

# Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



## Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Zoom meeting, Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - at the club or at your home. **Clinics:** Using Right-of-Way Signs (Paul Buhrke) and Laying Backwoods Track (Rich Mossholder).

[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

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



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

### Meeting Agenda

- Announcements, Awards, Show & Tell and Q&A
- Using Right-of-Way Signs with Paul Buhrke and Laying Backwoods Track by Rich Mossholder
- TWMRC open run



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## Director's Report

November already! Has this year flown by or what? It seems like yesterday we were changing the calendar to 2021. Let me be one of the first to wish you and your family a fantastic holiday season!!

I'd also like to be one of the first to congratulate

Dr. Michael Ross in achieving his Master Model Railroader certificate in the NMRA achievement program. Please join me in acknowledging this accomplishment the next time you see Dr. Ross. Dr. Ross becomes just the ninth member of Division 1 to earn his MMR.

It's with sadness that I share that a valued member of our division, Mike Corley, will be moving to Georgia this month. Mike has been a stalwart of Division 1 for decades. He has served as president of the Texas Western Model Railroad Club, as well as handling the duties of webmaster for the club and the division for the past several years. He has also managed the electronic communication for the division for the last 5 years. We will no doubt miss seeing him and his smile at our activities. Mike's sense of humor and insight have made him irreplaceable. Best of luck Mike. Please keep in touch.

And with that, the division needs your help! Since Mike is moving, we need a couple of members to help us with our website. Mike has already done all of the heavy lifting, so we need someone to step up and help us with minor updates and small changes. I've reached out before, but obviously this is a much more urgent plea. If you have past experience working on websites, please answer our call and contact me so we can continue to have one of the best divisional websites in the entire organization. Thanks in advance for your help! I feel certain we have someone within our ranks who can fill this role with ease. Your help is appreciated.

Keep your calendar open for December 11th. That's the date for our annual Christmas party and Awards banquet. The festivities start at 6pm and will be held at the Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center. The address of the Center is 6901 Wichita St. in Forest Hill. We will have our party in lieu of our monthly meeting. Guests and spouses are absolutely invited. We will arrive 6:00pm 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 has done a great job organizing the Pot Luck Dinner via the Perfect Pot Luck web application. You should have received an email asking you to go online and sign up for the food item you are bringing to the dinner. Additionally, please bring a wrapped gift with a value of around \$25.00 for the round robin gift exchange. It doesn't

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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. We will also have some great door prizes again this year so don’t miss out.

This month we have a couple of great clinics in store for you at our meeting. Rich Mossholder from the Pacific Central Region will be teaching us how to lay backwoods track and Paul Burke, MMR will be sharing information about trackside signs on the railroad. Paul is a retired conductor from Amtrak and, as you can imagine, his knowledge on this topic is significant. Take your railroad to the next level by adding yard limit, control point and various other signs after this super clinic.

Keep training!

## Treasurer's Report

As of November 1st, the Division has \$4242.09 in its bank account.

Dick Brannan

Treasurer

Cowcatcher Division

## This month's clinic:

### *Using Right-of-Way Signs, and Laying Backwoods Track.*

The November Clinic will be full of useful tips for modeling optimum layouts.

Paul Buhrke will help you navigate your Model Railroad by using Right-of-Way signs just like the highway system uses. Paul got his start in model railroading so early, he was teething on his crib while watching the DL&W electrics pass by his apartment window in New Jersey. There are pictures from 1958 of Paul operating an O27 layout built by his dad in Illinois. Years later, Paul switched to HO (sorry Dad!). Over the ensuing years, Paul modelled in Hon3, HO, Sn3, On2 and now in HOn3. The real thrill for Paul was in 1980. He was hired by Seaboard Coast line as a Trainman/Conductor. In 1989 he was called up by AMTRAK and after a total of 33 years, he retired. Yes indeed, he got paid to play trains for a very long time. Paul has used and depended on a lot of “Right Away” signs. Don’t miss the opportunity to learn what he knows about them.

Rich Mossholder (Mossy) will be describing his technique for laying backwoods tracks. Mossy is from Santa Rosa, California. He has been modeling railroads since he was four. He has built several layouts in scales ranging from N to O. He has been a member of the North Coast Narrow Gaugers HOn3 modular club since 2004. He is currently building his HOn3 empire in his basement. After looking at the progress of it at [www.silvertonguesouthern.com](http://www.silvertonguesouthern.com), you will want to be sure to hear his tips.

Respectfully,

Cole Rash

Program Manager

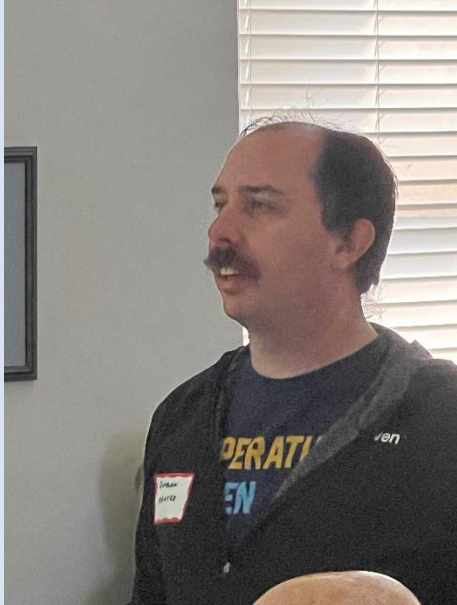
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## Hi-lights



New member Donavan Pantke



New member Cameron Pantke



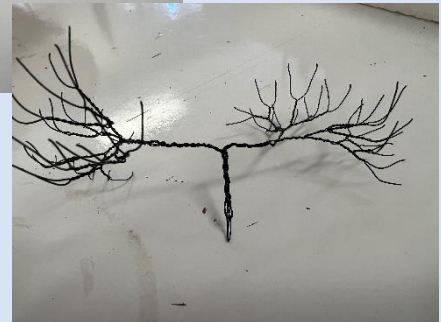
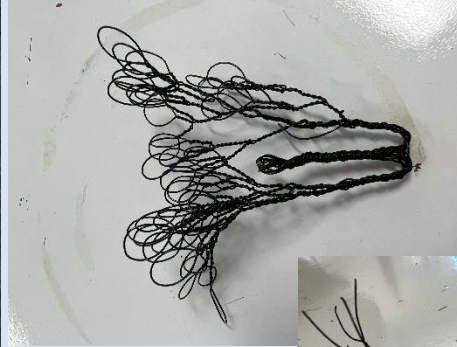
David Crumpton receives "Model Railroad Engineer – Civil" certificate

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At Left – Cole Rash’s “Texas Pine Trees” clinic.  
Center– Wire twisting branches.



Below – Finished flat cars from the “Flat Car” clinic.



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## November 2021

13<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm

[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

15<sup>th</sup> – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm,

\*\*\* new website\*\*\*

<https://www.cmrrc.net>

20<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday

27<sup>th</sup> – NMRAx 1pm - 5pm

## December 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> – 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](http://www.twmrc.org)

3<sup>rd</sup> – 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](mailto:westsidelumberco@gmail.com)

11<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Christmas Party, 6pm

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

18<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday

[www.trinityriverdivision.org](http://www.trinityriverdivision.org)

18<sup>th</sup> – NMRAx 1pm - 5pm



## DIVISION ONE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

6:00pm

Forest Hill Community Center

6901 Wichita St

Forest Hill, TX 76140

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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](mailto: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](mailto:bradyprrm1a@cableone.net) 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 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

### Division 1 Sponsor

#### Discount Model Trains

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Addison, TX 75001  
972-931-8135



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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.