

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 ZOOM Meeting, Saturday, January 9th, 2021. From the comfort of your home. **Program: Mainline Modeling In A Small Space.**
By Greg McComas

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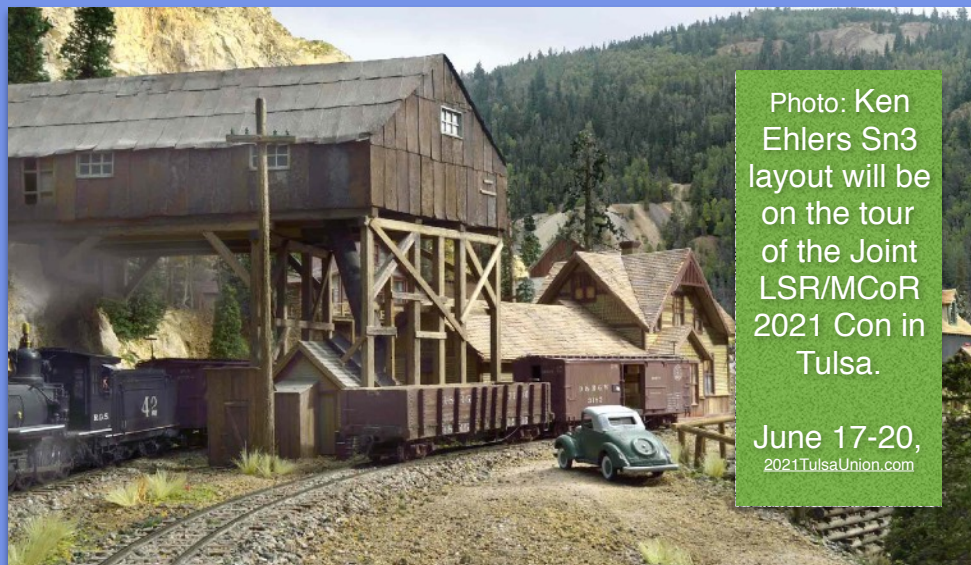


Photo: Ken Ehlers Sn3 layout will be on the tour of the Joint LSR/MCoR 2021 Con in Tulsa.

June 17-20,
2021TulsaUnion.com



PLANO TRAIN SHOW TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR!

We can use your help to man the nmra D1 & D3 Booth in Plano on Sat.-Sun., Jan. 16-17, 2021.

**To volunteer Contact D3's Betty Mitchell: bettydmitchell2@gmail.com

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Director's Report



Thanks to our wonderful friends in Wuhan, China, the COVID pandemic continues to impact not only the activities of Division 1, but our lives in general. While we had planned on having our annual Christmas Party in December, that had to be cancelled. Our "Make and Take" Flat Car Clinic has officially now been delayed for over a year. As of now, we are placing it on the schedule for May of this year with hopes that we can resume face to face meetings then. Here's to anticipating that the vaccine is as successful as we all want it to be.

It appears that yours truly will be serving at least two more years as division director since there was no other candidate on the ballot when it was announced last month. Let me state that the success of our division resides in the group of members who fill all of the roles on the management team. I know of no other division, in the entirety of the NMRA, which has a full slate of managers, in so many different assigned jobs, complete with backups! We have an extraordinary situation in Division 1 and I'm grateful for all of the help and support.

We currently have our 2021 meeting/clinic schedule filled and are working on 2022. Our topics for our meetings for 2021 are as follows:

January	Greg McComas	Mainline Modeling in a Small Space
February	Pete Steinmetz	What is Dead Rail?
March	Bruce Petrarca	Answering your DCC Questions
April	Clarence Zink	Mining Operations on Your Railroad (It's not just Coal)
May	Duane Richardson	Giving Your Railroad a Purpose
June		Summer Cookout and Social
July	Duane Richardson	Flat Car Make and Take Part 1
August	Duane Richardson	Flat Car Make and Take Part 2
September	John Lowrance	Signs for your Railroad
October	Jeff Palmer	Roads for your Layout
November	Rich Mossholder	Modeling Deserted Track
December		Christmas Part and Awards Banquet

One of the positives coming out of the COVID pandemic is the fact that our division is now set up to broadcast our meetings even when we resume face to face meetings. Our plan is to continue using Zoom and record our meetings, and, after editing, upload our meetings to the division YouTube Channel. This also allows us to continue the practice of bringing in clinicians from around the globe to give us a wide variety of information on a vast array of subjects.

On a side note, our Zoom license currently offers us the opportunity to have up to 100 individuals attend the live meeting as it is happening. We've typically hosted about 35-45 on any single meeting. Based on that, we have extended invitations to Divisions 2 and 5 respectively. I'm happy to report that we normally have about half of Division 5 join us during our meetings. We are pleased to welcome them and hope that both divisions enjoy interacting with us each month.

Until next time...

