

NMRA LONE STAR REGION Cowcatcher DIVISION 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Meeting

Saturday, August 11,
2018, 10 am at the
Texas Western Model
RR Club, Forest Hill,

Program: *Ground Goop*
Make-And-Take Clinic by
Division 3 member &
LSR Secretary Jeff
Palmer.

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Darrell Cowles talks Ft Worth his- tory at NRH Library



Darrell Cowles presented a Fort Worth historical presentation at the July Division 1 meeting. And he shared photo's and anecdotes from recent his trip to Train Mountain's Triennial 2018 model RR event in Southern Oregon.



CLMRR Open House & Swap Meet Photo's and Recap story on page 5.

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*Directors
Report*



So tell me, have you had enough triple digit heat yet? I know I have. The main thing that we've got going for us is that fall should be just a few short weeks away. That said, we've got a bunch of great things lined up for programs heading into the last few months of the year. (Can you believe it's already August?)

Last month's meeting was super! Held at the North Richland Hills Library, Darrell Cowles presented not one, but two, great multimedia seminars. The first was a recap of his recent trip to the **Train Mountain Triennial 2018** (www.trainmountain.org). If you're not familiar with this international event, please visit their website via the link above. You won't believe the size and scope of this 1' scale railroad. Everything from live steam to diesels make a pilgrimage to this railroading mecca for two weeks of fun.

Darrell's second presentation was on the history of Fort Worth and the unique and colorful past of the city. If you thought that Fort Worth had a dull and bland past, it's any but!

This month, Jeff Palmer will be leading a make and take seminar on "Ground Goop." If you attended our June meeting, you were first introduced to this concoction. Jeff learned this from his friend Lou Sassi. Lou even mentions Ground Goop in his article in the August issue of Model Railroader on page 59. The division is supplying all of the materials for you to have your own mixture to use on your layout or dioramas. It has an indefinite shelf life, so even if you aren't ready for it at this time, make a batch and save it for later.

Preparations are being made and meetings are beginning for the 2019 Lone Star Region Convention to be held in Frisco next year. Divisions 1 & 3 will be co-hosting the event. Division 3 Director Donna Orr is the convention chairman. Help will be needed from our members on several committees. If you haven't stepped up to help as of yet, I urge you to volunteer in some aspect. These events do not happen by themselves, so please pitch in to make the next convention a success.

We will have a vote on the division bylaws at our next meeting. If you haven't reviewed the document, please visit the website at www.cowcatcherdivision.org to see a copy. (Editor's note: You can also go to pages 7-10 in this newsletter to see the bylaws.) This will be a simple vote as the review and discussion period has already closed.

Our own Ken Kaiser has accepted the position of Regional Membership Chairman for the Lone Star Region. We wish Ken great success! He will remain the treasurer for our division, where he does a fantastic job. Ken has also asked that each division appoint a membership chairman as a point person for him to work with. Ken and I are seeking a volunteer for this role in our division. Please contact either of us if you would like to help with the duties. It's a very simple job and takes about 30-45 minutes a month.

Our meeting in August will be back at our regular meeting location at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club. After being on the road for the last three months, it will be great to be back home again. As usual, bring your models for "Show and Tell" and/or merit judging.

Finally, we will be having our monthly swap meet at the division meeting. If you have any surplus items that you are wanting to sell to others, bring them along. Ten percent of all sales goes to our division treasury so we can continue to have "make and take" clinics and social events like our summer picnic and Christmas party. See you Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 10am. There will be refreshments as always.

Keep training!

Mike Mackey, M.M.R.
Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

Programs/ Clinics

Cowcatcher Division Program for August 11, 2018.

Clinic Overview

Ground Goop by Jeff Palmer

As many of you saw in the June clinic on Setting the Scene “ground goop” was a very useful scenery material .

Now Jeff Palmer will show you how he makes “Ground Goop” so you can give your buildings that “built from the ground up” look and enabling the other ground details to have that “in the ground” look. It adds a dirt texture that is not level and doesn’t have that “painted on look”.

