



# Whistle



**COWCATCHER DIVISION**  
division one of the Lone Star nmra region

**December 2022**

## **Cowcatcher Division Christmas Party this month**



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Operating on Al Partlow's Texas & New Orleans Hearn subdivision for H.O.O.T.E.R.S.



**December's meeting will be 6:30pm on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> at the Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center:**

**6901 Wichita Street  
Forest Hill, Texas, 76140**

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## Director's Report

Well, this is my first Director's report and since this is end of the year, I want to take a moment to reflect upon all the wonderful things that have happened this past year and lay out some ideas that I think the division should be working on in 2023.



The division had two major themes for the year:

❖ "Helping You Make Your Model Railroading Dreams a Reality."

Cole Rash, the Division's Program Manager arranged a number of interesting programs to help you learn skills to make you a better modeler: "How to make Ground Goop and Tree Stumps" by Ed McGinley, "Using 2.5D CAD for Drawing Things for 3D Printing" by Dave Ackmann and having Jeff Palmer, MMR present "Roads of Different Types and Construction Techniques" All of these helped members improve their modeling skills,

❖ "If You Do Nothing, Expect Nothing as a Result!"

Programs such as, "The Colorado Model Railroad Museum" by Michelle Kempema and Steve Crise's presentation on Rod Steward's Layout stretched our imagination on what could be done with extraordinary resources while presentations on "Google Earth Pro and Sanborn Maps" by David Crumpton and "From Dream to Reality (Designing a Layout)" by Gary Ray introduced us to new planning and research techniques to achieve better results. In addition the Division sprinkled in a number of interesting prototype clinics such as "Fort Worth's Tower 55" by Ken Fitzgerald and "Different types of MOW Equipment" by Erik Lewis.

All of these activities helped the Cowcatcher Division to achieve some significant accomplishment. Among them are:

- ❖ Continue to grow our membership level and maintain a retention rate above the national level. Special thanks to Ken Kaiser, Dr. Mike Ross and David Crumpton
- ❖ Reinvigorated activity in the AP Program with the help of Duane Richardson.
- ❖ Continue to "raise the bar" for clinic subjects and clinicians

Going forward in 2023 I would, with everyone's help, put more emphasis on recruiting and retaining more members by formalizing a mentorship program and finding new non-traditional events to recruit, also to find additional ways to raise funds so that the Division is not totally dependent on the Plano Train Show.

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**A** couple of reminders for upcoming events:

First and foremost, our **Christmas Party** on December 10, 2022 at the Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center, 6901 Wichita Street, Forest Hill, Texas  
Saturday Starting at 6:30 PM

**TWMRC First Annual Open House** on December 17, 2022  
Texas Western Model Railroad Club  
6808 Forest Hill Drive, Forest Hill, Texas  
Sat. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
Bring Unwrapped Toy for Forest Hill Police and Fire Units to Distribute.

**Dallas Area Train Show** on January 21-22, 2023  
Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, Texas  
Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4

The next Cowcatcher Division Meeting will be January 14, 2023

**Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah!**

Dick Brannan  
Director, Cowcatcher Division

## *Treasurer's Report*

Currently the division has \$1865.20 in its checking account.

Dick Brannan  
Cowcatcher Division Treasurer

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## November Highlights



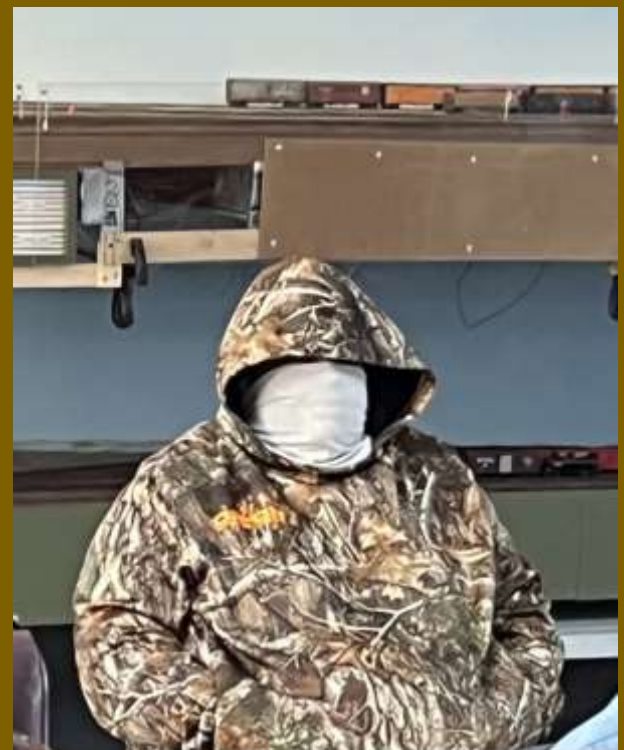
Dick Brannan's New River Coal Company



New member Bill



Tom Murnane



Incognito Man (Cole Rash)

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December 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> was the Houston Operators of Tiny Electric Rail Systems event. I operated on Steve Sandifer's ATSF Howard Branch on Friday. On Saturday, All Points North model RR club and Randall Wilson's SP Rabbit and on Sunday, Al Partlow's Texas & New Orleans Hearn Subdivision. You might know a few of these model railroaders.



Randall Wilson's SP Rabbit



All Points North



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December 2022

10<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star Christmas Party, 6:30 pm  
[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

17<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)

17<sup>th</sup> – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm,  
<https://www.cmrrc.net>

January 2023

5<sup>th</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)

14<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm  
[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

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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
<a href="http://www.dfwtrainshows.com">http://www.dfwtrainshows.com</a>	
Greater Houston	February 18, 2023
<a href="http://www.sanjacmodeltrains.org/GHTS.php">http://www.sanjacmodeltrains.org/GHTS.php</a>	
Austin	May 6 & 7, 2023
<a href="https://austintrainshow.org">https://austintrainshow.org</a>	
Temple	September 16 & 17, 2023
<a href="http://centramodrr.com/train-show">http://centramodrr.com/train-show</a>	
New Braunfels	2023
<a href="http://newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org/nbrr/train-shows">http://newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org/nbrr/train-shows</a>	
Oklahoma City	2023
<a href="https://www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org/events/okc-train-show/">https://www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org/events/okc-train-show/</a>	



## Greater Houston Train Show

February 18, 2023

Pasadena Convention Center

7902 Fairmont Parkway

Pasadena, TX 77504

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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@cablone.net](mailto:bradyprrm1a@cablone.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 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.  
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.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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**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 Arbrogk 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.