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**ALL ABOARD FOR
OUR NEXT EVENT!**



**Our next meeting will be
Saturday
January 17th, 2026
10:00 AM - Noon**





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

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**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!**



Clinic Schedule

**March
21st**

10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation
Railfanning the West

Presented by Aaron Pederson



**April
18th**

10:00 AM - NOON

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

Presented by Jeremy Johnson



**May
16th**

CANCELED

There will be no meeting this month since it conflicts with the Rocky Mountain Region Convention in Rapid City, South Dakota. Please attend the convention!



**June
20th**

10:00 AM - NOON

Special Event

TBA - Every year during the warm weather we like to hold a monthly event at another location. This is kind of like the field trips you took in school!



**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

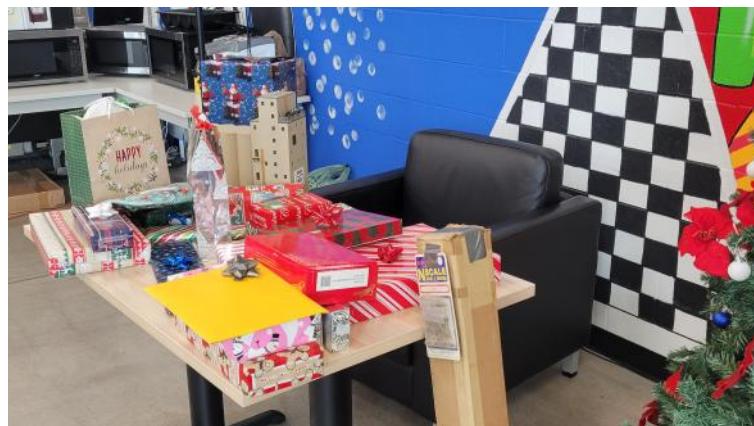
Special Event!!

Division Christmas Party

Inglenooks and Timesavers

Presented by Jim Wanlass MMR

A brief background about these train puzzles was given by Jim and then we had time to try them out for ourselves and test our switching skills. A number of them were constructed by different members of the Division.







Train of Thoughts

There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" You can play trains with your friends in the Stadler cafeteria! We had a great time (I know I did) with the Timesavers and Inglenooks. We set up in the bigger area of the cafeteria and it was a lot of fun for me to see everyone talking and running trains on the portable layouts. The gift exchange had some fun surprises and the food was great! Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a fun time.

If you were able to see Mark's layout during his open house you would have seen some cool automation of the trains, not to mention the great modeling. He also has some really fun back stories for many of his scenes. That leads me into Paul's clinic on Saturday. He has a lot of vignettes on his layout, little scenes where a whole story could be told, and we will get to hear some of them. I like building and running trains and I admire the guys who can "fill the in-betweens" with stories. I like to think there are stories of the people working my railroad but I haven't heard them yet. Maybe someday I will get to hear them!

Come join us for some fellowship this weekend so we can enjoy the journey together!



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Achievement Program

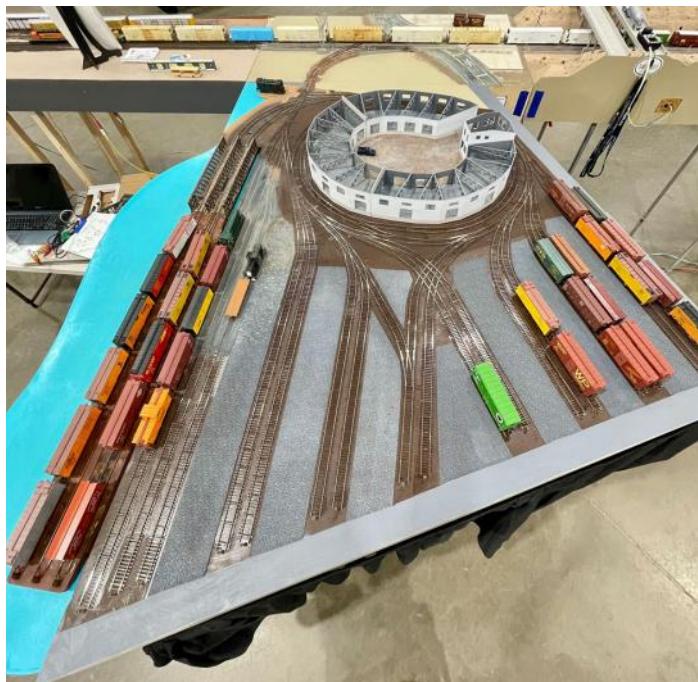
Congratulations to Cameron for earning merit awards for his trackwork which, in part, helped him earn the Civil AP Certificate! Often, but not always, Electrical and Civil are earned together. In Cameron's case there was about two years in between earning them. There are similar things that one can work on that go hand in hand with Electrical and Civil but also items that are specific to each one (such as scratch building three pieces of track work.) That makes five certificates for Cameron with just two more to go to earn his MMR!



It's been a little over two years since I started my Bronx Terminal module. Looking back at those early pictures it's crazy just how much work I've been able to do working at a slow but steady pace. I knew it would not be an easy, quick task. Since starting it I realized I could use it for my Prototype Certificate. In my opinion it is the hardest certificate because not only are you replicating a scene but it involves aspects of structures, cars, locomotives and scenery.