To this layer, you add the rest of your ground details – ruts, rocks, grass, shrubs, weeds, etc. Jeff learned about this concoction from Lou Sassi in his book called Basic Scenery for Model Railroaders. Since Latex paint is one of the fundamental components of the concoction, “ground goop” can make it any color we want. The only requirements for the paint is it should be FLAT and must be water based.



Jeff has been involved with model railroading most of his life starting like most of us with a Lionel under the Christmas tree.

In BC (Before Children), Jeff modeled in N scale. His first layout was an Atlas designed layout that measured 4x10 in his garage.

Currently Jeff is the secretary for the Lone Star Region and has been active in the region since 2007.

He is currently pursuing his MMR certificate, 6 APs to his credit, and has recently received his certificate in scenery. Many of you went to see Mike Mackey’s layout during the Sn3 Symposium in April, and saw some of his handy work.

Dick Brannan

Division 1 Program Manager

2019 Lone Star Region Convention

Is Coming Back to DFW
June 2019
in
Frisco, TX

Check back for more details
in the coming months

2018 NMRA
National Convention
Sunday, August 5th to
Sunday, August 12th, 2018
Kansas City, MO

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

<http://www.kc2018.org/>

Banquet Speaker
Tony Koester

Clinics

Layout Tours

Prototype Tours

Contest Room

Non-Rail Activities

Modeling with the Masters

Operations Road Show

AP Flyer

by Leo Palliti

This month I'd like to take this column a little off the beaten path. With the Lone Star Region Convention having just completed, this month's topic will be the Rolling Stock AP in which Lorrie and I are working towards at this time. I'm going to take a look at rolling stock kits and scratch building (wood). It's easy for a modeler to back away from a wood kit for lack of self-confidence to handle what looks to be a tough project to complete. A big plus for making a wooden kit is that you can back up a step if something is not square or glue seeps out from a joint. If something breaks or gets damaged during your building process, manufacturers will replace a small part with just a phone call and the postage of a packing envelope. These manufacturers want to keep customers happy and buying more kits.

One of the first rules in building rolling stock would be to take your time. If you're thinking you can build a 30 car consist in a week, it won't happen. We live in a world where people heat things in a microwave and get impatient and start tapping their foot. Take your time building. There is some tedious work involved and if a little frustration sets in, take a break. Having the right tools for the job is important. This doesn't have to be a major investment either. We make our own sanding blocks and we had a friend of mine make some jigs for drilling holes (straight holes) for the grab irons. ACE hardware always has small clamps in the clearance basket if you'll look, you'll find them for \$5. Buy your Number 11-Xacto blades by the bulk (100), it makes the constant changing of the blades more affordable (avoid using dull blades).

Keep your work square. Small metal machinist squares are available at Micro Mark and are often sold at a 20% discount. Check your work often with the metal square. If your wooden kit needs to be squared up a little bit, here's a trick. Lay a sheet of 150 or 220 grit sand paper on a very flat surface (I use a rectangular piece of granite). Lay your assembly on the

sandpaper and gently slide across. Inspect your work and check it with the metal square after each stroke across the sand paper. When adding the grab irons and stirrups be sure to use the proper drill bit. If you use a bit that is too large it leaves a gap when the grab irons are installed and you'll lose points when being judged. Your grab irons should need very little pushing into the holes you drill which also means you need very little glue which is a good thing, no mess

Two important categories of the Rolling Stock AP are the details and finish/lettering. Detail parts such as the doors, under-car equipment, grab irons, break wheels and linkage can be assembled as the plans for your kit suggest. The judges will look closely at these details so if they don't come in your kit, scratch build them or order some. Ambroid kits rarely include the under carriage detail which leaves an excellent opportunity to add your own truss rods* and under-frame brake gear*. In return, you'll score some super detail and scratch-building points. As for the trucks and couplers, a little paint and weathering adds a nice touch.

