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Division 1 Meeting

Saturday, February 10,
2018, 10 am
at the Texas Western
Model Railroad Club-
house, 6801 Forest Hill
Drive Forest Hill, TX

Program: Roofing
by Mike Corley

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At the recent Division 1 January meeting we were fortunate to have Brian Murnahan of TEXRail give a presentation on the new line being built to connect the T&P station to Terminal B at the airport. This is a one Billion dollar, 27 mile line with 8 stations along the way. Existing stations will be revamped and extended to 400' from their current 250' length and given a new look. The new stations will be very nice with lots of parking for cars; all will feature level boarding.

The trains will be in 5 car sets 266' long with the motor car in the middle and cab controls at each end. These are 3rd generation FLIRT (Fast Light Innovative Regional Train) with low noise levels, double
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Report*



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ith January behind us, it's full speed ahead. I'd like to publicly thank Dick Brannan for picking up not only my slack, but helping David Grein as well, when he handled the leadership role of the meeting. Well done Dick!!

Now that Mike Corley is feeling better, the clinic that he was scheduled to give us in January (Hats off to our friends at TexRail for stepping in at the last minute and providing an excellent presentation!) will be our program in February. If you want to learn how to make your buildings look interesting from the top view then this is the clinic for you.

It's so exciting to see how many of our members are joining the bandwagon to achieve certificates in the NMRA Achievement Program. Our division AP advisors, Leo and Lorrie Palitti, are on constant standby to assist you with answers to your questions as well as helping to schedule times for personal judging of your work. I know many of you have achieved and accumulated the requirements necessary to be presented with the certificates that acknowledge your work, so... the only thing missing is the paperwork, and... only YOU can do that part (with some help if needed). Contact Leo, Lorrie or I if you need some help getting through that part of the AP. Sometimes the paperwork seems like the hardest part, but don't let that concern you. I promise you that, with a little guidance along the way, anyone can get through it!

As a little teaser, starting in March, we will begin a series of clinics in March, April and May, to cover airbrushing, decaling, weathering and scenery work. If you work in another scale OTHER THAN HO, you need to bring a boxcar that you want to work on. The project will be an abandoned or "re-purposed" boxcar being used for storage trackside. More details to come at the February meeting.

Oh, and one more thing, those of you NOT working on the project, will have other topics and things of interest at the monthly meetings as well.

I'd like to bring up another item to consider during February and March. It's election time in the NMRA. There are candidates running for several offices at both the state and national level. You might even recognize one or more names on the ballot. I'd encourage you to take the time to cast your ballot in these two elections which are held separately, but concurrently. You are the voice of the NMRA and we need to hear your voice via your ballot. I'd appreciate your vote as I run for a spot on the National Board of Directors. I thank you in advance for your support!

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

Mike Mackey, MMR

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1
Lone Star Region

Programs/ Clinics

Cowcatcher Division Program for February 10, 2018.

Clinic Overview

Guide for creating craftsman quality structure roofing

The objective of this clinic is to introduce and review different types of craftsman quality structure roofing. The clinic presents the most common and unique roofing materials, application techniques, painting, and detailing that anyone can master.

Mike Corley returns to do his clinic after missing last month with the health related absence.

Mike Corley began his journey with trains when he was five years old. Like many of us, he had a Lionel set. His real adventure began in 1968 when his wife gave him an HO train set for Christmas. In those early days, he focused on operations and learning how to build a layout. Over the years he built four layouts and participated in the construction of the Texas Western Model Railroad club's Houston area. He attended clinics by Dave Frary, David Revelia, Brian Nolan, Doug Foscale, and Malcom Furlow. These clinics gave him the confidence and skills to begin creating craftsman style structures, models, and scenery. Mike lives in Granbury with his wife and also enjoys Freemasonry, wood working, fly fishing and cooking.



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

Keynote Speaker: Trevor
Marshall.

33rd Annual Sn3 Symposium

Thursday, April 5th to
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Contests, Clinics, Layouts and
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Car Recognition Contest From 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.



This contest consisted of two flat cars, Bulkhead flat car, Roadrailer car, and a Center cupula caboose.



Date: January 1, 1991

Question: Could you have found these five 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.

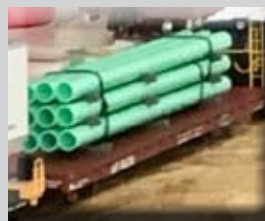
You will receive 4 points if the consist is correct and you put your coupon in the container marked correct. However you will lose 2 points if there are no incorrect cars.

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 Red Flat Car was Incorrect .
- CORRECT Buckhead Flat Car Correct.
- CORRECT RoadRailer cars were used at that time.
- CORRECT Flat Car with piping load was Correct.
- CORRECT Center Cupula Caboose was Correct..



SCORES: 1/10/18 Not Available at Printing

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

Kenneth Kaiser
Division One Treasurer

Calendar of Events & Trainshows



February

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

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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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

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April

March Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting

Saturday, March 10th
10 AM

Airbrush clinic

at the Texas Western Clubhouse

6908 Forest Hill Dr
Forest Hill, TX



2018 Lone Star Region

The
Texas Eagle
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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leaf swing-plus doors, and the previously mentioned level boarding. With level boarding, the train platform and the floor of the car are at the same height per ADA guidelines. Upon stopping the train has short thresholds that extend out in front of each door to the platform to make a smooth transition; no steps. Initially there will be 8 train sets with 6 in service at any one time, one in scheduled maintenance, and one in standby. They would buy more sets if needed, not add cars. Top speed on the line will be 70 MPH and start at the Smithfield Station through to the Grapevine Vintage station. Most grade crossings will be Quiet Zones with appropriate gates and signals. There will be a maintenance facility located at Sylvania & Long Ave. to service the trains. Brian said the first train set is in Grapevine now, just east of the GVRR station. If you would like to see the first train set, go north on Main Street in Grapevine and turn right on Hudgins Street; the first street past the existing GVRR station.

