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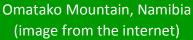
with Gert "Speed" Muller



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March'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 Drive Forest Hill, Texas 76140

See Dick Brannan's email for the zoom link!



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Director's Report

March is upon us and North Texas is rolling into spring. I want to wish everyone a Happy St Patrick's Day and extend a traditional Irish wish to you and your families; "May good fortune be yours, May your joys never end."

Last month we had a great clinic on signs presented by Duane Richardson, MMR. Thank you again Duane! If you missed it the video is available on the D1 YouTube channel on our website, www.cowcatcherdivision.org.



Grapevine Vintage RR

his month we have an equally exciting program on Arduinos, presented by Speed Muller. Arduinos are an easy way to add animation and make your layout "come alive". Again, very consistent with our themes for the year:

- Making your Model Railroading dreams a reality
- If you do nothing expect nothing as a result

If you haven't checked our website lately please do so, Cole Rash has put together an outstanding schedule of clinics with some nationally known model railroaders such as Joe Fugate and Joe Frankrone doing some clinics for D1 via Zoom.

Attendance figures are in for the recent Plano Train Show. The show was a huge success. Attendance figures were 4063 which is the largest paid attendance in 10 years. This attendance figure is double the attendance in fall of 2022. Thanks to all the D1 volunteers who helped make this happen.

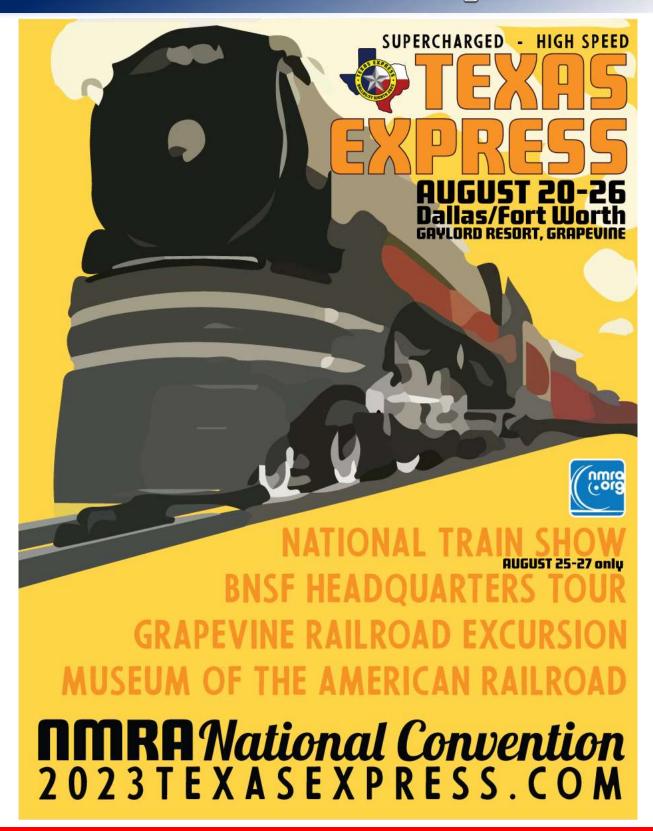
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Director, Cowcatcher Division



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March's Clinic

Rrrduino

with Speed Muller

Speed Muller, is just a guy from Namibia loving operating sessions and electronics and software and trains and lasers and 3D printers and let's stop there, but add embedded devices too.

The RRRduino clinic at Division 1 on Saturday, the 11th, will bring you from the very beginning to an LED turning on and off like a beacon, to a flickering light based on a light sensor and finally a weather vane on a roof moving in most of the directions you can, when living at the North Pole.



So bring your laptop loaded with the Arduino IDE, the Amazon kit you bought and a rooster, for the vane, in a very warm coat.

All the steps to prepare are documented in the new NMRA Interchange, inside a Thread in the LSR Division 1 Channel.

If you are just listening in the clinic, you can't sleep. Bring your laptop instead to follow along!

Cole Rash Program Manager

Treasurer's Report

The D1 balance as of 2/28 is \$3901.99.

David Grein

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March 2023

11th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm

www.cowcatcherdivision.org

18th - NMRA Lone Star Reion Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday www.trinityriverdivision.org

18th - Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm, https://www.cmrrc.net

April 2023

6th - 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

8th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm

www.cowcatcherdivision.org

15th - NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday

www.trinityriverdivision.org

15th - Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm, https://www.cmrrc.net

April 15 & 16, 2023



SIG ACTIVITIES LAYOUT TOURS **OPERATION SESSIONS** CONTEST AND DISPLAY FREEMO-N OPERATIONS

George W Bush Library



RAIL TOURS Texo Grain Mill Private Railcars TexRail Back Shop Texas State Railroad Trinity Rail Car Plant BNSF Intermodal Yard Six Flags Railroad Shop

Fort Worth Stockyards Grapevine Wine Tour Sixth Floor Museum Fort Worth Modern Holocost Museum Kimbell Museum Grapevine Vintage Railroad Gl McKinney Ave Trolley Shops A Trinity Tank Car Cleaning Plant BNSF National Operations Center Globe Life Park AT&T Stadium Dealey Plaza 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

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New Braunfels Train Show

April 15 & 16, 2023

New Braunfels Civic Center

375 South Castell Avenue New Braunfels, Texas 78130



http://www.dfwtrainshows.com

New Braunfels

Temple

Oklahoma City November 4 & 5, 2023

Regional Train Shows

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

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

Greater Houston 2024

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

Austin 2023 Train Show May 6 & 7, 2023

> **Palmer EventsCenter** 900 Barton Springs Road Austin, Texas

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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: **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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(817) 428-0190

5600 Rufe Snow Drive Dr. #106 North Richland Hills, TX 76180

http://angelohobbiestrains.com



Discount Model Trains

4641 Ratliff Lane

Addison, TX 75001

(817) 428-0190



Hobby World

(817) 263-5750

5658 Westcreek Dr. Ste. #500 Fort Worth, TX 76133

https://www.facebook.com/hobbyworldfw



Model Train Crossing

1113 W. Pipeline Road Hurst, TX 76053

https://www.facebook.com/modeltraincrossin (no "g" on the end)



Hobbytown USA

(817) 581-1027

(817) 595-0800

746 Grapevine Hwy Hurst, TX 76054

https://www.hobbytown.com/hurst-tx/l123



Hobbytown USA

(972) 315-3700

(972) 438-9224

500 E. Round Grove Rd Lewisville, TX 75067

https://www.hobbytown.com/lewisville-tx/l21



Wild Bill's Hobbytown USA

535 E Shady Grove Rd Irving, TX 75060

https://www.hobbytown.com/irving-tx/l183



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.