

# Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



## Division 1 Whistle

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**Division 1 Meeting**  
Saturday, Aug. 10,  
2019. 10:00 am - 1 pm  
at the Forest Hill Civic  
& Convention Center,  
6901 Wichita St, Forest  
Hill, TX 76140.

**Program:** "Planning A  
Railroad", by Jerry  
Hoverson, MMR #347

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*Your Invited To The August 2019  
Division 1 Meeting!*

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### \*\*\* Change in Location for the August 10th Meeting...

**The August D1 will meet at: 10:00 AM  
@ the Forest Hill Civic & Convention Center  
6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76140**



Left: August 2019 Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting will take place at the Forest Hill Civic Center.

#### Clinic Presenter:

Jerry Hoverson, MMR #347.  
"Planning A Railroad"

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## Director's Report



In case you haven't heard, we had a fantastic meeting last month. Special thanks to Jim Packer, MMR for presenting a great clinic on scaling buildings.

This month, our traveling circus will be landing at the Forest Hill Civic Center. While our regular meeting location at the Texas Western Train Club is under repair from the water damage resulting from a broken water pipe, the city of Forest Hill has been kind enough to relocate us to the civic center until the repairs are complete. I'd like to publicly express my appreciation to the staff of the City of Forest Hill for their generosity towards our division during the reconstruction period.

This month we will have a clinic on a topic that our members voted as topic that they wanted more information on. Jerry Hoverson, MMR, from Division 3, will be sharing his knowledge on "Layout Planning." Jerry has been a published author in just about all of the major railroad magazines and his experience in designing layouts will provide a foundation for a superb presentation. Let's fill up the room and show our appreciation for Jerry making the trip to give us this clinic.

Once again, our meeting will held at the:

**Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita Street,  
Forest Hill, Texas 76140.**

(Many of you will recognize this location as the place where the Texas Western Club held their annual train show.)

**See you at the next meeting (August 10<sup>th</sup>) at 10am...and  
bring a friend!**

Keep training,  
*Mike Mackey NMRA*  
Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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## *Programs / Clinics*

### *Cowcatcher Division 1 Program for August 10, 2019*

## Clinic Overview

### Planning A Railroad

The August program will be presented by Jerry Hoverson, MMR #347, from the Trinity River Division 3. In the past Jerry has served as the 2009 LSR Convention Chairman, the D3 Director, and is currently the D3 Meeting Master. In 2010, Jerry was honored with the Freitag – Loeffler Award for service and contributions to the LSR.

Jerry been modeling since he was a child, planning and building many layouts, including having to tear down his layout and rebuilding whenever a change in duty station was required during his 20-year military career. Jerry's latest creation is a point-to-point layout, the Rocky Mountain Central and the Colorado Pacific (HOn3) railroad, based on the D&RGW and Colorado Southern in the mid 50's, with Steam as the primary power.

Planning A Railroad will cover all of the essential elements of planning and building benchwork and the track plan. The thought process will include not only the initial planning, but also how the plan will ultimately affect use of the finished layout.

*Joe "Locojo" Leising*

Program Director  
LSR Cowcatcher Division One

Lone Star Region  
69th Annual  
2020 Convention

**Feb. 13-16, 2020**

@ the Stafford Center  
10505 Cash Road @ Murphy  
Rd.  
Greater Houston, TX

Watch Here for more details to come!

Clinics  
Contests  
Operating Sessions  
Layout Tours  
Banquet  
Keynote Speaker: TBA

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## Photo's From 2019 Texas Special Operations Sessions.....



Here are some photo's from my operations tours during the 2019 LSR Convention included: **Top Left and Right:** The Palitti's HO/HO<sub>N3</sub> Layout. **Middle Left and Right:** John Garfield's HO Buffalo & Lake Erie. **Lower Right:** Lloyd Keyser's HO CNW Iowa Division. Operating other layouts is fun and I encourage you to give it a try. - Whistle Editor

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## *The AP Flyer*

By Lorrie Palitti

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ell, the NMRA Lone Star Region Convention has come and gone. Leo and I encouraged Division One members to jump in and participate for the last year and some of you

did. Chris Galvin entered a diorama that was done very well. It is really exciting to see the skills he has developed. Chris' entry featured four very nice structures a hill, some rock work and a roadway that was just excellent. The road Chris did looked so good, I thought it was store bought. It really looked that good (see photos). My guess is next year in Houston, Chris will score some big points! Unfortunately, Kathy Galvin was out of the state and unable to attend the convention and enter her structure. Kathy did a great job on her structure and can't wait to see it entered soon. Having a friendship with Kathy has always been special but now even more so because she's also a fellow model builder! The Akins boys had some of their great G Scale work entered. It's amazing what these two guys can do with such a large scale. Jeff Palmer scored a first place for his diorama and Mike Mackey received numerous awards for his photograph. Congrats to all!



