



# Whistle



## COWCATCHER DIVISION

DIVISION ONE OF THE LONE STAR NMRA REGION

November 2022

## From Dream to Reality

With Gary Ray



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November's meeting will be 10am on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Western Model RR Club and via zoom.

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

See Mike Mackey's email for the zoom link

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## Director's Report

November is in full swing and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. If you're like me, the weight I've lost over the summer is in extreme danger of being "found" over the next few weeks! I'll wish you luck in keeping your waistline intact if you'll do the same for me!

Special thanks to Erik Lewis from the Union Pacific Railroad for an OUTSTANDING program last month. So many in attendance had so many questions that Erik simply couldn't cover everything in his presentation. Not to worry..., we've got Erik scheduled to return next spring for a follow up presentation. If you missed this top notch clinic you can see it online on the division YouTube channel anytime you'd like.

We had another super turnout last month as far as attendance goes. Final numbers tallied just shy of 50. I have no doubt we are going to break 60 really soon.

Our annual Christmas party is just a few weeks from now. As you know, the party takes the place of our December regular meeting. Watch for the party information coming from Trapper via Evite. The party starts at 6:30pm on December 10th. The location will be the Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center. The address is 6808 Wichita Street, Forest Hill, Texas, 76140. We will have door prizes, our usual potluck dinner and the ever popular gift exchange. Start planning now for your great gift of around \$25.00 to swap with others.

This month's meeting will be another in a long line of terrific get-togethers. In addition to our usual updates, show and tells and how tos, Gary Ray will talk to us about layout design ideas.

Don't forget to bring your current project, finished or not, for show and tell, anything that's currently giving you problems that you need help with and a friend who's not attending our meetings regularly this Saturday. We want to break our attendance record if we can!



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## *Bring a friend to the meeting!*

Keep training!

Mike Mackey, MMR

Director, Cowcatcher Division

### *Treasurer's Report*

Cowcatcher Division currently has \$2026.43 in its checking account.

Dick Brannan

Cowcatcher Division Treasurer

## The Dining Car (From November 2019 Whistle)

French Toast A La Santa Fe perfected by Fred Harvey in 1918 for the Santa Fe Railroad.

The Fred Harvey recipe was reputed to be the best of all the railroad French toast recipes. Although it looks terrific to me, you'll need to be the judge.

### Ingredients

- 2 thick slices white bread (Texas Toast will do just fine)
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup light cream
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup cooking oil

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. You'll need a 12" skillet for frying the toast, a baking sheet, small mixing bowl, and a whisk. Heat the cooking oil on high in the 12 inch cast iron skillet. Cut bread slices diagonally into triangles. In a small bowl, combine eggs, cream, and salt and beat well. Soak bread in the egg mixture until fully saturated. Fry the slices in the hot oil for about two minutes per side or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Transfer to the baking sheet and bake for 4-6 minutes. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and top with cinnamon and apple sauce, jelly, or maple syrup. This being Texas, a side of grilled ham or sausage will make this dish unbeatable.

This recipe makes two servings.

Mike Corley

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November's Clinic

## From Dream to Reality

By Gary Ray

Gary is a retired elementary school teacher and has taught grades K through 5. His love of railroads started at age 5 when his parents enrolled him in a private kindergarten in Tucson, Az. Gary loved watching the train set they had at school. Growing up in Los Angeles in the 1950's, he enjoyed seeing trains at Travel Town Museum and the scale railroad at the Pomona fairgrounds. Of course, riding trains at Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland were special treats. About the same time in 1955 Gary had his name drawn to appear on the Engineer Bill children's show in L.A. The studio sent a model to him to build to run on the set's layout.

Gary has had several Layouts in his life: a fold down American Flyer his dad built, a Tyco and Mantua layout in 1956, a large 28'x32' railroad with an 8 loop helix (not completed to functional level), a large 24'x60' mushroom layout with 550' of mainline that eventually had an operating crew of around 10 circa 1984 and is now building a layout at his home in Azle, TX.

He has been an NMRA member for around 40 years and a member of the LDSIG and OPSIG almost from the beginning. He created and edited the quarterly 30 page PCR Sierra Division newsletter for 5 years and served as Contest Chair for about 10 years. His other hobby is photography and won Best of Show at the 2019 PCR convention.

Cole Rash  
Program Manager

## Take steps towards earning your Author AP certificate...

If you are looking for author points for your achievement certificate, then next time you are at something like the Plano Train Show take some pictures and do a brief write up of the event. (I can always use submissions for the Whistle). Anything related to trains is an acceptable topic – prototype or the smaller ones.

Steve Benezra's two Rules:

#1 Take good quality photos

(any smartphone is fine these days)

#2 Don't write anything negative

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## November 2022

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

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

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

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

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

<https://www.cmrrc.net>

## December 2022

1<sup>st</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)

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

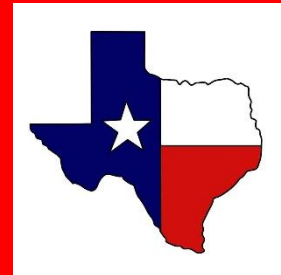
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## DALLAS AREA TRAIN SHOW

JANUARY 21-22, 2023

Plano Event Center

2000 East Spring Creek Parkway

Plano, TX 75074

## Regional Train Shows

Plano January 21 & 22, 2023

<http://www.dfwtrainshows.com>

Greater Houston February 18, 2023

<http://www.sanjacmodeltrains.org/GHTS.php>

Austin May 6 & 7, 2023

<https://austintrainshow.org>

Temple 2023

<http://centramodrr.com/train-show>

New Braunfels 2023

<http://newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org/nbrr/train-shows>

Oklahoma City 2023

<https://www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org/events/okc-train-show/>



## Greater Houston Train Show

February 18, 2023

Pasadena Convention Center

7902 Fairmont Parkway

Pasadena, TX 77504

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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://www.cmrrc.net>

### **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 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 FWR 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.

Visitor Hours: Tuesday & Saturdays 7 pm – 9 pm.

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.trinitytrak.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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## Angelo Hobbies

5600 Rufe Snow Drive Dr. #106  
North Richland Hills, TX 76180  
<http://angelohobbystrains.com>

(817) 428-0190



## Discount Model Trains

4641 Ratliff Lane  
Addison, TX 75001

(817) 428-0190



## Hobby World

5658 Westcreek Dr. Ste. #500  
Fort Worth, TX 76133  
<https://www.facebook.com/hobbyworldfw>

(817) 263-5750



## Model Train Crossing

1113 W. Pipeline Road  
Hurst, TX 76053

(817) 595-0800

<https://www.facebook.com/modeltraincrossin> (no "g" on the end)



## Hobbytown USA

746 Grapevine Hwy  
Hurst, TX 76054

(817) 581-1027

<https://www.hobbytown.com/hurst-tx/1123>



## Hobbytown USA

500 E. Round Grove Rd  
Lewisville, TX 75067

(972) 315-3700

<https://www.hobbytown.com/lewisville-tx/121>



## Wild Bill's Hobbytown USA

1112 W Arbroom Blvd, Ste 106  
Arlington, Texas 76015

(817) 538-5088

<https://www.hobbytown.com/arlington-tx/1183>



**Check with your local hobby shops for their store hours.**



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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.