

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Zoom meeting, Saturday, May 8th, 2021. At the club or at your home. **2 Clinics:** "Giving Your Railroad a Purpose" presented by Duane Richardson & "Making Water" with Cole Rash

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IN PERSON MEETINGS RESUME!

May's meeting returns to the Texas Western Model RR Club. The meeting will also be available via zoom.



50 years ago –Amtrak train service begins

TWMRC is located at 6808 Forest Hill Drive, Forest Hill, Texas 76140.

Look for the upcoming email with the link for the zoom conference from Mike Mackey.

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Director's Report

Howdy Ya'!!!

It's a fantastic month this month because we are going to get a little closer back to normal. What do you say to resuming face-to-face meetings? That's right! Our May meeting will be held at the Texas Western Clubhouse in Forest Hill and I'm looking forward to a record attendance. It's going to be great to see everyone again. Don't worry, for those who can't make the meeting in person, we are still going to have our live broadcast on Zoom. Watch your email for the monthly meeting announcement and the link to the online meeting. As an additional note, we will continue to broadcast our meetings from now on each and every month with the exception of our annual Christmas Party. (After that year when Darrell Cowles started dancing and singing on the top of the tables... well you know what I mean!)

Let's start with a bit of this month's information,... Congratulations to Gordy Robinson of the British Region for being elected President of the NMRA. I've known Gordy for a while now and having watched what he's done with the NMRAx program for the last year, I can't wait to see how his vision and leadership will steer our organization ahead in the coming years. Good luck Gordy!

I'd like to thank our own Clarence Zink for a superb clinic on mines. His experience and preparation were certainly obvious to those of us who watched his presentation. In case you missed it, the April meeting is now available on our YouTube channel via a link from our website at cowcatcherdivision.org.

This month, we have two clinics lined up. Duane Richardson will be presenting a clinic on "Giving Your Railroad a Purpose." He's got some great tips on tying your industries together for some interesting operations. Then, stay tuned for Cole Rash's clinic on "How Taxidermist Model Water." You might learn some new techniques. Oh wait, there's more! Luis Laur, of Daylight Sales in Sacramento, will stop by via Zoom to share a bit of information about his company and how easy it is to purchase Division 1 merchandise.

Last I mentioned starting on committee assignments for the national convention in 2023. If you'd like to help, and I know you want to, we now have two gentlemen who have taken charge of our volunteer list. Dennis Wright of Division 1 and Gerald Mabry of the Magnolia Division of the Southeast Region have stepped up to manage our volunteers. Even if you've told me that you want to help in the past, please contact either one of these guys directly! Dennis' email is dlwright5711@att.net and Gerald's email is elisdad1970@yahoo.com.



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Don't forget to register for the Tulsa Union Regional Convention. This promises to be a great convention. Visit www.2021tulsaunion.com for details.

Until next month, stay safe, stay healthy and...
Keep training!

Mike Mackey

Mike Mackey, MMR
Director, Cowcatcher Division

Treasurer's Report

Cowcatcher Division ended April with \$4655 in our primary checking account.

Also during the month, the division successfully filed with the Texas State Comptroller to maintain our tax-exempt status and with the IRS to maintain our non-profit status.

Dick Brannan

Cowcatcher Division Treasurer

Programs for May 8th, 2021

For the first time in over a year, members of the Cowcatcher Division will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face at 10:00am on Saturday, May 8th, at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club. To celebrate this reunion, we will have not one, but two presentations in May. Duane Richardson, MMR, will be returning from D3 to discuss "Giving Your Railroad a Purpose", tying in with last month's presentation by Clarence Fink, and Cole Rash will be giving a demonstration using a different technique on "Making Water".

Giving Your Railroad a Purpose with Duane Richardson, MMR

Every railroad is built for one purpose, to move goods from point A to point B. Even the simplest of products will require materials to make it, and a factory to make it in. If a company makes pallets, they will need wood and nails. Nails have to be made and wood has to be processed into useable dimensional lumber. Having a meat processing plant is not as simple as just having cattle coming in and meat going out. There are multiple products and biproducts involved that need to be delivered and then sent out.