Here is a map of the route; the TEXRail route under construction now is in **RED**.

**Stations will be:**

T&P (existing)
 ITC (existing)
 North Side - 28th @ Decatur
 Mercantile Center - Meacham @ Beach
 N. Richland Hills Ironhorse - Ironhorse Blvd. near the Sam's
 N. Richland Hills/Smithfield - Smithfield @ Davis
 Grapevine/Main Street - across from GVRR station
 DFW North - ¼ mile behind Great Wolf Lodge
 South DFW Terminal B

Trains are planned to operate between stations between the hours of 6 AM and 10 PM 7 days a week. Fares are not set at this time, but are expected to be similar to TRE fares. If you would like to know more, go to www.texrail.com, it is an informative website.

Darrell Cowles

The AP Flyer

By Leo Palitti

Model Railroad Equipment

- 1) Master Builder - Motive Power
- 2) Master Builder - Cars

Settings

- 3) Master Builder - Structures
- 4) Master Builder - Scenery
- 5) Master Builder - Prototype Models

Engineering and Operation

- 6) Model Railroad Engineer - Civil
- 7) Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical
- 8) Chief Dispatcher

Service to the Hobby

- 9) Association Official
- 10) Association Volunteer
- 11) Model Railroad Author

Getting your AP certificates in order to achieve your Master Model Railroader is a long drawn out process. There is so much to learn and to demonstrate for the judges for each certificate. One very basic question is, "geeze, how do I learn to do all this stuff?". You can always read magazines to gather information. You can go online and watch YouTube videos to learn techniques. You can attend clinics at the train shows to learn. Let's not forget that you can also go to clinics at Division One meetings to learn how to do these projects for your AP.

Another good (very good) resource for learning is to join a Model Railroad Club. I've visited many clubs across the US and Canada over the years and have



(Ney Yard flavor on the layout)

seen some mighty fine work. The train club Lorrie and I belong to, The Texas Western Model Railroad Club, is a local club and loaded with some terrific talent.

The NMRA Achievement Program features eleven categories (see above) in which you will need to master seven of them to become a Master Model Railroader. At the Texas Western Model Railroad Club you will find experts in all eleven of those categories. The club has two MMR's on the roster and numerous members working



(Above scene by Joe Batson MMR)

towards the MMR (my wife Lorrie and I included). The Texas Western Model Railroad Club has some great clinics from time to time but even better, the members are always happy to give you one on one advice and demonstrate techniques. All you have to do is ask.

Whatever it is you'll have a place to run trains! Here in Texas our houses don't come with train rooms (basements) like the houses do up north so it is nice to be a member of a train club and have access to a large layout.

Leo Palitti

Division One AP Advisors

Contest Corner

By Cody and Casey Akin

Alright guys...

This year's 2018 LSR Convention, **The Austin Eagle**, is set to take place in Round Rock on June 13-17. With these dates just around the bend, it's time to get to work on those contest entries! In the past few years, we have personally entered several regional and national contests and have won quite a few awards including First Place, Best-of-Show and Novice Best of show. With our successes in the contest room, our division director thought we would make excellent Cowcatcher Division contest advisors; with a goal of aiding it's members to be the best builders they can be. In this and future articles, we hope to help you understand exactly what is expected when you enter a model, and maybe even teach you a few tips and tricks along the way!

Participating in regional show contests can be a very fun and rewarding experience. While the ultimate goal is to have the highest scoring entry in your category, so much more can be gained than just a nice ribbon. With shared knowledge from judges and fellow modelers, you will, without a doubt, become a better modeler each and every time you enter a contest. There are a seemingly unlimited amount of ways to build, paint and finish a model these days, and each modeler has his or her own way to get it done. Whether learning about new tools and materials available, or maybe it's just that "little something" that you didn't think to add to a model, suggestions from these



people will be of great benefit to you and the quality of your future models.

Also, entering a contest will help you meet new people and make new friends in the hobby. During a convention, as spectators, voters and judges walk the tables viewing your entries, they may see something that sparks their interest, or maybe see something you built that influences them, and they want to meet the builder. Likewise, as you yourself peruse the contest room, it is fun to get an up-close view of the hobby's best models and meet new people who really inspire you. Whether you consider yourself a teacher or a student, there's always someone willing to listen or share. From a personal experience, many online and in-person relationships were born from being involved in the contest room. Who knows... there could be a fellow model railroader in your own backyard that you never knew before!

Finally, as your models are judged at the end of the convention, each meriting score can be applied to the Achievement Program as you work towards your MMR. Even if your entry(s) don't take home a prize, as

long as they score an 87.5 or above they will merit. So look around your layout; you may already have one or several models that have yet to be judged, and the upcoming convention would be a great, fun way to have that done!

As you can see, there is so much more to participating in the contest room than a little friendly competition or a fancy plaque for your wall. In our opinion, there is no better way to get involved and feel like you are a real part of the show. Whether it's starting from scratch, or finishing that model that's been buried for years, we hope these future articles will inspire you to get to work! Stay tuned next month as we begin breaking down the individual categories for each contest. This will help you understand where to enter an existing model, or perhaps give you an idea on which category you'd like to start a new build.

Happy modeling!

Cody & Casey Akin
Division One Contest Advisors



Cowcatcher Division One Photo Gallery

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

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Arlington, TX 76017

Hobbytown USA
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Fort Worth, TX 76133

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