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ALL ABOARD FOR OUR NEXT EVENT !



Our next meeting will be Saturday November 21st, 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

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

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

Clinic Schedule

March 20th
10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation
Large Scale (1/8" Scale) Model Railroading
Presented by Jim Wanlass MMR
My foray into large scale (1/8" Scale) model railroading - The Last 23 years.

April 17th
10:00 AM - NOON

Presentation
TBD
Presented by Someone Like You!
Looking for people to give clinics on a variety of topics for the modeling community.

May 15th
CANCELLED

There will be no meeting this month since it conflicts with the Rocky Mountain Region Convention in Cheyenne, WY. Please attend the convention!

June 19th
TBD

SPECIAL EVENT

Division summer Activity, no clinic



Frederick Ervin Baney Sr.



January 1946 - October 2026

Frederick Ervin Baney Sr, US Army Ret., A much-loved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend passed away on October 16, 2026, after a short illness. Born on January 21, 1946, in California, Missouri, Fred lived a life rich in service, passion, and dedication to his family and community.

Fred was the beloved son of Shalto Edwin Baney and Bertha Marie Schmutz Baney. He was predeceased by his devoted wife of 60 years, Kay June Craft Baney, along with his parents, brother, daughter, granddaughter, and grandson, and many cherished family members and friends. He leaves behind a legacy through his children: Robin Kay (deceased) (Richard) Lukenbach, Frederick Ervin Baney Jr. (Jessica), Shalto Rae Baney, and Douglas Wion Baney (Nancy), as well as 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, all of whom brought immense joy to his life.

Fred graduated from Washington High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, before embarking on a notable career in the US Army, where he served from 1964 until 1984. He continued his service at the Tooele Army Depot from 1984 to 1985 and at the Dugway Proving Grounds from 1985 to 2005. His dedication to the military and his role as a Meteorological Technician was a testament to his commitment to his country and his profession. Beyond his distinguished military career, Fred found joy and fulfillment working at Slot and Wing Hobbies and the Base Movie Theater in Rantoul, Illinois, and MRS Hobbies in Millcreek, Utah.

A man of many passions, Fred was an active member of the LDS Church and a proud participant in the National Model Railroad Association, the Hostlers Model Railroad Club in Ogden, Utah, and the Salt Lake Trackers Model Railroad Club in Magna, Utah. His love for model railroading was well known, and he delighted in building and chasing trains. Fred also enjoyed meteorology, the Denver Broncos, his cats, University of Utah football, camping, NASCAR, WWE, and countless other interests that enriched his life.

Fred was a man of remarkable resourcefulness and creativity, always eager to figure things out on his own or seek help from his family and friends when needed. His special and unique qualities left an indelible mark on everyone who knew him.

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.

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 21st, 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).

