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SEPTEMBER'S MEETING WILL BE AT 10am ON SATURDAY THE 13TH AT THE TEXAS WESTERN MODEL RR CLUB AND VIA ZOOM. SEE EMAIL FOR ZOOM LINK

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I hope everyone is enjoying the cool weather as we slide into fall.

We had 53 members attend the meeting or view it through Zoom and enjoyed a wonderful clinic presented by Marita Richards on the history of the Pullman Company. Marita, thank you again.

This month's clinic is by Steve Crise, entitled "Model Railroads across America". It is a brief tour of model railroads of all scales that he photographed around the country.

The Plano train show is September 27th and 28. The Cowcatcher Division will be featuring the "Pay it Forward" module, which will be raffled off to some lucky show attendee as well as the "Junior Engineer Academy", where kids can actually run a train on a layout built by Russell and Deb Gifford.

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The junior and the engineers will also receive a conductor's hat and stickers for participating. Hopefully this will give the kids a "feel" for operating a train and as the parents wait in line, we can discuss the benefits of the NMRA.

In addition to the booth, several Division 1 members are doing clinics at the show including, Mike Ross, "Making Deciduous Trees", Eric Smith, "Intro to 3-D Printing" and David Crumpton, "Google Earth".

The show is very important to the Division from a fund-raising standpoint so please attend and support your fellow members doing clinics.

Our September meeting is on the 13th, so please bring a friend.

Dick Brannan  
Director-Cowcatcher Division  
LSR NMRA



Age of Steam Fair Park Dallas, TX  
July 1965



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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

### **SEPTEMBER 2025**

LABOR DAY WEEKEND THE 90<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF NMRA

20-21 TEMPLE TRAIN SHOW

27-28 PLANO TRAIN SHOW

### **OCTOBER 2025**

4<sup>TH</sup> GAVLEVSTON ANNUAL TRAIN  
SHOW

### **NOVEMBER 2025**

15<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup> HOUSTON AREA MODEL  
TRAIN SHOW

### **JANUARY 2026**

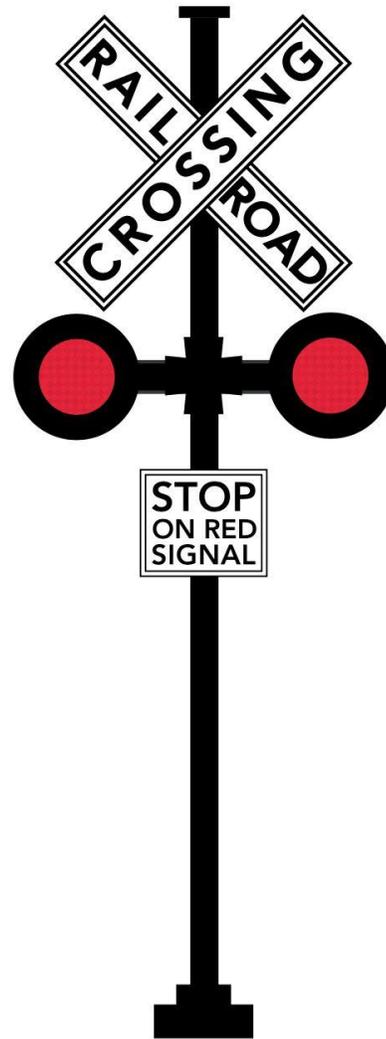
27<sup>TH</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup> PLANO TRAIN SHOW

### **MARCH 2026**

28-29 WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY  
DALLAS MARKET HALL

### **JUNE 2026**

18<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup> LSR CONVENTION AUSTIN  
TX



# TREASURER'S REPORT

1 AUGUST BALANCE	\$6300.30
RECEIPTS	\$57.00
EXPENDITURES	\$302.05
31 AUG BALANCE	\$6055.28
CD BALANCE	\$23094.98



OVERSIZE LOAD ATSF  
BROWNWOOD TX

## TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

WHAT IS A KEESTER?

LOOK FOR ANSWER IN THIS MONTH'S  
NEWSLETTER

## RAILFAN VIDEO OF THE MONTH ON YOUTUBE

DALLAS TERMINAL RAILWAY & THE  
DGNO SANTA FE BRANCH

RANGER RAIL



## **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 TO BE IDENTIFIED

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### **DENTON AREA MODEL RAILROAD CLUB**

MEETS 2<sup>ND</sup> 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>



**June 18-21**  
**Wyndham Garden Austin**  
3401 South IH-35

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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

*NEW ADDRESS 1 OCT*  
7801 Brandi Lane

North Richland Hills

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.*

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## SEPTEMBER CLINIC



Steve Crise



The show is a brief tour of model railroads of all scales that I have photographed in 10 different states around the country.