**(Formerly Available from Grandt Line) and Detail Associates*

Leo Palitti

Division 1 Achievement
Program Advisor



CLMRR Swap Meet ReCap

By Chris Galvin

My wife and I took two of our Grandkids out to Alvarado to see the CLMRR's Swap Meet and Open House on the last weekend of July. We visited on Sunday afternoon of the two day event that included a old-time flea market, and four clinics, including

- 1) How to make Signals
- 2) Scenery Techniques
- 3) Fasttrack for Switches
- 4) How to Make Trees

The event was all about showing off their free-lanced HO Scale layout. The layout includes long stretches of track with several yards, one with an elevated reverse loop. Another section has an intermodal yard with off loading to a long cargo ship.



I talked with five members of this group who were enthusiastic about telling me all about the pro's and con's of what they have to offer. I was told they had around 60-65 visitors on Saturday. On Sunday, we had the place nearly all to ourselves. Unfortunately, the fella's must of been wornout from the previous days crowds as we only got to see a single locomotive run in the 1 & 1/2 hours that we there. It helped to know one of the guys from the group and I was able to cajole him to run something for our Grandson. That was kind of a bummer for us but understandable, when I was told that they only have a small hand full of volunteers that are part of this group.

I did see some of the trees that they make and use on the layout. The track is nearly complete, and the scenery is I am guessing 25% complete. There is lots of plaster and trees down as well as bridges and structures. The layout is big and has lots of potential. They meet on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For more information about this group contact Lee Martin at (817)- 666-5367.

Chris Galvin

Division 1 Whistle Newsletter Editor



Calendar of Events & Trainshows



August

2nd - 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/>

4th - 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

11th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 August Meeting, 10 AM Texas Western Model RR Clubhouse,

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/>

20th - Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76112. 7 pm - 9 pm
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

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.

September

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. 10 am - 4p \$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.



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September Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting

Saturday, September 8th
10 AM

Clinic:
TBA

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



2018 4th Annual Fall Train Show

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

Plano Centre
2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy
Plano, TX 75074

Operating Layouts, 250 Dealer Tables, 2 Days of Clinic's. Layout Tours.

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**COWCATCHER DIVISION
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS**

(Adopted May 2018)

Article I. Authority and Purpose

Section 1.01 The authority for what is contained within the By-laws is derived from the Constitution of the Cowcatcher Division under Article VII, entitled By- laws.

Section 1.02 The purpose of the By-laws is:

(a) To set down rules to be followed in regulating the general and special affairs of the Cowcatcher Division, (herein known as the Division).

(b) To define the rights, duties, and powers of the Membership and Officers in relation to the Division and among themselves.

Article II. Membership and Fees:

Section 2.01 Any member in good standing of the National Model Railroad Association, (herein known as NMRA) who live within the geographical boundaries of Division 1 of the Lone Star Region, will be a member of the Cowcatcher Division; with the exception of legacy members or corporate members, as established by the NMRA. Only members who reside within the geographical boundaries of Division 1 will be allowed to vote on issues within the Cowcatcher Division.

(a) No person may be a member of the Cowcatcher Division unless they are members in good standing of the NMRA. (b) The categories of membership as defined by the NMRA are: Member, Life Member, Family Member, Student Member, Patron Member, and Corporate Member. The same member opportunities available to NMRA member groups will be available to Cowcatcher Division members

Section 2.02 **Membership Dues:** Membership dues shall be collected by the NMRA at a rate to be established by the NMRA and distributed to the Division in a manner established by the Regulations of the NMRA. The Division may process the applications and collect dues on behalf of the NMRA.

Section 2.03 **Fees for Members:**

(a) No Division membership fees are required for NMRA members.

(b) Proposed fee changes must be made in the form of a motion at any Division Board meeting. Motion shall indicate the proposed effective date and amount of the change. (c) Notice of the motion to change the fee structure shall be published in the first available issue of The Whistle, the official publication of the Cowcatcher Division, not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the proposed change.

Article III. Board Members (also known as Officers)

Section 3.01 The Officers of the Cowcatcher Division shall be the Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. Collectively known herein as "the Board", or "Board".

(a) Officers shall serve the best interests of the Division member ship in carrying out the objectives of the Division.

(b) The Director will be elected by the annual Lone Star Region Election process and serve for the period as established in the NMRA Lone Star Region By-laws. Term is two (2) years.

(c) The elected LSR Director of Division 1 is also the Cowcatcher Division Director.