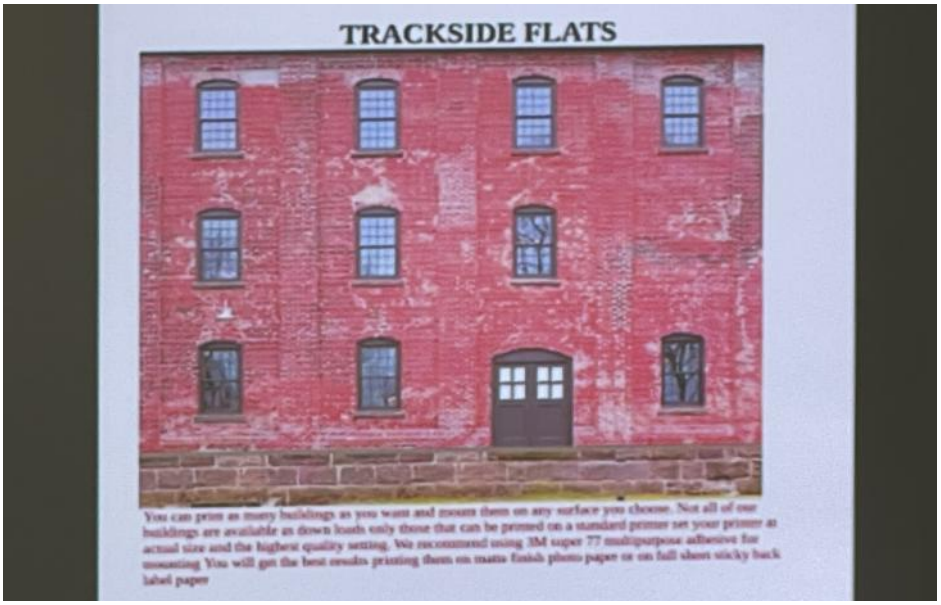


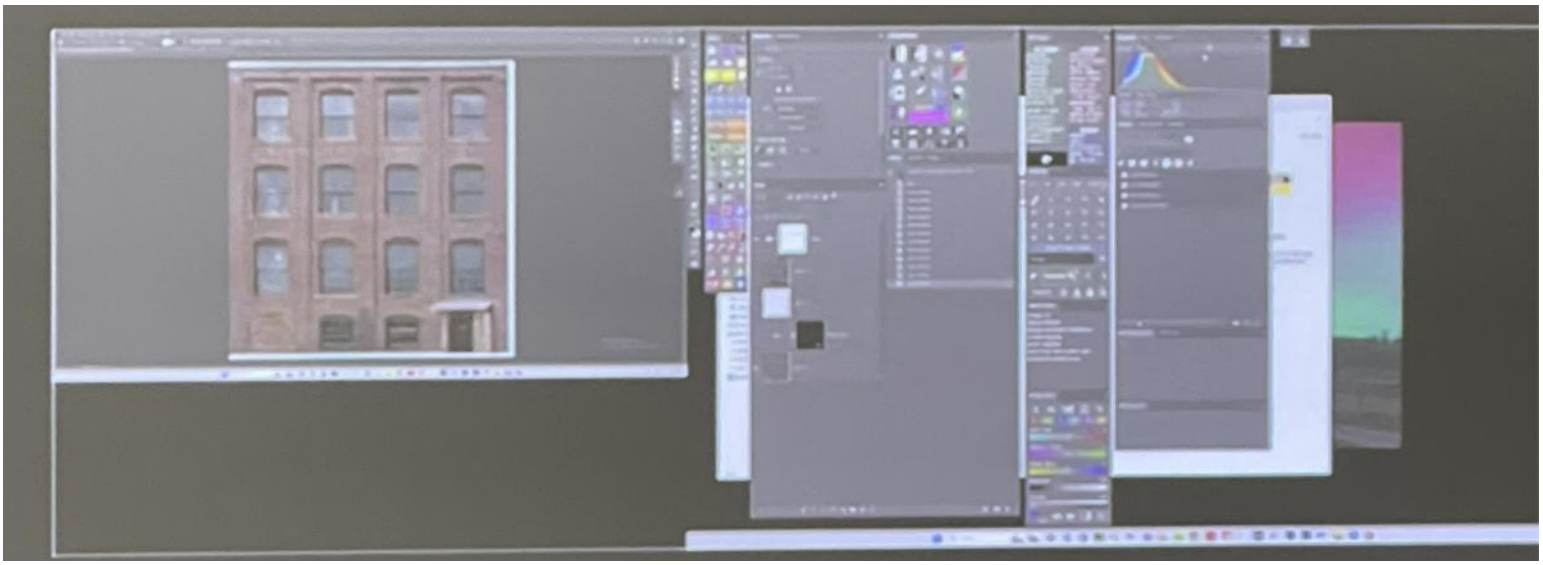
Presentation

Photography for Backdrops

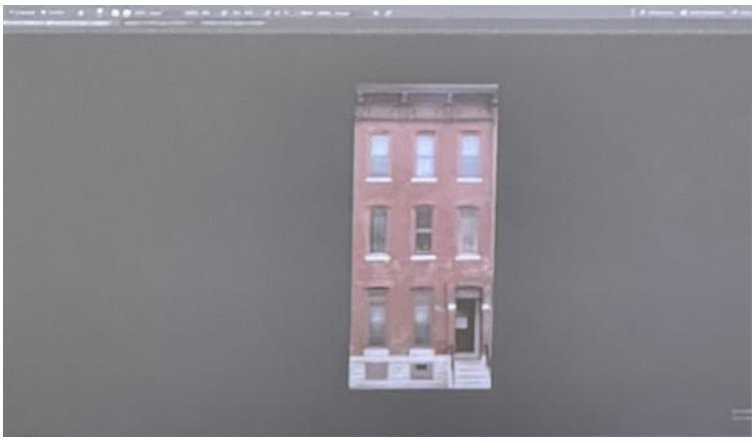
Presented by Mark Rindflesh

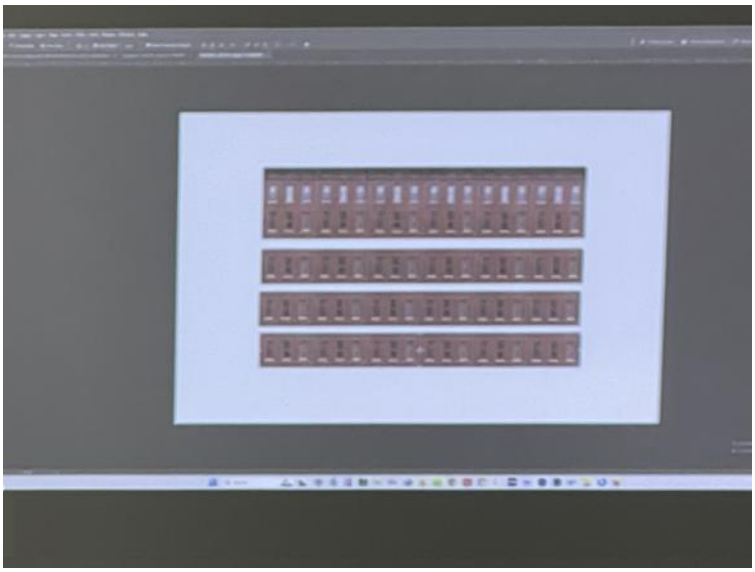
During his clinic, Mark showed how computer-generated background images can be integrated with physical structures, sometimes using forced perspective techniques to create the illusion of greater distance and realism.

