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Division 1 Meeting
Saturday, July 14,
2018, 10 am at the N.
Richland Hills Library
9015 Grand Ave, N.
Richland Hills 76180
Program: *Where The
West Begins* by Darrell
Cowles

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LSR Convention Awards Wrap Up...

Here are the results from the contest where Divisions 1 & 3 are concerned:

Models:

Diesel Engines:	John Garfield (D1) - tied for 3rd with himself, RS3 and GP35.
Traction and Other:	Leo Palitti (D1) - 1st Place, Lombard Log Hauler John Garfield (D1) - 2nd Place, Railbus
Freight Cars:	Lorrie Palitti (D1) - 2nd Place, Shortwood Slab Car
Maintenance of Way:	Duane Richardson, MMR (D3) - 1st Place, Alamosa Trash Gon
Cabooses:	Duane Richardson, MMR (D3) - 1st Place, D&RGW 0503 Cody Akin (D1) - 2nd Place, RGS 0401 Lorrie Palitti (D1) - 3rd Place, Logging Caboose
On-line Structures:	Bill Huebner (D1) - 1st Place, Colebrook Station Casey Akin (D1) - 2nd Place, Cumbres Section House
Off-line Structures:	Marc LaChey (D3) - 3rd Place, St. Thomas Mission
Bridges & Trestles:	Dick Brannan (D1) - 1st Place, Curved Trestle Nelson Caine (D3) - 2nd Place, ATSF Open Deck Timber
Trestle Displays:	Marc LaChey (D3) - 2nd Place, Boxcar Storage Shed John Garfield (D1) - 3rd Place, T.P. LeMay Coal Company
Special Contest:	Duane Richardson, MMR (D3) - 2nd Place, Frozen Water Tank

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*Directors
Report*



Division 1 had another great month. So many things to tell you about if you have been unable to connect with us.

First off, we had a really good meeting on June 9th at the Cowtown Model Railroad Club. I'd like to extend our appreciation to those fine folks for hosting us. If you haven't seen their club layout lately it is progressing nicely. They are have operating sessions on a regular basis and about 75 to 80% of their scenery is complete.

The members who attended our meeting gained some valuable tips on scenery during our clinic taught by soon to be MMR Jeff Palmer. Jeff just needs one more Achievement Certificate to earn Master Model Railroader status. Jeff's clinic finished our four month clinic series on trackside boxcar sheds.

We also began our monthly "Super Spectacular Sales Shop" at this meeting. Members can bring surplus railroading goodies and sell them to others at bargain basement prices with 10% going to the division to help support our efforts. Some members even donated their items to the division so that 100% of the sales price went to our general fund. We are extremely grateful for that! If you have some "leftovers" you want to get rid of, bring them to the next meeting. I know I found a few gems amidst the items, many of which are long since out of production.

June also gave us an opportunity to attend the annual Lone Star Region Convention hosted by Division 4 in Round Rock. What a GREAT job they did! If you missed attending, you missed a super event. Clinics, layout tours, fellowship and a great contest room highlighted this year's affair. North Texans demonstrated their modeling skills and brought home a bevy of awards which were presented at the Saturday night barbeque dinner. (Please see the awards winners listed separately on page 1 & 4.)

I'd like to congratulate two of our Division 1 members for being appointed to regional positions at the semiannual Lone Star Region Board of Directors meeting. John Garfield was appointed Education Chairman for our region and Kenneth Kaiser was appointed Regional Membership Chairman.

Finally, I was having a chat with a fellow member recently and we were discussing an individual who refuses to have anything to do with the NMRA. Why you ask? As it was explained to me, they said that they couldn't see any benefit from the organization. In other words, they wouldn't get anything out of being a member. I've heard this many times before as a matter of fact. My first thought when I hear someone say that is "What are you putting into your membership?" Are you attending meetings? Are you actively embracing the Achievement Program? Are you sincerely trying to participate? These are the fundamental basics of receiving your justly deserved value as a member. I challenge you to talk to anyone who devotes some time to their membership and see if they feel that being a member is beneficial. I'll bet you get a resounding "YES!" I promise that you will become a better modeler if that is your interest; otherwise, it's a great way to save money. How you ask? Well, how many of us have bought something only to find out that it wasn't right for our layout, or didn't meet our needs? Wasted money right? By attending meetings and interacting with other members, you can learn from others mistakes and not repeat them on your own. Why fall into the same traps that others before you have? I bet you will find several members who will be glad to provide you some feedback on any question that you ask, and they might even be willing to come over and help you with your layout as well!

