

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 14,
2019. 10:00 am - 1 pm
at the Forest Hill Civic
& Convention Center,
6901 Wichita St, Forest
Hill, TX 76140.

Program: "Building A
Curved Trestle", by
Dick Brannan

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

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Model RR built by Division 1's Leo
& Lorrie Palitti. Their layout is
featured in the HOn3 2019
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Division 1 Meeting** will take place
at the Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St., Forest Hill.
Clinic Presenter:
Dick Brannan, "Building A Curved Trestle"

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Director's Report



With Labor Day behind us, and the

“official” end of summer along with it, we are rapidly bringing 2019 to a close. Not to worry, things haven’t slowed down for our division!

Dick Brannan is poised to deliver a superior clinic on building a curved trestle this month and Jim Ogden has an interesting clinic next month on mail trains that you can run on your layout.

Don’t forget to make your plans for the Plano train show in October. It’s scheduled on the same Saturday (1 day show this time) as our normal division meeting so we will be moving our meeting to the first Saturday in October.

Also, don’t forget that we are still meeting at the Forest Hill Community Center like we did last month. The repairs to our normal meeting place are ongoing for at least the next two months.

We hope to see everyone at the meeting this Saturday!

Keep training,

Mike Mackey, NMRA

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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Programs / Clinics

Cowcatcher Division 1 Program for September 14, 2019

Clinic Overview

Building a Curved Trestle

By Dick Brannan

Reminder: The September Cowcatcher Division Meeting will be held at 10:00am at the Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center, located at 6901 Wichita Street, Forest Hill, TX 76140.

The September 14th program will be conducted by our own Dick Brannan. Dick got his original interest in model railroading, like many of us, once receiving a Lionel Train Set for Christmas in his youth. Dick now models the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in HO scale. Once retired, Dick has contributed much of his time to support the NMRA-LSR Cowcatcher Division, holding the positions of Program Manager and is currently the D1 Treasurer.

For the September 14th D1 meeting, Dick will be presenting a clinic on "Building A Curved Trestle". The subject of the clinic occupies a prominent place on Dick's current layout. His trestle was entered in the Contest Room at the 2018 LSR Regional Convention and received 1st Place for Bridges and Trestles.

Joe "LocoJo" Leising

Program Director
LSR Cowcatcher Division 1

All Aboard!



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We look forward to seeing you in February!

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Cowcatcher Div. 1 Minutes August 2019

By John Garfield

The Division meeting place was temporarily relocated to the Forest Hills Civic & Convention Center.

Mike Mackey, President, opened the meeting with a warm welcome.

A raffle was held for tickets to the Texas State Railroad.

Duane Richardson addressed the Achievement Program noting that about 18 awards have been given this year along with the Golden Spike. He encouraged members to work toward their MMR.

Jeff Palmer reviewed the Contest Room at the summer convention noting that he thought exhibits went very well.

Show and Tell was then presented with Ken Kaiser displaying a RR station he built and detailed starting with a project that the Division started last spring. Dennis Wright displayed an outhouse he built from scratch. John Garfield presented a box car and a cattle car along with paraphernalia he got at the NMRA Conference in Salt Lake City.

In discussion of the upcoming fall Plano Show, Ken Kaiser noted that we are responsible for volunteers to work the show and noted that several member volunteers are needed along with presentation of 2 clinics. He noted that the show is only one day this year, on Saturday, October 12th, from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Mike Ross, Membership Chairman, noted that there are about 40 members present at each meeting with a total Division membership of 168.

Mike Mackey, Director, noted that Division 1 and 3 have been chosen to host the 2023 National Convention and he is waiting on a contract from NMRA.

Jerry Hoverson presented a slide show about Planning Your Model RR and presented multiple considerations.