Keep Training,
Mike Mackey

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Programs /
Clinics

Cowcatcher Division 1 Zoom
Program for Jan. 9th, 2020

Program Overview
Mainline Modeling in a Small Space, by Greg McComas

Joe Leising

Cowcatcher Division 1 Program Manager



The Tulsa Union
Convention

2021 Midcontinent &
Lone Star Region NMRA

June 17-20, 2021
Embassy Suites
3332 S. 79th East Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74145

King Room-\$106.00/
Double Room-\$111.00

The 2021 Tulsa Union
Con is the joint production of
the Mid-Continent and Lone
Star Regions, NMRA.

*Operating Sessions,
*Layout tours, *clinics,
*contest room and

2021TulsaUnion.com



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From the Editor's WorkBench

By Chris Galvin



he Texas Western Track Gang Part 3

Our scenery crew at the TWMRC has spent the latter months of the year painting and detailing the rails and ties on our 53" level. Ballasting has begun in and around the Tower 55 area and in our S. Ft Worth, MKT Ney yard tracks.

Our track gang goals for 2021 are too scenic all of Tower 55 and then work our way thru out the 53" level. Turning the club pink foam into dirt, grassy area's, gravel and adding gully's, culverts, grade crossings and some structures will move us closer to operations and move in the direction of progressing to the 28".

Jay Waters is building a model of the GM auto plant in the Arlington area. He is being assisted by Mike Mackey's laser printing of the windows and doors for the plant. The rest of the brick walls, siding, roofing is scratch built in styrene and using gator board to reinforce the structure throughout.

We hope you'll give us a visit sometime later in the year in person to see our progress once things with the virus calm down. Cross our fingers!

Chris Galvin,

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Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2021

Cowcatcher Division starts the New Year with \$4643.67 in our checking account

Dick Brannan

Cowcatcher Division 1 Treasurer



Now's the Time!

There's NEVER been a better time, to take the time, to fill out your paperwork for the certificates you have earned in the NMRA Achievement Program! You've done the work, so receive the certificate.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your division director, Mike Mackey, MMR at director@cowcatcherdivision.org or your regional AP chairman, Duane Richardson, MMR at pinecreekstation@verizon.net.

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Calendar of Events & Train Shows



January 2021

7th – 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, Masks are required, Thurs.
www.twmrc.org

7th – Virtual ZOOM Youth In Model Railroading Meeting will take place on Saturday, Jan. 9th 9AM, (mountain time) * The group is actively looking for a new director to carry on this group, if interested please contact John Skiba: westsidelumberco@gmail.com
Meeting ID: 892 6127 5900
Passcode: 054354

9th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, Virtual Zoom Meeting. 10 am – 1pm, Program: Greg McComas, Saturday
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

16th – NO NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting due to train show conflict. Virtual Meetings Continue next month. 10 am – 1 pm, Saturday
www.trinityriverdivision.org

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

February 2021

13th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 ZOOM, Saturday, Program: What Is Dead Rail by Pete Steinmetz
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

Austin Area Train Show

Aug. 28-29, 2021

Sat. 10 A - 6 P
Sun. 10 A - 4 P

\$8.

austintrainshow.org

NW Arkansas Model Train & Memorabilia Show

Feb. 27th, 2021

Sat. 9A - 4P

\$8.

Benton Cty Fair Grounds
I-49 exit 85 Hwy 12 W
Bentonville, AR

sugarcreekrailroadclub.com

MLK Day

Jan. 18, 2021



36th Annual Dallas Area Train Show

Jan. 16-17, 2021

Sat. 10 a - 5 p
Sun. 10 a - 4 p

Plano Centre
2000 E. Spring
Creek Pkwy
Plano, 75074

Adults: \$10.00
Children 12 & Under:
Free

dfwtrainshow.com

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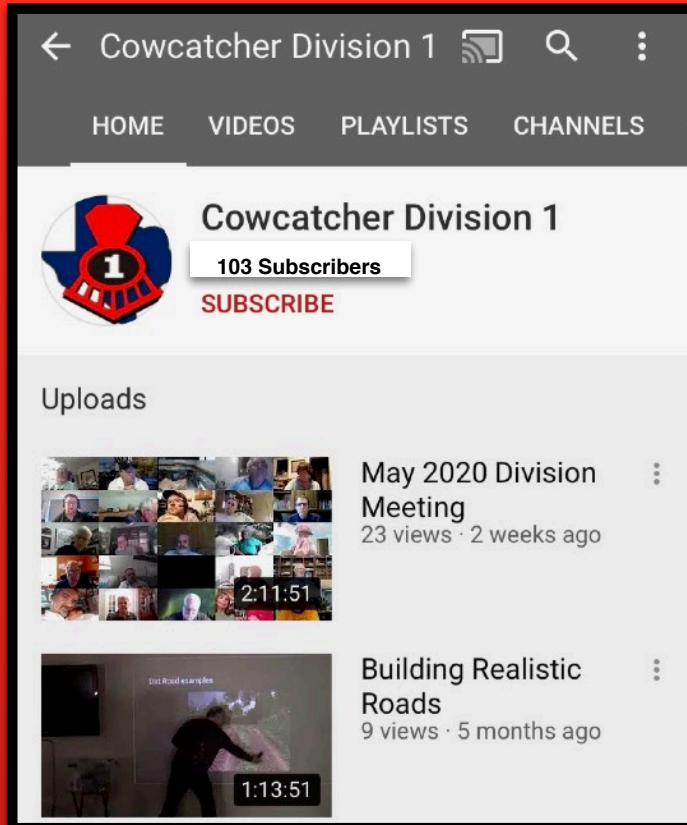
*2020 Service and Achievement
NMRA LSR Cowcatcher Division Awards*



