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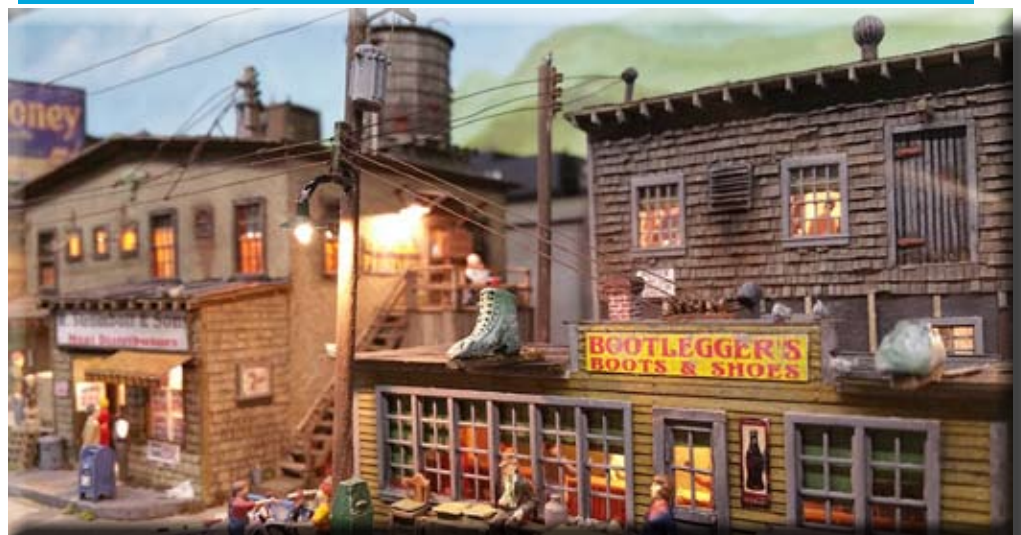
September 2018

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Division 1 Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 8,
2018, 10 am at the
Texas Western Model
RR Club, Forest Hill,
**Program: Telephone
Poles Make-And-Take
Clinic by AP Advisors
Leo & Lorrie Palitti.**

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Jeff Palmer August Clinic: Ground Goop.

Jeff Palmer stirred up some fun at the Aug. D1 Meeting last month. The Make-N-Take program had about a dozen participating. Materials were provided including a tuperware container and a wooden spoon for stirring this ground scenery recipe up. See more photo's on Page.....8 & 9.



September Div. 1 Meeting Make- N-Take Preview

Leo and Lorrie Palitti will return for the September Program with their Make-N-Take Clinic on building Telephone Lines for your model RR.

If you wish to participate bring the following items listed in the write up on Page 3 to the Division Meeting.

Leo & Lorrie are the Achievement Program Advisors for our Division.

(Above Top photo: Leo & Lorries Bootlegger's Boots & Shoes structure from their HO Scale Black Bear & Bayou Model RR.)

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Report*



I can't express just how excited I am over the momentum that our division is gaining in the last 16 months. At our August meeting we had 43 people in attendance! Had it not been for the national convention in Kansas City, we would've probably had over 50 people at attending because we had approximately 10 members from our division attending the national convention. I can't wait to see the time when we are consistently having 50 to 75 members at our monthly meetings. Those days are surely just around the corner.

From all reports, the national convention was a huge success. I've spoken to several individuals, as well as representatives from national, who have told me that attendance at this year's convention exceeded 1300 people. Congratulations to Stephen Priest, MMR, convention chairman, for a job well done. Stephen is also the Western Regional Director on the national board of directors for the NMRA. You might also recognize his name as the editor of Railroad Model Craftsman.

During the August meeting, we had a great clinic that was taught by Jeff Palmer from Division III. Jeff gave us instructions on how to make "Ground Goop", which is a universal ground cover for layouts and dioramas invented by Lou Sassi. Jeff learned the technique from Lou, who is a friend of his. You can see this technique used and demonstrated in an article that Lou wrote for the August issue of Model Railroader.

During our September meeting, Leo Palitti will be teaching us how to make realistic telephone poles as a "Make and Take" clinic. The division will be supplying all the materials for everyone to enjoy this clinic. I hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity and attend our clinic to learn new techniques for modeling.

Don't forget the Plano Train Show on September 29-30, 2018. We still need volunteers to assist with the NMRA booth and help with the show. These volunteer hours are required in order for us to receive our share of the profits of the train show. Last year we received over \$2100.00 from the show which was our main source of revenue for the year. We need your help to receive that kind of income this year. Please let me know if you can spend a few hours helping at the show. I can be reached at director@cowcatcherdivision.org.

It is with regret, that I share the news of the passing of Charles Lynn, Jr, the son of our regional president Chuck Lind. Charles lost his fight with cancer at the age of 46. He leaves behind a wife and two children. His son Nathan is actively involved in model railroading and was the recipient of the regional youth award last year. Condolences go out to the Lind family, and should you wish, donations in the family name are being accepted at the American Cancer Society. Our division will be making a donation as well.

Our next meeting will be held on September 8, 2018, at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club. Please visit our website, www.cowcatcherdivision.org, for more information. The meeting starts at 10 AM and I look forward to seeing you there. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun, craftsmanship, fellowship, and refreshments. Also bring your "Show and Tell" projects, and any surplus train items that you want to sell during our monthly Swap Shop. Remember, this is a great way to help support our division, because 10% of the sales price of the items at the Swap Shop help support our division treasury and our "Make and Take" clinics.

See you soon!

Keep training!

Mike Mackey, MMR
Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

Programs/ Clinics

Cowcatcher Division Program for September 8, 2018.

Clinic Overview

Make-N-Take Light Poles by Leo & Lorrie Palitti

This month's program will feature a clinic conducted by Leo and Lorrie Palitti on building a budget friendly light pole.