## NMRA ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM HONOREES



Jay Waters



Dick Brannon



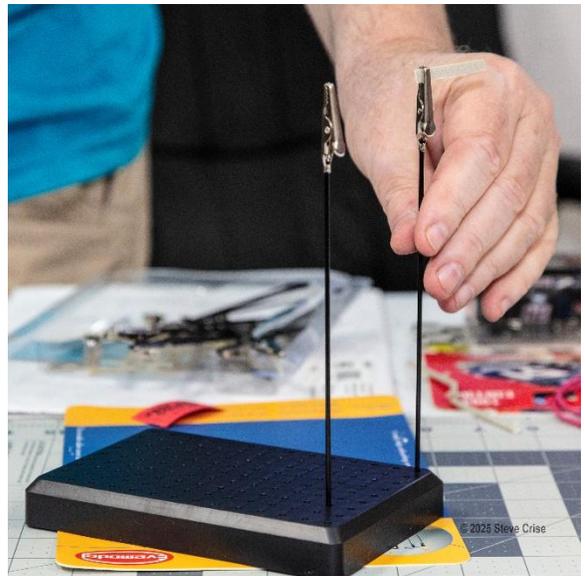
David Kranda



Jim Archer  
SHOW AND TELL



SHOW AND TELL CONT.



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August Clinic

History of the Pullman Company



ANSWER TO THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

A SUITCASE OR TRUNK

Candid Shots



OPERATIONS ON THE LEE SUB  
PART 10 "SAMPLE OPERATION  
SESSION OF 417 GLEN TURN ON  
LEE SUB TEXAS AND SOUTHERN  
RAILROAD PART 2"

By BOB MANGRUM MMR 456

This month we continue to follow  
the operations of 417 the Glen Turn as it  
makes its daily (Monday-Friday) way from  
Lee Centennial Yard south to Glen and  
return.

417 had a red board on the passing siding at  
BG Junction. According to his track warrant  
he has the authority to work between NSS  
(North Siding Switch) and SWS (South  
Siding Switch) at Buffalo Gap Junction.



**TRACK WARRANT**

No. 9109 30 MAY 1966  
To 417 TSS10 at Lee Centennial

- Track Warrant No. .... is void.
- Proceed from Lee Cent to BG Jct
- Proceed from ..... to .....
- Work between NSS BGJ and SWS BGJ
- Not in effect until ..... am / pm
- This authority expires at ..... am / pm
- Not in effect until after arrival of ..... at .....
- Do not foul limits ahead of .....
- Clear Main Track at last named point.
- Hold Main Track at last named point.
- Between ..... & ..... make all movements  
at restricted speed. Limits occupied by train or engine.
- Do not exceed ..... mph between ..... & .....
- Other specific instructions
- Joint with ..... between ..... & .....

Ok 0700 am ~~am~~ Dispatcher RGM Copied .....

Reported clear at ..... am / pm by .....

Reorder Micro-Mark #84187



BG Jct/ LID  
PickUps (1)  
FrtStati NKP MT X 16425 to GL  
-- 4 Cars Out, 219 Ft, 368 Tons, Power 900 Tons

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Backing his train up to clear the switch leading to the Freight Station and Harbor Produce 417 prepares to pick up a NKP boxcar spotted at the freight station.



Successfully connected.

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Having completed his work at BG Jct. 417 contacts the dispatcher for a new track warrant.

**TRACK WARRANT**

No. 9114      30 MAY 1966

To 417 S10      at BG Jct

1.  Track Warrant No. 9109 is void.

2.  Proceed from BG Jct to TH

3.  Proceed from TH to FBW Jct

4.  Work between 255 and N55

5.  Not in effect until ..... am / pm

6.  This authority expires at ..... am / pm

7.  Not in effect until after arrival of 322 at BG Jct  
..... at .....

8.  Do not foul limits ahead of .....

9.  Clear Main Track at last named point.

10.  Hold Main Track at last named point.

11.  Between ..... & ..... make all movements at restricted speed. Limits occupied by train or engine.

12.  Do not exceed ..... mph between ..... & .....

13.  Other specific instructions

14.  Joint with ..... between ..... & .....  
..... between ..... & .....

Ok 12:01 am / pm Dispatcher RM Copied .....

Reported clear at ..... am / pm by .....

Reorder Micro-Mark #84187

After a wait of an hour 322 's headlight appears down track.



417's crew will inspect 322 as it rolls by.



With 322 cleared, the headend switchman throws the switch and 417 begins to move south towards Thomas.



Next month we will follow 417's work at Thomas and TBW Junction. Until then, may you have Green Boards and no hot boxes on your run

Bob



27 JULY- 2 AUGUST  
2026