

PROMONTORY POST



Northern Utah Division

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**ALL ABOARD FOR
OUR NEXT EVENT!**



**Our next meeting will be
Saturday
July 18th, 2026
10:00 AM - Noon
at the Stadler Cafeteria**





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



**July
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.



**August
15th**

10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

Mystery Clinic

Presented by Jim Wanlass

No information available at this time.



**September
19th**

10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

How to design and make a PC board

Presented by Michael Beck



**October
17th**

10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

Photography for Backdrops

Presented by Mark Rindflesh



Clinic Schedule

**November
21st**

10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

Quick and easy methods for building terrain Part 1

Presented by Kevin Anderson MMR

Come learn three different techniques on how to build a mountain from carving foam to rolled up newspaper and cardboard as we build a diorama in HOn3 over a series of three clinics start to finish



**December
19th**

10:00 AM - NOON

Special Event

Annual Christmas Party

Presented by the Northern Utah Division

Presentation

Building Sound Cards

Presented by Al Smith





Event Highlights

SPECIAL EVENT

It was an "official/un-official" monthly meeting for June. The last minute cancelation of the trip to Eureka, forced us to get creative for the meeting. There wasn't a clinic but we had the opportunity to talk trains and ride on some. Maybe not the full size trains, but these can be just as fun!





Train of Thoughts

There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" I'm glad last month we not only shared trains with each other but some of us were able to bring family to our "field trip" division meeting. I knew at least two people would be there so I'm really pleased with how many showed up. I enjoyed socializing in a more laid back environment and the weather was perfect, unlike the last couple of days!

I'm looking forward to getting back to our regular schedule and seeing you all this weekend at Stadler. By the way, did you know they have been here in Utah for 10 years!?! We have been able to build a great relationship with them and work together to share trains and model railroading with the community. It's a great way we can enjoy the journey together!



Jim Wanlass, MMR #585

Superintendent

Northern Utah Division of the NMRA

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All Aboard!

This Depot Museum will be Open on

Sat. July 25, 10 AM - 3 PM

Sat. August 29, 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM

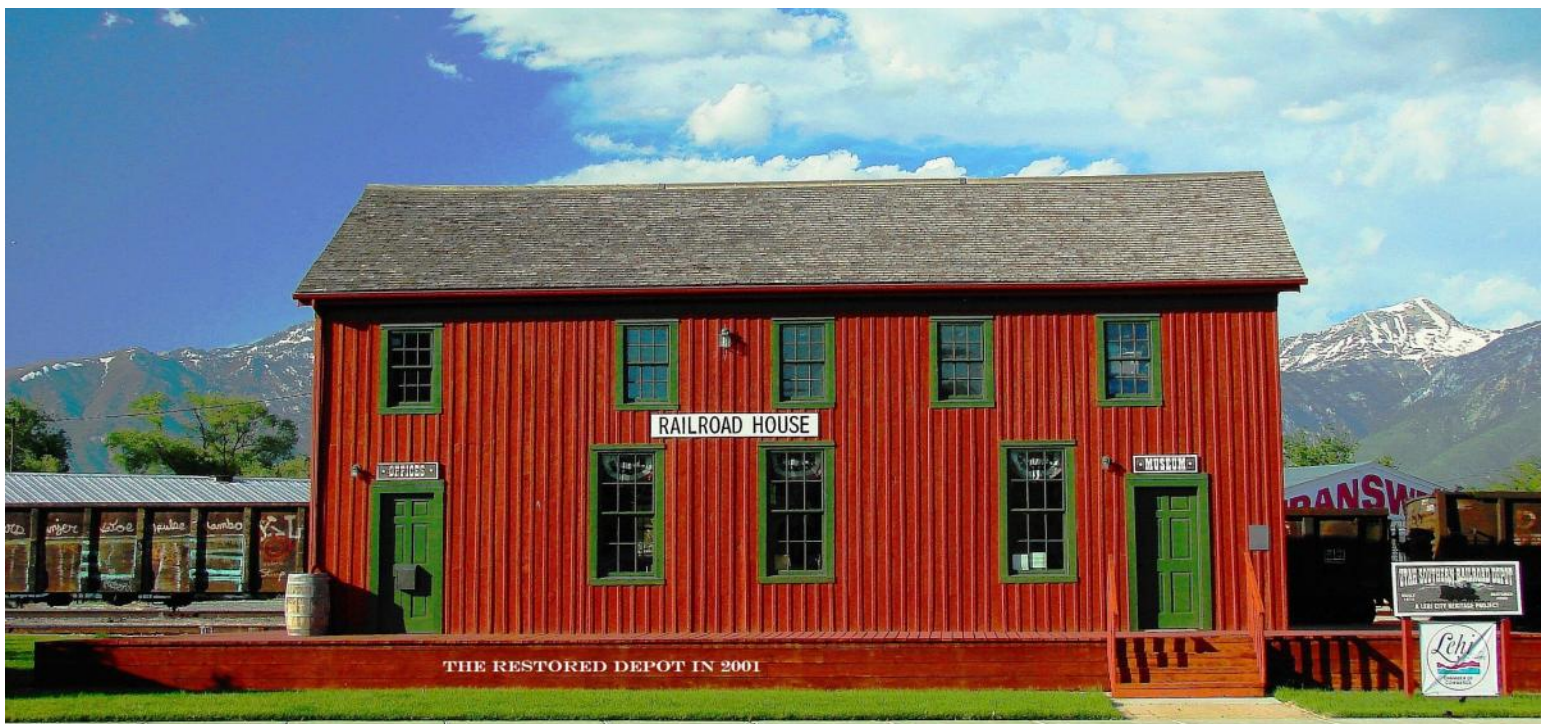
All the Public is Invited!

