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SEPTEMBER'S MEETING WILL BE AT 10am ON SATURDAY THE 14TH AT THE TEXAS WESTERN MODEL RR CLUB AND VIA ZOOM. THE ADDRESS IS 6808 FOREST HILL DRIVE, FOREST HILL, TEXAS 76140

SEE EMAIL FOR ZOOM LINK

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As we roll into fall in North Texas, there are a lot of exciting model railroading activities coming up in the area.

The Plano train show is September 28th and 29th at the Plano Events Centre, and volunteers are needed to staff the booth and set up on Friday September 27th. This show is especially important to the division not only for the revenue it generates but because it is a reliable source for adding new members to the NMRA and Division. Please see or contact Russel Gifford at russelgifford15@gmail.com to (continued on page 3)

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COWCATCHER DIVISION WEB SITE

<https://cowcatcherdivision.org/>



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT.

help out. Keep in mind you get volunteer points for assisting at the show.

The Division is also finishing the "Pay it Forward" module at the show and will be raffling off the module on Sunday afternoon at the show. It should be an exciting conclusion to a great effort by Chris Mahan, Russ and Deb Gifford, Tom Pearson and the "Pay it Forward" team.

The Big Boy 4014, the world's largest operational steam locomotive will be in Fort Worth on October 10 -12th and the Division will be assisting during its visit. Contact Mike Mackey at mikemackey_tx@sbcglobal.net for additional information or to volunteer. Besides volunteer points a photo in front of 4014 and a bucket of UP swag will be offered to volunteers.

Also in October is the Red River RPM meet at the Forest Hill Convention Center on October 25th and 26th.

This month's clinic is "3D printing in Model Railroading", presented

by Eric Smith and will be a great one.

I would also like to thank David Steckler for a very interesting clinic on how to model dirty engine facility track.

Speaking of clinics don't forget our Speeder Shed clinic is scheduled for the October meeting which is 1 week earlier than normal -- October 5th not October 12th. Be sure to sign up at the September meeting --parts have to be cut and ordered.

Bring a friend to the next meeting !

Arrivederci!

Dick Brannan
Director -Cowcatcher Division
LSR NMRA



DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2024

**5TH TEXAS WESTERN RR CLUB
BUSINESS MEETING FOR MEMBERS
AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ONLY**
7 pm -9 pm @ 6808 FOREST HILL DR.
FOREST HILL, TX 76140

**14TH NMRA LSR COWCATCHER
DIVISION 1 MEETING, 10 am-1 pm**

**21ST NMRA LSR DIVISION 3 MEETING,
CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN
CHURCH, ALLEN TX 10am-1 pm**

**21ST COWTOWN MODEL RR CLUB
GENERAL MEETING, HANDLEY
CENTER, 3024 FOREST AVE, FT WORTH
76112, 7pm-9 pm**

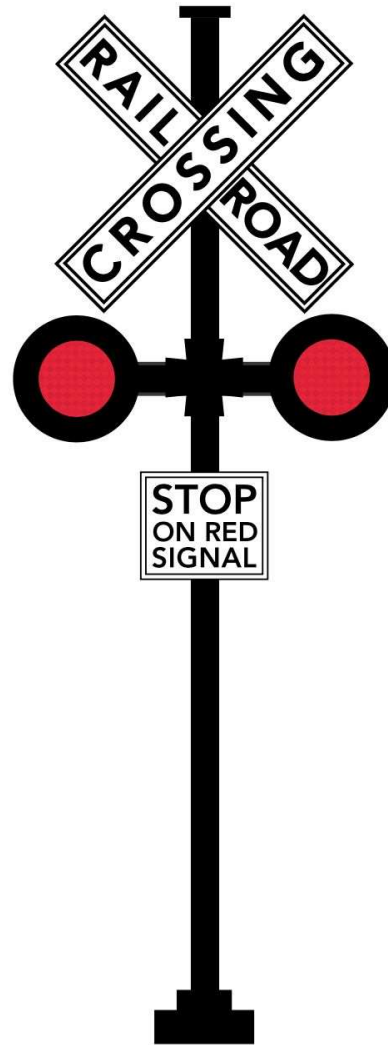
28th -29th PLANO TRAIN SHOW

OCTOBER 2024

**5TH NMRA LSR COWCATCHER
DIVISION 1 MEETING 10AM-1PM**

10-12TH UP BIGBOY IN FTWORTH

25th-26th RED RIVER RPM



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TEMPLE MODEL TRAIN & RPM SHOW