(d) The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the Director and serve at his/her pleasure.

(e) Only Officers shall have the right to vote on matters brought before the Division Board meetings for action or consideration.

In the event a Board member will be unable to attend a Division Board meeting, that person may appoint any other Board member to act as their proxy for the purpose of voting. Appointment to proxy must be in

form prior to meeting and presented to Board before start of meeting.

The required quorum for the Division Board business is a simple majority. The Cowcatcher Division Director shall take office after the commencement of the new business phase of the Lone Star Region Annual Business meeting (herein known as ABM). The Division Board consists of the Division Officers.

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Article IV. Duties of Division Board Members

Section 4.01 **The Director shall:**

(a) Perform the usual and customary duties of such office.

(b) Serve as the presiding officer of the Division Board meetings and preside at regular Division Monthly Business meetings.

(c) Submit or cause to be submitted any reports requested to the NMRA, Lone Star Region, and the National RAC representative.

(d) Have access to the NMRA Division membership database. Database is restricted per NMRA rules and guidelines and may not be distributed in any form or format to others.

(e) Authorize the Treasurer to disburse funds to meet the one time and ongoing needs of the Division.

Section 4.02 **The Secretary shall:**

(a) Keep minutes of the ABM, Division Board meetings, and Monthly Division Business Meetings.

* Shall insure a permanent record of the Minutes will be recorded and retained, both as paper copies and as a digital copy backup.

* All motions that are voted upon will be documented to indicate who introduced the motion, who seconded the motion and if the motion was approved or denied.

* Minutes of Board Meetings and the Annual Division Membership Meeting will be sent digitally to all Board members and posted in the next regular issue of The Whistle. Any Cowcatcher Division member may request a paper or digital copy of any meeting minutes by submitting the request, in writing, to the Secretary.

(b) Prepare and submit all the necessary governmental documents (Federal and State) to maintain our status as a non-profit entity.

Section 4.03 **The Treasurer shall:**

(a) Accept all monies due the Division and deposit the funds into the Cowcatcher Division account in a financial institution insured by the FDIC.

(b) Disburse any expense on behalf of the Division, as directed by the Director or Board. Monthly single or cumulative disbursements exceeding \$200 over and above regular, scheduled monthly expenses shall require approval by the Division Board before Treasurer may make disbursement.

(c) Checks shall be co-signed by the Director and Treasurer. Due to the incapacity of either officer, the Secretary can co-sign in their absence.

(d) The account records shall be audited by a Division member familiar with good financial practices, and appointed by the Board for such task. The audit results will be presented to the Division Board for their approval prior to the Annual Business Meeting (ABM).

(e) Prior to the ABM, the Treasurer shall prepare an annual financial report indicating the beginning and ending bank balances, expenditures, and income for the past fiscal year. Present this annual financial report at the ABM to the general membership.

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(f) Prepare an annual division financial budget to the Division Board prior to the ABM. This budget will contain anticipated income and expenses for the upcoming year.

(g) For IRS purposes, the fiscal year shall run from October 1st to September 30th.

Section 4.04 Officer Vacancies or Removal:

- (a) With the exception of the Director, a vacancy shall exist on the Board:
- * If a Board member withdraws their availability to serve on the Board.
 - * If the Division Director removes the Board member: Board members serve at the pleasure of the Director and may be removed for any reason.
 - * Illness or inability of the Board member to continue is shown to be impossible or inconvenient.
 - * Vacancies of Board members shall be filled by appointment of new Board member by the Director. Vacancies must be filled before any further Division Board business can be conducted.

(b) Director vacancy or removal: refer to National Model Railroad Association, Lone Star Region By-laws and guidelines.

Section 4.05 Special Board meetings:

- (a) Any Board member may request a Special Board Meeting by presenting the request in writing to the Director.
- (b) The Director will schedule a Special Board Meeting within 14 days of receiving the written request.
- (c) The same rules and recording requirements governing regular Division Board meetings shall govern Special Board meetings.

Article V. Additions or changes to By-laws:

Section 5.01 Any Cowcatcher Division member can submit a new By-law or alteration to an existing By-law.

