

# Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



## Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Zoom meeting, Saturday, February 12th, 2022 - at the club or at your home. **Clinics:**  
Realistically Paint 3D parts with Miniprints  
Bernard Hellen & Tree stumps for pennies with Ed McGinley

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

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

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



*The Beattles on a train to Washington D.C. – February 1964*

Mike Mackey has emailed the zoom information.

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### Meeting Agenda

- Announcements, Awards, Show & Tell and Q&A
- Bernard Hellen from Miniprints will present on 3D printing and Ed McGinley will present "Tree Stumps for Pennies"



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## Director's Report

Hello everyone! We've got several things to talk about so let's dive right in!

The Plano train show was a BIG success. Attendance was up significantly over the fall show. The NMRA booth signed up 8 new members for Division 1. If you see a new face, please introduce yourself and make these folks feel welcome.

The LSR held its mid-year board meeting in Temple on January 29th. Division 1 was well represented at the meeting with Director at Large Darrell Cowles, Regional Membership Chairman Ken Kaiser, LSR Convention Advisor Joe Leising and yours truly in attendance. The meeting ran from 1pm until 4pm and covered several topics which included:

1. The upcoming LSR Convention in May
2. Scheduling Conventions in years post 2023
3. The role of the LSR in leading education of members
4. Ratifying the Youth Award Nominees

Work is kicking into high gear on the 2023 International Convention. Individual Committees have begun holding meetings on their specific topics and the leadership team are doing a great job! Thanks to everyone for your help.

Our banner slogan for 2022 for D1 is "Helping You Make Your Model Railroading Dreams a Reality." Our focus this year will be to help you learn skills to make you a better modeler. I'm encouraging you to bring things to our meetings to show "what's on your workbench" as part of our monthly Show and Tell segment.

Our secondary theme this year is "If You Do Nothing, Expect Nothing as a Result!" In the NMRA, and for that matter in life, what you get out of something is directly proportional to what you put into it. Let's dig in and make D1 even better this year!

Believe it or not, D1 is just 13 members away from being the largest division in the Lone Star Region. Currently we have 181 members in our division. If just 10% of our membership brought a friend they knew to the organization as a new member, we would easily surpass Division 8 (Houston area) in total members. D8 has been the largest LSR division for as long as I can remember. The challenge is there and is within reach. Let's give it a shot!!

Great clinics this month. First up is Bernard Hellen of Mini Prints, a Canadian company that specializes in fine details that are 3D printed. Also, our own Ed McGinley will demonstrate how he make his ground goop and trees stumps for pennies. Both clinics should be outstanding!!

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See you Saturday.  
Keep training!

Mike Mackey, MMR  
Director, Cowcatcher Division

## This month's clinic:

*“How to Realistically Paint 3D Printed Parts” &  
“Tree Stumps for Pennies”*

Bernard is a member of the Western Ontario Division of NMRA Canada. He models the G&W Quebec Gatineau shortline railroad in HO scale from Montreal to Quebec City. He has always loved the scenery aspect of the model railroading hobby. Bernard has discovered extra time to model and has started a full-time model railroad business at <https://www.miniprints.com> selling 3D printed model railroad details. He lives in Toronto, Canada with his wife, two sons and two Field Spaniels.

This clinic is to help you get the most out of your resin 3D miniprints. 3D printing opens another world of modeling opportunities. These miniature parts can help you make unique scenes that transform your layout into something wonderful. Bernard will be sharing some painting techniques that will help you transform your 3D printed miniprints into miniature works of art.

Ed McGinley has been a model railroader from his earliest years. His father and grandfather were HO modelers. He grew up with both the Pennsylvania Railroad and Baltimore and Ohio. After moving to Texas, he fell in love with the underdog of Fort Worth - the MKT. Model railroading has been his stress relief during years of working as a paramedic and firefighter. Ed models primarily in HO scale but has dabbled in On30 with a freestyle modular group and with N scale T-Trak modules.

Ed will be presenting Tree Stumps for Pennies. When looking for tree stumps to model a logging area, he discovered how to make all the tree stumps he wanted for literally pennies a piece. Ed will be sharing his discovery as well as his method for extending Sculptamold® for scenery.

Respectfully,

Cole Rash

Program Manager  
Cowcatcher Division 1

## Treasurer's Report

As of the end of June the Cowcatcher Division has \$4309.04 in their checking account.

Dick Brannan

Treasurer  
Cowcatcher Division

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## Hi-Lights



Michelle Kempema – Colorado Model RR  
Museum



New Members Gary and Allen

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

12<sup>th</sup> – Houston Area Train Show

19<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)

19<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>

## March 2022

3<sup>rd</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)

4<sup>th</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)

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## HOUSTON AREA TRAIN SHOW

February 12, 2022

10am-4:30pm Saturday

Pasadena Convention Center

7902 Fairmont Pkwy, Pasadena, TX 77507

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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

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North Richland Hills, TX 76180

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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

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500 E. Round Grove Rd  
Lewisville, TX 75067

Wild Bill's Hobbytown USA (972) 438-9224  
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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.