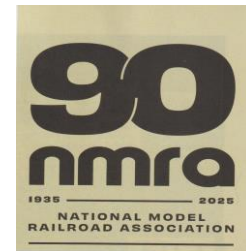




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JANUARY'S MEETING WILL BE AT 10am ON SATURDAY THE 11TH AT THE TEXAS WESTERN MODEL RR CLUB AND VIA ZOOM. SEE EMAIL FOR ZOOM LINK	

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Happy New Year to all Cowcatcher Division Members and may 2025 bring you good health, prosperity, and exciting new modeling challenges.

Typically, the New Year is a time to set new goals and why not apply this to your layout. You could add a new scene to the model railroad or improve an existing one with a new technique you learned or eliminate that trouble spot in your track work. January is a good time to do that.

The D1 Christmas party was well attended and as in past years the "White Elephant" gift exchange was very successful and contained some exciting moments and many laughs.

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<https://cowcatcherdivision.org/>



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT.

I want to thank the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad for the 2 free tickets given away as door prizes as well as Model Train Crossing in Hurst for the \$75 and \$25 Gift Cards also given away as door prizes.

Coming up in January is our regular monthly meeting on the 11th, Steve Crise will present his clinic on 4014, "Moving Big Boy."

Also coming up on January 18 and 19th is the Plano Train Show at the Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX.

The Lone Star Region Board of Directors meeting will be held in Baton Rouge on Jan 25 and 26 primarily to review LSR Convention facilities. I, along with several other D1 members, will be attending. As a reminder the Blues Express 2025 convention is open for registration at <https://bluesexpress2025.com/>.



DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 2025

THURSDAY TEXAS WESTERN RR
CLUB BUSINESS MEETING FOR
MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE
MEMBERS ONLY

7 pm -9 pm @ 6808 FOREST HILL DR.

FOREST HILL, TX 76140

18TH-19TH PLANO TRAIN SHOW

FEBRUARY 2025

15TH HOUSTON TRAIN SHOW

JUNE 2025

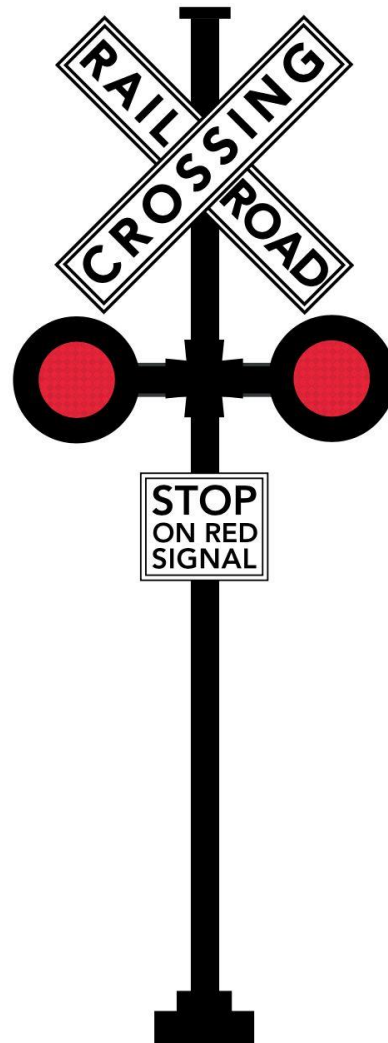
26TH-29TH LSR CONVENTION BATON
ROUGE

JULY 2025

14TH-19TH NMRA NATIONAL
CONVENTION NOVI, MICHIGAN

SEPTEMBER 2025

LABOR DAY WEEKEND THE 90TH
ANIVERSARY OF NMRA



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REGIONAL TRAIN SHOWS

PLANO TRIAN SHOW JAN 18-19, 2025

GREATER HOUSTON FEB 15, 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

1 DECEMER BALANCE	\$1938.85
RECEIPTS	\$0.00
EXPENDITURES	\$797.45
31 DEC BALANCE	\$1141.40
DEC 31 CD BALANCE	\$22,777.47



TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

WHAT IS THE BEEHIVE?

