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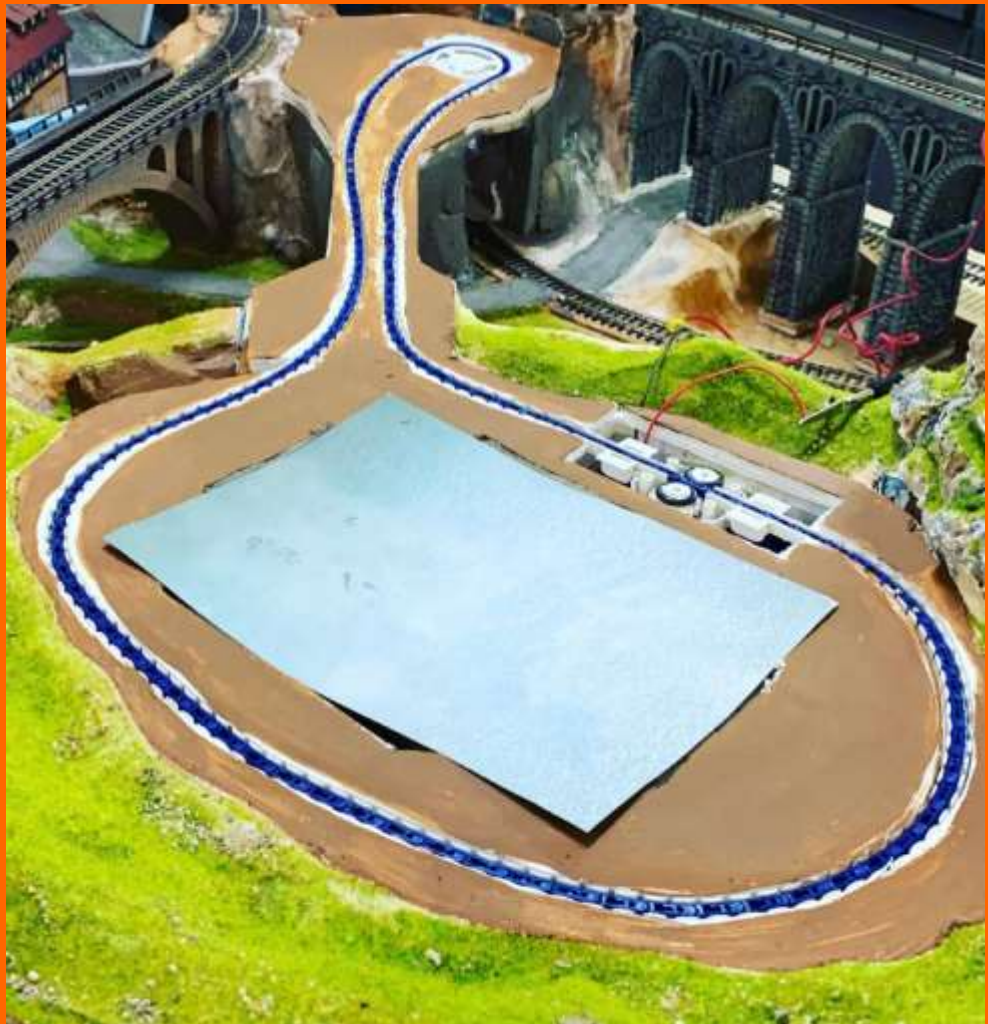
**July 2024**

## Modeling with Magnorail



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July's meeting will be 10am on Saturday the 13<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

I don't think I have to remind anyone that summertime is here in North Texas and as you are reading this, we will be celebrating our great nation's birthday on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Take a moment to think about our brave military and dedicated first responders who keep us safe and free.

We had a very interesting meeting last month. Special thanks to David Steckler and Steve McEwan for a wonderful tour of his New York and Atlantic Railroad, and let's not forget our fantastic Operations team led by Jim Davis and ably assisted by David Ranney. The food was great and the fellowship was wonderful.

Russell Gifford is presenting this month's clinic on Magnorail, which is a system to add animation to your model train scenes using invisible chains and magnets. It is available for HO to Z scales. You don't want to miss this clinic.

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

Don't forget to bring a friend to the meeting and if you see a new face at the meeting be sure to introduce yourself.

*Dick Brannan*

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Director, Cowcatcher Division

LSR NMRA

## Treasurer's Report

June 1-30, 2024

Opening balance	\$2837.36
Deposits	\$135.74
Withdrawals	\$501.03
Ending balance	\$2472.57

*David Grein*

David Grein.



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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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## July's Clinic

### Modeling with Magnorail

The July Division 1 talk will be by Russell Gifford on Magnorail. This is a relatively recent development out of Europe, and allows modelers to automate scale cars and trucks (not to mention motorcycles and bicycles). When I recently saw an online video modeling the Netherlands with miniature riders pedaling bicycles, I was blown away.

You can use off-the-shelf automobiles and works in various scales. It uses hidden tracks and will add another touch to your layout. Russell will describe how he does it and give ideas on how to use it.

Russell and Deborah got into modeling in a big way during the Covid lockdown. Working from home with time on their hands, they constructed an "N" scale Christmas layout which grew to a 4 X 8' southwest layout which won a Golden Spike award. They met Mike Mackey at the Plano Show and became involved in the NMRA.

Their present layout is a 14 x 13 HO layout based on the Black Hills of South Dakota through the early '60s with a heavy emphasis on Burlington Route operations. The Magnorail system will connect Iron Mountain and Deadwood.

Jim Ogden  
Argyle, TX



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## June Meeting Highlights



Dave Steckler introducing Steve McEwan

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Duane Richardson discussing Achievement Program

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## July 2024

11<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)

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

20<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)

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

## August 2024

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Thursday  
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August 4-11  
Long Beach, CA

## AUSTIN 2024 TRAIN SHOW



Saturday August 24, 2024 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday August 25, 2024 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/>

New Braunfels 2024

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

Greater Houston February 15, 2025

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



Temple Model Train & RPM Show

September 21 & 22, 2024

Frank W. Mayborn Civic & Convention Center

\$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: See club website.

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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North Richland Hills, TX 76180  
<http://angelohobbystrains.com>

(817) 428-0190



## Discount Model Trains

4641 Ratliff Lane  
Addison, TX 75001

(817) 428-0190

(972)-931-8135



## Model Train Crossing

1113 W. Pipeline Road  
Hurst, TX 76053

<https://www.facebook.com/modeltraincrossin> (no "g" on the end)

(817) 595-0800



## 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

1112 W. Arbrog Blvd  
Arlington, TX 76015

<https://www.hobbytown.com/arlington-tx/1183>

(817) 538-5088



**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.