Leo and Lorrie developed this technique couple of years ago when they were installing Walther's street lights on front of a just finished structure for our layout. These lights look great but the downside is the 5/16" hole needed for each pole. After a little trial and error, Lorrie and I came up with something we both like. For our light pole clinic we will demonstrate how to make a nice looking light pole that's also budget friendly.

Below is a picture of the finished product ;



Each participant should bring:

- * Xacto knife and new blade
- * Metal ruler
- * Cutting mat

Dick Brannan

Division 1 Program Manager

2019 Lone Star Region Convention

Is Coming Back to DFW
June 27-30, 2019

in

Frisco, TX

Hosted by Divisions 1 & 3

Check back for more details
in the coming months

2019 NMRA National Convention

July 7 - 13

Salt Lake City, Utah

at The Westin Kansas City at Crown Plaza
1 E Pershing Rd, Kansas City, Missouri 64108

<http://www.nmra2019slc.org/>

Banquet Speaker

TBA

Clinics

Layout Tours

Prototype Tours

Contest Room

Non-Rail Activities

Modeling with the Masters

Operations Road Show

Facebook Page:

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AP Flyer

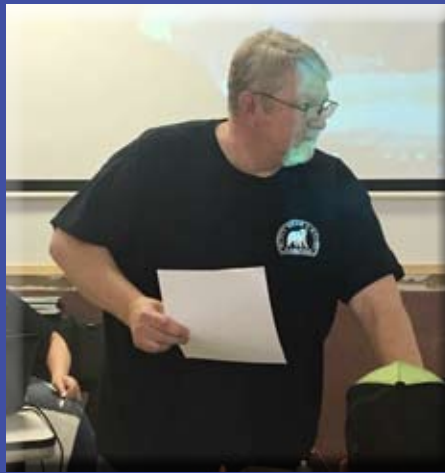
by Leo Palliti

With the NMRA Lone Star Region Convention in Frisco next year, we REALLY hope to encourage Division One members to submit an entry for the contest room.

Lorrie and I will each have at least 2 or 3 entries in the contest room and we'd like to encourage everyone reading this to submit at least one entry. Dick Brannan will schedule a clinic for the Division 1 meeting in May on filling out the paperwork needed for the contest and for your AP.

While the AP paperwork can be a real pain much of it is repetitive so your "cut and paste" tool will be used often!

Please take time to find a structure, a car kit, a locomotive kit or something you can build for the contest room. Don't put it off so you have to rush, get started NOW!



If you need help, Lorrie and I would actually love to help and if we can't help, we know someone that can.

Division One has a plethora of talented modelers all willing to help others. If there's a project that you could use help with, it might also become a great clinic to share with the Division One members in the future. Let's hear from you Division One members.

If you have plans to enter a project in the contest room next June, let us know. If you read this column every month, let us know!

Leo Palliti

Division 1 Achievement
Program Advisor

Don't Miss the Fall Plano Show

**2018
4th Annual
Fall Train Show**

**Sat, Sept. 29 10a-5p
Sun, Sept. 30 10a-4p**

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Calendar of Events & Trainshows



September

1st - 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

1st - 2nd - Clark Gardens Model Train Show, Opening, 567 Maddux Rd, Weatherford, TX, Hrs: Sat. 8a-6p, Sun. 10a - 4p, Admission: \$9. Adults For More Info; clarkgardens.org

5th - 8th - 38th National Narrow Gauge Convention, Double Tree by Hilton, Bloomington, MN: For more info, visitnngc-2018.com

6th - 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/>

8th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 September Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140.

15th - 16th - 36th Annual Temple Model Train Show, Frank W. Mayborn Civic & Convention Center, 3303 N. 3rd St., Temple, TX Sat. 10 am - 5 pm, Sun. 10am - 4 pm \$7. \$1. Discount for Seniors & Military with an ID. 12 & under FREE with a paid adult.

17th - Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76112. 7 pm - 9 pm <http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

18th - 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/>

29th - 30th - North Texas Council Of Railroad Clubs 4th Annual Fall Train Show Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano Sat. 10 am - 5 pm, Sun. 10 am - 4 pm \$10. Children 12 and Under Free with paid adult.

November

1st - 3rd - The Fine Scale Model Expo, @ The Hilton Albany, NY. Clinics & Workshops, Diorama Displays, Layout Tours, Fine Scale Model Vendors. \$1K Cash Prize Model Contest. ModelRailroadExpo.com

October Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting

Saturday, October 13th
10 AM

Clinic:
TBA

at
Texas Western Model Railroad Club
6808 Forest Hill Dr.
Forest Hill, TX
76140



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Sun, Sept. 30 10a-4p

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Faces From the August D1 Meeting.



Photos's From The Ground Goop Clinic.....



(Jeff Palmer's clinic gave all of us something to take back to our layouts and use for a coarse ground scenery for planting structures, so that it eliminates any gaps between the bottom of your buildings or tree's and the ground scenery.)



More Photo's From D1 2017/2018....

Division 1
Welcomes you!



Show & Tell



Chris Galvin showed his Bar Mills Kit build at the August DI Meeting.



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**

Meets Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays. The layout is located at
3904 Vista Ridge Ln, Alvarado, TX 76009 For information please
contact Lee Martin at [817-666 5367](tel:817-666-5367).



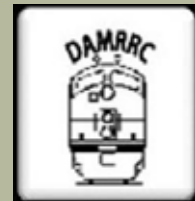
* **Dallas/Fort Worth O Scale Club**

Normally meets two Saturdays per month in Richardson. Contact: Brady
McGuire, Tel: [903-868-2726](tel:903-868-2726), Email: bradyprmla@cablone.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/>



* **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 FWWR 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: <http://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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