

NMRA LONE STAR REGION Cowcatcher DIVISION 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Meeting
Saturday, March 10,
2018, 10 am
at the Texas Western
Model Railroad Club-
house, 6801 Forest Hill
Drive Forest Hill, TX
Program: Airbrushing
by Bill Heubner.

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AP Certificates Awarded at the February 2018 Division 1 Meeting.

Several NMRA Achievement Program certificate's were handed out by NMRA Judge Duane Richardson, MMR, to Cowcatcher Division 1 modelers. (Leo & Lorrie Palitti were not present in person).

Michael Ross
Master Builder - Scenery
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Master Builder - Scenery
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Lorrie Palitti
Master Builder - Scenery
Master Builder - Structures
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Leo Palitti
Master Builder - Scenery
Master Builder - Structures
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Show & Tell

**Share What You're Working
On at Our March Meeting.**

(Above: Cody Akin showed off the bridge roadbed He and his brother Casey are building for their layout).

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*Directors
Report*



Outstanding

Division 1 is cooking on all cylinders! Last month's meeting attendance was crazy good!! We had 43 join us for three different clinics (Urban Archeology, an airbrush teaser for next month and Mike Corley's superb clinic on roof details) and one of those joining us was attending from halfway around the world via Facetime. Who would have guessed?

Gerald Mabry, a member of the Southeast Region's Magnolia Division, hails from Meridian, Mississippi. He is currently the Captain of a multinational firefighting unit on a firebase in Kuwait City, Kuwait. As you might imagine, there aren't too many opportunities to experience a ton of model railroading clinics in Kuwait. With the use of modern technology, Gerald attended our meeting and watched all three clinics. We are making plans to improve the connection and possibly broadcast all of our meetings very soon.

I'd like to congratulate two members of our division on receiving very special recognition. **Trey Wood**, we know him as **Jack**, and **Chris Johnson-Carr** both were recognized by the Lone Star Region as Outstanding Youth Members. Both young men were recognized at our last meeting. This is the first time that two members of the same division have been recognized by the region in quite some time. Several of the region's division had no one recognized, yet our division had two young men recognized. **Congratulations Jack and Chris!**

Don't miss the upcoming clinic series starting in March. The series will be as follows: March - Airbrushing; April - Decaling; May - Weathering; June - Scenery. The NMRA had a vendor donate some undecorated 50' boxcars shells, of which Division 1 procured a sizable amount. We will be using these for the clinics. **If you model in a scale other than HO, please bring your own shell to use for the clinic.**

As Spring starts to bloom, don't forget the regional convention in Round Rock in June. Register early for substantial savings. Visit <https://austineagle.org/> for more information. The NMRA national election is currently taking place. If you have not received either an electronic ballot or a paper one, please contact the national office to correct the issue. You can reach them at (423) 892-2846. We ask that you please participate in the election process. If you failed to get a ballot of either type, then there is probably an issue with your information as it is recorded at national. You will definitely want that corrected to be sure you are receiving all of the correspondence and information that they are sending you.

Finally, our next meeting is March 10, 2018. Let's see if we can keep upping our attendance at each of the meetings this year! If you haven't attended a meeting in a while, please join us to see what you're missing. If you're currently attending, grab a friend and bring them along! I'll bet that you'll enjoy the meeting and maybe learn a few things to help you become a better modeler. Until our next meeting "Keep Training",

Mike Mackey, MMR
Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

Programs/ Clinics

Cowcatcher Division Program for March 10, 2018.

Clinic Overview

Airbrush Techniques by Bill Heubner

The March meeting should be an exciting start to a series of clinics that will provide the opportunity for hands on learning of airbrushing techniques, decal application, weathering techniques and finally scene composition.

The March meeting will incorporate a clinic conducted by Bill Huebner on airbrushing techniques and will allow all participants to have a "hands on" experience painting boxcar shells obtained by your division from the NMRA. Topics demonstrated will include basics involved in using a dual action airbrush, using a primer, pre-shading, and painting the model a final color.

As mentioned in last month's meeting, boxcars, paint, and airbrush equipment are provided no need to bring anything but a inquisitive mind.

