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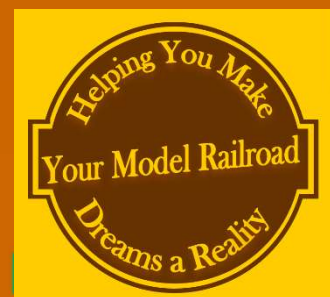
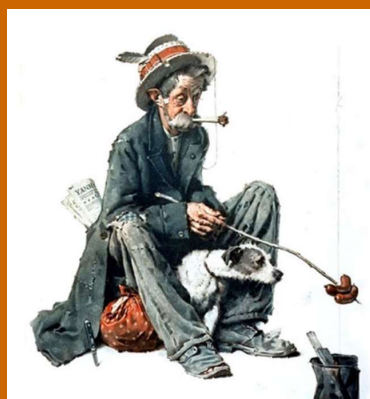
COWCATCHER DIVISION

division one of the lone star nmra region

June 2023

## How to cook scale hot dogs 1:1 scale

### Annual Summer Social Cookout



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

The 80/20 rule or Pareto Principle is used in business to explain that 80% of sales comes from 20% of the customers or 80% of the of a product cost usually comes from 20 % of the inputs. In a non-profit organization like the Cowcatcher Division this same principle applies to those who actively participate in the organization

Currently there are 170 members of the Division and we have 50 to 60 members who attend our monthly on a regular basis. While it is great, the attendance number has been gradually growing over the last few years, consider we still have 100 members not attending. Think of the resources and talent we have in our Division that is not being utilized.

There are many ways to get involved in your division—attend meetings is one excellent way that pays dividends. Not only will you learn something about the hobby but also meet some fellow model railroaders and get a chance to see the fine model railroad, The Texas Western, as it continues to evolve. Another way to participate is to bring a model to the meeting for "Show and Tell" or if you are having problems with something in the hobby use the "Q and A" section of the meeting for help.

Another way to participate in the division is to go to [cowcatcherdivision.org](http://cowcatcherdivision.org) and click on Leadership Team tab. Each of the Team members could always use some help with something or volunteer as an assistant. In that role you would learn what that committee does, meet some additional members and learn how the division works.

If none of these options appeal to you, talk to me. I'm sure we can get you involved in something to benefit the division.

Right now, there about 50 members who help the division by being on the Leadership Team, regularly conduct clinics, volunteer for specific assignments or help at the regional level. Guess what—that is about 20%.

Let's disprove Pareto's Principle, please step forward and get involved in your Division which supports and encourages your hobby.

We will see you on Saturday June 10 at 10:00 a.m.

*Dick Brannan*

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Director, Cowcatcher Division

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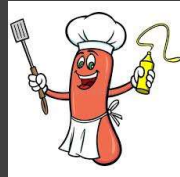
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## June's Clinic

### How to cook scale hot dogs



June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Western MRC.

We will begin with the regular business meeting:

1. Awards and AP talk
2. Q & A (What is giving you problems)
3. Show and Tell
4. Tips and Tricks

Afterward, we will have our annual Summer Social Cookout in the backyard of the Texas Western Club House. We look forward to seeing you there to add to the camaraderie with your fellow model railroaders.

### *Treasurer's Report*

*From David Grein*

April ending balance:	\$3,705.10
May receipts	\$ 59.00
May expenditures	\$ 170.48
May ending balance	\$3,593.62

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## 2023 DFW RED RIVER RPM

**THIRD ANNUAL PROTOTYPE MODELERS MEET  
OPEN TO ALL SCALES OF RAILROAD, VEHICLES, & STRUCTURES  
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Saturday, June 24, 2023 9am-6 pm  
Admission \$20/ Vendor Tables \$25

For pre-registration, vendors, historical societies, clinic topics  
and presenters, meal options, door prizes, and more please visit:

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

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## The Humble Hot Dog

Hot dogs are sausages, which have been eaten for thousands of years, supposedly as early as 700 B.C. In the late 18th and early 19th century, German immigrants brought their love of sausages to the U.S. Two varieties — wieners (Vienna sausages) and frankfurters (franks) — ultimately were dubbed “hot dogs.” Can you guess which German city was the origin of each?

Where the name hot dog came from is unclear, with many cities claiming to be the source of the name. Bruce Kraig, a historian who wrote Hot Dog: A Global History, wrote that the term hot dog came from the association of this type of sausage with dogs grew out of a longstanding joke that the inexpensive and often-hard-to-recognize meat in sausages came from dogs.



Kraig adds fuel to this burning question by relating that Septimius Winner (1827-1902), a songwriter released a song set to a traditional German folk tune known popularly as “Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?” The highly tongue-in-cheek song is sung in an exaggerated German accent and written from the perspective of a mournful dog owner whose dog has been put through the sausage machine of a local butcher

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Another source attributes the name hot dog to another German import, the wiener dog. Dachshunds dogs are the lovable long-bodied breed native to Germany, but soon the name also became synonymous with sausages. Some say that the name caught on as a joke. Others claim that in a cold 1901 April day, New York Journal cartoonist Tad Dorgan observed hot dog vendors selling their wares from their carts and, unsure of how to spell dachshund, opted for the simpler 'dog'. Coupled with a matching cartoon in what was the times' most viral form of media spread, the name quickly became mainstream.

Will we ever know? Regardless, enjoy your hot dogs after the June meeting.

## Did you know?

- Americans spend more than \$3 billion dollars a year on hot dogs.
- July 18<sup>th</sup> is national hot dog day. On that day in 2018, Amtrak served Hebrew National hot dogs aboard all their trains.



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## June 2023

1<sup>st</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)

10<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm  
[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

17<sup>th</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)

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

17<sup>th</sup> – NMRAX

## July 2023

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## NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW

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SPENCER CHRISTIAN

Banquet Speaker

GAYLORD RESORT

4-star Hotel and Water Park

BNSF HQ TOUR

Dispatching Center and Intermodal Yard

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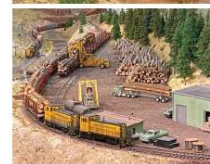
SIG ACTIVITIES

LAYOUT TOURS

OPERATION SESSIONS

CONTEST AND DISPLAY

FREEMO-N OPERATIONS



## RAIL TOURS

Texo Grain Mill

Private Railcars

TexRail Back Shop

Texas Stake Railroad

Trinity Rail Car Plant

BNSF Intermodal Yard

Six Flags Railroad Shop

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)

## GENERAL INTEREST

George W Bush Library

Fort Worth Stockyards

Grapevine Wine Tour

Sixth Floor Museum

Fort Worth Modern

Holocost Museum

Kimbell Museum

Globe Life Park

AT&T Stadium

Dealey Plaza

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## Regional Train Shows

Sparks, NV June 14-18, 2023

National N Scale Convention

<https://www.nationalscaleconvention.com/>

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>

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Forest Hill Convention Center

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Forest Hill, Texas



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(972) 438-9224



**Check with your local hobby shops for their store hours.**

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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@cablone.net](mailto:bradyprrm1a@cablone.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.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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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.