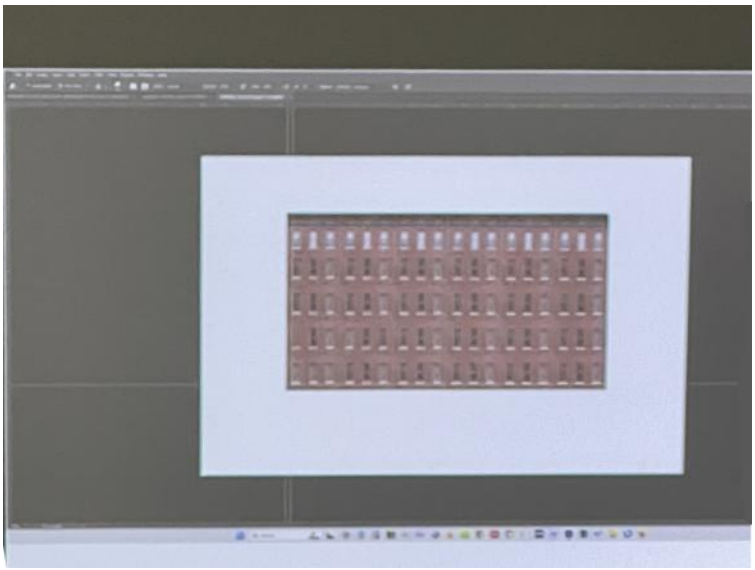






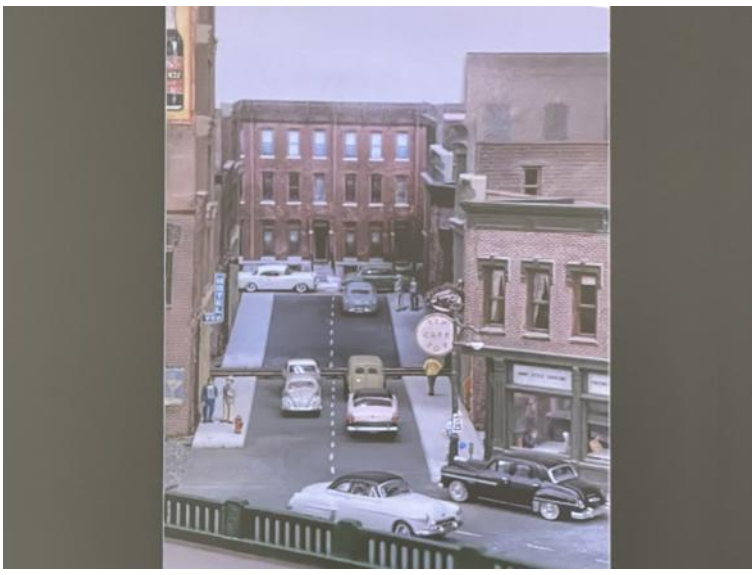
















There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" You can run them at a train show too! Seen below is Paul running a train he has been assembling/collecting for years but had not yet run. That's the beauty of Free-mo and club layouts – being able to run long trains even though you may have only made a small module yourself – you can still run long trains!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting this month. Kevin has a cool hands-on clinic planned. The board has authorized a "clinic kit" that Kevin will bring to all the hands-on clinics. It will include the basics so you don't have to remember to bring the simple tools to get involved. At times you might be asked to bring something special but most of the time we will try to have what we need on hand. We want everyone to participate. It's fun to be able to relax and build something and when there is a group doing it we can enjoy the journey together!

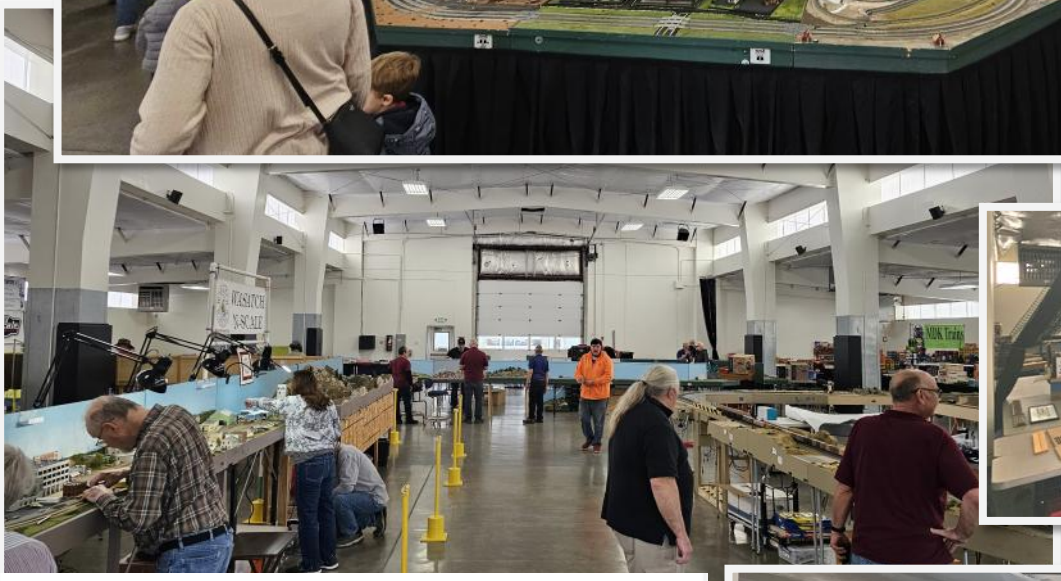
Jim Wanlass, MMR #585
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Paul Dishman runs the WP California Zephyr through Hope Springs. A module of the Ophir, Tintic and Western's layout at the Intermountain Train Show on November 13, 2026.

