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COWCATCHER DIVISION

DIVISION ONE OF THE Lone Star Region of the NMRA

September 2023



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September's meeting will be 10am on Saturday the 9th at the Texas Western Model RR Club and via Zoom

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

September's Program

By Jim Ogden

This month's program will be presented by Bob Frankrone via zoom. Bob is joining us all the way from Louisville, Kentucky. His fully operational HO layout is named the Louisville Southern Bob operates the Southern, Louisville and Nashville, and Soo Line railroads on the layout.

Bob models in HO and gave several clinics at the NMRA national meeting in Grapevine this past August. Bob is a member of the NMRA Mid-Continent Region, Division 8 and he has presented clinics at many regional and national conventions.

Bob has been a model railroader and NMRA member for 35 years and does the popular "Love Those Loads" articles in the NMRA Bulletin. In the clinic, he will show how to make a variety of open loads from kits or materials you may readily have on hand. The clinic will feature plenty of photos, examples, and you will come away with all sorts of ideas on how to create interesting loads regardless of your modeling scale.

Next Month

October's clinic is the Loading Dock make and take discussed at the last meeting. Be prepared to pay Duane for your kits in September. There are some extras available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Planning Ahead

The 2024 NMRA National Convention



Surfliner 2024 NMRA National Convention

August 4 - 11, 2024, Long Beach California



url: <https://surfliner2024.org>

Sorry, this page wouldn't have looked right without a convention announcement.

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Director's Report:

An extremely successful NMRA convention just finished at the Gaylord Texan, and I wanted to recap the size and benefits of the Convention from the perspective of a first time National Convention attendee.

First the stats, the convention had over 950 registrants from 5 continents, 7 prototype bus tours, 7 general interest activities, Project Linus, 5 general interests tours, 5 layout bus tours with each tour visiting at least 4 layouts, 38 layouts in the areas open during the self-driving tours, a Contest Room, and over 250 hours of clinics. That is a lot to see and do in seven days.

Congratulations to the convention committee for a job well done and for a smooth-running convention.

As frequently mentioned, Division 1 has two program themes this year:

- Making your Model Railroad dreams a reality.
- If you do nothing, expect nothing as a result.

The clinics and layout tours certainly stretched my comfort zone and presented ideas and concepts that will help make my model railroad dreams a reality.

Things I learned and can put to use, immediately are:

- Using artists' chalk to paint and weather detail castings.
- New (for me) ways to weather stripwood for your wood models
- How to kitbash a Walthers' kit to create a unique structure for your layout.

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Director's Report (continued):

- Simple ways to create unique "prototypical loads" for your flat cars and gondolas
- Creating a simple system for operating on a smaller layout
- Techniques to create interchange staging.
- Adding scenes to your layout in 15 steps and adding details to make them "come alive"

These concepts/techniques are just some of the benefits I gained from the convention, and I would highly recommend those who could not attend this NMRA Convention consider attending Long Beach on 2024 or Novi, Michigan in 2025. The learning experience was well worth it

Dick Brannan

Director- Cowcatcher Division
LSR NMRA

From the editor: Dick needs additional layouts to host the group after a meeting so please sign up.

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Things to Do, People to See

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7th – 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

9th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

16th – NMRA Lone Star Region 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>

16th – [NMRax](#)

October 2023

5th – 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
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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**

Dallas/Fort Worth O Scale Club

Normally meets two Saturdays per month in Richardson. Contact: Brady McGuire, Tel: **903-868-2726**, Email: bradyprm1a@cablone.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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5600 Rufe Snow Drive Dr. #106
North Richland Hills, TX 76180
<http://angelohobbiestrains.com>
- Discount Model Trains** (817) 428-0190
4641 Ratliff Lane
Addison, TX 75001
- Model Train Crossing** (817) 595-0800
1113 W. Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053
<https://www.facebook.com/modeltraincrossin> (no "g" on the end)
- Hobbytown USA** (817) 581-1027
746 Grapevine Hwy
Hurst, TX 76054
<https://www.hobbytown.com/hurst-tx/1123>
- Hobbytown USA** (972) 315-3700
500 E. Round Grove Rd
Lewisville, TX 75067
<https://www.hobbytown.com/lewisville-tx/121>
- Wild Bill's Hobbytown USA** (817) 538-5088
1112 W. Arbrogk Blvd
Arlington, TX 76015
<https://www.htudallastx.com/hobbytown-usa-arlington-store-location/>

*** note updated location info***

Check with your local hobby shops for their store hours.

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And last but by no means the least:

The Treasurer's Report submitted by David Grein

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August 1 - August 31, 2023

Opening balance	\$2977.23
Expenditures	- \$216.17
Income	+ \$288.00
Ending balance	\$3049.06

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.