John Garfield

Secretary, Cowcatcher Division 1



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The AP Flyer

By Leo Palitti

W

ell, 2019 has proven to be one heck of a year for Lorrie and me. We have been building our dream layout since 2011 and that was almost put on hold after finding out I have stage 4 cancer. What I'd like to address this month is the greatness of our hobby. With the Lone Star Region Convention coming to town we had so many things we wanted to get done on our layout before June. I was unable to do anything, absolutely nothing. Lorrie jumped in and finished numerous areas on the layout including her beloved farm (she's a country girl). She didn't tackle detailing the Myrtistown Sawmill because of her limited knowledge of sawmill operations. She did do scenery around the mill that looked very good for the LSR open house. I was totally blown away at the excellent job she did. Lorrie and I have three friends, Tom Pearson, Fred Tucker and Bob Dalrymple that came over 2 to 3 times a month and worked on the Digitraxx and track on The Black Bear & Bayou RR, so it would be ready for the two Lone Star Region Operation Sessions and the LSR open house.



In the middle of my chemo treatments, I couldn't stay in the train building 30 minutes before I had to take a nap. Without a second thought these guys just kept on working while I slept.

Friends are a wonderful thing to have and there's no friend like a model railroader friend. Model railroaders visited me in the hospital, sent me text messages, emails and PM's on Facebook to check on me. Most importantly, many of them thanked Lorrie for taking care of me which made my heart feel good. When I finally had enough strength to make a Division One meeting, I was greeted with applause which made holding back tears very difficult. Our great hobby is loaded with great people. You all will never know how much Lorrie and I value your friendships. Thank you all.

Lorrie and I will get back to Award Program business next issue.

Leo Palitti

Achievement Program Co-Manager,

LSR Cowcatcher Division 1



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Calendar of Events & Train Shows



September

5th – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting, 7 – 9 pm @ Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76140 www.twmrc.org

7th – Youth In Model Railroading Sept. Meeting. 10 am – 1 pm @ Texas Western Model RR Clubhouse, Scenery applied to our modules. Clarence Zink will Lead. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/yimrnlonghorn/>

14th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, at the Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10:00 am – 1pm, Clinic: By Dick Brannan www.cowcatcherdivision.org

21st – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002, 10 am – 1 pm,

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

October

5th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 October Meeting, at Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76140; 10:00a – 1p, Clinic: TBA (D1 Meeting pushed up one week as to not interfere with the Fall Plano Train Show) www.cowcatcherdivision.org

12th – 5th Annual Fall Plano Train Show, One day only, Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019. @ Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX 75074. \$10. per person, 12 and under Free with a paid adult. Scouts in uniform FREE. dfwtrainshows.com

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

37th Annual
Temple Train
Show

Sept. 21 & 22,
2019

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

Central Texas Area
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Temple Civic Center
3303 N. 3rd St.
(Exit 303 from I-35)
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5th Annual
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Sat. Oct. 12, 2019
9 am - 5 pm

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\$10. per Person
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Scouts & Scout
Leaders in Uniform,
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BULLETIN

August/September 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.**

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Photo's From 2019 August D1 Meeting!



At the August Meeting, Dennis Wright donated 2 Complimentary Tickets to Ride the Texas State Railroad that were Ruffled at the meeting. Kenneth Kaiser won the tickets! Congrats Kenneth and a Big Thanks to Dennis!!! - Editor