We will then be adding decals, weathering, and creating a scene in future meetings.

Dick Brannan

Division 1 Program Manager

2018 Lone Star Region Convention

The Austin Eagle

June 13 - 17, 2018

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Car Recognition Contest From January 2018 Meeting

The second of three Car Recognition Contests was held at the January 13th membership meeting.

The five cars consisted of a MP Flat car w pipes (Pix 1), a TTX (TTPX) Bulkhead Flat car (Pix 2), a DODX Flat car (Pix 3), a TTX (TTUX) Road Runner Spine car (Pix 4), and a TTX caboose looking car (Pix 5).

THE WINNING PRIZE: An ATLAS HO Wood Reefer (Pix 6)

QUESTION: On January 1 2011 could these five cars have been found on a siding in Texas? Car numbers were correct based on their type.



(Pix 1)



(Pix 2)



(Pix 3)



(Pix 4)



(Pix 5)



(Pix 6)

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CAR RECOGNITION CONTEST RULES

PROCEDURES: If you believed that the cars on the siding were correct, you would have written your name on the red ticket and put it in the container marked correct. If you believed that one or more of the cars could not have been there, you would have listed the incorrect cars on your red ticket and put it in the container marked incorrect.

You would have received 4 points if the consist was correct and you put your coupon in the container marked correct. However if there were any incorrect cars you would have lost 3 points for each incorrect car.

You would have received 2 points for each incorrect car that you listed on your coupon and put in the container marked incorrect. However, you would have lost 3 points for each correct car you listed as incorrect and 3 points for each incorrect car that you failed to list.

Those who competed in the first contest but fail to compete in the current contest lost 3 points.

For those who didn't compete in the first contest they begin with a score of -2, the previous lowest score of the first contest.

RESULTS:

X The only incorrect car was the DODX flat car. It had the right #, color, and could have been there on the date specified. However the real DODX flat car was not a Thrall type flat car (PIX11).

CORRECT TTPX Bulkhead Flat (Pix 8)

CORRECT TTUX Road Runner Spine Car (Pix 9)

CORRECT The MP Flat car (Pix 7)

CORRECT TTX Dynamometer car (Pix 5). You know the saying, if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and sounds like a duck, it is a duck. However if you look closely at (Pix 10) you will see that the emblem on the short end says **Engineering Research** and this car only looks like a caboose..



(Pix11)



(Pix 8)



(Pix 9)



(Pix 7)



(Pix 10)

COMBINED SCORES: 1/13/18

DAVID GREIN	+3	MIKE CATE	-5
MIKE ROSS	0	JAY WATERS	-5
BILL HUEBNER	-1	DENNIS WRIGHT	-5
DON WINN	-1	STEVEN CARR	-8
JOHN GARFIELD	-3	CHRIS GALVIN	-8
DAVID KRANDA	-5	TERRY MORRIS	-8

The final event will be in April. It is never too late to enter and win as as the points for success and failure will go up in the final round.

Kenneth Kaiser

Division 1 Treasurer

Calendar of Events & Trainshows



March

1st - 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/>

3rd - 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

10th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 February Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140.

17th - 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/>

17th & 18th - Great Texas Train Show; Premier Event Center, 1625 Stemmons, Lewisville, TX Hours: 10 am - 4 pm; Admission: \$2 Adults (both days), 11 & under Free

17th & 18th - Cotton Belt Historical Society, Tyler TAP Chapter Annual Train Show. Sat. 9 am - 5 pm., Sun. 10 am - 4 pm. Adults \$7, Under 12 Free, East Texas Fairgrounds, Harvey Convention Ctr., 2000 W. Front St., Tyler, TX

17th, 18th, 24th & 25th - Free Model Train Show at the [Allen Heritage Depot Museum](http://www.allenheritage.org), 100 E. Main St., Allen, TX 75002, 11 a - 2 p,
www.allenheritage.org

19th - Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76112. 7 pm - 9 pm
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

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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
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June 13 - 17, 2018

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Registration will open
in Mid-January

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



Frisco in Fort Worth VIII - *Passenger Facilities and Trains*

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 the **passenger facilities and passenger trains**.