Keep training!

Mike Mackey, MMR
Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

Programs/ Clinics

Cowcatcher Division Program for July 14, 2018.

Clinic Overview

Where the West Begins by Darrell Cowles

Now that we have successfully completed our 4 part boxcar clinic, we are going to move into a little history of railroads and how they affected the area we all call home. "Where the West Begins" is an exciting presentation by Darrell Cowles which will look at issues like, what did early towns do to influence the decisions of a railroad in their favor, and what happened to the town after the railroad or railroads arrived? *Where the West Begins* is a presentation with answers to some of these questions and a look at what Fort Worth was like before the railroads arrived, what in particular did Fort Worth do to bring the railroad to town, and explains the era of prosperity the railroads brought. I believe *Where the West Begins* will introduce you to people and events in Fort Worth, or Cowtown, or Paris of the Plains, or Panther City that you might not have known before.



(Above: Tower 55 Scratchbuilt in HO Scale by Ken Marcoux)

Our presenter, Darrell Cowles received his first real train set at Christmas when he was 10 years old, and enjoyed his Plywood Pacific RR in his garage for many years. This Lionel Texas Special still resides in a place of honor on a high shelf in his office. He left model railroading for many years until He and his youngest daughter attended the North Texas Council's Fort Worth Holiday Train show in 1993. They worked on constructing a small layout inside a storage building in their back yard for several months before joining a modular club, the Mid-City Rail Barons. In 1996 when the Rail Barons split off and became the Texas Western Model Railroad Club, Darrell also made the move. He has had the honor to serve as President of the Texas Western for 10 years and has been on the Board another 6-7 years in various positions. He enjoys building rolling stock, custom painting, and operations.

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

LSR Convention Wrap Up Continued.....

Special Awards:

Architecture: Marc LaChey (D3) - St. Thomas Mission
Most Popular Train: Leo Palitti (D1) - Logging Train
Novice Best of Show: Marc LaChey (D3) - St. Thomas Mission

Photos:

Prototype Color: Nelson Caine (D3) - 1st Place, Osier Lunch Stop
Nelson Caine (D3) - 2nd Place, 489 @ Osier
Model Color: Lori Flom (D3) - 1st Place, Ode to a Happy Speeder
Lori Flom (D3) - 2nd Place, One Ringeedee

Photography Best in Show:
Nelson Caine (D3) - Osier Lunch Stop

Totals...

D1: 3 1st, 3 2nd, and 2 3rd with 1 Special Award
D3: 4 1st, 5 2nd, and 1 3rd with 3 Special Awards

Of 37 total awards North Texas came home with 10 for 27% of the overall awards.

Duane Richardson



(Above: Leo Palitti's MOW Tool Car.)

The AP Flyer

By Lorrie Palitti

Leo has an article on building rolling stock kits ready to publish but since we just got back from the NMRA Lone Star Region Convention in Austin this week, his article will appear next month.

Do you enjoy building structures, rolling stock, locomotives or dioramas? If you do, have you ever thought about how they might stack up against what other modelers have built? The last two years I decided to go up against some of the best in the Lone Star Region with some of my builds and at the same time, I was graded on my entries to see if they'd qualify for my AP in structures and my AP in rolling stock. It is a little intimidating at first but the guys that run the contest room at these events have a way to put you at ease. These guys welcome your builds and help you fill out the paperwork.

Last year I entered a scratch built structure, a diorama and a "fun" entry that the LSR has every year. While I finished 3rd in all three categories I walked away a better modeler and with a better understanding of what is needed to boost my skills. We were asked to assist in judging last year and again this year. I was able to learn how judges score "Model Construction" from Duane Richardson last year and this year I learned what to look for as far as "Finishing & Lettering" go as I judged with Jeff Palmer. There is so much more to grading these entries than a simple glance and giving a grade. The modelers spend a lot of time building these models and the judges spend a lot of time grading them. On a side note; if you have an entry in a category you are judging you're not allowed to judge that category. The contest room attendants will sit in for you in that category.



