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COWCATCHER DIVISION

Division One of The Lone Star Region of the NMRA

March 2024



Directors Report



Greetings to all and I would like to wish everyone a Happy St Patrick's Day and may the luck of the Irish follow you on your model railroading journey through 2024.

We had a great meeting last month with over 50 members in attendance and had an outstanding clinic on livestock shipping by Steve Sandifer, MMR. It was also great to see several ATSF modelers from Division 3 joining in person for the clinic.

Let me update everyone on the February North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs meeting. The January Show was successful with about 4800 adults and children attending, a strong showing but not exceeding pre-Covid numbers. The Division committed to 2 shares for the 2024/2025 show season which is what we normally do. (continued page 3)

Dick Brannan
Director Cowcatcher Division

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March's meeting will be at the Texas Western RR Club and via Zoom

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

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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The Division received a check for \$1980. Many thanks to all the members who performed clinics, manned the booth, and participated in set up or take down. Your contributions make a difference.

Speaking of shows, "Train-A-Palooza" is going on at the Grapevine Convention Center on March 9th and 10th. Saturday the show runs from 10-5 and Sunday from 10 -3. Mike Ross and Ken Kaiser will be manning the NMRA booth on Saturday and I will be there Sunday with Eric Smith.

We have minor change in our clinic for this month, Ken Fitzgerald had an unexpected conflict and won't be able to do his clinic on "Train Horns" which will be rescheduled at a later date. Fortunately, Jim Ogden was able to contact Duane Richardson, MMR and he graciously agreed to do a clinic on "Details."

See you on Saturday at 10 am.

Dick Brannan
Director-Cowcatcher Division
LSR NMRA

Make sure to bring a friend to the meeting.



March 2024

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

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>

19th – NMRAX

April 2024

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

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13th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1

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

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15th – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm,

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16th – NMRAX

Regional Train Shows

Train-a-palooza March 9-10
Grapevine Convention Center

Austin Train Show August 24-25, 2024



Treasurer's report submitted by David Grein

February 1-29, 2024

Opening balance	\$3504.64
Receipts	\$23230.25
Expenditures	-\$236.13
Ending balance	\$26498.76

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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 FWWR railroad tracks. Website: <https://ntxnrhs.org>

Texas Western Model Railroad Club

Meets the first Thursday of every month.

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

Does anyone know where this club is meeting??

Check our website for time. Website: www.trinitytrak.org

TNMRC

Meets at 11999 Plano Rd, Suite 154, Dallas, 75243 Check our website for times. Website: <https://www.texasnorthern.org>

Angelo Hobbies (817) 428-0190
5600 Rufe Snow Drive Dr. #106
North Richland Hills, TX 76180
<http://angelohobbystrains.com>

Discount Model Trains (972) 931-8135
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/l123>

Hobbytown USA (972) 315-3700
500 E. Round Grove Rd
Lewisville, TX 75067
<https://www.hobbytown.com/lewisville-tx/l21>

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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From the Union Pacific Steam Program:

"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."

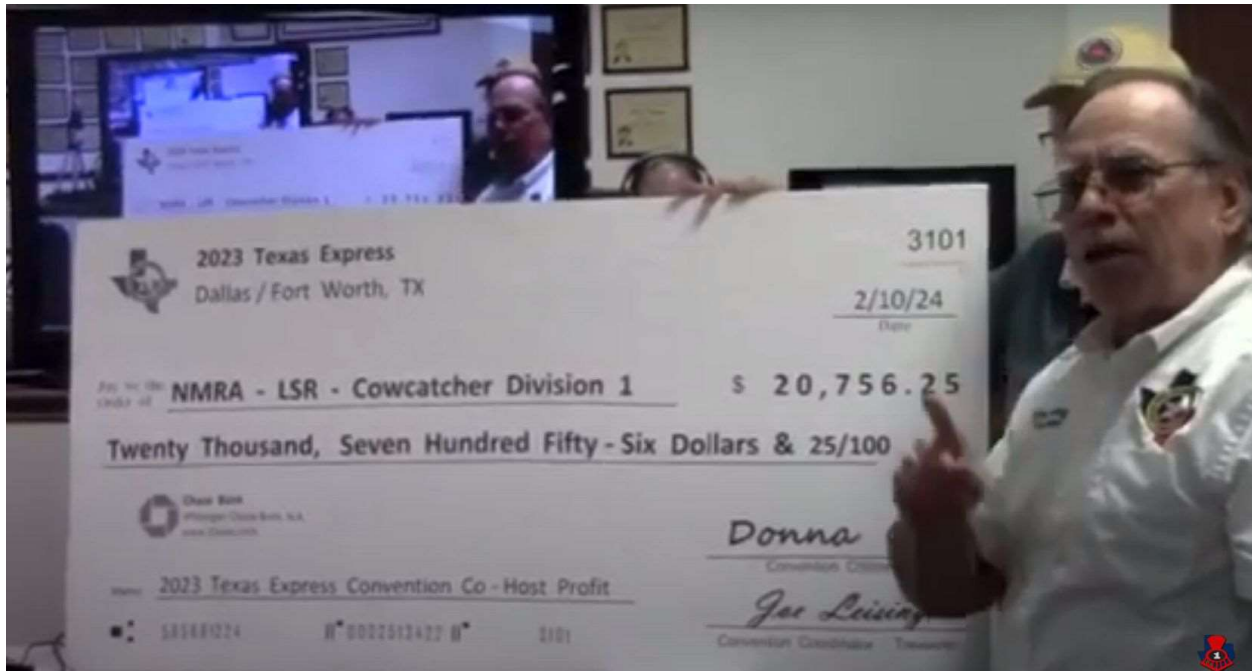
In addition to public stops, Union Pacific employees and their families will be invited along the route. More details will be coming in a few weeks as planning continues.

As of March 5th, no update on the schedule of the Four Corners Tour



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

The LSR Division One profit check from the 2023 Texas Express. Good work to all that helped make the event a success.



In honor of the UPRR Big Boy coming back to town I suggest a feature for the next few issues. If you have a picture you took of the Big Boy during the last tour of Texas send it to editor@cowcatcherdivision.org and we will print a few each month until she graces our rails again.

Please include in the email your name, the date you took the photo and where you took it. Please include in the email a statement that you authorize publishing of your work in the Whistle newsletter.