

# NMRA LONE STAR REGION Cowcatcher DIVISION 1 Whistle

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**Division 1 Meeting**  
Saturday, April 14,  
2018, 10 am  
at the Texas Western  
Model Railroad Club-  
house, 6801 Forest Hill  
Drive Forest Hill, TX  
**Program:** Decaling  
by Duane Richardson

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## The 2018 Sn3 Symposium

Layout Tours Featured Area layouts by D1's own Leo & Lorrie Palitti and Mike Mackey as well as the Texas Western club. We had about 6 visitors to the TWMRC. Come to the April meeting to find out about the Con.

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**Lorrie & Leo Palitti's  
Black Bear & Bayou Railroad**

The Black Bear & Bayou is the freelance railroad of Lorrie & Leo Palitti. This unique mushroom designed layout is housed in a detached building in our backyard (with central heat and AC). The layout is set in the transition area of Steam to Diesel. The trains run their southern California to the Bayous of east Texas and SW Louisiana. This HOHOH layout is designed for joint to joint operations using DCC. Scenery features towering mountains, beautifully painted backdrops, multiple scene screens, floor furnishings, a scenic enhanced thunderstorm along with many structures (lots of craftman like and scratch built). The six track staging yard features a home made remote switch panel. Trains are both steam and diesel. The layout features a dual gauge yard, switchbacks, an S-C double track hole, two reversing loops and various tracks. The LED lighting is setup for both day and night time viewing.

The 31st Annual  
**Sn3 Symposium**  
April 4th to April 8th, 2018  
Dallas / Fort Worth, Texas

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**Mike Mackey's  
Texas & St Louis**

Specifications: Scale - HO (3/16) Size - 12'x12' Point to Point Site - Steam to Diesel Transition Corridor - East Texas Trackwork - 87% Standard 90% Flat; 20% Dual Gauge Scenery - 85% Country Other - 100% predominantly narrow gauge, approximately 20% in standard/gauge. Designed for operations with an eye toward continuous running for open houses; NOT ADA accessible. Owner - Mike Mackey, MW



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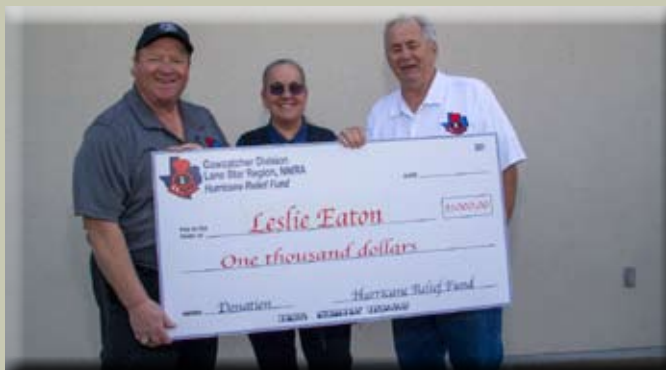
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*Directors  
Report*



**H**urricane Harvey struck the Texas gulf coast last year leaving many in the region reeling from the devastation. In an effort to lessen some of the pressure on any of the victims of this natural disaster who are members of our organization, the Cowcatcher Division started a Hurricane Relief Fund. Thanks to the generosity of people, foundations and companies around the world, our division raised enough money to assist the individuals that applied for help. During the month of March, Dick Brannan, Hurricane Relief Project Coordinator, and I, took a trip to Houston to deliver checks to both Leslie Eaton, MMR and Jim Lemmond. Jim was unavailable for a photo.



(Leslie Eaton, MMR, center, receives a check for \$1000.00 from Mike Mackey, MMR, Cowcatcher Division Director, left, and Dick Brannan, Hurricane Relief Project Coordinator, right.) (Photo by Steve Sandifer, MMR)

We would like to thank everyone that was a part of the project for the past few months! Your hard work and donations have helped these people in ways that you cannot imagine. The stories of loss and wreckage left in the wake of this storm were truly heartbreaking! Please allow me to pass on the gratitude expressed by these individuals. Words fall short in explaining just how grateful they are.

