



# Whistle



**COWCATCHER DIVISION**  
division one of the Lone star nmra region

**June 2024**

## Annual Summer Social Cookout



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June's meeting will be 10am on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Western Model RR Club and via Zoom.

The address for TWMRC is:  
6808 Forest Hill Drive  
Forest Hill, Texas 76140

See Dick Brannan's email for the Zoom link!



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## Director's Report

This month we are having our annual Division 1 summer cookout. This is primarily a social event so everyone is invited to attend, bring a guest or significant other and enjoy some great hot dogs cooked on the grill by our hard-working Operations team headed by Jim Davis and ably assisted by David Ranney.

We will have a short business meeting followed by a Zoom clinic which was arranged by David Steckler and Jim Ogden. We will be given a 25 minute tour of a British Model railroad, which I think we will all find very interesting.

Speaking of interesting, thanks to Ken Fitzgerald for doing a terrific clinic on Diesel Horns.

Don't forget the 2024 Surfliner NMRA National Convention coming up August 4-11 th in Long Beach, California. Registration can be made at [surfliner2024.org](http://surfliner2024.org).

As we enter the second half of the year, our program manager, Jim Ogden has some unique and interesting programs and clinics for us. Examples include a clinic on Magnorail by Russell Gifford, an overview of 3D printing by Eric Smith and don't forget the Speeder Shed "Make and Take" by Duane Richardson, MMR.

Remember to be open to trying new techniques to improve your modeling.

We will see you on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Regards,

*Dick Brannan*

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Director, Cowcatcher Division



Chaparral Trail along the Texas NE railroad trail

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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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## June's Clinic

### New York and Atlantic Railroad

with Steve McEwen

We have a special talk from a friend of David Steckler in the U.K. It's in the evening in England, and Steve McEwen will be joining us via zoom.

Steve is a registered nurse, He models American prototypes in the United Kingdom and will be joining us via zoom. He has a YouTube channel-- The British Railroader-- and I've been enjoying his video Switching Brooklyn Park. He has perfected the nuances of U.S. railroading His railroad is contemporary diesel era and features sound and DCC. It has now reached the point of hosting operating sessions.

Although physically located in England, one has to admit his New York and Atlantic Railroad captures the gritty feel of northeastern railroading.

If time permits, David Steckler may also be sharing ideas on locomotive service areas.

See you all at the cookout!

Jim Ogden  
Argyle, TX

### *Treasurer's Report*

BAL 5/1/24	3,433.04
Receipts**	0
Expenses	459.19
BAL 5/31/24	2,973.85

\*\*May receipts will be included with June

*David Grein*

David Grein.

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## Congratulations on 50 Years in the NMRA

Fifty years belonging to a volunteer organization! As I write this I am 60 years old and while I can appreciate the 50 years, I cannot but admire loving something so much that one would be that dedicated to it for that length of time.

Congratulations Jim.

Jim has been LSR President and Achievement Chair, won numerous National and Regional contest awards for his locomotives and structures and has had several articles written about his railroad.

I had the pleasure of working with Jim for the 2023 NMRA National Convention committee putting together the layout tours. One day shortly before going to his house for a meeting with him and Mike Ross, it occurred to me that I had gone to school with a Patti Packer and that Jim's house was in the that school district. So, I asked him if it was the same person and it turns out, she is.

The things you learn, the skills you can develop and the relationships that happen by being a member of the NMRA - well maybe I can understand a little about being a member for 50 years. Once again, congratulations Mr. Jim Packer and thanks for being a member.

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## May Meeting Highlights



Ken Fitzgerald doing May Clinic on Diesel Horns

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## June 2024

6<sup>th</sup> – 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)

8<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm  
[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

15<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)

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

22<sup>nd</sup> – NMRAx

## July 2024

4<sup>th</sup> – 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)

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August 4-11  
Long Beach, CA

## AUSTIN 2022 TRAIN SHOW



Saturday August 27, 2022 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday August 28, 2022 10:00am to 4:00pm

Palmer Events Center

900 Barton Springs Road, Austin, Texas

## Regional Train Shows

Austin August 24 & 25, 2024

<https://austintrainshow.org>

Temple September 21 & 22, 2024

<http://centramodrr.com/train-show>

Plano Sep. 28 – 29, 2024

<http://www.dfwtrainshows.com>

Oklahoma City November 2 & 3, 2024

<https://www.oklahomarailwaymuseum.org/events/okc-train-show/>

Greater Houston February 15, 2025

<http://www.sanjacmodeltrains.org/GHTS.php>

New Braunfels 2025

<http://newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org/nbrr/train-shows>



Temple Model Train & RPM Show

April 15 & 16, 2023

Frank W. Mayborn Civic & Convention Center

3303 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Temple,

**\$10.00**

Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 10am – 4pm

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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](mailto:bradyprrm1a@cableone.net) or contact: Stan Schwartz, Email: [ss124@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ss124@sbcglobal.net) for dates and times.  
1/48 12X41 It/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.trinitytrak.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

5600 Rufe Snow Drive Dr. #106  
North Richland Hills, TX 76180  
<http://angelohobbystrains.com>

(817) 428-0190



## Discount Model Trains

4641 Ratliff Lane  
Addison, TX 75001

(817) 428-0190



## Hobby World

5658 Westcreek Dr. Ste. #500  
Fort Worth, TX 76133  
<https://www.facebook.com/hobbyworldfw>

(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)



## Hobbytown USA

746 Grapevine Hwy  
Hurst, TX 76054  
<https://www.hobbytown.com/hurst-tx/1123>

(817) 581-1027



## Hobbytown USA

500 E. Round Grove Rd  
Lewisville, TX 75067  
<https://www.hobbytown.com/lewisville-tx/121>

(972) 315-3700



## Wild Bill's Hobbytown USA

535 E Shady Grove Rd  
Irving, TX 75060  
<https://www.hobbytown.com/irving-tx/1183>

(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.