In the "Giving Your Railroad a Purpose" clinic we will talk about how just one simple type of product leads to train movements from various suppliers and industries to create a finished product. If you are planning to setup your layout for operations, then this is the clinic for you. Giving thought to what type of products a business will need coming in and what they will have going out will determine what types of cars and kind of car movement will be needed. A little planning and maybe even a little research can make your railroad a busy place where a car may move from one industry to another along the manufacturing chain before it takes the finished product to its final destination.

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(Programs for May 8th, 2021 continued)

Making Water with Cole Rash

Cole Rash is the owner of Orion Taxidermy and Safari Studio in Cleburne, TX. Taxidermy, for Cole, is the artistic culmination of many interests including railroad modeling, sculpting, nature, and wildlife. Cole has been exploring in design and creation, with mixed medias for as long as he can remember. Beginning with paints and clay, he later directed his focus on sculpting and nature, creating complex dioramas before graduating high school.

Cole studied Wildlife Biology, at Tarleton State University before deciding to integrate his artistic interest with his knowledge of animal anatomy and their habitats. After completing training at Central Texas School of Taxidermy, Cole worked for Jonas Brothers, one of the largest commercial taxidermy studios in the world, located in Colorado. This experience influenced Cole to broaden his enthusiasm for recreating Natural habitats that are an intricate part of taxidermy design.

Water is often used in wildlife habitats, as well as model train layouts. Water can be created in various forms, using different techniques and products to fit an array of scenery. Cole will expose some ideas for products and techniques, to help reduce the apprehension of incorporating water scenes in your model layouts. With so many different options to create water scenes out there, you will not want to miss this clinic.

Looking forward to being able to see everyone in person, and to share the information from these two informational programs.

Respectfully,

LocoJo

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Resumption of Face-to-Face Meetings!

Beginning on May 8th, 2021, The Cowcatcher Division will be resuming face to face meetings at the

Texas Western Model Railroad Club

6808 Forest Hill Dr

Forest Hill, TX

Members are encouraged to wear face coverings, but there is no requirement. Please use your own discretion.

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Saturday, June 26, 2021
9:00 AM-6:00 PM

Forest Hill Civic Center
6901 Wichita Street
Forest Hill, TX

You are Cordially Invited to the First Ever Red River Railway Prototype Modelers Meet

For the modelers who recreate the prototype

Bring your favorite railroad models to display

Admission \$20

Craftsman Displays, Manufacturers
& Clinics

- Manufacturing Technology; How it impacts Model Railroaders – Brian Wood
- Head End Cars and Mail Train – Jim Ogden
- The BNSF Lakeside Sub; The Prototype and the Model – Dave Oppedisano

Presented by the Texas Railway Modeling & Historical Society

redriverrpm.org

Facebook: Red River Railway Prototype Modelers Meet

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John 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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May 2021

8th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division Zoom meeting.

10:00am – 12:00pm

www.cowcatcherdivision.org

11th - Denton Area Model Railroad Club meeting.

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/damrrc/>

15th - NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting,

Virtual Meetings Continue
10 am - 1 pm, Saturday

www.trinityriverdivision.org

17th - Cowtown Model RR

Club General Meeting,
Handley Center, 3024
Forest Avenue, Ft Worth,
TX 76112, 7 pm - 9 pm,

<http://cmrrc.net/>

22nd – NMRAx 3:00pm to 12:00am CDT

[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/nmraxgroup/)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nmraxgroup/>

[youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw-7-1FWB5zQgTMOZVY-Yw)

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June 2021

3rd - TWMRC Business Meeting

7 pm - 9 pm

6808 Forest Hill Dr

Forest Hill, TX 76140

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

Make plans for October 6-10, 2021 for the Tulsa Union Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma

<http://www.2021tulsaunion.com>



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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://cmrc.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: bradyprmm1a@cableone.net or contact: Stan Schwartz, Email: ss124@sbcglobal.net for dates and times.
1/48 12X41 It/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

Hours: M-Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM



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

Hobbytown USA
746 Grapevine Hwy
Hurst, TX 76054

Hobby World
5658 Westcreek Dr. Ste. #500
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Model Train Crossing
1113 W. Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053

Hobbytown USA
500 E. Round Grove Rd
Lewisville, TX 75067

Wild Bill's Hobbytown USA
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.