



The Whistle



COWCATCHER DIVISION

Division One of The Lone Star Region of the NMRA

November 2023



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November's meeting will be 10am on Saturday the 11th 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 Thanksgiving is around the corner and Christmas is right behind it. Let's be thankful for the wonderful "Make and Take Clinic", Duane Richardson, MMR, did for us at our October Meeting. Duane always does such a great job for our division. The loading dock should make a fine addition to our respective layouts.

Our November Clinic will be with Brian Barnt, who is a member of the NMRA 's Standards and Conformance Department . He will join us via Zoom and the topic will be the NMRA gauge. It should be a very interesting topic.

Speaking of clinics, Jim Ogden, Program Manager, has a strong line up of clinics for us next year. If there is a topic you are interested in and would dlike to present a clinic please see Jim or me.I want to make a special shout out to Chris Mahan. He is leading the effort for D1 in conjunction with D3 to build a partially assembled modular layout prior to the January Plano Train Show. He recently received approval from The North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs to add 2 tables adjacent to the NMRA booth for the layout. Then with the help of volunteers complete the layout demonstrating how to lay track, complete scenery, and build structures to finish out the layout as a teaching experience for the train show attendees. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the Train Show and a winner of the layout selected at the conclusion of the show. The Division picked up a number of new members from the National Convention. If you see a new face please welcome them, show them around and answer any questions they have.

Our annual Christmas party is coming up December 9th, please mark your calendars.

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

[Dick Brannan](#)

Director- Cowcatcher Division
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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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November's Program

By Jim Ogden

Our November 11 program will be via zoom and will be on the NMRA standards gauge that we all have in our toolboxes. The presenter will be Brian Barnt. I do know Brian is active in the live steam community. We are lucky to have him available, he ordinarily be at a meet this Saturday of the month

Topics will be:

- Interchange
- NMRA Standards
- The Great Simplification of 1959
- Engineering Limits
- Proto - Fine - Standard - Deep Flange
- Metal Gauges
- Versions
- Clearance Gauges (Plastic)
- RP-25 History

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4th – 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

11th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

18th – 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>

21st – NMRAX

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19th – NMRAX

Regional Train Shows

Greater Houston November 18-19, 2023
<http://www.sanjacmodeltrains.org/GHTS.php>

Council Train Show January 20-21, 2024



Treasurer's Report

David Grein

October 1 – October 31, 2023

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| Opening balance | \$3100.37 |
| Receipts | -\$301.00 |
| Expenditures | +\$991.00 |
| Ending balance | \$2410.37 |

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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 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.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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5600 Rufe Snow Drive Dr. #106
North Richland Hills, TX 76180
<http://angelohobbystrains.com>
- Discount Model Trains** (817) 428-0190
4641 Ratliff Lane
Addison, TX 75001
- Model Train Crossing** (817) 595-0800
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>
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*** note updated location info***

Check with your local hobby shops for their store hours.

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From the Editor

Folks, I had to travel on very short notice this past week and as a result I was not able to complete the full version of the Whistle. In future months we will endeavor to publish the newsletter a week earlier in the month. This should prevent life's emergencies from delaying your receipt of the Whistle. The pictures and stories from October will be added in the December edition.

Ed

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.