Our March meeting was attended by 47 members. That's two months in a row of more than 40 for a meeting. It is great to see everyone enjoying themselves and picking up new modeling techniques. I'd like to thank our clinicians, past and present, Mike Corley in February and Bill Huebner, along with Duane Richardson, in March, for making our meetings such a huge success. Don't miss this month's clinic which will focus on "Improving Your Decaling Techniques." Duane will be carrying the torch again this month as he delivers another super clinic! (Be sure and bring your decals and your painted boxcar for the second session of our four clinic series. If you weren't able to make it last month, don't worry. We have some extras that we painted in multiple scales just in case.

On a final note, if you know of a veteran, active duty or discharged, who is interested in joining the NMRA, please contact me at [director@cowcatcherdivision.org](mailto:director@cowcatcherdivision.org) for details on a program that a donor has put forth to allow veterans to join for free. To those within our ranks who served, I'd like to thank you for your service: we appreciate your sacrifice.

Until our next meeting on April 14th... Keep training!

*Mike Mackey, MMR*  
Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

## Programs/ Clinics

# Cowcatcher Division Program for April 14, 2018.

### Clinic Overview

Decaling by Duane Richardson, MMR

Our April meeting continues with Part 2 of our box car clinic ...adding decals The decaling portion of our four part boxcar clinic is being conducted by Duane Richardson MMR.. We started by airbrushing the provided boxcar shells and now we will add decals. We will cover several different ways to apply water slide decals an how to get them to settle into the details so they look painted on. After a brief how to clinic on how to apply them those that are participating will get a chance to add decals to the car they airbrushed. If you didn't get to airbrush a car please let Mike Mackey know. We will have extras painted and we want to make sure we have enough. We have D&RGW decals provided by Simpson Models but if you want a different railroad please bring your own decals to the clinic. After the decaling we will bring them back again to the meeting in May and June where we will continue our project to weather the cars and then turn them into a MOW shed.

Our presenter, Duane Richardson MMR has been around the hobby his entire life, receiving his first train set as a young boy to an advanced modeler learning from lots of mentors, who would go on to become MMR's. He joined the NMRA in the later 90's and achieved MMR status in 2007. This made his father, Paul, and Duane the first Father/Son MMR's team. He has won numerous contest awards at local an Regional shows covering most categories in modeling and photography (including the Best of Show Awards in both modeling and photography). Duane has also won awards at the National Narrow Gauge Conventions and had his work on the cover of Sn3 Modeler and the Cowcatcher Roundup. He models the Purgatory & Devil River Railroad in HO<sub>n</sub>3, which is a fictitious Colorado narrow gauge line set in the fall of 1957. He also is a member of the North Texas Narrow Gauge Group..

He is extremely active in the LSR serving as Division 3 Director for 4 years, Director at large for 8, being the LSR webmaster for 14 years, Contest Room Chairman for 6 years and is about to complete his 4th year as the Achievement Program Chairman. He was presented the LSR's Freitag Award for service to the LSR and the LSR's President's Award at the 2016 convention. From a teaching side I have been teaching clinics in the DFW area going back to 1991. Duane's most redeeming quality is he always has time for other modeler's questions.

Duane has taught at the LSR conventions going back to 1999 and several National Narrow Gauge Conventions and Sn3 Symposium's, and has written articles for several years that have appeared in the Marker Lamp and is the only author to have articles in every issue of the HO<sub>n</sub>3 Annual..

*Dick Brannan*

Division 1 Program Manager

## 2018 Lone Star Region Convention

The Austin Eagle

June 13 - 17, 2018

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

Wingate by Wyndham  
Round Rock Hotel  
And Conference Center  
1209 North Interstate Hwy 35,  
Round Rock, TX  
(512)-341-7000

Keynote Speaker: Trevor  
Marshall.

## 33rd Annual Sn3 Symposium

Thursday, April 5th to  
Saturday, April 7th, 2018  
Garland, TX

[www.2018Sn3Symposium.com](http://www.2018Sn3Symposium.com)

Contests, Clinics, Layouts and  
some of your favorite Narrow  
Gauge Manufacturers await you  
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## Frisco in Fort Worth IX - Railroad Equipment

The purpose of this series of articles is to describe **Frisco** activities in Fort Worth in the 1950's and early 1960's. The series includes articles about **Frisco** freight operations including switching boundaries, customers, interchanges, freight forwarding, industrial districts, yards, team tracks, warehouses, grain elevators, freight house, etc.

This month we discuss **railroad equipment** used in the Fort Worth area.