Passenger Facilities

The T&P and the FW&D passenger trains operated from the T&P passenger depot. The GC&SF and the CRI&P passenger trains operated from the Union Station. These were the only lines in Fort Worth that offered passenger service to the public. The stations were approximately 600 yards apart and both offered facilities for the parking of exhibit cars for public showing, also Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Tour special cars or trains.

Passenger Trains

The following article was written by **James French** of the Texas Western Model Railroad club.

The Texas Special

The Katy and Frisco (MKT and SLSF) sponsored a joint business venture passenger train in various namesakes from St. Louis to San Antonio / Houston from 1917 to 1965. The Frisco section ran from St. Louis, Missouri to Vinita, Oklahoma where the eleven car passenger car section was handed off from the Frisco engines to the Katy engines. The original engines were EMD E-7's in AA sets that had matching factory fluting to the streamline cars.



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The AP Flyer

By Lorrie Palitti

In my December article I mentioned the first structure I built. That structure was a very small laser kit that found it's way to the town of Dilemma on the old Texas Western Model Railroad Club . In the town of Dilemma there was some beautiful Fine Scale Miniature kits along with some Campbell kit structures. In in the middle of all these wonderful structures, there was my tiny blue building. My first kit was more of a filler building than it was an eye catcher but that was okay with me. Having my building on display made me feel good and motivated me to up my game and try to do better with each new project.

Moving forward 7 years, the Texas Western Model Railroad Club had to disassemble its layout located on Anglin Road. Members packed up their belongings, trains & structures were put into boxes.

One day while going through boxes under our home layout, I found my little blue building. I think to myself what can I do to improve this so that I could place it on our home layout, the wheels start turning. Well, I did a little research and after a few days an answer came to me. I found the perfect spot for the structure in the town of Artesia on our layout. Now, to just sit this structure on the ground would make it nothing more than another "filler" building. I wanted to make this



(Above: Lorrie's Daytime on the Black Bear home layout, Right Middle: Nighttime on home layout. Right Lower: Little Blue Building in Daytime on the old Texas Western layout Ver. 1 On Anglin Drive).

building noticeable and here's how I did that. First, I added interior lights which always makes structures look better. Second, I added an extended porch and railing (all scratch built). Third (an idea from Bailey's Packaging) I added a scratch built staircase leading up to the porch. The staircase has lots of cribbing and railings that really draws your eye. Last but not least people figures & animals were added to bring it to life.

The lesson learned here is, there is always a way to add the "wow" factor to any structure.

Lorrie Palitti

Division 1 AP Advisor



Contest Corner

By Cody and Casey Akin

Last month we briefed you on the basics of what the LSR contest room is, as well as some advantages of entering your models into the contest. Now we hope to dig in a bit more, and see what exactly belongs in the contest room. There are three general contests running throughout the convention, with several built-in sub-categories, designed to fine-tune the entry process, and by the end of this read, you'll know exactly where your entries belong!

First off, we'll start with the Arts and Crafts contest. Although generally participated in by Non-Rail (spouse/significant other of a model railroader,) any NMRA member registered at the convention is eligible to enter the Arts and Crafts contest. While there is no limit to the number of entries allowed, the entries must not have won at any previous regional or national NMRA convention. The sub-categories are as follows:

1. **General**- can be kit-built, from a pattern or an original design.
2. **Needlework**- like General, but anything containing stitchery.
3. **Railroadiana**- like General, but must have a railroad motif.
4. **Theme**- like General, but follows a theme predetermined before each convention. This year's theme is simply *Eagles!*

The second and largest type of contest you can enter is the Model contest. Now here's what the contest room at a convention is really all about! This event darn-near covers anything you have on your model railroad, or in some cases, the entire railroad! Like the Arts and Crafts category, any registered member may enter, with no limit to the number of entries, as long as each entry has no previous regional/national wins. Here's how they break it down.

1. **Steam Locomotive**- gear or rod-driven. Each entry must represent a



locomotive that is steam-powered.

