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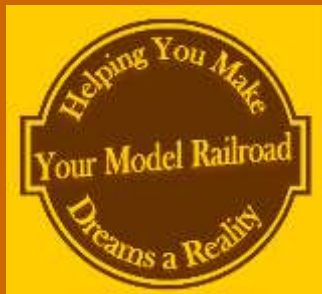


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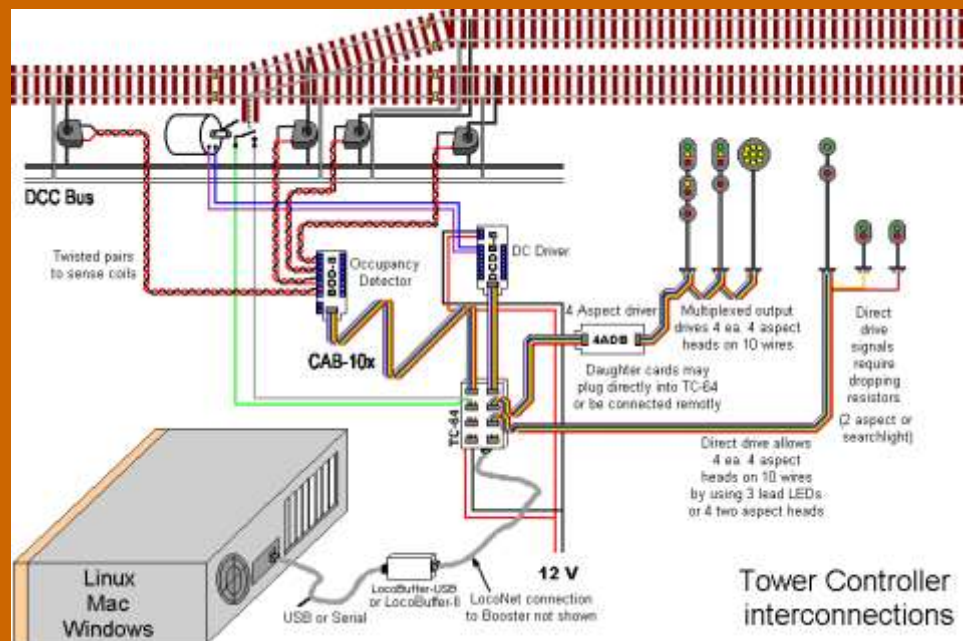
Tom Pearson

Wiring Your Layout for Peak Performance



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May's meeting will be 10am on Saturday the 13th 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

It is hard to believe but we are rolling quickly into summer and the 2023 Texas Express, the NMRA International convention is only 3 months away. The year is going by fast, so don't forget to register for the convention.



Image available on the internet

Last month we had a great clinic, "Make it Run like a Dream" presented by Joe Fugate and I am sure we all left the meeting with a number of ideas on how to make our railroad run better. The Cowcatcher Division gives Joe a "big thanks" for a very informative clinic.

Our previously scheduled clinic on weathering techniques has been delayed but division member Tom Pearson has stepped in and will present a clinic on "Wiring your Layout for Peak Performance."

I would like to announce Cole Rash has stepped down from his position as Program Manager and thank him for his service to the Division. Assuming the role as Program Manager is Jim Ogden who is looking forward to his new duties.

Last month, several Cowcatcher Division members were manning a NMRA booth at the 9th annual Train-A-Palooza model train show put on by the Lone Star Hi-Railers in the Grapevine Convention Center. Thank you Ken Kaiser and Joe Leising for your efforts.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this Saturday's meeting at 10:00 am and please bring a friend.

Regards,

Dick Brannan

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Director, Cowcatcher Division

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May's Clinic

Wiring Your Layout for Peak Performance

with Tom Pearson

Tom Pearson is a long-time model railroader and a 51-year member of the NMRA. He lived in central Texas from 1986 until 2014 and then moved to Benbrook (southwest of Fort Worth). He is embarrassed to say he hasn't completed the paperwork for anything in the Achievement program yet, but that will change soon. Tom will be presenting us a clinic covering a wide range of layout wiring topics: Shorts, Bad Connections, Missing Drops and Multiple Power Districts to name a few.

So, if you've ever dealt with any of these topics, then you'll want to be sure and attend this clinic. All of these and more will be covered, along with a Q & A on other wiring related issues.

Cole Rash
Program Manager

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance \$3808.24
Expenditures \$220.11
Receipts \$157.00
Ending balance \$3745.13

David Grein

David Grein.

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Hi-Lights



Russell's real cedar shingle roof



Darrell's Trees



Dr Ross's flatcar

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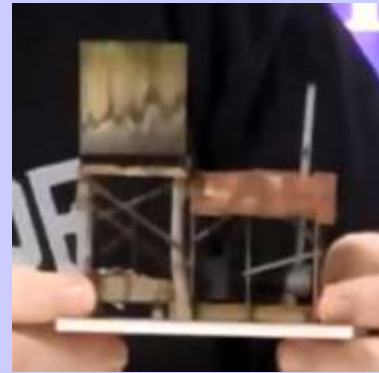
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Hi-Lights Continued



Duane & Cole's distillery project



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New Leadership Team members



Communications Coordinator Chris Sgarolino



Achievement Program Manager Mike Mackey

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Hi-Lights Austin Train Show



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May 2023

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

13th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm

www.cowcatcherdivision.org

20th – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday

www.trinityriverdivision.org

20th – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm,

<https://www.cmrrc.net>

27th – NMRAx

June 2023

1st – 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

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

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17th – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday

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24th – NMRAx

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Private Railcars
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Grapevine Vintage Railroad
McKinney Ave Trolley Shops
Trinity Tank Car Cleaning Plant
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)

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Sixth Floor Museum
Fort Worth Modern
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Regional Train Shows

New Braunfels April 15 & 16, 2023

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

Austin May 6 & 7, 2023

<https://austintainshow.org>

Temple September 16 & 17, 2023

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

Plano Sep. 30 – Oct. 1, 2023

<http://www.dfwtrainshows.com>

Oklahoma City November 4 & 5, 2023

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

Greater Houston November 18-19, 2023

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

2023 DFW Red River RPM

June 24th, 2023

www.RedRiverRPM.org

Forest Hill Convention Center

6901 Wichita Street

Forest Hill, 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](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 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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5600 Rufe Snow Drive Dr. #106
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<http://angelohobbystrains.com>

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Addison, TX 75001

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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

(817) 581-1027

<https://www.hobbytown.com/hurst-tx/1123>



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Lewisville, TX 75067

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<https://www.hobbytown.com/lewisville-tx/121>

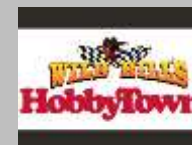


Wild Bill's Hobbytown USA

535 E Shady Grove Rd
Irving, TX 75060

(972) 438-9224

<https://www.hobbytown.com/irving-tx/1183>



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.