See

- ★ Telegraph Hands-On Activity
- ★ HO Model Railroad Depicting Lehi Circa 1905
- ★ Model Trains in Suitcases
- ★ Ticket & Baggage Rooms
- ★ Video Showing USRR & Depot History
- ★ Waiting Room
- ★ Track Side Platform & Siding Track
- ★ Exhibit Depicting Family Life in the Depot
- ★ Display Showing History, Restoration & 2001 Dedication
- ★ Photos & Timeline
- ★ AI Created Videos



Location: 225 E. State Street, Lehi, UT





Achievement Program

Congratulations to Larry Carter for earning his Association Volunteer AP Certificate. You can always count on Larry to give a hand! Recently he's served at the Division and Region level plus on a couple of committees. Unbeknownst to me they presented his certificate to him at the Region Convention. That's our new Region AP Chairman, Greg Long, is pictured here with Larry.



People often mistake what I think the idea behind the Volunteer Certificate is. While serving for a day or two at an event is great, and needed, it's not what the certificate is all about. Most of the items listed are more long-term items. If you are willing to be on a committee or a board position, that is what will really "earn the points" – longer term commitments. It is after all about "giving back to the hobby."

Almost every single case I have seen, it is one of the first certificates earned. People,

myself included, count every little thing they can, anxious to finish it off. When in reality, being on a committee, the points will just naturally come. Besides, you will continue to work on the other certificates long after you "stop counting." The good news is that everyone I know who has earned it continues to volunteer after they have earned it. I think it helps to condition your mind to think, "What can I do to help others," that is if you weren't already thinking that.

Whether or not you are planning to earn the certificate, I appreciate everyone who serves our Division and the general public by sharing your love of trains! That's how we can enjoy the journey together!

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AP Chairman

Northern Utah Division of the NMRA

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Estate Sale!

Join us on July 24th - July 31st for a
LARGE ESTATE SALE!

Lots of HO & N train cars, engines, kits, models and a whole lot of
bargains.

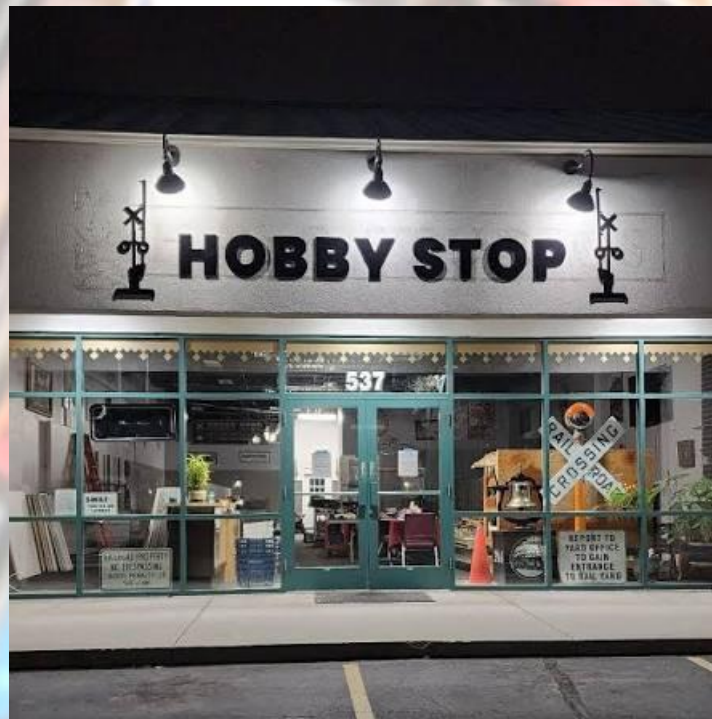
Location: Backroom of Hobby Stop

537 N 1200 W Orem

801-226-7947

Hours: M-F 12 to 7pm

Sat 10am to 7pm





David Hoffenberg

September 1953 - June 2026

David Alan Hoffenberg died peacefully in his sleep in his home in Park City, Utah. David was in bed with his beloved dog, Molly, during the afternoon of June 22nd.