I believe Leo and I will continue to be Achievement Program Managers for the Lone Star Region Division One for years to come. We try to encourage Division One members to enter contests or build something and bring it to the Division One meeting to get it graded but the response is a little less than I would hope. Whenever I see a nice layout or a nice model I like to ooo and aaaah and then figure out how the builders did it and then figure out how I can do the same thing, my way! I would really like it if some of the Division One members would bring some pictures to the next meeting and show us what you want to build. With Leo's health we have not been able to attend as many meetings as we would like but will see you all there August 10th. We would be happy to help you come up with a game plan and offer our assistance if you need it. If you're intimidated, then start small. Come on folks, you can do this!!

That being said, If you haven't heard by now, per Mike Mackey we've been given preliminary approval for the 2023 NMRA Convention which will be in Grapevine, TX. That means you've got four years to develop your skills, score some AP points and get something entered in the NMRA Nation Convention contest room.

*Lorrie Palitti*

Achievement Program Co-Manager,

LSR Cowcatcher Division 1



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## Calendar of Events & Train Shows



### August

**1st** – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting, 7 – 9 pm @ Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76140  
[www.twmrc.org](http://www.twmrc.org)

**3rd** – YMR Longhorn Division Meeting, For Location contact organizer, 10 am – 1 pm, John Skiba, Organizer  
[westsidelumberco@gmail.com](mailto:westsidelumberco@gmail.com)

**10th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 August Meeting, at the Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10:00 am – 1pm, Clinic: By Jerry Hoverson, MMR  
[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

**27th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002, 10 am – 1 pm,

**19th** – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7 pm – 9 pm  
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

### September

**14th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Sept. Meeting, at Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76140; 10:00a – 1p, Clinic: TBA  
[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

Lone Star Division /  
Train Collectors  
Association Toy Train  
& Swap Meet

Sat. Sept. 7th, 2019  
10 am - 4 pm

Collin College Central  
Campus Conference  
Center,  
2200 W. University  
McKinney, TX

For more info:  
contact Jon Dell'Antonia  
at 972-540-5067

Enjoy G-Scale  
Model Trains

Clark Gardens  
Model Train Show

Sat. Aug. 31st  
& Sun. Sept. 1st  
2019

[ClarkGardens.org](http://ClarkGardens.org)

567 Maddux Road  
Weatherford, TX 76088  
940-682-4856



5th Annual  
Fall Train Show

Sat. Oct. 12, 2019  
9 am - 5 pm

Plano Centre  
2000 E. Spring  
Creek Pkwy  
Plano, 75074

\$10. per Person  
Children 12 and under  
Free w/paid adult

Scouts & Scout  
Leaders in Uniform,  
Admission is FREE

[dfwtrainshows.com](http://dfwtrainshows.com)

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## BULLETIN

July/August 2019

### New companies added to our growing list of Partners!

These companies are giving NMRA members discounts for buying their products when using a special discount code. You can find their websites and discount codes on our Partnership Page at <https://www.nmra.org/partnerships>. Remember you need to be logged into our site as a member to see the codes! (See the pink box below.) **New partners since the last NMRA eBulletin issue are in red.**

CatzPaw Innovations

Clever Models LLC

CMR Products

**Deluxe Materials**

East Coast Circuits

**Gatorfoam** -- *a unique, strong, laminated panel with a core of extruded polystyrene and a face made of resin impregnated wood fiber veneer*

Great Decals

Green Frog Productions

Hot Wire Foam Factory

Jason's Brass Poles

K.I.S.S. Method

LARC Products

Logic Rail Technologies

Micro-Mark

MinuteMan Scale Models

Model Railroad Benchwork

Model Train Catalogue

Modelers Decals and Paint

Motrak Models

MRC (Model Rectifier Corporation)

OK Engines/Streamliners

**The Old Depot Gallery** -- *features the artwork of railroad artist Robert (Bob) Frascella*

*Frascella*

Old West Scenery

Ram-Track

RR-CirKits

Rusty Stumps

Scale Model Plans

Scalecoat Paint

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WiFi Model Railroad, LLC

*Whistle Editor*

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*Photo's From 2019 Texas Special LSR NMRA Con Layout Tours!*



During the TWMRC's LSR Layout Tours we operated our layout and we had a visiting club, the *Texas Railway Modeling & Historical Society* that brought in their Dallas Union Terminal modular set. This included the Triple Underpass & the 1963 Twin Star Rocket. This club is working with Red River Models to build a replica of the Dallas Union Station. -Ed.



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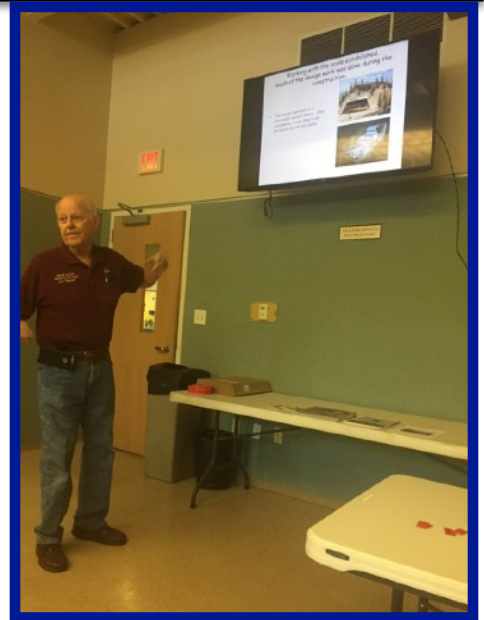
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## *Photo's From July D1 Meeting*

Jim Packer gave modelers many tips on How to Scale Buildings. The July meeting was well attended.

