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April's meeting will be Saturday, April 9th at The Texas Western Model RR Club and via zoom.



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

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Look for Mike Mackey's email for the zoom link.

Meeting Agenda

- Announcements, Awards, Show & Tell and Q&A
- Jeff Palmer "Roads of Different Types and Construction Techniques"



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Director's Report

Howdy everybody! Happy Easter! May you and your family recognize and celebrate the significance of the day we remember at this time of year.



I hope everyone enjoyed our March meeting.

We broke our previous month's attendance record and set a new mark of 65! Is that great or what? We encountered an unforeseen problem last month in that we actually ran out of chairs. Nice problem to have though. Not to worry... Our hosts of the Texas Western Model Railroad Club have already procured more seating, so we are ready to accommodate more attendees this month. Remember, bring a friend this month!! We want to keep the momentum going and set new records throughout this year!

As I mentioned last month, 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.

Also, 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!

In case you missed it, our clinic last month was presented by Dave Ackmann. Dave introduced us to a simple method to take away barriers to CAD drawing. I'd urge you to watch his clinic on the division YouTube channel to either learn, or refresh yourself, with his interesting techniques. Thanks again Dave for a great clinic!

This month Jeff Palmer, MMR will be sharing his knowledge and expertise on "Building Roads for Your Layout." Actually, this is an extension of a previous clinic that Jeff gave us a few months back. I know that many of you are touching up your personal and club layouts right now and this presentation might help you with that.

Be sure and mark your calendar for the meeting this Saturday at 10am.

Keep training!

Mike Mackey, MMR
Director, Cowcatcher Division

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Treasurer's Report

The Division entered April with \$2985.90 in our Checking account..

Dick Brannan

Treasurer
Cowcatcher Division

This month's clinics:

"Roads of Different Types and Construction Techniques" with Jeff Palmer

This month's clinic will address different road types that have been studied and modeled. Jeff will show actual, prototype photos of these several road types and explain the basics of what makes them up. He will describe the materials and tools needed to model the differing roads. It will be a clinic far removed from just painting a brown, gray, or black band for a road on a flat surface. The road types he will cover include:

- Dirt roads
- Gravel roads
- Black Top roads – Asphalt
- Concrete roads

Jeff Palmer retired after he spent 50 years developing software, and 25 years as a college professor. During that time, as now, he is a "modeler" meaning he loves to build structures, bridges, scenery, and locos. More specifically, his interest is in logging and mining, which by definition means, he likes narrow gauge. It's the free form and ruggedness that surrounds logging and mining railroads scenery and landscape.

Jeff is always on the lookout for new techniques, and tools that improve the hobby. Model railroading allows him to expand his skill set, work with his hands, and share with his friends, the things he has learned. Several of Jeff's modeling articles have been published in model railroad magazines. About 2 years ago, Jeff completed his MMR (Master Model Railroader) certificate from the NMRA. During that journey, he had the privilege of meeting many of the modelers he looked up to like Gil Freitag, Duane Richardson, Chuck Ellis, George Sellios, Marc LaChey, Dave Revelia, Dave Frary, Scott Mason, and others. His goal is to be recognized in this group of modelers someday.

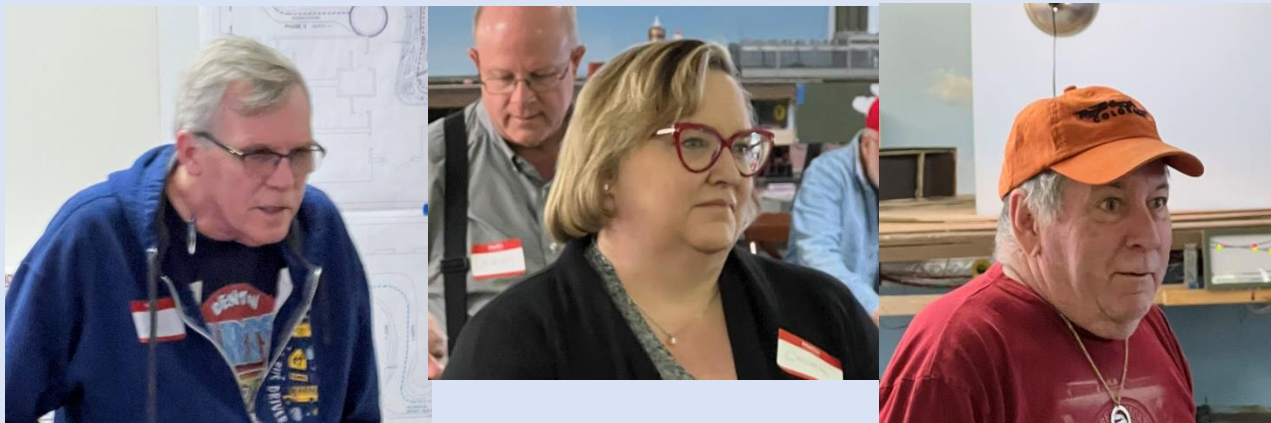
Respectfully,
Cole Rash
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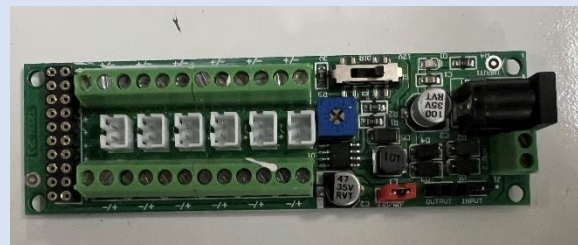
Hi-Lights



First Division 1 Meeting



2023 Convention Leadership Team



Show and Tell



Ken Fitzgerald-Photographer

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9th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

16th – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday
www.trinityriverdivision.org

16th – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm,
<https://www.cmrrc.net>

23rd – NMRAx

May 2022

5th – 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

5th -7th – LSR Convention
3303 N 3rd St,
Temple, TX 76501

14th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

21st – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday
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21st – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm,
<https://www.cmrrc.net>



Register today for the LSR2022 Convention in Temple, Texas

May 5th through May 7th 2022

At the Mayborn Convention Center

<https://LSR2022.org>

Regional Train Shows

New Braunfels April 9-10, 2022

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

Austin August 27-28, 2022

<https://austintrainshow.org>

Temple September 17 & 18, 2022

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

Plano October 2022, January 2023

<http://www.dfwtrainshows.com>

Oklahoma City December 2022

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

Greater Houston February 18, 2023

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



Gateway 2022

NMRA National Convention

Sun, August 07 — Sat, August 13, 2022

https://www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?previ ew&event_id=13724

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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 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@cablone.net 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 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.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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Area Hobby Shops

Angelo Hobbies

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

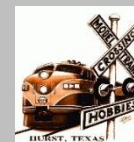


Model Train Crossing

1113 W. Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053
<https://www.facebook.com/modeltraincrossin>

(817) 595-0800

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Hobbytown USA

746 Grapevine Hwy
Hurst, TX 76054
<https://www.hobbytown.com/hurst-tx/1123>

(817) 581-1027



Hobbytown USA

500 E. Round Grove Rd
Lewisville, TX 75067
<https://www.hobbytown.com/lewisville-tx/121>

(972) 315-3700



Wild Bill's Hobbytown USA

535 E Shady Grove Rd
Irving, TX 75060
<https://www.hobbytown.com/irving-tx/1183>

(972) 438-9224



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.