Now that all the track has been installed I have turned my attention toward finishing the round warehouse. It was one of the first things I started so that I would know where to put the track on the tight inside loop. Nearly two years later I am finally finishing it! It is a massive building because there is the outside where the train cars unload and the inside (which is still the outside) where the trucks pick up goods for the final destination. Overall there are 25 freight doors and even more than that number of windows. The prototype siding was corrugated iron panels. With how large the building is I decided to make my own because I would need several hundred panels! The pictures above show it at the first public show in April 2024 and a close up of what it looks like now. Most of the outside is finished and now I need to finish the "inner outside". I don't need to do any interior detailing for the certificate but I will because I want to. The office will have the upper story with stairs and some of the freight doors will be open showing details. I will also add interior lights. Also later (or sooner if I feel like it) I plan to have a couple of the freight doors animated. The building is removable in sections, held down with magnets, to make it easier to work on it. The roof is also held in place with magnets.



After finishing the freight house I plan to start working on some of the scenery. I have a couple more structures to do but I want to move on and come back to those later. I am excited to see the progression and to have fun running trains. This is definitely a project I've been wanting to do for a very long time and it just so happens that I will be able to earn an AP certificate with it.

Let me know what you are working on and how I can help. It might even be able to count toward a certificate for you. That way we can help each other and we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Wanlass, MMR #585

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Rocky Mtn. Region Elections

The time has come for Rocky Mountain Region to hold elections for the leadership positions ending this year. If you are interested to be in any position where your talents can help move our beloved hobby forward, this is a good time to put your name on the ballot. **Ballots will be sent out by February 15th.**

Please contact Jim Wanlass about any of the positions and what is needed to run. Any nominees must be a current NMRA member and able to serve for 2 years.

The following leadership positions, with terms ending this year, are available.

8 total positions are available for this election.

- Officers – 4 positions are open as follows:**

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

- Directors – 4 positions are open.**

RMR Election Committee:

- **Jerry Bregg:** Cell: 989-948-0041, Email - jbregg3@gmail.com
- **Larry Carter:** Tel: 801-9781-3179, Email: larry_carter2@yahoo.com
- **Paul Brennecke:** Tel: 303-590-8299, Email: pbrennecke80403@gmail.com



Layout Tour



The Portland Terminal Railroad

HO Model Railroad

Built by Mark Rindflesh

The Portland Terminal Railroad models the Portland Terminal, Boston & Maine and the Maine Central in Portland, Maine in the late 1940's and early 1950s. The room is 14 x 17 feet with a duck under in the doorway. It is a switching layout with 4 staging tracks, a 4 track classification yard with industries and a car float on a peninsula. There is a trolley that shuttles around one side of the layout. The scenery is about 75-95% complete in the majority of the layout with the peninsula about 20% complete.



The setting is entirely urban with a modestly large elevated city scene representing Portland. There are lots of people and cars. I like large industries so the trains don't look so big. Thus, for example, the REA building is 3 feet long.

The layout is fully operational, controlled by NCE DCC. Mark is using NCEs mini panel to automate the movements of 4 separate trains in and out of staging. Switching can take place on the peninsula.



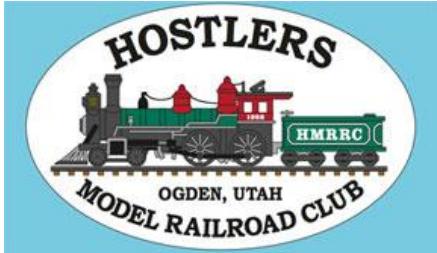


Layout Tour



Division News Items

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS



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 Rocky Mountain Region Convention

May 13th & 16th
Best Western Ramkota
2111 N LaCross St, Rapid City, SD, 57701
<https://www.rmr-nmra.org/2026%20Convention/Home2026.html>

STADLER

Open House and Train Show

May 29th & 30th
Stadler Rail US
5880 West 150 South, Salt Lake City, UT



2026 NMRA National Convention & National Train Show

July 27th - August 2nd
Chattanooga Convention Center
1 Carter St, Chattanooga, TN 37402
<https://www.nmra2026.org/>





Call for Model Railroad Portfolios from the National Model Railroad Association!

The National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) is excited to compile an archive of fantastic model railroads, and we want to see your work! We invite you to share a digital portfolio of your railroad with us. This is a chance to showcase your passion and dedication to the hobby, regardless of where you are in the process! All scales, all sizes, all skill levels, and all progress points are welcome!

How to submit your portfolio

Please follow these simple, required steps to share your railroad:

Step 1: Create a Google Drive Folder: This is where all your files will live.

Step 2: NAME the Folder Clearly: The folder must be named using this exact format: [Your Name] - [Name of Your Railroad] (Example: John Smith - The Northern Pacific Line)

Step 3: Include These 3 Items in Your Folder:

- Photos & Videos: Share all the high-quality images and video clips of your railroad that you want to show off.
- Information Sheet: Create a document (Google Doc, PDF, Word doc, etc.) with key details about your railroad and yourself. Include: Your Name & Location - Railroad Name & Era/Time Period - Scale (e.g., HO, N, O, etc.) - Layout Size/Stats
- A short "About You" section - Any interesting facts or highlights

Step 4: Sharing Permissions: Set the Google Folder's sharing setting to "Anyone with the link can view."

Step 5: Send the Link: Once everything is ready, please email the link to: engage@nmra.org

Important Note: Only submissions following this exact format (Google Folder named correctly, containing the required files) will be accepted without special prior permission.

Rocky Mtn. Region Convention

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.



Modified from Drew Jacksich from San Jose, CA, California Republic CC 2.0

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.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



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>



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.cctc.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 - (HO scale) now at the Trolley Square History Museum. We are NE of the Old Spaghetti Factory, next to the Desert Edge Pub. The children's play area is in front of the museum. In addition to the layout, rides are given on a kiddie train. 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/>

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



Division Brass Hats

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Director-at-Large.....Bob Connolly

**Website:**

www.northernutahnmra.org/

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/nutahnmra/

Committee Positions

Social Media Chairman.....Cameron 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
Stadler US Inc.
5880 W 150 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84104
from 10:00 AM to Noon