### Steam Locomotives

During the steam era, the Frisco used consolidations for yard switching and Mikado's for regular freight. The passenger trains were mostly 1500 mountain class locomotives.

The following photos are from <http://frisco.org>, where they are completely attributed to the photographer.



SLSF #1243 2-8-0 at Sherman headed to Dallas and Fort Worth

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SLSF #4153 2-8-2



SLSF #1501 4-8-2 at Fort Worth

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# Calendar of Events & Trainshows



## April

**5th** - Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting, Texas Western Model Railroad Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140. 7pm - 9 pm <http://twmrc.org/>

**7th** - YMR Longhorn Division Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10 am - 12 pm, John Skiba, Organizer [westsidelumberco@gmail.com](mailto:westsidelumberco@gmail.com)

**14th** - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 April Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140.

**14th & 15th** - New Braunfels 29th Annual Train Show Jamboree; New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 S, Castell Ave, New Braunfels, TX Hrs: Sat. 9 am - 4 pm, Sun. 10 am - 3 pm; Admission: \$8. visit [www.nbrm.org](http://www.nbrm.org)

**16th** - Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76112. 7 pm - 9 pm <http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

**21st** - NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002 10 am - 1 pm, <http://www.lonestarregion.com/>

## May

**3rd** - Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting, Texas Western Model Railroad Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140. 7pm - 9 pm <http://twmrc.org/>

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**5th & 6th** Austin Area Train Show; Williamson County Train Expo Center, 5350 Bill Pickett Trail, Taylor, TX; Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm, Admission: \$7. adults, [www.austinrailway.org/trainshow](http://www.austinrailway.org/trainshow).

**12th** - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 May Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140.

**19th** - NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002 10 am - 1 pm, <http://www.lonestarregion.com/>

**21st** - Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76112. 7 pm - 9 pm <http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

## July

**28th - 29th** - CLMRR Open House, 10 am - 7 pm Both Days, 3504 Vista Ridge LN, Alvarado, TX 76009. Flea Market, Sell Swap Train Stuff, Bring Your Own Tables and Chairs, NO Fees, Clinics: How to make trees, signals, & scenery. Free Admission. Contact: Lee Martin, 817-666 5367.

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## April Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting

Saturday, April 14th  
10 AM

Clinic: Part II  
Decaling A Boxcar

at the Texas Western  
Clubhouse

6908 Forest Hill Dr  
Forest Hill, TX



## 2018 Lone Star Region

### The Texas Eagle [austineagle.org](http://austineagle.org)

June 13 - 17, 2018

Round Rock Hotel  
And Conference  
Center  
Round Rock, TX

Registration will open  
in Mid-January

Keynote Speaker:  
Trevor Marshall  
Host- Model Railway Show  
and TrainMasters TV



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SLSF # 1031 4-6-2 Texas Flash

#### **Diesel Locomotives**

During the diesel era, the Frisco used Alco S2's for yard switching and EMD F7's and EMD GP7's for regular freight. In later part of the era, GP7's performed yard switching duties. The passenger trains were mostly EMD E-7's and E-8's.



Alco S2 SLSF #293 (290-294)

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## The AP Flyer

By Leo Palitti

For a year now Lorrie and I have been writing about the AP awards and what it takes to become a Master Model Railroader while we work on the AP's for ourselves. During this past year Lorrie and I have each received our Golden Spike awards & three AP awards. Every month we write and encourage fellow Lone Star Region Division One model railroaders to follow suit. There have been a few AP awards presented at the Division One meetings during this past year but I'd sure like to see more of them handed out. Have you already received your Golden Spike award? If not, why? Inquiring minds want to know. Lorrie and I are here to help. We took the position as AP Chairpersons for the LSR Division One because we want to help and encourage others to receive their AP's.

Let's have a Division One Golden Spike Round Up and see how many members can get the Golden Spike this year. The Golden Spike is the easiest, and for many people, the first AP award that they earn. It is designed to demonstrate familiarity with different areas of the hobby, rather than expertise in a particular area. So take a look at the requirements - you may find that you have met most, or all of them already.

The Golden Spike is pretty basic in its requirements and you will find that almost all layouts (except the basic) will qualify. There are 3 categories: Rolling Stock (Motive Power and Cars), Model Railroad Setting (Structures and Scenery) and Engineering (Civil and Electrical).