- (a) Motion must be made at Monthly Division Business meetings during New Business portion, and shall be brought up for discussion at that time. Motion must be seconded and then submitted in final form writing to the Division Board members by the member
- (c) putting the motion forward.
- (d) Division Board members shall discuss the By-law addition or change at the next Division Board meeting for any additional qualifications, conflicts, or amendment.

* If the Division Board decides additional changes are needed to the motion due to conflicts with policy or procedures, the suggested changes will be presented at the next Monthly Business meeting for further discussion and refinement by the membership. At this point:

- * The member that originally put forth the motion may accept the suggested change as presented, reject the change, or withdraw the motion entirely.
- * If the motion change is accepted by the original creator, then it must be discussed and again seconded.
- * The motion will then proceed as below.

* If no further changes or qualifications are needed, the offered By-law motion will be printed in the next publication of The Whistle for the general membership's consideration.

* The motion to add or change the By-law will be brought before the general membership at the Monthly Business meeting more than 30 days and less than 90 days from publication in The Whistle.

* Motion shall be brought to membership for a vote, without further discussion, immediately in Old Business, and will either be approved or denied. The required quorum for approval is a simple majority of Cowcatcher Division members present at the regular Monthly Business meeting. Cowcatcher Division general membership vote shall rule over any other vote or entity unless it is in conflict with legalities or non-profit rules and guidelines.

* If denied, the motion to change the By-law is abandoned.

* If approved, the Secretary will enter the change or addition to the existing By-laws and retain for records. It becomes effective immediately unless otherwise stipulated in the new By-law.

Article VI. Division Committee Chairmen:

Section 6.01 The Director may appoint Cowcatcher Division members to chair the following positions. The Director may create and appoint other committees as the need dictates. Chairmen, as noted here, may be of either gender.

(a) Publication Chairman shall:

- * Publish The Whistle, the official monthly publication of the Cowcatcher Division.
- * Encourage Division members to submit articles for the newsletter.
- * Encourage the Officers, Committee Chairmen, or others to submit articles written for the newsletter.
- * A complete copy of each issue will be forwarded to the Web Page Chairman in a form suitable for inclusion on the Cowcatcher Division's official website.
- * Submit an Annual Budget request for all expenses of all Cowcatcher Division publications to the Division Board. Budget request must be received by February 28th.
- * Submit the Division newsletter The Whistle to the NMRA for inclusion in the NMRA library records.

(b) Contest Chairman shall:

- * Arrange for Regional Contest judges to be present at Division meetings to review completed or ongoing projects, assist members in improving their skills, provide the necessary information to improve the quality of their project and increase the m's point scores in a contest.
- * The Contest Chairman and judges will also assist the members in completing the necessary paperwork for contest submission.
- * Set up or assist Division area train show staff in setting up a contest room.
- * Assist staff in arranging for Certified Regional Judges to be present at the show to judge the event.
- * No awards will be paid for or provided by the Cowcatcher Division, unless authorized by the Board.

(c) Achievement Chairman shall:

- * Encourage and assist Cowcatcher Division members to participate in the NMRA Achievement Program (AP).
- * Assist members in the preparation of the necessary paperwork for the AP submittals.
- * Coordinate with Division Director to present newly earned AP awards to members during Monthly Business meetings or Regional events.

(d) Membership Chairman shall:

- * Recruit new NMRA members at train shows and other public events where potential new members are present.
- * Arrange for membership booths to be set up at local train shows to include areas for test tracks, clinic presentations, NMRA literature, and explanation of membership benefits.
- * Act as Division contact for all youth-related railroad activities.
- * Coordinate the Division-level approval process for Junior Membership program in the NMRA with the Director. See Youth Membership Program section in this document for guidelines and rules.
- * Assist Director in recruiting nominations for Division-level Junior Membership candidates from the general membership of Cowcatcher Division.
- * Coordinate the filing of appropriate Division 1 Junior Membership paperwork to LSR Secretary.
- * Insure nominations are submitted for LSR-level Junior Membership program, following their posted guidelines and time frames.
- * Gather ideas/programs to support and grow the youth membership efforts. Present these at the ABM.

