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DIVISION ONE OF THE LONE STAR NMRA REGION

July 2023



July's clinic will be a presentation by Mike Ross on some ideas on making trees from several different materials available in the hobby shops. Mike's clinic has information for the novice modeler through the most experienced. He recently gave a preview at Model Railroad Crossing and will be doing the full clinic at the NMRA National in August.

Jim Ogden has this to say about Mike Ross: A must-see railroad at this August's NMRA National convention is Mike Ross's O Scale Virginian Railway. As anyone who has traveled through Virginia and West Virginia knows, any model railroad set in that region needs many realistic deciduous trees. Mike will share his techniques for building trees quickly, cheaply, and capturing the distinctive feel of an eastern hardwood forest in autumn.

His layout features dramatic vistas of coal trains snaking from the coal mines to the east. Expect to see varied motive power (not just steam) and the railroad operates on the premise that the 1959 merger with N&W did not occur. So, do not be surprised to see stack trains in the timeless Virginian paint scheme.

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July's meeting will be 10am on Saturday the 8th at the Texas Western Model RR Club and via Zoom.

**The address for TWRC is:
6808 Forest Hill Dr.
Forest Hill, Texas
76140**

See Dick Brannan's email for the Zoom link!

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When you read this, we will be celebrating our nation's birthday and between all the hot dogs (whose history was explained in last month's Whistle), burgers, watermelons, family gatherings and fireworks remember the veterans who served and died for this great country.

Last month we had a great turnout for our annual cook-out and hats off to our operations team led by Jim Davis who coordinated the entire event. After the cook-out, over 20 people visited Mike Ross's beautiful Virginian Railroad during his open house.

The Cowcatcher Division also participated in two recruiting events in June. Eric Smith and I demonstrated applying static grass in the morning and Mike Ross demonstrated his techniques for making deciduous trees in the afternoon at Model Train Crossing in Hurst. The "mini-clinics" generated much interest and gave us a chance to talk about the NMRA to a number of potential members. The "icing on the cake" was Model Train Crossing had a high traffic count and sales. The second event was the Red River RPM, meet held at Forest Hills Convention Center. Russell and Deborah Gifford manned the NMRA booth most of the day with Mike Mackey, Mike Ross, Duane Richardson helping out.

One new NMRA member was signed up. The July meeting will feature clinic on making deciduous trees presented by Mike Ross. He has a wonderful technique which produces very realistic trees. You don't want to miss this opportunity and don't forget we will visit another member's layout after the meeting.

2023 Texas Express, the NMRA National Convention is fast approaching and the convention committee is putting together the final details. Be sure to register at 2023texasexpress.com.

We will see you on Saturday July 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Dick Brannan


Director, Cowcatcher Division


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Treasurer's Report July 2023

June 1 – June 30, 2023

Opening Balance \$3593.62

Expenditures -\$689.82

Income +\$82.00

Ending Balance \$2985.80

David Grein

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Highlights of the June Show and Tell



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Highlights of the June Show and Tell (p. 2)



A sure sign of Spring in Texas – Bluebonnets over the tracks in the Hill Country

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July 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>

15th – NMRAX

August 2023

3rd – 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

12th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

21st – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday
www.trinityriverdivision.org

21st – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm,
<https://www.cmrrc.net>

19th – NMRAX



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Regional Train Shows

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	
New Braunfels Train Show	October 21-22, 2023
http://newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org/nbrr/train-shows/	

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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 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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(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)



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(817) 581-1027



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(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.

Coming next month: What does a Baldwin 2-6-0, the Katy, and an island have in common? And what does it mean for model railroaders?