



# Whistle



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

**January 2023**

## Port of Galveston

By David Hager



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Battleship Texas currently being restored in Galveston dry docks on Pelican Island



January's meeting will be 10am on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Western Model RR Club and via zoom.

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

See Dick Brannan's email for the zoom link

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Cowcatcher Division 1

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## Director's Report

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the Cowcatcher Division and their families a Happy and Safe New Year..

We are kicking off the year with a great January meeting. Not only do we have an excellent program about the Port of Galveston presented by David Hager but also we are holding a raffle for 4 Standard Class tickets (2 Adults/2 Children) on the on the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. Here is your chance to ride behind a vintage locomotive through the backcountry wilderness of the San Juan Mountains of Southern Colorado. The package is a \$400 value and can be used during the 2023 season. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 each, 6 for \$25.00 and will be available at the meeting.

The Plano Train Show is coming up on January 21-22, 2023 and is extremely important to the Division as a fundraiser. Russell Gifford is looking for volunteers for "set up" and "take down" as well as staffing the NMRA Booth at the Show.

Our Christmas Party was quite a success despite the inclement weather. We had 66 people attending which set a new record. A good time was had by all and the "White Elephant" gift exchange produced many surprises. A special thanks to John "Trapper" Kirkpatrick for all his hard work and to the City of Forest Hills and Venus Wehle for her assistance.

Planning and preparations continue for 2023 Texas Express, the NMRA Convention and National Train Show at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, TX., which is now only 8 months away. Registration can be made at [www.2023texasexpress.com](http://www.2023texasexpress.com). Keep in mind early registration ensures priority for clinic sign-ups. If you are interested in volunteering please contact our Volunteer Coordinator David Crumpton, through the Convention Committee link on website.

Let's get 2023 off to a strong start and be sure to bring a friend to our meeting.