LOOK FOR ANSWER IN THIS MONTH'S
NEWSLETTER

AREA MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

COWTOWN MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

MEETS AT THE HANDLEY COMMUNITY CENTER, UPSTAIRS 3024 FOREST AVE, FT WORTH,

WEBSITE <https://www.cmrrc.net>

CLMRR

MEETS TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS

THE LAYOUT IS LOCATED AT 3904 VISTA RIDGE LN

ALVARADO, TX 76009

FOR INFO CONTACT LEE MARTIN AT 817-666-5367

DALLAS/FT WORTH O SCALE CLUB

NORMALLY MEETS TWO SATURDAYS PER MONTH IN RICHARDSON

CONTACT BRADY McGUIRE 903-868-2726

bradyprrm1a@cableone.net

STAN SCHWARTZ ss124@sbcglobal.net

DENTON AREA MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

MEETS 2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7PM IN THE DENTON SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER DOWNTOWN

HO & N SCALE MODULAR LAYOUTS

<https://www.facebook.com/damrrc/>

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER OF NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETS 7:30-10:00 PM FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, OFTEN (BUT NOT ALWAYS) AT GRAPEVINE TOURIST & VISITORS INFORMATION CENTER AT MAIN ST AND FWWR RAILROAD TRACKS

<https://ntxnrhs.org>

TEXAS WESTERN MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

LOCATED AT 6808 FOREST HILL, 76140

VISITOR HOURS: SEE CLUB WEBSITE

<https://www.facebook.com/texaswesternmodelrailroadclub>

<https://www.twmrrc.org>

TRINITY N-TRK

MEETS AT HOBBY WORLD, FT WORTH AT 6:30PM

CHECK WEBSITE FOR TIME

<https://www.trinityntrak.com>

TNMRC

MEETS AT 11999 PLANO RD, SUITE 154, DALLAS 75243

<https://www.texasnorthern.org>

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ANGELO HOBBIES

5600 RUFÉ SNOW DRIVE #106
NORTH RICHLAND HILLS 76180

DISCOUNT MODEL TRAINS

4641 RATLIFF LN
ADDISON 75001

MODEL TRAIN CROSSING

1113 W. PIPELINE RD
HURST 76053

HOBBYTOWN USA

746 GRAPEVINE HWY
HURST 76054

HOBBYTOWN USA

500 E. ROUND GROVE RD
LEWISVILLE 75067

WILD BILL'S HOBBYTOWN USA

1112 W. ARBROOK BLVD
ARLINGTON 76015

NMRA POLICY STATEMENT

EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2020, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION AT ITS BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 7, 2020, DIVISION 1 OF THE LONE STAR REGION OF THE NMRA, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE COWCATCHER DIVISION, WILL REQUIRE ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18, WISHING TO ATTEND ANY DIVISION EVENT, TO BE PERSONALLY ESCORTED BY THEIR PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

ADDITIONALLY, PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN A CURRENT DOCUMENT STATING THAT THEY WILL REMAIN IN VISUAL CONTACT WITH THEIR MINOR AT ALL TIMES.

RAILFAN VIDEO OF THE MONTH ON YOUTUBE

TRAINS ON THE FORT WORTH & WESTERN

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JANUARY CLINIC

MOVING BIG BOY

STEVE CRISE

Union Pacific 4014 was at the Pomona Fairgrounds Rail Giants Museum and Steve was able to document the reawakening of this sleeping giant.

You have seen Steve Crise's photography in various magazines, Trains, Railfan & Railroad, CTC Board, and the superb multipart series on Rod Stewart's phenomenal Pennsylvania layout. He has done work for Union Pacific and BNSF He was based for a number of years in Los Angeles and got to meet all the old-school railroad photographers on the west coast.