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(Continued From Page 8)**(e) Web Site Chairman shall:**

- * Maintain the Cowcatcher Division web site, updating as necessary.
- * Post items of importance, information, Division governance, or of railroad interest for the Cowcatcher Division members, as submitted by the Division Officers and Committee Chairmen.
- * Insure that all material inserted on the Division Website is appropriate and represents the highest standards of suitability and the NMRA.

(f) Operations Chairman shall:

- * Assist in the preparation of any and all events held by the Cowcatcher Division or in which the Division is represented.
- * This may include room set up, take down, and arranging for audio/visual equipment if needed.
- * Arrange for snacks and beverages at meetings as dictated by Director.

(g) Program Chairman shall:

- * Find and secure guest speakers for Monthly Business meetings.
- * Will find and schedule clinicians or other railroad-related programs for Monthly Business meetings.

Section 6.02 Youth Membership Program

(a) Objective: To promote model railroading among young people 17 years old or younger within our Cowcatcher Division communities.

* To encourage them to become involved in model railroading and thereby learn how railroads operated and supported the economy of our country.

* Sponsor youngsters with a Division-paid Junior Membership in the NMRA and assign a Master Model Railroader, or established modeler to work with them.

* To provide encouragement, the Division will pay their first year's membership in the NMRA.

(b) Implementation:

* Each year, NMRA members within the boundary of Cowcatcher Division may submit the name of one young person 17 years old or younger to be considered for inclusion in the program.

* The submissions must be made in writing to one of the Division Officers by the end of March.

* Each submission must include a short commentary stating why that particular individual should be selected for the Youth Membership Program. Listing reasons such as their interest in model or prototype railroading, modeling skills, or the inability to pay for a Youth NMRA membership if already a NMRA member.

* Prior to the ABM the Board will review the merits of each individual nominated and select one individual.

* The Board will direct the Secretary to complete the necessary paperwork for a Junior Membership in the NMRA and the Treasurer shall process a check to cover the cost of the membership.

* The individual selected will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting.

* If there are no submissions, or the Board determines that there were no qualified nominees, no individual will be selected to receive the Junior Membership in the NMRA for the current year.

* The Division Director is responsible to keep in contact with the individual selected and the member who is assigned as the youth's mentor; insuring that the youth is receiving the best possible model railroad experience.

When we became a non-profit organization it became necessary to provide current By-Laws that correctly reflected our organizational structure.

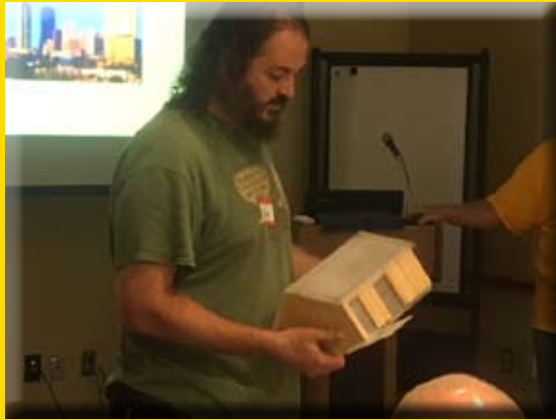
A committee consisting of Kenneth Kaiser, John Garfield, and Darrell Cowles, were chosen to revise the By-Laws. After several months and input from Board members a draft document was finalized.

*** We will vote on these division bylaws at the August Meeting. This will be a simple vote as the review and discussion period has already closed.**

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Show & Tell



Casey & Cody Akins show their progress on their RGS Structure builds.



Darrell Cowles shares his History of Ft Worth Collection of books & a photo from his visit to Train Mountain's Triennial 2018 in Oregon in June.

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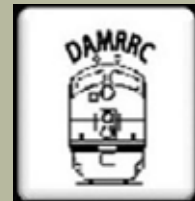
* **Dallas/Fort Worth O Scale Club**

Normally meets two Saturdays per month in Richardson. Contact: Brady
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Stan Schwartz Email: ss124@sbcglobal.net for dates and times. 1/48
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* **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:

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* **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>.



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