

NMRA LONE STAR REGION Cowcatcher DIVISION 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Meeting
Saturday, December 9,
2017, 6:30 pm
at the Texas Western
Model Railroad Club-
house, 6801 Forest Hill
Drive Forest Hill, TX
**Program: Potluck
Christmas Party**

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Above Left
Photo: Lorrie
Palitti's, *Red
Light District.*

Middle Photo:
Lorrie's, *Leo's
Oyster Bar.*

Lower Photo:
Lorrie's, *McKen-
zi's Bakery.*

The AP Flyer By Leo Palitti

AP awards for structures are coming soon! Lorrie and I both turned in our paperwork for our AP for Structures last weekend. Lorrie already had three structures qualify at The Lone Star Region Convention back in June so she only needed three more structures to pass to receive her AP for Structures. The three structures Lorrie submitted were her McKenzi's Bakery scratch-build, Leo's Oyster Bar kit-bash and then her last completed kit, The Red Light District by FOS Scale Models. All three of her structures passed with The Red Light District tallying 112 points! The six passing structures that Lorrie submitted scored point totals of 95-112
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*Directors
Report*



After two great train shows since our last communication, Division 1 is hitting its stride! We added several new members in the last month and I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome each of you to our organization.

If you didn't make it to the Plano fall show or the Texas Western Show, you missed an opportunity to see our new booth setup. New full color signs, a new test track and new material display racks made our booth something to behold. At the Plano show we even had a constantly running video presentation which drew lots of attention.

Our Hurricane Relief effort has been established and so far we've almost received enough donations to assist the first of our two applicants. If you've received your NMRA magazine for December then you no doubt saw where our division was mentioned in the opening paragraph of the president's column. It was certainly nice to have Charlie Getz say such nice words about our team on such a widely visible platform. I wish to thank everyone who has donated so far and encourage those who haven't to step up during this holiday season. If everyone in our division would simply donate \$10.00 we would meet our goal and help these individuals who are trying to rebuild their lives after this natural disaster. Won't you please visit www.cowcatcherdivision.org and follow the link to the donation page? You'll be glad you did!

Speaking of the holidays, be sure and RSVP for the annual Christmas Party to be held on December 9th at 6:30pm at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club. There will be lots of food, fun, some very nice awards and some unbelievable prizes for those in attendance. Don't miss it or you'll have to find out second hand why you should have been there.

As far as awards are concerned, let me take a moment to congratulate the following members on finishing the requirements for the following Achievement Program certificates:

Michael Ross – Scenery
Dave Griffith – Volunteer
Leo Palitti – Structures, Scenery
Lorrie Palitti – Structures, Scenery

Six AP certificates in one month! Great work folks!! Think we can break 10 in a month? I have no doubt. In the immortal words of Bluto from Animal House, "Let's do it!"

That's it for now and "Keep Training",

Mike Mackey, MMR
Director, Division 1
Lone Star Region

Programs/ Clinics

Cowcatcher Division Programs for December and early 2018.

December's meeting will be held on December 9th at 6:30 at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club and will feature a Potluck dinner and a white elephant gift exchange. This is a great opportunity for all of us to enjoy the holiday season.



In January, Mike Corley will be presenting a "Guide for creating craftsman quality roofing for your structures" and in February Bill Huebner will be conducting a hands on clinic demonstrating airbrushing techniques. This was one of the most requested topics from the recent Division 1 survey .

Have a Great Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas !

Dick Brannan

Division One Program Director

2018 Lone Star Region Convention

The Austin Eagle
June 13 - 17, 2018
www.austineagle.org

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

Use reservation code: **CGLRMR**
That will get you the \$90/night rate

33rd Annual Sn3 Symposium

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

www.2018Sn3Symposium.com

Contests, Clinics, Layouts and
some of your favorite Narrow
Gauge Manufacturers await you
and your friends! Registration
\$45.00 before February 1, 2018
\$55.00 after February 1, 2018.

Symposium Hotel:
Hyatt Place Dallas/Garland/
Richardson

Room rate is \$119.00 plus tax.
Call 888-591-1234
code G-SN3S

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Car Recognition Contest Will Return at January 2018 Meeting

Beginning with the Sept. meeting members will have an opportunity to test their skills at car recognition. They will have the opportunity to compete for an ATLAS HO Wood Reefer with ice hatches and doors that open.



The first contest consisted of a switcher, tank car, box car, flat car and a Pullman troop sleeper.



Date: January 7, 1947

Question: Could you have found this switcher and the four military cars on a siding in Texas at that date?

The car numbers are correct based on their type.

CAR RECOGNITION CONTEST RULES

SITUATION: On the table you will find a number of cars that we will assume are on a siding. It is your

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job to determine if the consist is correct or if one or more of the cars could not have been there based on the date specified.

PROCEDURES: If the consist is correct you will write your name on your coupon and put it in the container marked correct. If there are one or more incorrect cars, write your name on your coupon, list the incorrect cars and put it in the container marked incorrect.