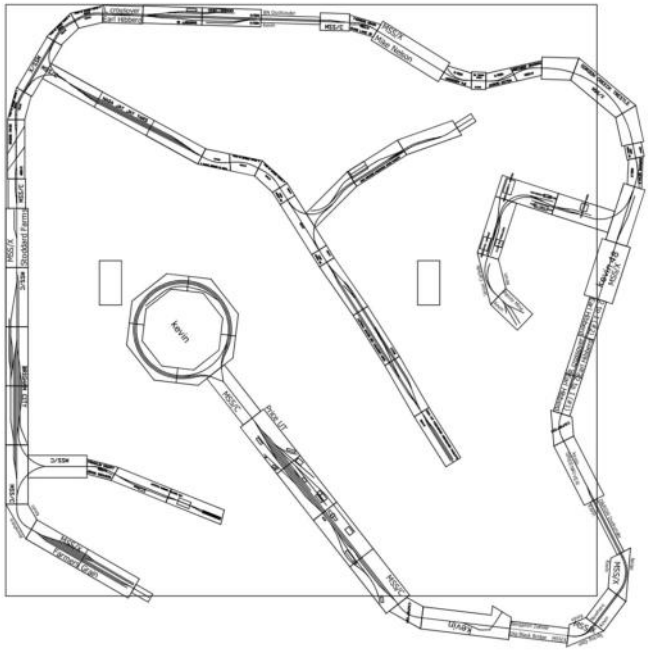
Intermountain Train Expo



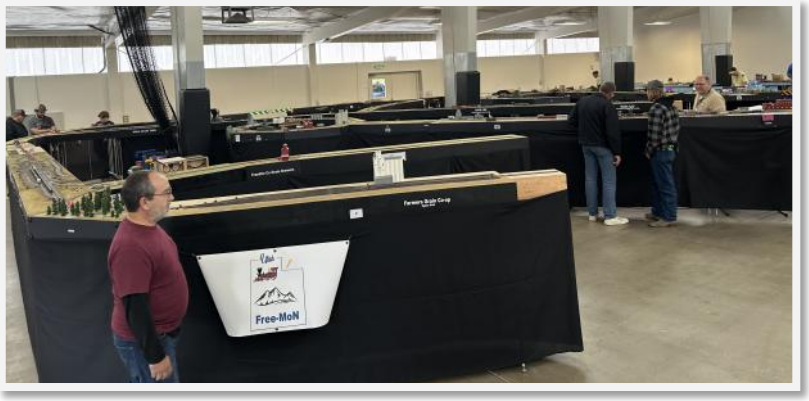




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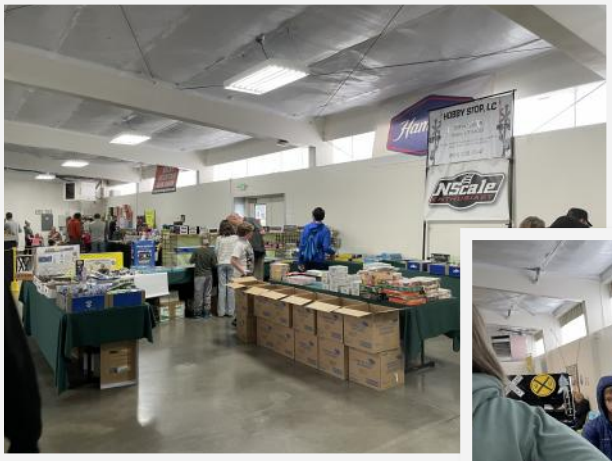







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EXIT


E6 Locomotive


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Achievement Program

Congratulations to Bob for earning his Chief Dispatcher AP Certificate! This is one of those certificates you earn over time because it takes at least 50 hours operating on layouts in a number of different positions. Then there is the paperwork portion. You can base it off any railroad – it doesn't have to be one you operated on. Many times people use their home layout even if it hasn't been finalized yet. The paperwork can be "made up" as long as it is accurate. I know that sounds funny but it's true. What it really means is you might not have a certain feature built (or even plan to not build it) but the paperwork indicates you do, it will work. Almost like a "what if" scenario. Just know, you have options. If you have questions, let us know. There are a few of us who have earned the certificate and Bob, having earned it most recently, it's still on his mind, and he is helping Jerry wrap up his paperwork.



Keep in mind that whatever you are working on might be something that qualifies toward a certificate or a merit award. Likewise, not everything you work on will go towards one either. The program helps one to grow and stretch oneself to become a better modeler. It's exciting to learn new skills and get better at those we already know. Let's keep working together and as we do we can enjoy the journey together!

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UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

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



Christmas Market and UTCA Train Show

UTCA – Utah Train Collectors Association

December 4 – 6

Youth Impact

2305 Grant Ave, Ogden, UT 84401

Featuring:

- Multiple Train Layouts
- Toy Train Vendors
- Christmas Market Vendors

Event Hours:

Friday, December 4
2 PM – 7 PM
Saturday, December 5
9 AM – 7 PM
Sunday, December 6
9 AM – 2 PM