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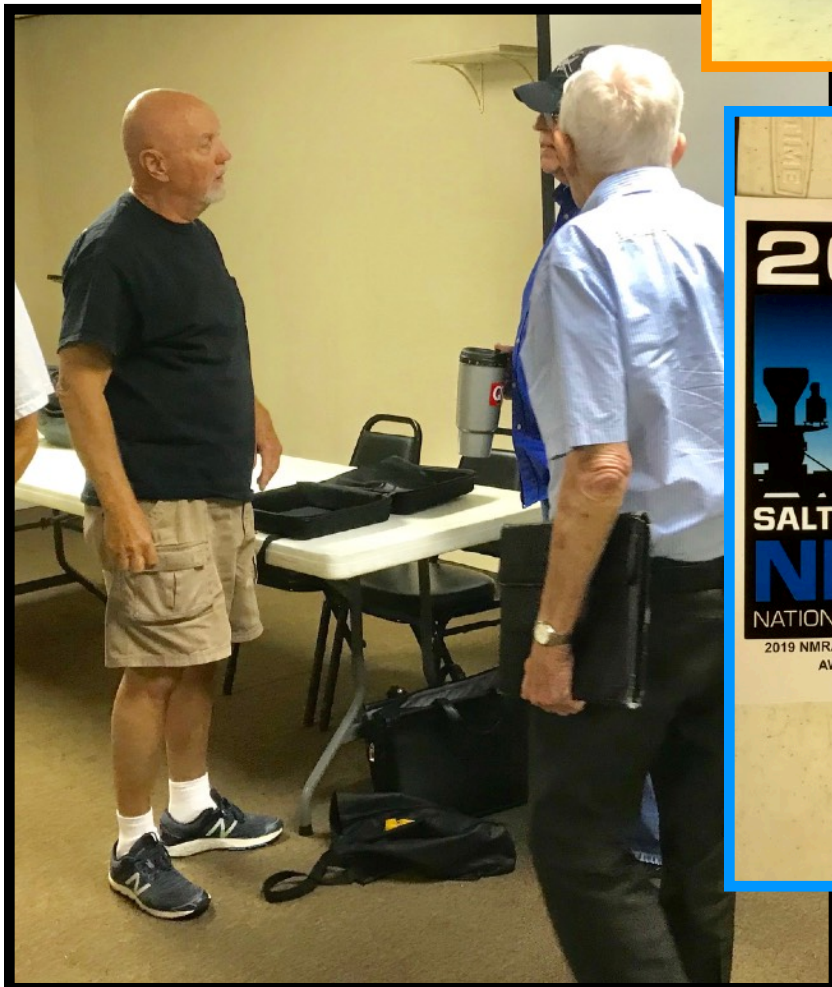
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Photo's From 2019 August D1 Meeting!

Jerry Hoverson from Div. 3 gave a clinic on Planning A Model Railroad.

All Photo's by: Editor



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The Dining Car

Hot Chili Roquefort Canapas

So far, we've presented recipes for breakfast, soup, and the main course. This month we'll work on tasty appetizers from the Union Pacific's recipe book, Hot Chili Roquefort Canapas Try it, I think you'll like it.

Preheat the oven to broil. You'll need a small mixing bowl and baking sheet. This recipe takes about 30 minutes to complete and yields about four servings or maybe two for model railroaders!

Ingredients

- 1.5 oz Roquefort or blue cheese, softened
- ¼ tsp. paprika
- 4 oz cream cheese, softened
- 1/16 tsp garlic powder
- 1 Tbsp catsup
- slices of bread
- 1 3/4 tsp chili power
- paprika and cayenne to garnish

Instructions

Crumble Roquefort or Blue cheese and with the cream cheese. Add catsup and spices then mix well. Trim the crust from your favorite bread then spread with the cheese mixture and cut each piece in three strips crosswise forming the shape of a diamond. Put the diamonds on a baking sheet and broil until browned and bubbly. Lightly sprinkle with paprika and cayenne pepper to finish.

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>



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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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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
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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>



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Website: <https://www.trinityntrak.com>



TNMRC

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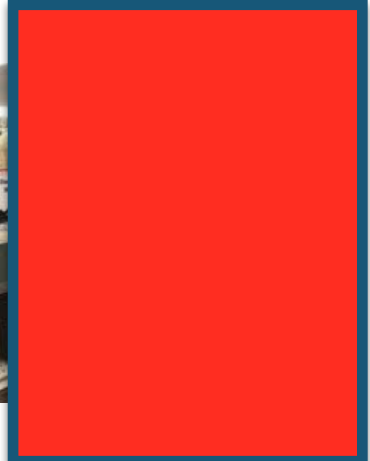
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