

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



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Division 1 Zoom meeting, Saturday, October 16th, 2021 - at the club or at your home. **Clinic:**

Making a Silk Purse from a Cow's Ear & Texas Pine Trees with Jim Ogden & Cole Rash loblolly Pine Trees.

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October's meeting will be at The Texas Western Model RR Club and via zoom.

The address for TWMRC is 6808 Forest Hill Drive, Forest Hill, Texas 76140.



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Meeting Agenda

- Announcements, Awards, Show & Tell and Q&A
- Making a Silk Purse from a Cow's Ear & Texas Pine Trees with Jim Ogden
- TWMRC open run



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Director's Report

Wow! What a whirlwind since our last newsletter!! Let me give you a quick rundown of the events since the first week of September. Temple had a nicely attended train show along with the Fall Plano Train Show. Last weekend gave us the first ever joint regional convention with the Mid Continent Region in Tulsa. Whew! I'm ready for a weekend at home to catch up on things.



The Plano Train Show was well attended and the NMRA booth proved successful. Our volunteers signed up 10 new members to the organization. We added 4 members to division 1, 4 members to division 3, one new member to division 5 and one new member to the Magnolia Division of the Southeastern Region. Well done! I'd like to send a big round of applause to all of the volunteers who assisted, in whatever way, to the success of the booth and the show. Your work proved invaluable.

I was informed early this month that Division 1 is now the second largest division in the region. Only Division 8 out of the Houston area is larger. A quick review of our membership records showed that since 2017 our division has lost less than 1% of our membership total. Since we don't have any train shows or other membership drive opportunities inside our division boundaries on an ongoing basis, we are actually holding our own. I'd like to see us start some sort of initiative to build membership in our divisional area. If you have any ideas that you'd like to share on this topic please contact me and let's go over them.

I finalized the arrangements for our annual Christmas party earlier this week. Our party will be held on December 11, 2021 at the Forest Hill Civic Center. Guests and spouses are absolutely invited. We will arrive around 6:30 and begin serving our meal at 7pm. As usual, the division is providing Greenburg's Smoked Turkey and a smoked ham from Coburn's. Trapper Kirkpatrick will be organizing the Pot Luck Dinner via the Perfect Pot Luck web application. More details to come on that. Please bring a wrapped gift with a value of around \$25.00 for the round robin gift exchange. It doesn't matter if you bring a "male or female" gift, because as we've seen in the past, certain couples might team up to get that certain gift that one of them wants. This event always turns out to be a highlight of the year so make your plans now to attend.

Don't miss this month's line up of clinics! Jim Ogden will show us how to turn those train show bargain purchases into something special with his "Making a Silk Purse from a

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Cow's Ear" clinic and Cole Rash will demonstrate how to build realistic East Texas pine trees. These clinics will be awesome!!

Keep training!

This month's clinic:

Making a Silk Purse from a Cow's Ear & Texas Pine Trees

The October clinic will be presented by Jim Ogden. Jim has been modeling since childhood, with a special interest in prototype operations and detailing cars. His favorite roads are the Missouri Pacific and Texas Pacific, although he also enjoys his interest in other lines such as the Katy and Illinois Central. Jim has had several articles published in Model Railroader Magazine. Jim always appreciates the exchange of model railroading information to help enhance his knowledge and skills in the hobby. Jim's presentation will be Making a Silk Purse from a Cow's Ear. This clinic centers around taking bargain finds at a show and making into great models. If you missed this awesome clinic at the Plano show you are in luck and get a second chance.

Cole Rash, will also be discussing in detail how he models loblolly Pine Trees on his Armadillo Lumber Co. layout set in East Texas. He will demonstrate how he makes branches and adds bark texture. He will also show how he attaches the pine needles on each branch. Most of us living in Texas realize it is difficult to accurately model pine trees found here. This will be a clinic you don't want to miss.

Having finished the flat car clinic, we invite everyone who has finished their car(s) to bring them for Show and Tell. As well as any cool finds from the fall Plano Train Show or from the Tulsa Union Regional Convention.

After the October meeting, the Texas Western Model Railroad Club invites everyone to their Open Run, so bring your HO Locomotives and Rolling Stock to enjoy running on the TWMRC layout.

Respectfully,

Cole Rash

Program Manager

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Treasurer's Report

As of October 5th, the Division has \$4060.51 in our primary checking account.

Dick Brannan

Treasurer

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Hi-lights



New member Jim Volker



New member Joe Welks

Ken Ehler's Rio Grande Southern Layout in Sn3

(Tulsa Union Convention)



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October 2021

16th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm, Clinic: Scratch Building a Flat Car part 2 with Duane Richardson, MMR
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

16th – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday
www.trinityriverdivision.org

18th – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm,
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

23rd – NMRAX 1pm - 5pm

November 2021

4th – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting for Members and Prospective Members Only, 7 pm - 9 pm @ 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140
Thursday
www.twmrc.org

5th – Youth in Model
The group is actively looking for a new director to carry on this group, if interested please contact John Skiba:
westsidelumberco@gmail.com

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<https://www.nmra.org/calendar>

23rd – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday
www.trinityriverdivision.org

27th – NMRAX 1pm - 5pm



NEW BRAUNFELS TRAIN SHOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

Admission: Cash Only at the Door

\$10 Adults (14 & Older)

\$2 Child (5-13 Yrs. Old)

New Braunfels Civic Center

375 South Castell Avenue

New Braunfels, Texas 78130

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Winfield Prints Available

Fort Worth Crossroads



I received a call the other day from Jim King of the North Texas Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society. It seems that the Winfield drawing photo we've been using on our website was actually commissioned by the local NRHS chapter for their 2008 national convention held here. Not a problem, in fact a blessing! They are thrilled that we are using the drawing on our site. As luck would have it, they have additional copies of the print which they have allowed us to sell as a division fund raiser.

Currently we have 18" x 24" prints available for \$25.00, and a VERY limited number of the same prints commemorating the 2008 convention that are signed and numbered for \$35.00.

As you are aware, this is a GREAT price on a Winfield print! To purchase your print, please email director@cowcatcherdivision.org with your preference, signed or not, and I'll respond so we can arrange payment and delivery.

Mike Mackey

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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](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 & 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 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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Discount Model Trains

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Addison, TX 75001
972-931-8135



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5600 Rufe Snow Drive Dr. #106
North Richland Hills, TX 76180

Hobby World (817) 263-5750
5658 Westcreek Dr. Ste. #500
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Model Train Crossing (817) 595-0800
1113 W. Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053

Hobbytown USA (817) 581-1027
746 Grapevine Hwy
Hurst, TX 76054

Hobbytown USA (972) 315-3700
500 E. Round Grove Rd
Lewisville, TX 75067

Wild Bill's Hobbytown USA (972) 438-9224
535 E Shady Grove Rd
Irving, TX 75060



Division 1 would like to Thank Discount Model Trains for their support !

Check with your local hobby shops for their store hours. Most are now open.

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Effective March 31, 2020, in accordance with the policy adopted by the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) at its board meeting on March 7, 2020, Division 1 of the Lone Star Region of the NMRA, commonly known as the “Cowcatcher Division”, will require anyone under the age of 18, wishing to attend any division event, to be personally escorted by their parent or legal guardian. Additionally, the parent or legal guardian must sign a current document stating that they will remain in visual contact with their minor at all times.