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COWCATCHER DIVISION

Division One of The Lone Star Region of the NMRA

October 2023



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September's meeting will be 10am on Saturday the 9th at the Texas Western Model RR Club and via Zoom

**The address for TWMRC is:
6808 Forest Hill Dr.
Forest Hill, Texas
76140**

Directors Report

It is hard to believe but we have survived a long hot Texas summer and are now heading into fall with hopefully cooler temperatures. I want to thank David Grein for leading the September meeting in my absence. I understand it was very well attended and I have heard many favorable comments regarding Bob Frankrone's "Love those Loads" clinic.

We just finished the fall Plano Train Show, it seemed to be very busy and hopefully the final attendance figures will exceed last year's show. A special thanks to Russell and Deborah Gifford who coordinate the Division's show activities. Deborah also presented an excellent clinic on carving rocks from pink foam and painting them to represent the area you are modeling.

November is coming up and let's not forget it is National Model Railroad Month, a great time to promote the hobby and welcome visitors to the meetings. The Division, as a result of the 2023 Texas Express picked up a number of new members who may attend their first meeting in October, so let's be gracious hosts, answering their questions and showing them around.

This month's meeting will feature a "Make and Take" Loading Dock clinic. The clinic will require you to bring a modest amount of tools and adhesives to assemble the dock (a specific list of tools will be provided before the meeting) Duane, who is doing all the laser cutting of the dock will also provide a number of "Tips and Tricks " to further detail out your loading dock. This is an excellent chance to practice all the new modeling techniques you learned about at the National Convention.

Remember to ... Bring a Friend to the meeting!!

[Dick Brannan](#)

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Planning Ahead

The 2024 NMRA National Convention



Surfliner 2024 NMRA National Convention

August 4 - 11, 2024, Long Beach California



url: <https://surfliner2024.org/>

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October's Program

By Jim Ogden

We are doing something a little different this month with our Division 1 Program for October; this month we are doing a group build of a loading dock in various scales guided by our own Duane Richardson. If you signed up for this clinic, remember to bring adhesives and modeling tools for working with wood, and get ready to take something unique home that will complement your own model railroad.

Duane and his father were the first father-son MMR recipients, and it's hard to think of a position Duane has not held in the LSR. He has been a Director-at-large, Webmaster, Regional Contest Room Chairman, and for the last 8 years has been the LSR Achievement Programs Chairman. Duane still has the time to scratch build and embrace his passion for music.

He comes from a family of Frisco railroaders, but after a childhood visit to the DRGW narrow gauge, primarily models in HO_{n3}. His scratch building is phenomenal, and he has an uncanny knack of aging models to where they look like they are part of nature. You have probably seen his work in contests, in various NMRA publications, and in Narrow Gauge journals. This Division 1 program is a rare opportunity to model with the masters.

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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

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
www.trinityriverdivision.org

19th – Cowtown Model RR
Club General Meeting, Handley
Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft
Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm,
<https://www.cmrrc.net>

17th – **NMRax**

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Regional Train Shows

New Braunfels Train Show October 21-22, 2023

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

Oklahoma City November 4 & 5, 2023

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

Greater Houston November 18-19, 2023

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

Council Spring Show January 20-21, 2024

Plano Convention Center



Treasurer's Report

David Grein

September 1 - September 30, 2023

Opening balance	\$3049.06
Expenditures	-\$221.20
Income	+\$127.00
Ending balance	\$2954.86

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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**

Dallas/Fort Worth O Scale Club

Normally meets two Saturdays per month in Richardson. Contact: Brady McGuire, Tel: **903-868-2726**, Email: bradyprm1a@cableone.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

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>. **Check their website for the club offering of an MKT Auto rack in yellow with green lettering. The car is the first in their building fund efforts.**

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North Richland Hills, TX 76180
<http://angelohobbystrains.com>
- Discount Model Trains** (817) 428-0190
4641 Ratliff Lane
Addison, TX 75001
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1113 W. Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053
<https://www.facebook.com/modeltraincrossin> (no "g" on the end)
- Hobbytown USA** (817) 581-1027
746 Grapevine Hwy
Hurst, TX 76054
<https://www.hobbytown.com/hurst-tx/1123>
- Hobbytown USA** (972) 315-3700
500 E. Round Grove Rd
Lewisville, TX 75067
<https://www.hobbytown.com/lewisville-tx/121>
- Wild Bill's Hobbytown USA** (817) 538-5088
1112 W. Arbrogk Blvd
Arlington, TX 76015
<https://www.htudallastx.com/hobbytown-usa-arlington-store-location/>
*** note updated location info***

Check with your local hobby shops for their store hours.

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Anyone know these guys? Kenneth and Robert. They were helping a man with some 40-year-old Marklin and other European loc os his dad left him. Nicely done test track. Could use some Code 100 HO rail though as we found out with this vintage equipment.



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Nice job of weathering of an old box car. I believe this was on one of the HO layouts but I can't remember. Caught my eye.

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.