

PROMONTORY POST



Northern Utah Division

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**ALL ABOARD FOR
OUR NEXT EVENT!**



**Our next meeting will be
Saturday
October 17th, 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



**October
17th**

10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

Photography for Backdrops

Presented by Mark Rindflesh



**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.



**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



**January
16th**

10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation

How to design and make a PC board

Presented by Michael Beck



**February
20th**

10:00 AM - NOON

Hands-On

Hands on clinic building shingles

Presented by Lowell Didas MMR

HANDS-ON FUN!

FREE PARKING!

INTERMOUNTAIN TRAIN EXPO

THE PREMIERE HANDS-ON MODEL RAILROAD SHOW

November 13th & 14th, 2026

Fri. 3PM - 8PM • Sat. 9AM - 5PM

Western Sports Park

151 S 1100 W, Farmington, Utah

Entertainment for the Entire Family!

Modular Layouts, Exhibits, Vendors, Hands-on Activities!

www.facebook.com/intermountaintrainexpo/

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$12.00

Age 8 & Under FREE!

Family Admission

\$30.00

Scan the QR Code to
buy tickets on-line!



For More Information Contact
Mike Dean at
miketraindoc@gmail.com





Volunteer Signup

Please contribute to the show by spending a few hours as a volunteer. Setup is on 12th and morning 13th. We need volunteers to man the show with setup, tear down, our Division table, and Demolition Derby.

We really appreciate your help. Click on the button below to signup.





Division Elections

DIVISION ELECTIONS 2026

Just a reminder if you want to be considered for a position you need to have your name, photo and bio to Geoff Carter 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 250 words (or less) 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 19th 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, 2026 and you will have until Midnight December 18th, 2024 to cast your vote on-line. The winners will be notified and announced to the division at the December 19th meeting.

VOTE THIS



DECEMBER



Division Elections

Positions available this election:

Superintendent

The Superintendent performs the usual duties of an Officer of a non-profit corporation. The Superintendent is in charge of all Division Events and Board Meetings and may appoint any Board member to moderate any Division Event or Board Meeting. The Superintendent is an exofficio member of all committees, except the Election Committee and Financial Review Committee. The activities of the Division are the responsibility of the Superintendent as directed by the board.

Two Board Members (Seat A and Seat C)

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 A and the second top voter getter will win Board Seat C.

The election committee consists of Rick Luther, Chairman, Geoff Carter, Member.

If you want to run for any office, then please contact a member of the committee by November 16th, 2024. 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 the bio and a picture (if you like) to luther7664@gmail.com or call 801-712-3888 and please leave a message (I don't always answer).





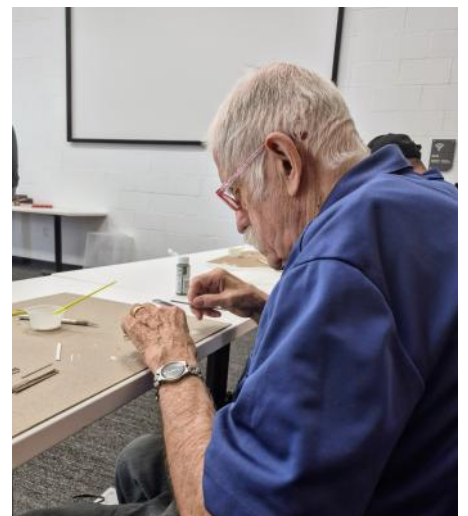
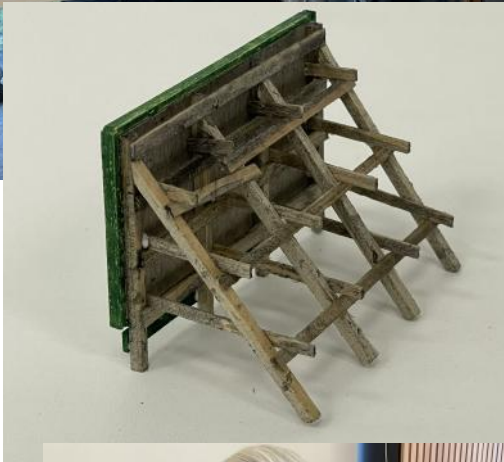
Event Highlights

Presentation

Build a Billboard!

Presented by Doug Jolley

Doug made little "kits" out of strip wood he cut on his tiny table saw. Each one had the appropriate sizes and number of boards to create a roadside billboard. It was a fun little project that any skill level could work on. It allowed people to chat, have fun and relax while making something that can be put on your layout. That's what I plan to do!





Train of Thoughts

There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" You can have fun riding trains too! This is a throwback selfie from a couple years ago. Shay Park is doing Haunted Train rides twice this month. If you want to ride the train at night, next week will be your chance from 5:30-8 pm. There are "spooky" scenes and even a little bit of acting going on.



Looking forward to seeing you at the Division meeting each month. I know this time of year people start to have more family commitments and we all have the occasional health issues but if you can, we'd love to see you at the meetings. A couple months back we had a little discussion on how to improve the meetings. Everyone likes hands-on activities but it's hard to get them into the clinic lineup. We are trying! Let's keep learning and sharing with each other so we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Wanlass, MMR #585

Superintendent

Northern Utah Division of the NMRA

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Achievement Program

This is super cool! Our own Kevin Anderson is the first in the World to earn the new Master Builder – Modular Railroading AP Certificate! His certificate had a special handwritten note on it from Ray with his congratulations.



Also are pictures of Kevin getting his three Merit Awards, and me getting one. Cameron also got a couple but he didn't send me his picture because he's shy so I just had to point that out, but he did send me the picture of him presenting me my Merit Award.



They have released some more information about the new certificate and how to do evaluations. This weekend at the Colorado RPM I know our region representatives plan on passing off more people for merit awards in this new category. I have started my SOQ to turn it to get the Certificate. A lot of time the paperwork is what holds people back in all areas of the AP. If you have questions about the new certificate you can ask me, Kevin, Cameron or Bob. We have all done evaluations for it and are really familiar with the rest of the requirements. Let's keep working together so we can enjoy the journey together!

Jim Wanlass, MMR #585

AP Chairman

Northern Utah Division of the NMRA

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Division News Items

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS



Colorado Rail Proto Meet

October 16-18, 2026

Island Grove Event Center

421 N 15th Ave., Greeley, CO

<https://corpm.org/>



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RAILS ALONG THE RIO GRANDE 2026 MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Saturday, November 21, 9 AM to 5 PM

Sunday, November 22, 9 AM to 4 PM

Balloon Fiesta Park

Albuquerque, NM

railsalongtheriogrande.com



FRONT RANGE MODEL RAILROAD & TOY TRAIN SWAP MEET

Saturday, November 21

8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Green Mountain Presbyterian Church

12900 W Alameda Pkwy

Lakewood, Colorado 80228



Rocky Mountain Train Show - Holiday 2026

November 28th & 29th

The Ranch Events Complex

5280 Arena Circle

Loveland, CO 80538

Center Hall, North Exhibition Hall, South Exhibition Hall, T. McKee Building

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

Model Railroad Hobbyist | December 2024

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

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.net



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 Coordinator Kevin Anderson
 Layout Tours Bob Connolly
 Division Librarian: Robert Arnesen
 Secretary:.....Carolyn Chase
 Newsletter Editor:.....Rick Luther
 Membership Chair Person Lowell Didas



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www.northernutahnmra.org/

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www.nmra.org

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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