You will receive 4 points if the consist is correct and you put your coupon in the container marked correct. However you will lose 2 points if there are no incorrect cars.

You will receive 2 points for each incorrect car that you listed on your coupon and put in the container marked incorrect. However you will lose 2 points for each correct car you listed or an incorrect car you failed to list.

The individual scores will be posted at the end of the meeting and listed in the next Whistle. It is possible to have a negative score on one contest but there will be a total of three contests and the combined score of each contest will determine the overall winner of the Wood Reefer.

RESULTS:

- X SW-8 was not built till 1958.
- X Car tested date 1959.
- CORRECT USAX box cars were used at that time.
- X DDOX markings were not used till mid 50s.
- CORRECT Troop sleepers were not sold to investors until the mid 50s.



SCORES: 9/8/17

DAVID GREIN	6	MIKE CATE	-2
BILL HUEBNER	2	TERRY M	-2
DON WINN	2	M ROSS	-2
JOHN GARFIELD	0	JAY WATERS	-2
37	-2	DENNIS WRIGHT	-2

Ken Kaiser

Division One Treasurer

Calendar of Events & Trainshows



December

2nd - YMR Longhorn Division Holiday Party & Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10 am - 12 pm, John Skiba, Organizer
westsidelumberco@gmail.com

7th - 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/>

9th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 December Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140. 7 pm, Potluck Dinner

16th - 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/node/21>

18th - Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76112. 7 pm - 9 pm
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

January 2018

4th - 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/>

6th - 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

13th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 January Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140.

15th - Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76112. 7 pm - 9 pm
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

20th - 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/node/21>

20th - 21st - North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs, Dallas Area Train Show, Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano, TX; Hours Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm, Sunday, 10 am - 4 pm; Admission: \$10. Adults, 12 & Under Free. For more info, dfwtrainshows.com



North Texas Council
of Model RR Clubs

The Dallas Area Train Show

Sat. January 20
Sun. January 21,
2018

Sat. 10 am - 5 pm
Sun. 10 am - 4 pm

\$10. Adults
Children 12 & Under
FREE
Plano Centre
2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy
www.dfwtrainshows.com

NMRA LSR Cowcatcher Division 1

Christmas Party
Saturday, December
9th
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Potluck
White Elephant Gift
Exchange

Texas Western
Model Railroad
Clubhouse

6808 Forest Hill Dr
Forest Hill, TX



Frisco in Fort Worth V - Facilities

The purpose of this series of articles is to describe **Frisco** activities in Fort Worth in the late 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, ware houses, grain elevators, freight house, etc.

This month we discuss the **facilities**.

Frisco Freight House

The Frisco Freight House (*Figure VI-1, Frisco Freight Station*) in Fort Worth was located at 700 West Vickery, approximately 2 miles from the West Yard. There were three tracks serving the freight house with a total capacity of 12 cars. This freight house handled all Frisco merchandise, both inbound and outbound, to and from connecting lines, and handled and worked trap cars to and from connections. An aerial view of the station shows the size of the station. The structure on the left side was the primary freight shed (*Figure VI-2 Frisco Freight Station aerial view 2005.*)



Figure VI-1, Frisco Freight Station 1952

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The AP Flyer

By Leo Palitti

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points. To qualify for the AP a score of 87.5 must be made. The maximum point total is 125 which I assume doesn't happen often if ever at all.

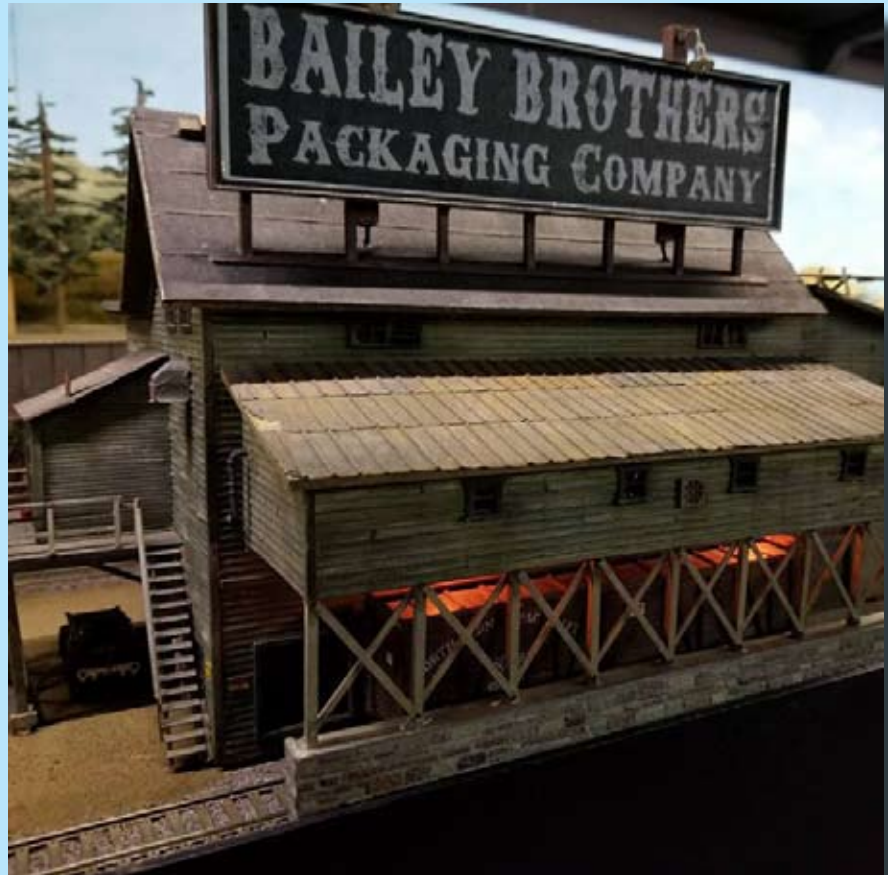
Myself on the other hand, needed five more structures to pass as I only had one entry at The Lone Star Region Convention. The six passing structures that I submitted scored point totals of 97-113 points. I've done a lot of scratch building through the years and my two favorite structures are Corley's Crow's Nest and Bailey Brothers Packaging.