Trains come naturally to Steve. He remembers getting trains every Christmas, wooden toys, Marx, American Flyer, Tycos, and eventually built a small HO layout. He wanted his trains to look like the real thing and turned to photography. Over the years, he has captured some of the most iconic images in railroading. He also does a photography workshop on the Nevada Northern every winter.

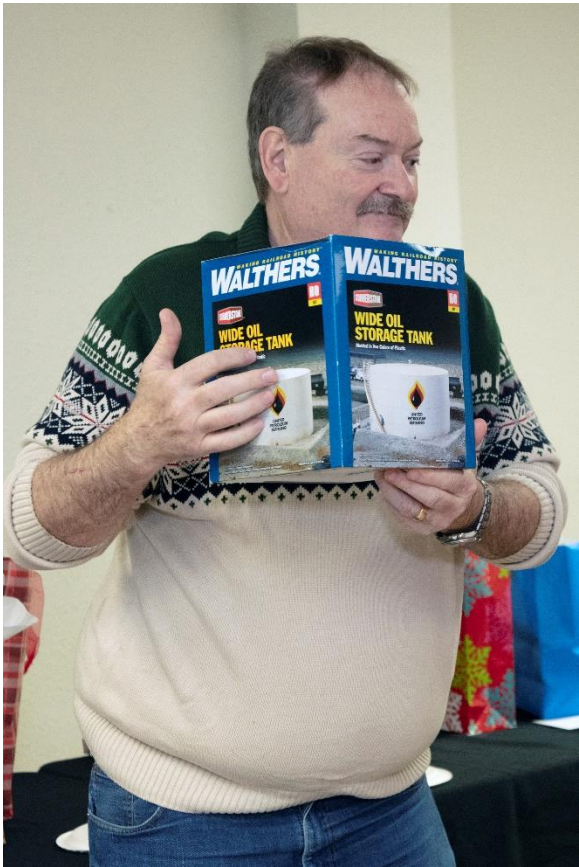


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DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



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AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

LSR JUNE CONVENTION



ANSWER TO THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

RAILROAD YARD OFFICE

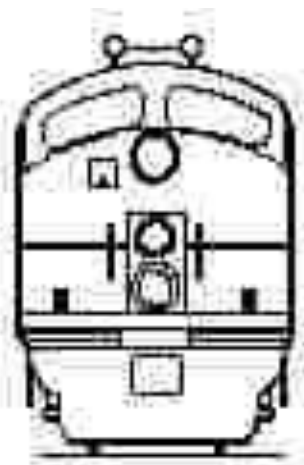
Register and Save the Dates, June 26 – 29, 2025, for the Annual Lone Star Regional Convention

The 2025 Lone Star Region Convention will be held in Southern Louisiana for the first time in thirty years and you won't want to miss it! There will be layouts and other railroading opportunities you've probably never seen, in a region rich with interesting and exciting sights. (And food!)

**June 26 - 29, 2025
Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South
9900 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70816**

Visit www.BluesExpress2025.com to register, make hotel reservations, and see updates on convention activities. Stay tuned to *The Marker Lamp* and the www.BluesExpress.com website as more details become available.

Register today for the Early Bird Discount, mark your calendars and plan to attend!



Registration Is Open at
www.BluesExpress2025.com



FOR MORE INFO ABOUT TOURS, CLINICS, LAYOUTS, SPECIAL CONTEST SEE THE ISSUE OF THE MARKER LAMP FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 OR CONVENTION HOMEPAGE

NMRA 2025 CONVENTION



July 14-19, 2025

The *NCR and SE Michigan* will be your host for the 2025 NMRA National Convention! This will be like no other convention you have ever attended!

Convention Highlights –

- ✓ One low price for everyone! includes layout tours & OPS!
- ✓ 90+ clinics
- ✓ 65+ layout tours
- ✓ 30+ OPS sessions
- ✓ 2 day National Train Show
- ✓ 5 day Yard Sale Room
- ✓ RPM modeling displays
- ✓ Full NMRA modeling Contest
- ✓ People Choice Voting w/awards
- ✓ Saturday night banquet

....and **MUCH MORE!!**

<https://nmra2025.com/>



July 14 – 19, 2025
www.nmra2025.org

Like no other NMRA National Convention you have ever attended!