David will be fondly remembered as a kind and "sweet" human, the term "sweet" commonly used by family and friends, whether in Stamford, CT, Oxnard and Pacific Palisades, CA, or the quiet, tree-lined Rio Grande Avenue in Bark (sic) City. Wherever David went, those friends included skiers, dog-lovers, model railway enthusiasts, Smithsonian Tours and other travelers, and, when



possible, those enjoying sailing in open and closed waters. Those friends were from all corners of life, as David was not only kind, but tolerant, a trait inherited from our father. His enthusiasms for traveling and sailing were from our mother. The engagement in all such endeavors was only outweighed by David's unyielding and boundless generosity, a generosity that asked nothing in return other than to see folks enjoy life.

No one could enter David's home, wherever that was at the time, and not notice Navajo, Chinese and Persian rugs, Medieval Studies books and journals, and enough trains to cover the Intercontinental Railroad. My brother had an ear for music, as well, although that was not quite as eclectic as his travels. CD towers and LP shelves were mostly occupied by Gaelic/Celtic bagpipes and folksongs, or Country-Western musicians. The former was shared by our family. The latter? Who knows where he picked up a leaning in that musical direction? One of many questions for future remembrances.

David's houses were also filled with photographs, more often than not taken by David himself, and the subjects included his nieces and nephews. So many, that visitors and neighbors thought Elena, Judah and Libby were David's offspring, his dogs, Nosey, Whiskey, Maggie, and Molly in chronological order, and of castles, churches, and mountains, most of which he had visited during his 72+ years. One would not be mocked for thinking that they were walking the halls of a museum or gallery. The world congregated in his homes.



One could say that David enjoyed eating and, in more youthful times, drinking. This meant he found favorite dining and beverage establishments wherever he lived for more than a temporary stay. I hope the folks at those diners, restaurants, and bars enjoy their meals and tip their glasses in his honor and blessed memory. Old (in both meanings of the term) friends and family did so at Canter's after David rested with our parents at Hillside, continuing a family tradition. Mom can now yell at and travel with David for eternity. Dad can note both from a safe distance. Irish adventures await in the afterlife.

Our collective tradition only asks one question upon death: Did the deceased leave the world a better place because of his life? That is an easy question to answer for David: Yes.

If you would be inclined, please make a small donation in David's memory to one of the following.

Heckscher Farm

c/o Stamford Museum and Nature-Center
39 Scofield Road
Stamford, Ct 06903

Mystic Seaport Museum

75 Greenmanville Avenue
Mystic, CT 06355

Museum of Ventura County

100 East Main Street Ventura, CA 93001

Nuzzles and Co Pet Rescue and Adoption

6699 N. Landmark Drive M-135
Park City, UT 84098

Utah Food Bank

3150 S 900 W
Salt Lake City, UT 8411

All are invited to the Cortona Italian Cafe (1612 W. Ute Blvd. #112) in Kimball Junction/Park City on August 4 at 6:30 pm in memory of David. This is David's favorite restaurant. Everyone is welcome.

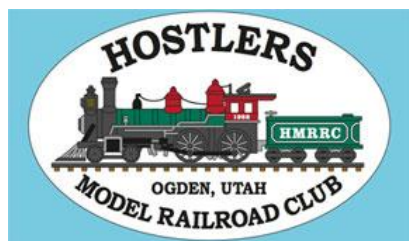
Division News Items

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS



2026 NMRA National Convention & National Train Show

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



28th Annual Evanston Roundhouse Festival

August 7th, 8th & 9th, 2026
Historic Roundhouse & Railyards
1440 South Main, Evanston, WY
<https://hostlers.info/index.html>



Pacific Southwest Region 2026 Convention

Presented by: The San Diego Division
September 9th to 13th, 2026
DoubleTree by Hilton San Diego-Mission Valley
7450 Hazard Center Drive, San Diego, CA
<https://www.sandiegodivision.org/index.php/convention-2026>



Southwest Idaho Train Show 2026

September 19th & 20th, 2026
O'Connor Field House
2207 Blaine Street Caldwell, Idaho 83605
<http://sites.google.com/view/caldwell-model-railroad-club/train-show?authuser=0>



PSR 2026 Convention

Presented by: The San Diego Division
September 9th to 13th, 2026

Convention Highlights

Events

- Welcome Reception at the famous San Diego Model Railroad Museum
- Hobo Auction – Swap Meet – Operations – Modular RRs – Contests – Bingo for
- Trains Membership Meeting – Awards Banquet – and more!

Prototype Tours

- *Working on New and Favorite Proto Tours*
- Pasha Car Transloading/Trolley Shops Pacific Southwest Railway Museum and more!

Clinics

- Lots of great clinics – New Topics – Hands on – Modeling with the Masters
- Special Guests via Zoom

Layout Tours

- See spectacular home & club layouts

Hotel

Stay at the beautiful Double Tree by Hilton San Diego Mission Valley Located in Mission Valley at the Junction of Highway 163 and Interstate 8 Next to the Trolley line, and close to restaurants and shopping

Visit our website at

<https://www.sandiegodivision.org/index.php/convention-2026>

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

column



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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



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.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 - (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://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

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



Website:

www.northernutahnmra.org/

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/groups/nutahnmra/



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www.nmra.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/NMRA.org

NMRA Online sites



<https://nmra.zinioapps.com/shop>



<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