(Above: Corley's Crow's Nest model by Leo Palitti).

Corley's is a structure built from my memory of where my family filled up the boat before we went salmon fishing around

The San Juan Islands in the 60's. I remember going in there to stock up on candy, chips and soda for our day long fishing trips. Corley's is a five sided structure with multiple deck levels with floating gas pumps. I added a lot of details and numerous figures to make it as interesting as possible. Corley's scored a total of 112. Bailey Brothers is a HUGE multiple level structure with a total of nine different roof pitches. The Bailey Brothers structure was made to fill a spot on the layout and scored the same 112 points.



(Above: Bailey Brothers Packaging model by Leo Palitti).

This is fun stuff folks. Mike Mackey and Duane Richardson take their MMR judging roles very seriously. They were at our house for at least 3 hours on a Saturday afternoon and answered dozens of questions during their visit. You couldn't find two more dedicated members of our hobby. If you need a push to get started, take them aside and talk to them. Trust me, they'll light a fire under you!

Leo Palitti

Division One Achievement Program Advisor

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Forwarder traffic for Newkress Company was also handled at the freight house by Frisco employees.

Split delivery service was offered at the Fort Worth freight house.

A joint SL-SF - StLSW Freight House was located at the East end of Central Avenue in North Fort Worth approximately 5 miles from the West Yard, This freight house was operated by StLS.W personnel. No Frisco merchandise was handled through this freight house and the primary function of the facility was to serve industries located in North Fort Worth, handling the billing of carload freight.

The volume of merchandise moving through the freight house at 700 West Vickery did not require special equipment for loading or unloading of cars.

Salvage Depot

Merchandise damaged in transit is sent to the freight house. Public auction sales were held and items singly or in lots could be purchased by the highest bidder.



Figure VI-2 Frisco Freight Station aerial view 2005

Well folks, that is about it for this edition. Next month, we will continue the description of facilities with Team Tracks, until then, happy rails!

Mike Corley

Division One Webmaster

Highlights From The Division 1 Table at the Recent Texas Western Model Train Show November 11-12, 2017.



(Above: Mike Mackey manned the test track display so that buyers could test run a used locomotive to see if it ran or not. In the background, MMR Joe Batson looks on at the table.

Right: Dick Brannan and Division 3 members Jeff Palmer and Duane Richardson volunteered to work the NMRA table at the Texas Western Model Railroad Show in Forest Hill, TX.)



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 layout is located at 3904 Vista Ridge Lane, Alvarado, TX 76009.
It is located off Texas Hwy 917 near Mansfield, TX. Contact President
Lee Martin for more information. [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: bradyprrm1a@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 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>



Area Hobby Shops

Division 1 Sponsors**Discount Model Trains**

4641 Ratliff Lane
Addison, TX 75001

Hobbytown USA

746 Grapevine Hwy
Hurst, TX 76054
(Division 1 Members Receive A 10% Discount)

Angelo Hobbies

5600 Rufe Snow Dr. #106
North Richland Hills, TX 76180

Hobbytown USA

4634 S. Cooper St. #182
Arlington, TX 76017

Hobby World

5658 Westcreek Dr. Ste. #500
Fort Worth, TX 76133

M-A-L Hobby

108 South Lee
Irving, TX 75060

Model Train Crossing

1113 W. Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053

Hobbytown USA

500 E. Round Grove Rd
Lewisville, TX 75067

Hobbytown USA

677 Sherry Ln
Fort Worth, TX 76114

Wild Bill's Hobby Shop

535 E. Shady Grove Rd
Irving, TX 75060