OPERATIONS ON THE LEE SUB
PART 3 “MISSION STATEMENT
OF THE TEXAS AND SOUTHERN
RAILROAD”

By BOB MANGRUM MMR 456

Like all good modern-day corporations, the T&S requires a mission statement. The Texas and Southern Railroad, an example of “prototype freelancing” of a Class 1 standard gauge railroad, operates from Kansas City, Missouri to Corpus Christi, Texas. There are four divisions: Kansas, Oklahoma, North Texas, and South Texas. The T&S owns several subsidiaries including short lines: the Abilene & Southern (purchased 1926), the Abilene and Northern (purchased 1952) and the Missouri Pacific (purchased 1925). The Texas and Pacific Railway, a wholly owned subsidiary, runs east to west from New Orleans through Dallas and Ft Worth to El Paso; it was acquired by the T&S through

stock purchases and by June 1928 T&P had become a majority-owned subsidiary. By December 1963 the percent of stock owned by the T&S totaled 82.86%.

The T&S interchanges with several class 1 railroads: ATSF at Kansas City, Oklahoma City, and Temple; KCS at Kansas City; Rock Island at Kansas City, Oklahoma City; MKT at Kansas City, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Austin; CB&Q at Wichita Falls; Southern Pacific at San Antonio; Gulf Coast Lines at Corpus Christi; Texas Mexican at Corpus Christi; Texas Brazos and Western at Thomas and Texas & Pacific at Lee.

The T&S serves as a common carrier for general freight and passenger service between Kansas City and Corpus Christi.

Within the North Texas Division there are two subdivisions: the Wichita Falls Sub and the Lee Subdivision, which is modeled.

Within the Lee Sub the towns are Lee, Thomas, Silver Valley, Glen, Lometa, Lampasas, Killeen and Temple.

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By developing a mission statement for your layout, you can begin to visualize your operating scheme as well as discover and readjust your trackage, if necessary, to accommodate what you have determined to be your operational goals.

Next month we will elaborate on the concept of operations of the Texas and Southern Railroad and how that impacts actual operations on the layout. Until then I hope you have only Green Boards and no hot boxes on your run.

Bob



T&S 916 WORKING HARD AT BUFFALO GAP JUNCTION.

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
2025 National Convention

STATION No. VI

Hosted by:
the NORTH CENTRAL REGION

July 14-19, 2025

Open to ALL model railroaders! You do not have to be an NMRA member to attend! **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!**

Our location – Sheraton Detroit-Nov, MI
A suburban location with FREE parking!



CONVENTION GOALS and HIGHLIGHTS -

Our main objectives are to provide events of value, items attendees will see as worth their money, all at the lowest possible cost. ** We will honor the traditions of past conventions but at lower cost and with greater flexibility. ** This convention will be shorter, starting at 1 PM on Monday and continuing through Saturday afternoon with a banquet Saturday evening. ** Note that registration includes all layout visits and operating sessions, and all activities at the hotel except Modeling with the Masters, and admittance to the National Train Show. ** We will support all the traditional activities of the SIG's. ** The National Contest will be fully supported. The contest will be in a prominent room and will be run by the National Contest team. There will be space for model displays, modular layouts and other functions. Those putting their models on display will have the option of entering the People's Choice Contest. ** We will have several prototype tours which may include a Ford plant tour and a cruise on the Detroit River with an emphasis on the industrial aspects of the waterfront. ** We expect to have at least 90 clinics. The clinics will be varied, and each will be given twice. ** We expect to have at least 60 layouts open for visit. Most layouts will be at least 900 sq. ft. in size running to over 3,000 sq. ft. in one or more cases. All layout visits and op sessions will be self-guided so you may take your time.

<https://nmra2025.com/>