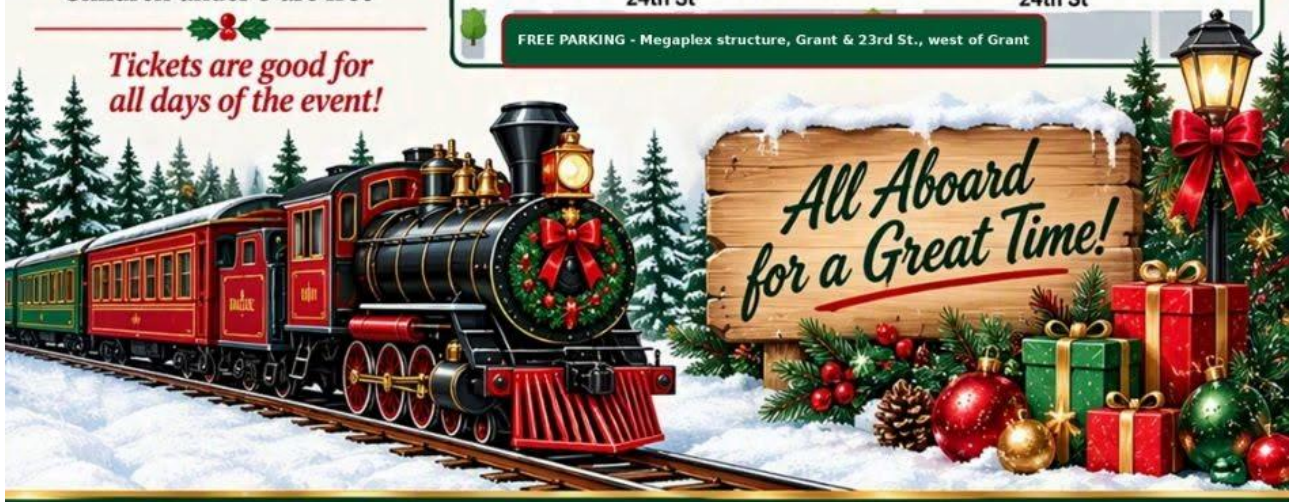
Admission:

$10.00 per family
(limit of six people)
$4.00 for couples
$2.50 for singles
Children under 5 are free

Tickets are good for all days of the event!

Event Location





Trains • Vendors • Holiday Shopping • Family Fun!

2027

Bi-Region Convention
Cheyenne, WY
May 13th thru 15th 2027



Registration is open! Click the link below:

https://geoffreykcarter.regfox.com/2027-rocky-mountain-region-convention

Early bird Registration is available at $55 until Midnight 31 December 2026

Spouse and Child Registration is $40

Non-Member Registration is $75

Little America Hotel & Resort is the convention center and has a special rate of $119 per night.

Two Extra Fare activities included:

- Social Hour
- Banquet

Six Free Extra Fun activities:

- Cheyenne Trolley
- Cheyenne Depot & Museum with Steam Shop Tour
- Sherman Hill Train Show
- High Plains Railroad Preservation Association
- Colorado Model Railroad Museum Visit
- Colorado Model Railroad Museum Ops Session

Here is a list of links to find more information:

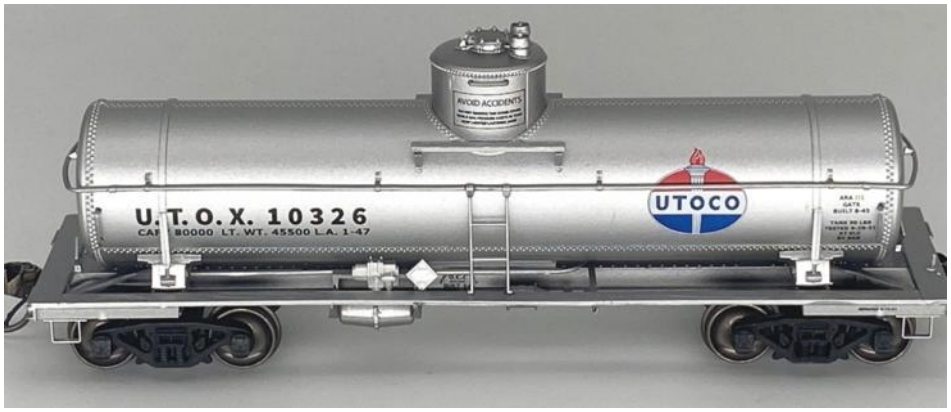
- Region - Rocky Mountain Region Website
- Convention - Convention Website
- Registration - Registration is Open Now
- Lodging - Little America Hotel and Registration

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.





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.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 https://wasatchnscale.net/



Division Brass Hats

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.....Doug Jolley

Division Librarian:.....Robert Arnesen

Secretary:.....Carolyn Chase

Newsletter Editor:.....Rick Luther

Membership Chair Person.....Lowell Didas

Website:
www.northernutahnmra.org/

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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