This is the Inaugural award honoring the legacy of Leo Palitti. This will be a annual award going forward from this point on. Leo passed away in July of 2020 after a long illness. The Leo Palitti Award for 2020 goes to Dr. Michael Ross, retired physician and O-Scale modeler from Fort Worth. Dr. Ross is close to completing his MMR and he has been our Membership Chairman. His home layout is a must see in the DFW area.

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The Division needs YOU to Subscribe and Follow the **Cowcatcher Division 1** YouTube Channel. It's Full of clinics from our NMRA Division 1 Monthly Meetings including our recent ZOOM meets, as well as past clinics from our Depot Build to Scenery Made Easy Tips and Tricks.

If you would Please take a minute to do the following:

1. Click this Link
www.cowcatcherdivision.org
2. Click on our YouTube channel link on the navigation bar.
3. Click the Subscribe Button on the channel.

It's that Easy!!



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COVID
CORONAVIRUS
DISEASE
19

SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

Symptoms* can include

FEVER



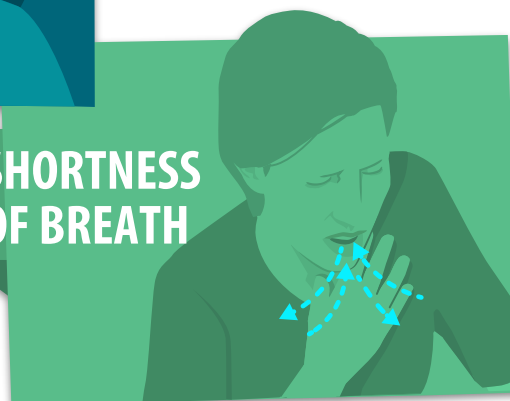
COUGH



*Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

SHORTNESS OF BREATH



CS 315252-A 03/03/2020

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms

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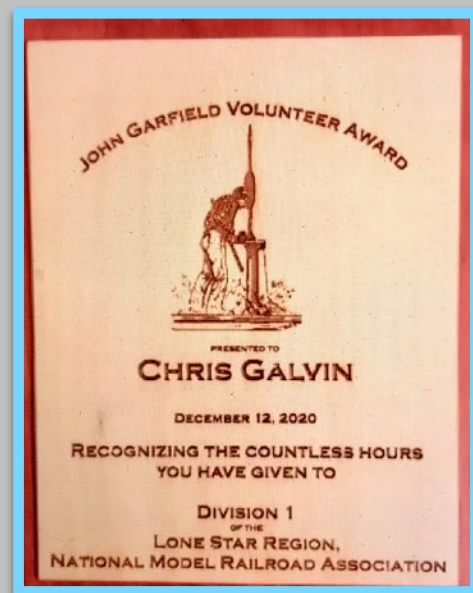


Service & Volunteer Awards 2019-20

PHOTO'S show our division service awards announced at the December 2020 D1 Zoom Meeting.



2020 Jim Norwood Memorial Award
David Crumpton



2020 John Garfield Volunteer Award
Chris Galvin



2019 John Garfield Volunteer Award
Joe Leising

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Area Model Railroad Clubs/News

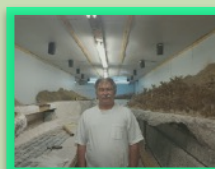
Cowtown Model Railroad Club

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 or
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 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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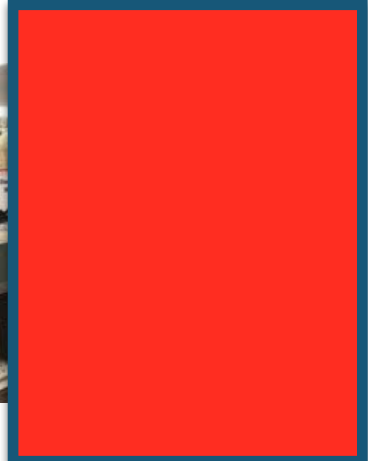
Discount Model Trains

4641 Ratliff Lane

Addison, TX 75001

972-931-8135

Hours: M-Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM



Angelo Hobbies
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 / **New Owner**
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 !

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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.

Mike Mackey
Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