*Dick Brannan*

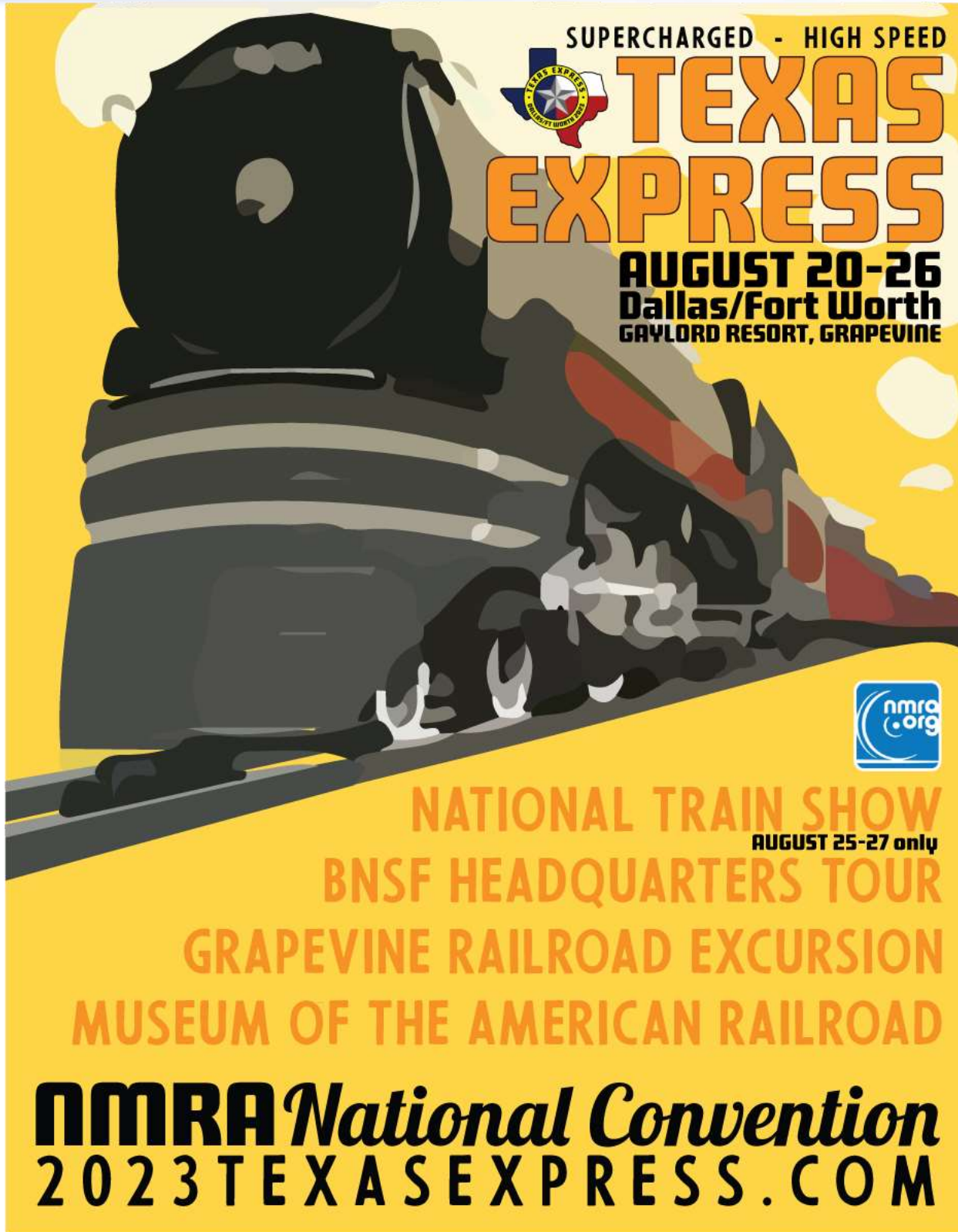
Dick Brannan

Director, Cowcatcher Division




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 **TEXAS EXPRESS**

**AUGUST 20-26**  
**Dallas/Fort Worth**  
GAYLORD RESORT, GRAPEVINE



**NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW**  
AUGUST 25-27 only

**BNSF HEADQUARTERS TOUR**

**GRAPEVINE RAILROAD EXCURSION**

**MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN RAILROAD**

**NMRA National Convention**  
**2023 TEXASEXPRESS.COM**

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## January's Clinic

### Port of Galveston Railroads

with David Hager

David got his first train set for Christmas at the age of 6. His grandfather worked for the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe based in Galveston, TX. His love of trains came from the many train trips he took with his grandmother - David and his brother rode free on the Santa Fe. David traveled to Galveston every summer as a boy and often spent time on the wharves eating seafood, watching wildlife, looking at ships and of course the trains.

David's career was in the automotive manufacturing industry performing R&D testing as well as preventing, diagnosing and correcting problems. He was the test engineer for the first anti-lock brake system (ITT Teves Brakes), the first auto-up window (Siemens electric motor) and the original power running board for the Lincoln Navigator and Ford Expedition (with Valeo electric motors).

David's presentation is on modeling the port of Galveston, TX. In his spare time, David enjoys reading, German Festivals and designing things which he often uses for his wife's homemade bath products.

Cole Rash  
Program Manager

### *Treasurer's Report*

As of January 1st , the Cowcatcher Division has \$1622.95 in its checking account.

Dick Brannan

Cowcatcher Division Treasurer

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Operations at Art Cunningham's Layout



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## January 2023

14<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm

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

21<sup>st</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)

21<sup>st</sup> – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm,

<https://www.cmrrc.net>

28<sup>th</sup> – NMRAx

## February 2023

2<sup>nd</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)

11<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm

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## Regional Train Shows

Plano January 21 & 22, 2023

<http://www.dfwtrainshows.com>

Greater Houston February 18, 2023

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

New Braunfels April 15 & 16, 2023

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

Austin May 6 & 7, 2023

<https://austintrainshow.org>

Temple September 16 & 17, 2023

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

Oklahoma City 2023

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



## DALLAS AREA

## TRAIN SHOW

JANUARY 21-22, 2023

Plano Event Center

2000 East Spring Creek Parkway

Plano, TX 75074



## Greater Houston Train Show

February 18, 2023

Pasadena Convention Center

7902 Fairmont Parkway

Pasadena, TX 77504



**TEXAS EXPRESS** AUGUST 20-26  
Dallas/Fort Worth  
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**NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW** CLINICS

August 25-27 Spencer Christian SIG ACTIVITIES

Guest Speaker: GAYLORD RESORT OPERATION SESSIONS

4-star Hotel and Water Park CONTEST AND DISPLAY

**BNSF HO TOUR** FREEMO-N OPERATIONS  
Dispatching Center and Intermodal Yard

**RAIL TOURS GENERAL INTEREST**

Texo Grain Mill George W Bush Library

Private Railcars Fort Worth Stockyards

TexRail Back Shop Grapevine Wine Tour

Texas State Railroad Sixth Floor Museum

Trinity Rail Car Plant Fort Worth Modern

BNSF Intermodal Yard Holocaust Museum

Six Flags Railroad Shop Kimbell Museum

Grapevine Vintage Railroad Globe Life Park

McKinney Ave Trolley Shops AT&T Stadium

Trinity Tank Car Cleaning Plant Dealey Plaza

BNSF National Operations Center

Museum of the American Railroad

BNSF Private Western Art Collection

T&P, Santa Fe, & Dallas Union Stations

Fort Worth & Western Railroad Back Shop

Union Pacific Dallas International Terminal

Light Rail & Commuter Shops (DART & TRE)

**NMRA National Convention**  
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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](mailto:bradyprrm1a@cableone.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 FWR 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>

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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  
<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.