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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I trust everyone had a Happy Easter and were able to spend some quality time with Family celebrating this holiday.

This month we have a unique clinic which I think everyone will find fascinating. Pat McCarthy will present a Zoom clinic on "Railroad Time." We will find out how precision instruments turned chaos into harmony on the rails. Pat encourages anyone with one of these beautiful timepieces to bring it to the meeting.

Just an update on Train-A-Palooza show in Grapevine, we were able to sign up 3 new members: 2 Rail-passes and 1 regular membership. Thanks to Mike Ross, Ken Kaiser, and Eric Smith for their contributions to the show. This continues to be a good venue to publicize the NMRA and the Cowcatcher Division. The Division will participate again in 2025.

Chris Atkins has been involved with the North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs for more than 10 years. After a long and distinguished tenure serving the Council he is beginning to reduce his involvement. Earlier this year, I assumed his duties as Cowcatcher Division representative to the Council.

He also managed the contracts for both train shows sponsored by the Council, now Steve Gratke will transition into that role.

Speaking of Steve Gratke, the Division 1 webmaster, if you haven't looked at the new history web page on the Division's website go to ([Cowcatcher Division History](#)). He is constructing the history of the division and model railroading in North Texas, and it contains comments and stories from some of "the greats."

Remember our next meeting is Saturday, April 13th at 10:00 am at Texas Western Model Railroad Club. See you there!

Please bring a friend.

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The 2024 NMRA National Convention



Surfliner 2024 NMRA National Convention
August 4 - 11, 2024, Long Beach California



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HERE IS A BIT OF HISTORY

This is the first page of the first ever newsletter of the Lone Star Region, NMRA, published in May 1951. The NMRA chartered the LSR at the 1950 National Convention. The LSR organized in Dallas in April 1951.