2. **Diesel Locomotive**- represent diesel power.
3. **Traction and Other**- electrically powered or anything other than steam or diesel.
4. **Passenger Cars**- any type of passenger carrying equipment.
5. **Freight Cars**- any type of freight revenue carrying equipment.
6. **Cabooses**- all types.
7. **Maintenance of Way**- any car not directly involved in revenue service.
8. **Structures On-Line**- any structure owned by the railroad, or serviced directly by the railroad.
9. **Structures Off-Line**- anything not needing direct rail access.
10. **Bridges and Trestles**- any type on-line or off-line used by the railroad to move trains or vehicles.
11. **Displays/Modules**- on-line or off-line. Models/modules containing supplemental scenery no pertinent to function of model/primary structure.
12. **Complete Train**- Non-judged category, but plaques and ribbons given out based on a popular vote

Last, but not least, there is the photo contest. Photos entered must be mounted or matted, and the mount must be a minimum of 8"x10" and a maximum of 13"x16", with a minimum print size of 5"x7." Unlike the previous two contests, there is a limit on the number of photos that can be entered in this contest. Only 10 total photos may

be entered in any category, and a maximum of 5 photos can be entered in each category. Here are your choices.

1. **Model Black and White**
2. **Model Color**
3. **Prototype Black and White**
4. **Prototype Color**

Computer Enhance- a photo that could not be taken directly, or heavy use of a photo enhancing software.

So there is the basic rundown, on specific contest categories, and as you can see, there really is a place for anyone to enter! This and future articles are to be general guide to regional contests, but like all good things, there is always fine print, so for a complete list of rules and regs, check out the LSR website at lonestarregion.com

Next month we'll discuss some special categories, also voted on during the show, as well as how various categories are judged or voted. There is also a special theme contest we'll tell you about that would be easy and fun for anyone to enter!

Remember this years **Austin Eagle** convention is June 13-17, and will be here and gone before you know it, so get to work on those builds!!

Happy modeling!

Cody & Casey Akin
Division 1 Contest Advisors

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In Denison, Texas a three car split was sent to Ft. Worth where a diner was added. Three sleepers were dropped off at Dallas and a seven car set was sent to San Antonio. Two all Pullman Standard 14-car sets soon proved not to have enough capacity and a third set was built with repainted heavyweight cars done in shadow painted fluting. The three sets ran with a mixture of heavy weight and streamline till the route was abandoned in 1965.

The Frisco pulled out of the joint venture in 1959* and the Katy ran the TEXAS SPECIAL from Kansas City to San Antonio till 1965. In Waco the Katy engine sets were serviced overnight and a split was made with one set going to San Antonio and the other to Houston. This modern streamline set was pulled till 1952 after the Waco split with a combination of smaller diesels and steam. After 1952 the Katy had enough diesels to remove steam from passenger service. Four other railroads ran through sleeper service, Pennsylvania, [matching red 10-5 sleepers], New York Central, [two tone grey 10-5 sleeper], Baltimore & Ohio, [heavy weight lounge/sleeper in blue and cream] and last a Wabash heavy weight sleeper in solid blue.

The Black Gold

The Frisco operated the **Black Gold** between Tulsa and Dallas-Fort Worth. *Frisco withdrew from its joint operation of the Texas Special, mainly because deferred maintenance on the Katy had led to late trains and declining service. Dallas-Fort Worth bound passengers from St. Louis could take Frisco's **Will Rogers** to Tulsa and then the **Black Gold** to Dallas-Fort Worth. The Black Gold, trains 502 and 505, were classy trains if you go by the equipment listing in the Guide. Air-conditioned coach-lounge and coach-snack cars, dining car service and lounge car service (probably for first class passengers only) and A/C Pullmans from both Fort Worth and Dallas to Tulsa, probably sold as parlor car seats in Sections not made down for night occupancy.

That's it for this month. Next month we'll take a look at the freight equipment used in the Fort Worth trains.



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**.



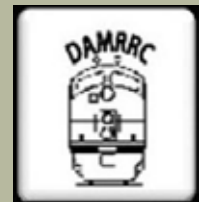
* **Dallas/Fort Worth O Scale Club**

Normally meets two Saturdays per month in Richardson. Contact: Brady McGuire, Tel: **903-868-2726**, Email: bradyprmla@cableone.net or contact: Stan Schwartz Email: 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 rail-road 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
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