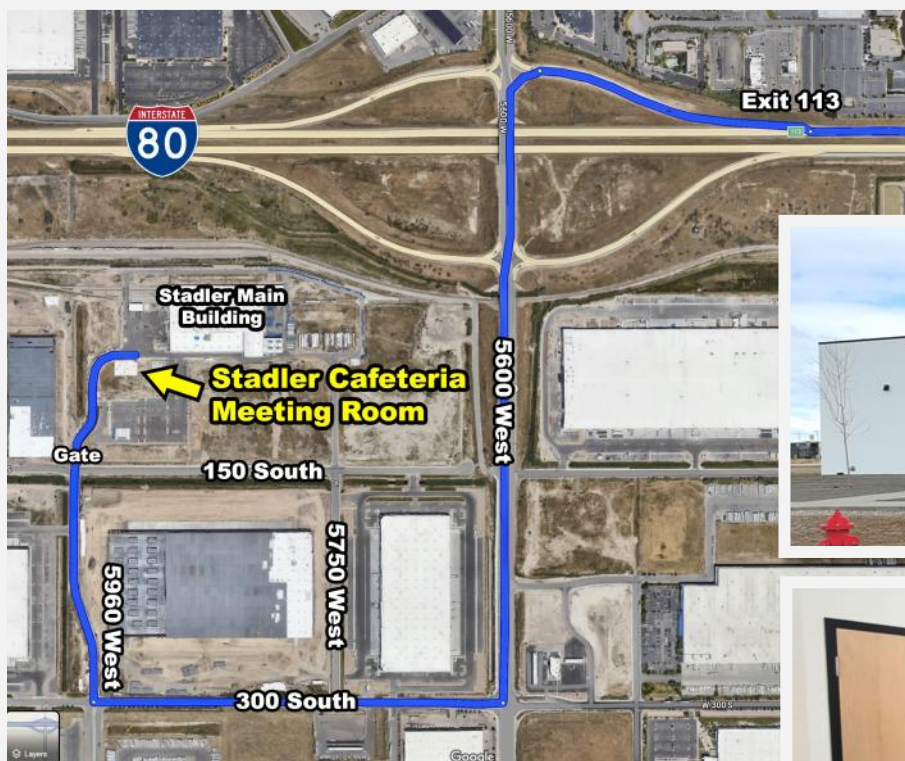
**Our next meeting will be
Saturday
December 20th, 2025
10:00 AM - Noon**

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

December

20th

10:00 AM - NOON

We will have a drawing for a FREE ticket to the Colorado Model Railroad Museum in Greeley, Colorado.

Special Event!!

Division Christmas Party

Presented by The Board of Directors

In the spirit of the season, we would like everyone to bring a **treat** to share 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!

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

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

NORTHERN UTAH - NMRA DIVISION ELECTIONS 2025

BREAKING NEWS!

We will not be holding formal elections this year, which hasn't happened in a long time. You might be wondering why.

The positions available—Treasurer, Assistant Superintendent, and two Board of Director spots—have no candidates challenging the current holders. Since the incumbents have all graciously agreed to continue serving for another term, there will be no need for a vote this year.

Please take a moment to thank these dedicated leaders for their continued, selfless service to the Northern Utah Division!



Assistant
Superintendent:
**Mike
Dean**

Treasurer:
**Jerry
Bregg**



Board of Directors:
**Geoff
Carter**

Board of Directors:
**Bob
Connolly**

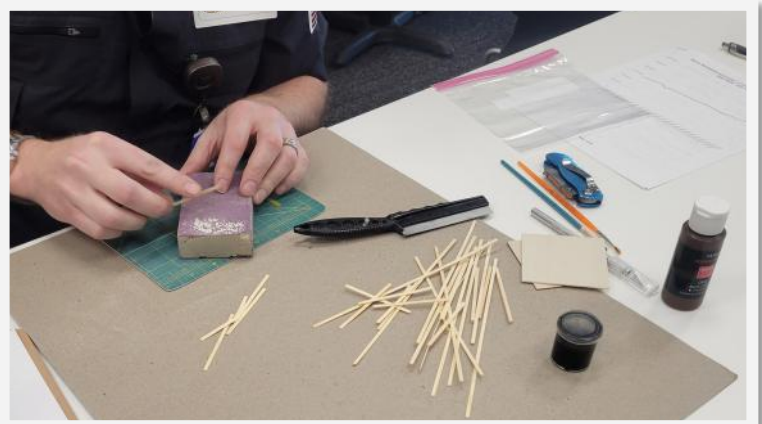
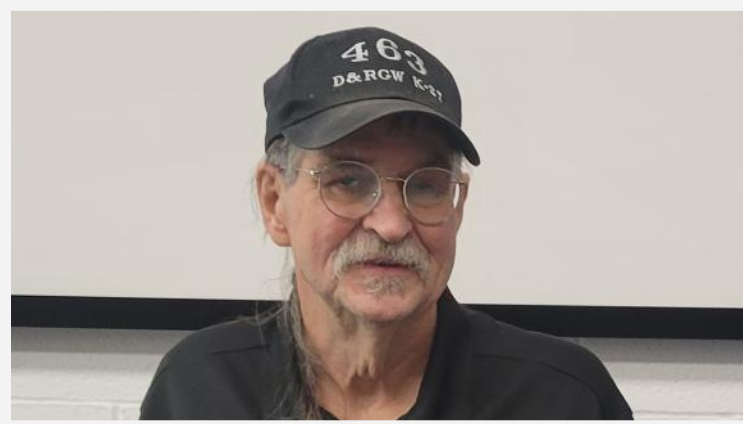