All Photo's by: David Crumpton



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## *The Dining Car*

### **Katy Special - Onion Soup**

This month's dining car feature comes from the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas menu:

**Katy Special Onion Soup.** The dish originated to help promote Texas onions and was ordered by nine out of ten regular MKT passengers. Cooks added their own special ingredients, but here is the basic recipe.

#### **Ingredients**

- 6 large onions diced to 1/8 inch
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 oz of butter
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 4 qts chicken stock
- Soup croutons
- 4 sprigs parsley
- 1 clove garlic

Parmesan cheese, fresh grated

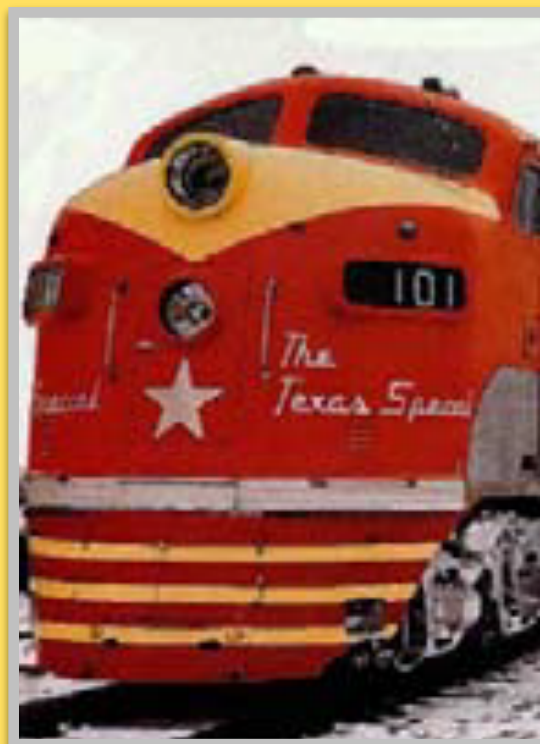
#### **Instructions**

Slice the onions 1/8 inch across, then dice. In a large skillet over medium heat, sauté the onions in butter until brown. Meanwhile, heat the chicken stock in a large pot. Add the sautéed onions to the heated stock, then add parsley, garlic, bay leaves, and Worcestershire sauce. Bring to boil, reduce heat, and simmer

for 20 minutes. Remove the parsley, bay leaves, and garlic clove. To serve, place the croutons in the serving bowl, pour soup over, and top with a generous portion of the freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

Enjoy!

*Mike Corley*



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## Area Model Railroad Clubs/News

### Cowtown Model Railroad Club

Meets at the *Handley Community Center*, Upstairs  
3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth. Website:  
<https://cmrrc.webs.com>



### CLMRR

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



### Dallas/Fort Worth O Scale Club

Normally meets two Saturdays per month in Richardson. Contact: Brady  
McGuire, Tel: **903-868-2726**, Email: [bradyprmr1a@cableone.net](mailto:bradyprmr1a@cableone.net) or  
or contact: Stan Schwartz, Email: [ss124@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 & N Scale modular layouts. Facebook Page  
and Website: <https://www.facebook.com/damrrc/>



### North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

Meets 7:30 - 10:00 PM, First Tuesday of each month, often (but not always) at the  
Grapevine Tourist & Visitors Information Center at Main St. and the FWWR railroad  
tracks. Website: <https://ntxnrhs.org>

### Texas Western Model Railroad Club

Meets Meets every Thursday & Saturday from 4 pm - 9 pm, Located at 6808 Forest  
Hill, 76140. Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/texaswesternmodelrailroadclub/>  
Website: <https://www.twmrc.org>



### Trinity N-Trak

Meets at Hobby World, Ft Worth at 6:30 PM. Check our website for time.  
Website: <https://www.trinityntrak.com>



### TNMRC

Meets at 11999 Plano Rd, Suite 154, Dallas, 75243 Check our website  
for times. Website: <https://www.texasnorthern.org>



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## Area Hobby Shops

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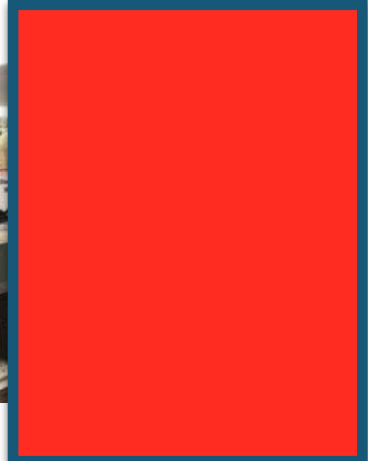
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