### Rolling Stock

A. Display 6 units either scratch built, craftsman or commercial kits.

### Setting

A. Minimum of 8 square feet (any scale).

B. Construct 5 structures which may or may not be part of the layout. They can be either scratch-built, craftsman or commercial kits too.

### Engineering

A. Three types of trackage must be on proper roadbed and ballasted. Turnouts, crossings, cross-overs, sidings, etc.

B. Must be properly wired so two trains can operate at the same time. Blocks or command control will qualify. This is probably the most difficult requirement for the beginner.

C. Must have one additional electrical or electronic feature in operation. This may be lights in a building, an operating crossing, or a horn or bell.

Let me point out a couple of things for you to keep in mind. First of all, in the Rolling Stock and Setting categories, if you build strictly commercial kits, that's fine but there must be some additional work done/added. Perhaps adding some extra details, nice weathering, signs or decaling (a little "wow" factor). Next, these features do not all have to be on the same layout or even be the same scale gauge. Lastly, the three types of trackage do not have to be differ-

ent types. Three of the same item will qualify.

Not as tough as you thought it is? So if you don't have a Golden Spike certificate hanging on your wall ask yourself, "why not?" If you want one and don't know where to start, give me a phone call or shoot me an email and we'll get you started!

*Leo Palitti*

Division 1 Achievement  
Program Advisor





## Contest Corner

By Cody and Casey Akin

**H**opefully everyone has been hard at work getting those models, and other entries, ready for the upcoming convention! Last month we listed the various contests that you can enter, as well as their categories, so you know just where your entry fits. Now let's look briefly into how the contests are judged, as well as some special awards, and see just what you stand to win when it's all said and done!

Most of the entries in the contest room will be "judged." Models, as well as Arts and Crafts, are judged based on the NMRA scale; where an entry may receive a max score of 125 points and must score at least 87.5 points to be considered for any award. Entries are then ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd based entirely on their score.

Judging begins Friday night after the contest room closes. All convention attendees are eligible and encouraged to participate as a judge, and can be done so on a volunteer basis. The Regional Contest Chairman will choose his judges from those volunteers, as he sees fit, and then break that pool of judges into several smaller groups; usually consisting of 3-4 people. Each group will then be appointed to score a single judging category inside their assigned contest. Judge's scores are averaged within their group, to get the score for that category, and then all group's scores, in the end, are added together to get the entry's final score. The individual judging categories and points are broken down as follows:

### Model contest

- \* Construction (40 points max)
- \* Detail (20 points max)
- \* Conformity (25 points max)
- \* Finish and Lettering (25 points max)
- \* Scratchbuilding (15 points max)

### Arts and Crafts Contest

- \* Construction and materials (50 points max)
- \* Difficulty and Complexity (30 points max)
- \* Finishing (25 points max)
- \* Neatness (25 points max)

### Photo Contest

- \* This contest differs a bit, in that photos are not judged on the same scoring

scale, but rather ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd based on factors such as impact, composition, focus, lighting, etc.

Also taking place during the convention are the **Popular Vote** contests; where rather than winning by a judges score, winners are chosen based on a popular vote. All attendees are given a ballot when they check in the first day, and can then vote for their favorite entries throughout the convention. All contestants are eligible to win. This contest gives everyone a chance to vote based simply on their feelings of an entry, without having to get overly technical... in other words... *If you like it, vote for it!* Following is a list of the Popular Vote contests:

- \* Favorite Photo (any photo you like, pick 1).
- \* Favorite Model (any Model in any category, but you only get 1 vote).
- \* Favorite Arts and Crafts (pick 1).
- \* Favorite Complete Train (pick 1).
- \* Favorite Module (pick 1. Modules can be spread throughout the entire convention hall, so keep your eyes out).

The third way a contestant may win an award is to be solely chosen a winner by the Regional Contest Chairman. During the convention, the Chairman is given several categories to vote on, and any contestant can win! The awards are as follows:

- \* Architecture Award (best example of architectural design in an offline structure).
- \* Favorite Tree (trees must be entered to win).
- \* Bob Clark Award (favorite entry that best depicts logging or backwoods modeling. Chosen from any Model category).
- \* Youth Award (any youth may enter 12 years old or younger).
- \* Teen Award (any teen may enter between the ages of 13-17).