Hands-on

Scratchbuilding: Tools, Tips, and Techniques

Presented by Doug Jolley

The November clinic was a hands on demonstration of the techniques that Doug has used through the years to scratch build structures. Doug instructed us step by step on how to build a simple wall section using some simple techniques that has learned over the years. Each attendee was given a small pile of wood sticks and thin plywood. We were instructed on how to prepare the wood including creating a wood grain texture, staining, sanding and final assembly. It was interesting to see the various results everyone created. **Thanks Doug for great clinic!**



TRAINS OF THOUGHT

There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" If you make something portable you can bring it on family getaways! This month's selfie has the family at Thanksgiving Dinner in St George but more than that, my nephew is learning how to switch using my portable Timesaver! He did great without much help! Everyone's family is a little bit different and even year to year things change. With a couple of my kids married we have to share them now with their in-laws during the holidays.

This month we are having our annual division potluck and gift exchange. Even if you don't bring food or a gift we still want to see you and socialize. Plus I will give a short clinic about Timesavers and Inglenooks. They are fun strategy train games and we will have a few different ones for you to try out. The one shown has had over a hundred people try their hand at switching. Over the years I've used it as one of the requirements to sign off many Scouts for their Railroading merit badge.

Whatever your family gatherings (or friend group) may be like over the holidays, hopefully you can include some trains. If not that's OK too. My favorite thing has become to just spend time with family and friends. Come run some trains with us, talk, eat, relax. It will be a fun way that we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Wanlass, MMR #585

Superintendent

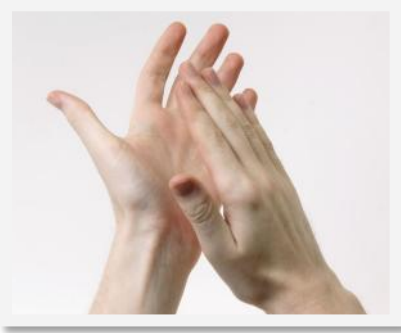
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This picture is over 10 years old! Geoff has been sharing his Timesaver almost as long as I have and to many more people!

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM



Congratulations to Doug Jolley!

We finally were able to present to him his certificate and plaque for being Master Model Railroader #808.

One thing Doug mentioned that he learned about the Achievement Program and becoming an MMR is that

it's not how good you are when starting, it's about improving and becoming a better modeler. I am paraphrasing a little bit but that's the idea. I completely agree. Over the years I have been doing this, I have seen some really great work and some so-so work. Part of it is the effort one puts in but I think the biggest part is seeing the improvement one makes.

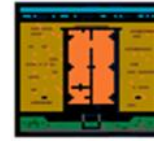


Doug has been model railroading for a long time. (Real railroading too but he can share those stories with you himself.) Those who have been to see his layout know he deserves to be an MMR. He didn't get there overnight. He has only been working on his paperwork for a couple of years but it's been decades of learning and improving his skills to get to the point he is today. Also, there is more to being an MMR than just your modeling skills. One aspect is service to the hobby. That can mean serving on a board or committee. It can also be giving a clinic or writing articles. Things that help other modelers besides yourself.

As a brief reminder, there are 11 categories in four different sections. To earn your MMR you need at least seven certificates with at least one from each section.

- **Model Railroad Equipment**

- Master Builder - Motive Power
- Master Builder - Cars



- **Settings**

- Master Builder - Structures
- Master Builder - Scenery
- Master Builder - Prototype Models



- **Engineering and Operation**

- Model Railroad Engineer - Civil
- Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical
- Chief Dispatcher



- **Service to the Hobby**

- Association Official
- Association Volunteer
- Model Railroad Author



We have good people willing to help those who are interested in earning certificates in the AP and if you get enough certificates you can earn your MMR. We currently have five MMRs in the division and several more who are working towards that goal. It is great seeing my own and others' improvement as they progress through the AP. I also really like the friendships that have come from working with others in this position. Learning from and helping each other we can enjoy the journey together!