This year I had two rolling stock entries for the contest room. Both entries were HO scale scratch built cars, one was a backwoods logging caboose the other a backwoods logging slab car. Before scratch building these two cars, I had built 4 cars kits (3- HO_n3 and 1-HO) so I had an understanding on car assembly. I started with the slab car because it is a single truck car and easier to build. I found some plans for a similar car and scratch built my own version using those plans. I kept the car simple and added a lot of details. The slab car was entered in the freight car category and finished 2nd out of six entries. I was able to

for my Rolling Stock AP as one of my scratch built cars with a score 100.5 pts. The backwoods logging caboose was a little more difficult to build. I did a little research and found plans similar to those of the Sierra West Logging Caboose. The caboose had two sets of trucks and was much more difficult to build. I spent an entire month building the logging caboose and added lots of details.



The outside of the caboose was done board by board over a balsa wood block that I shaped with block and sandpaper. While there was no interior for the caboose lots of exterior details were added. Looking back, having an interior would have scored a lot more points for me. When all was said and done, the most valuable thing learned about submitting an entry this year is what I learned about the write ups that accompany each entry. I think a clinic on the paperwork for your entries at the Lone Star Region Division One meeting next May or June would be a great idea. The paperwork and the five categories listed are as important as your model.

The judging of the Model Contest is conducted by teams of experienced judges using a point scoring system providing a grade between zero and 125 pts. Five factors are judged including construction (40pts), conformity(25pts), detail (20pts), finish & lettering (25pts) and scratch built (15pts). The final point score is the basis for award ranking. Attaining a point score of 87.5 pts or 70% entitles the entrant to a Merit Award which counts towards Master Builder Awards in the NMRA Achievement Program.

Next year The NMRA Lone Star Region Convention is in Frisco. It's never too early to start working on an entry. I would like to see 12-15 entries from Lone Star Region Division One members along with a group photo afterwards!



Lorrie Palitti

Division 1 Achievement Program Advisor

Calendar of Events & Trainshows



July

7th - 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

12th - 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/>

14th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 May Meeting, 10 AM **N. Richland Hills Library,**

21st - 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/>

16th - Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76112. 7 pm - 9 pm <http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

August

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

9th - 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/>

11th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 May Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140.

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 - 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

August Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting

Saturday, August 11th
10 AM

Clinic:
TBA

at
N. Richland Hills Library



2018 CLMRR OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, July 28
Sunday, July 29

10 am - 7 pm
Both Days

3504 Vista Ridge Lane
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,
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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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(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. It was decided that this document should be sent, in this issue of the *Whistle*, to members for their review and comments. Comments are encouraged to the email addresses below. The committee will review the comments and provide a finalized document to the Board for their review and approval.

Please send comments to:

Secretary@CowcatcherDivision.org
Treasurer@CowcatcherDivision.org
DarrellCowles1@gmail.com





Please join us for the CLMRR's

Open House

and old-time flea market

July 28-29, 2018

3904 Vista Ridge Lane, Alvarado, Texas

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. both days

See Texas' largest HO scale model railroad!

Flea Market

Buy, sell, swap train stuff. Bring your tables/chairs

No fee! Call Lee Martin (817) 666-5367

Clinics

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Area Model Railroad Club Directory & News

* Cowtown Model Railroad Club

Meets at *The Handley Community Center* Upstairs,
3024 Forest Avenue, Fort Worth. Website:
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* 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**.



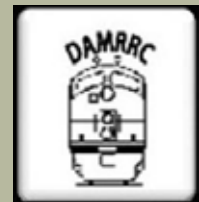
* Dallas/Fort Worth O Scale Club

Normally meets two Saturdays per month in Richardson. Contact: Brady McGuire, Tel: **903-868-2726**, Email: bradyprmla@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/><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 railroad 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

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