Finally, there are a few special awards that are designed to reward your performance in the contest room. These awards can be quite challenging to win, and a couple of them can only be won by a person once in a lifetime! Here is a list of those awards:

- \* Linda S. Little Award (highest scoring female in the Model category who has not previously scored 87.5 or higher).
- \* Best of Show Award (highest scoring model in any category).
- \* Novice Best of Show Award (highest scoring model by a modeler who

has never won 1st or 2nd place in a regional or national convention).

- \* Participation Award (greatest number of combined points from multiple models in the Model contest).
- \* Best Kit (highest score from a kit, or modified kit).

The Saturday night banquet is where the convention basically comes to a close, but it is also where the excitement happens! Besides a great meal and an entertaining guest speaker, the banquet is also where the winners of all the contests are announced and awarded! Winners are called up, one at a time, to be congratulated and given their prize. First-place winners, in the judged categories, are given a customized plaque with a photo of their winning model, as well as a 1st place ribbon. Second and Third-place winners will also be announced and receive ribbons. In some cases, a Honorable Mention ribbon is given where the Contest Chairman wishes to congratulate outstanding work. Winners of all special awards, as well as popular vote awards, are also given a custom plaque to congratulate their win!

So are we excited yet?? As former winners of many of these awards, we can tell you just how much fun it is to be involved in a little friendly competition with your train buddies! If you've never entered before, you won't regret it, and it's time to get some new faces and names into that winner's circle!

So turn off that computer and get to work!... after you read the rest of The Whistle of course!

Happy modeling!

*Cody & Casey Akin*  
Division 1 Contest Advisors

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EDM F7A SLSF #5039 @ West yard



EMD E8 SLSF #2022 Black Gold TR 508



EMD GP7 SLSF #509 indicative of the class

### Caboose

During the steam era and early diesel era, the Frisco used shop built steel frame and underframe, wood side, end cupola with straight side steel cupola cars. In the diesel era, these old plywood cabooses slowly ended their service and were followed by the International wide vision, home built from box car wide vision, and old ATSF CD-1 types.



1100 Series shop built plywood caboose #1140 in Fort Worth

Well folks, that wraps up the final edition of the Frisco in Fort Worth series. I hope you now have some knowledge of what, how and where the Frisco operated in Fort Worth, Texas in the 1950's and 1960's.

Happy rails,

*Mike Corley*  
Division 1 Webmaster

## Area Model Railroad Club Directory & News

### \* **Cowtown Model Railroad Club**

Meets at *The Handley Community Center* Upstairs,  
3024 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth. Website:  
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>



### \* **CLMRR**

The CLMRR is having a **Open House** on **July 28-29th 2018** from **10am to 7pm on both days**. The CLMRR will be sponsoring a flea market for those modelers who want to sell their wares. In addition they will be giving clinics on scenery, tree making, building switches using fast track, and building signals for less \$2.50. The address is 3504 Vista Ridge Lane, Alvarado, TX 76009. For information please contact Lee Martin at **817-666 5367**.



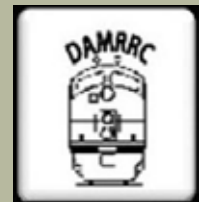
### \* **Dallas/Fort Worth O Scale Club**

Normally meets two Saturdays per month in Richardson. Contact: Brady McGuire, Tel: **903-868-2726**, Email: [bradyprmla@cableone.net](mailto:bradyprmla@cableone.net) or contact: Stan Schwartz Email: [ss124@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ss124@sbcglobal.net) for dates and times. 1/48 12X41 lt/wt modular, 2-3 shows/year

### \* **Denton Area Model Railroad Club**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in the Denton Senior Center downtown. HO and N scale modular layouts. Facebook page and website:

<https://www.facebook.com/damrrc>/<http://www.trainweb.org/damrrc?>



### \* **North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society**

Meets 7:30-10:00 PM, first Tuesday of each month, often (but not always) at the Grapevine Tourist & Visitor Information Center at Main Street and the FWR railroad tracks. Website: <http://ntxnrhs.org>

### \* **Texas Western Model Railroad Club**

Meets every Thursday and Saturday from 4:00 pm-?  
Located at 6808 Forest Hill Dr. in Forest Hill, Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/texaswesternmodelrailroadclub/>  
Webpage: <https://www.twmrc.org>.



### \* **Trinity N-Trak**

Meets at Hobby World, Fort Worth at 6:30 PM  
Check website for time.  
Website: <http://www.trinityntrak.com>





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