For more info go to:

<https://www.northernutahnmra.org/achievement-program/>

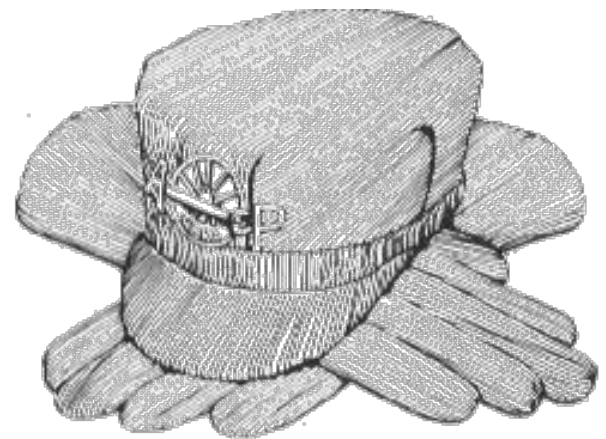
<https://www.nmra.org/education/achievement-program>

Jim Wanlass, MMR #585

AP Chairman

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2025 Annual Christmas Layout Tour and Ops Session



Once again Geoff Carter is opening his HO Scale Union Pacific home layout for public viewing and operation of his trains during the week between Christmas and New Years.

You can go to Signup Genius and choose your session at the following address:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444A9A823A4F85-54006837-christmas#/>

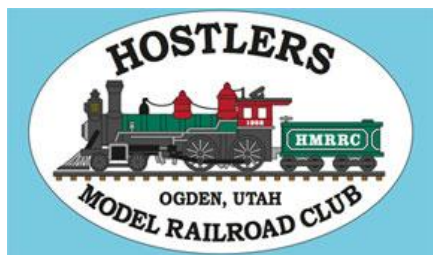
Or use this QR Code:



Just a reminder, here are the rules to participate:

- We are a non-smoking environment.
- We are in the basement; therefore, we are not ADA compliant.
- Children must bring their own adult supervision.
- Crashing into the train ahead of you will banish you from the train room.
- In the case of derailment, only I will handle the rolling stock.
- Scenery items (vehicles, people, buildings, etc.) must not be moved.
- Having fun is strongly encouraged.

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS



Hostlers Christmas Layout

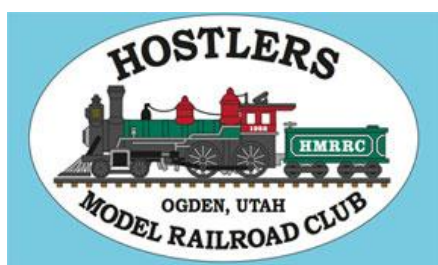
November 28th - December 26th

Newgate Mall

3651 Wall Avenue, Ogden, UT.

Located at the north end of the mall by Quilted Bear and Pretzel Maker.

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



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/>



STADLER

Open House and Train Show

Stadler Rail US

May 29th & 30th

5880 West 150 South, Salt Lake City, UT



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.

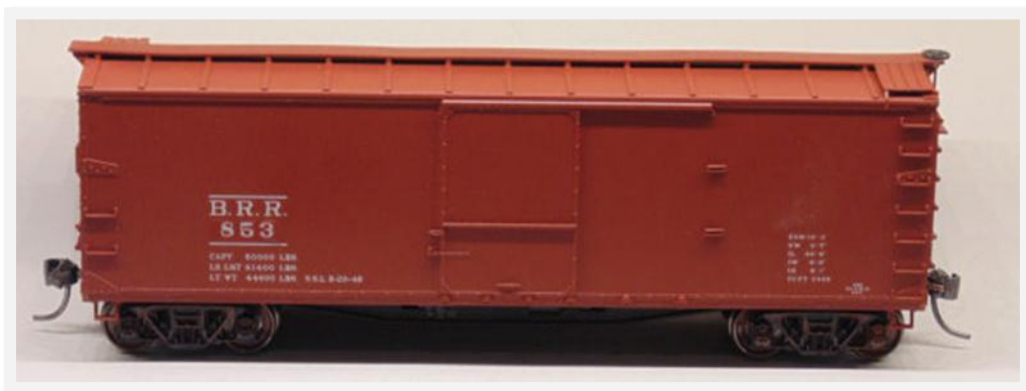
**Early bird registration &
hotel reservation discounts
end 12/31/2025!**

**One extra drawing ticket for
the cab ride ends 12/31/2025!**

PLEASE NOTE: that we have only 20 rooms reserved at the \$109 price point. Once filled, the rate changes to \$125 for the next 10 rooms. After March 31, the room rate goes up to their regular room charges.

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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 ...

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

VIEW READER COMMENTS

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.gsafrc.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://greatbasinlrc.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

Superintendent.....Jim Wanlass
 Assistant Superintendent Mike Dean
 Treasurer.....Gerald Bregg
 Director-at-Large.....Doug Jolley
 Director-at-Large.....Geoff Carter
 Director-at-Large.....Cameron Lafluer
 Director-at-Large.....Bob Connolly

Committee Positions

Social Media Chairman.....Cameron Lafluer
 Convention Chairman.....Mike Dean/Geoff Carter
 Achievement Program.....Jim Wanlass
 Clinic CoordinatorKevin Anderson
 Layout ToursBob Connolly
 Division Librarian:.....Robert Arnesen
 Secretary:.....Carolyn Chase
 Newsletter Editor:Rick Luther
 Membership Chair Person.....Lowell Didas
 Pizza Box ChairmanBlaine Holbrook



Website:

www.northernutahnmra.org/

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/nutahnmra/



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NMRA Online sites



<https://x.com/nmraonline>



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



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



<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

