



# The Whistle



## COWCATCHER DIVISION

Division One of The Lone Star Region of the NMRA

February 2024



### Directors Report

The Division is off to a strong start for the year. The “Pay it Forward Module“ was a huge success at the Plano Train Show. Led by Chris Mahan, Russell, and Deborah Gifford the module generated \$420 in raffle sales and was won by **Lee Ramsey** from Justin, TX who immediately joined the NMRA. I want to thank all the Cowcatcher Division members who worked so hard on this.

Speaking of the Plano Train Show, the paid attendance was 3798 with an additional 1135 children under 12. The Division signed up 5 new members from the show including the winner of the “Pay it Forward Module”, which is a outstanding achievement. The Division is also participating in “Train A Palooza” at the Grapevine Convention Center on March 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> 2024. Mike Ross will head up the Saturday recruiting effort and I will cover it on Sunday. We will both seeking members to help in the effort.

The Lone Star Region Convention, Where the Eagle meets the Chief! is in Pasadena Texas on Feb 15 -17. **Please check out pages 7-10 of the Whistle for a exciting announcement**

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<b>February’s meeting will be at the Texas Western RR Club and via Zoom</b>	
<b>The address for TWMRC is: 6808 Forest Hill Dr. Forest Hill, Texas 76140</b>	

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## Planning Ahead

## The 2024 NMRA National Convention



Surfliner 2024 NMRA National Convention

August 4 - 11, 2024, Long Beach California



url: <https://surfliner2024.org/>

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## *Directors Report* (continued from page 1)

In the business meeting we will get an update on 2023 Texas Express Convention.

The clinic for this month's meeting will be presented via Zoom by Steve Standifer, MMR and will focus on Livestock Shipping. He will discuss the procedures, rules, forms, cars, stock pens, and feeding stations. Everything required to make this industry function.

Don't forget we will continue the raffle for the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad for 2 Standard Class roundtrip tickets. The winner will ride behind a steam powered locomotive through the backcountry wilderness of the San Juan Mountains of Southern Colorado. The package is worth \$265 and can be used in the 2024 season. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 each; 6 for \$25.00 (cash only) and will be available during the meeting.

Make sure to bring a friend to the meeting.

**Dick Brannan**  
**Director-Cowcatcher Division**  
**LSR NMRA**

### *Treasurer's Report*

January 1-30  
Opening balance \$2266.72  
Receipts 1549.54  
Expenditures -176.37  
Ending balance \$3639.89

**Submitted by David Grein-Treasurer**

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## February 2024

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](http://www.twmrc.org)

10<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1  
[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)

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

20<sup>th</sup> – NMRAX

## March 2024

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## Regional Train Shows

LSR Convention February 15-17, 2024

SAMRA Show February 24-25, 2024  
(Garden Ridge, TX)

Austin Train Show August 24-25, 2024



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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@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 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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- Angelo Hobbies** (817) 428-0190  
5600 Rufe Snow Drive Dr. #106  
North Richland Hills, TX 76180  
<http://angelohobbystrains.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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**WHERE THE EAGLE MEETS THE CHIEF**  
**THE 2024 NMRA LONE STAR REGION CONVENTION**  
**HOUSTON/PASADENA, TEXAS**

**STILL DECIDING ABOUT Attending?**  
**2024 Lonestar Region Convention**  
**February 15-17, 2024**

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**<http://www.turbotrains.com/2024lonestar/>**



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**The Lone Star Region 2024 Convention will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center in conjunction with the San Jacinto Model Railroad Club train show on Saturday, February 17. All convention attendees will get FREE admission to the train show by showing their convention badge and will be able to get in 1 hour before the general public.**

**The registration is \$80.00 for the primary registration and \$50.00 for spouse and children. All registrations include a BBQ Dinner on Saturday night and admission to the train show.**

Please go to the  
[website www.turbotrains.com/2024lonestar](http://www.turbotrains.com/2024lonestar)

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## Special Rates @ Conference Hotel

A special rate is available at the LaQuinta on Sam Houston Parkway of \$87.00 per night for a King Room or Double Queen room. To book your hotel room at the convention rate, email Michelle at [lq53239tx@gmail.com](mailto:lq53239tx@gmail.com). Give her your phone number and mention it is for the LSR Convention. Michelle will call you back to book the room. If over 15 rooms are booked the rate could drop to \$75.00 per night, so please book early.

For Conference Registration  
Please go to the website

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From the Union Pacific:

## "Four Corners" 2024 Tour

Union Pacific's famed [Big Boy No. 4014](#), the world's largest steam locomotive, will return to the rails in 2024 for a tour celebrating the railroad's deep history and connection to communities, and its employees. The tour is expected to cover much of Union Pacific's 23-state system with anticipated stops in:

- Chicago, Illinois
- Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas
- Houston, Texas
- Ogden, Utah
- Roseville, California

"As we move forward at Union Pacific, we remember where we came from; the Big Boy represents the history of Union Pacific and the United States," said Union Pacific CEO Jim Vena. "When No. 4014 comes to town, we will celebrate with the communities where we operate, our employees and their families. Together, we will marvel at how far technology has brought us."

In addition to public stops, Union Pacific employees and their families will be invited along the route. More details will be coming in a few weeks as planning continues.



Picture from: <https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/4014/index.htm>