

# PROMONTORY POST



## Northern Utah Division

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# ATTENTION!



**Our next meeting will be  
Saturday, June 20th, 2026  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM at  
Shay Park!  
See page 4 for details**

# 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

June  
20th

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

## **SPECIAL EVENT**

*Presented by Utah Live Steamers*

Unfortunately the Tintic Mining tour had to be canceled so our Division "Field Trip" will now be at Shay Park, 516 W Aspen Hills Blvd, in Saratoga Springs. See page 4 for more details.

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**

### **TBD**

*Presented by Someone Like You!*

Looking for people to give clinics on a variety of topics for the modeling community.

September  
19th

10:00 AM - NOON

## **Presentation**

### **How to design and make a PC board**

*Presented by Michael Beck*

# Clinic Schedule

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 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*



## Saturday June 20th Monthly Meeting

Unfortunately the Tintic Mining tour had to be canceled so our Division "Field Trip" will now be to Shay Park, 516 W Aspen Hills Blvd, Saratoga Springs. Saturday the 20th is one of the few night time runs and will be from 6 pm - 9 pm. Come socialize and learn more about the big model railroads you can actually ride!



Bring a camp chair and a desert to share and we can hang out on the grass near the trains instead of way over at the pavilion. There will not be a clinic but you can still learn how these trains operate and some of the differences between them and the smaller models. Rides are now \$2 per person but the rumor is Dads ride free because Father's Day is the next day. Jim also has a pocket full of free passes he's happy to share at any time. We hope to see you there!





# Train of Thoughts

There's so much more to this hobby than just "building trains in your basement!" It's that time of year again where the weather is great and enjoying trains outdoors is really fun! Sharing it with others is even more fun!

It is sad news that another one of our regular members has passed away. David Hoffenberg passed peacefully in his sleep a few days ago. I didn't know him well but I know he appreciated the friendships he had within the division and I will miss seeing him.

June is our "field trip" month for the Division.

Unfortunately the tour of the Tintic mining area has been canceled. The new plan is to meet at Shay Park, 516 W Aspen Hills Blvd, Saratoga Springs, where we can have fun riding the train. Normally they run during our regular meeting time but this one time they are holding a "Night Train" run time from 6 pm - 9 pm. Well, it doesn't get dark until around 9:30 so it will be just like running during the day, just later. It is fun running when it's dark with just the lights of the train. You can come to my house at Halloween if you want to see what that is like. For those who can make it, it will be very informal. Bring a treat to share (or just show up) and socialize between those hours. Bring a camp chair and we can hang out on the grass closer to the trains. The bigger models are fun to see and the owners love talking about them as much as we do our smaller models. Hopefully I'll see you there and we can enjoy the journey together!



## **Jim Wanlass, MMR #585**

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# Rocky Mtn. Region Convention

## Photo report from the RMR Convention in South Dakota



# Achievement Program

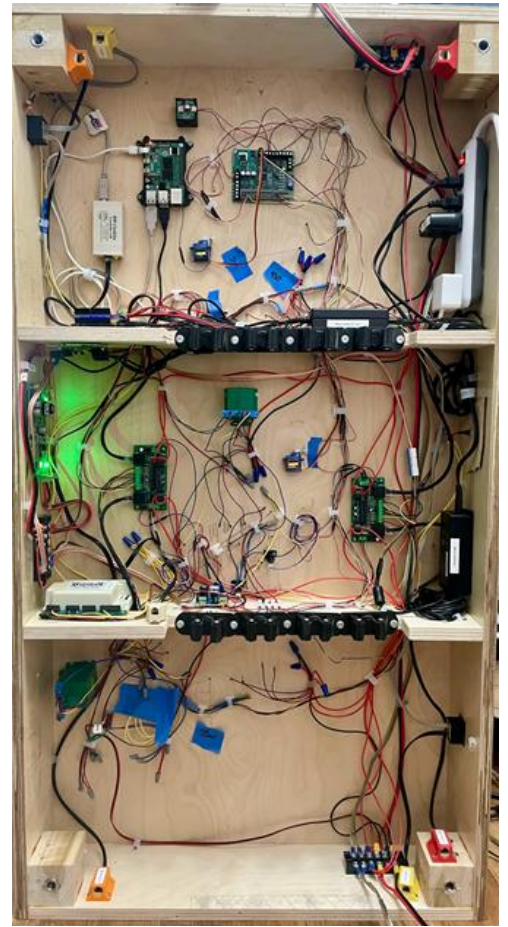
Congratulations to Wayne Kennedy for his first AP Certificate (and his second is in my hands)! It doesn't matter that he is in another division, we are excited to see him begin his journey toward earning his MMR. Kevin will continue to mentor the Colorado Western Division as they get more active in having meetings again and pursue different areas in the Achievement Program.



I have made a lot of progress on my Bronx Terminal. It is more like a mini layout than just a prototype scene. It now has its own control system and can literally be run on its own. For convenience, it can be connected to a larger layout but it does not need to be. If something goes down on the rest of the layout it can still run. Likewise, if it is having problems, it does not affect the rest of the layout, which is a good thing!

I think most of the "behind the scenes" things are close to being finished, meaning now I need to add details that will make multiple scenes come alive. People have said how they have liked seeing the progress every time they see it which is great. I see it everyday and don't see a lot of progress. I have to look back at pictures and then I am wowed by how much I've actually accomplished. I have a couple big things to do still but I am thinking about the little details that will help the whole scene actually come alive. I want it to be more than just a rail yard. I want it to look like people are working and living there, telling a story of why it exists.

It has been a lot of work but something I have been enjoying. One thing that I didn't know would be so enjoyable is how many people I get to talk with about it. It has been fun to see how interested people are. Most don't know about the prototype but find it unique. There are a few



who know about it and it's fun to interact with them and explain what I have been doing. It truly is a way we can enjoy the journey together!

Keep me updated on your AP progress. There are a few of you I know are working on things. If you have been thinking about it, go for it! If I can't help you, we have a team that can help you get started and answer your questions!

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## David Hoffenberg

September 1953 - June 2026

It is sad news that one of our regular members has passed away. David Hoffenberg passed peacefully in his sleep a few days ago. David helped with many of the divisions special projects and was always willing to when he had the chance. He was an avid photographer and enjoyed taking trips just for the chance to photograph something new. He appreciated the friendships he had within the division and we will miss him. No funeral plans have been announced at this time.





## Photo report from the Stadler public show



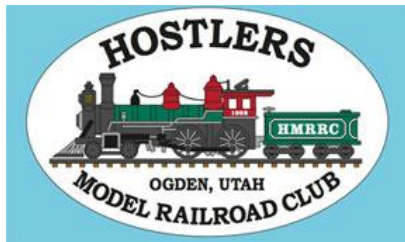


## UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS



### 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

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.northernutahnmra.org/club-car](http://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](mailto:gkc450219@gmail.com)**



# All Aboard!



NMRA

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jamesbuckley7@comcast.com). Visit their website at <http://www.gsafrc.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mlambert54@comcast.net) 303-919-4703 - N-VP Chris Cox, [coxcl1@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://wasatchnscale.org)



# 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 .....Bob Connolly  
 Division Librarian:.....Robert Arnesen  
 Secretary:.....Carolyn Chase  
 Newsletter Editor: .....Rick Luther  
 Membership Chair Person..... Lowell Didas



**Website:**

[www.northernutahnmra.org/](http://www.northernutahnmra.org/)

**Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/groups/nutahnmra/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/nutahnmra/)



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**Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/NMRA.org](https://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.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