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2024

FRANK W. MAYBORN CIVIC & CONVENTION CENTER

3303 N 3rd TEMPLE TX

\$10 ADMISSION

SATURDY 10 am- 5 pm

SUNDAY 10 am – 4 pm

REGIONAL TRAIN SHOWS

TEMPLE SEPT 21-22, 2024

PLANO SEPT 28-29, 2024

NEW BRAUNFELS OCT 26, 2024

OK CITY NOV 2-3, 2024

GREATER HOUSTON FEB 15,2025

FOURTH ANNUAL RED RIVER RPM

OCTOBER 25-26, 2024

FOREST HILL CIVIC CENTER

8901 WICHITA ST

FOREST HILL, TX 76140

TREASURER'S REPORT

1 AUGUST BALANCE	\$2397.41
DEPOSIT	\$0
WITHDRAWAL	\$15.99
31 AUG BALANCE	\$2381.42



AREA MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS/ NEWS

COWTOWN MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

MEETS AT THE HANDLEY COMMUNITY CENTER, UPSTAIRS 3024 FOREST AVE, 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 INFO CONTACT LEE MARTIN AT 817-666-5367

DALLAS/FT WORTH O SCALE CLUB

NORMALLY MEETS TWO SATURDAYS PER MONTH IN RICHARDSON

CONTACT BRADY McGUIRE 903-868-2726

bradyprrm1a@cableone.net

STAN SCHWARTZ ss124@sbcglobal.net

DENTON AREA MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

MEETS 2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7PM IN THE DENTON SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER DOWNTOWN

HO & N SCALE MODULAR LAYOUTS

<https://www.facebook.com/damrrc/>

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER OF NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEETS 7:30-10:00 PM FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, OFTEN (BUT NOT ALWAYS) AT GRAPEVINE TOURIST & VISITORS INFORMATION CENTER AT MAIN ST AND FWWR RAILROAD TRACKS

<https://ntxnrhs.org>

TEXAS WESTERN MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

LOCATED AT 6808 FOREST HILL, 76140

VISITOR HOURS: SEE CLUB WEBSITE

<https://www.facebook.com/texaswesternmodelrailroadclub>

<https://www.twmrrc.org>

TRINITY N-TRK

MEETS AT HOBBY WORLD, FT WORTH AT 6:30PM

CHECK WEBSITE FOR TIME

<https://www.trinityntrak.com>

TNMRC

MEETS AT 11999 PLANO RD, SUITE 154, DALLAS 75243

<https://www.texasnorthern.org>

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ANGELO HOBBIES

5600 RUFÉ SNOW DRIVE #106

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS 76180

DISCOUNT MODEL TRAINS

4641 RATLIFF LN

ADDISON 75001

MODEL TRAIN CROSSING

1113 W. PIPELINE RD

HURST 76053

HOBBYTOWN USA

746 GRAPEVINE HWY

HURST 76054

HOBBYTOWN USA

500 E. ROUND GROVE RD

LEWISVILLE 75067

WILD BILL'S HOBBYTOWN USA

1112 W. ARBROOK BLVD

ARLINGTON 76015

NMRA POLICY STATEMENT

EFFECTIVE MARCH 31, 2020, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION 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, PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN A CURRENT DOCUMENT STATING THAT THEY WILL REMAIN IN VISUAL CONTACT WITH THEIR MINOR AT ALL TIMES.



SEPTEMBER CLINIC

Title: 3D Printing and Model Railroading

ERIC SMITH

Eric has been a model railroader since age 7, when his older brother and he received an HO oval set for Christmas. It soon became his first 4'x8' layout with multiple sidings and terrain. Eric rode his first train in the summer of 1968, going roundtrip from Ardmore, Oklahoma to Houston, Texas on Amtrak to see his oldest brother.

Model railroading has always been a part of Eric's life, and lately he has been assisting others build their home

layouts. He is currently working on his 3rd layout, 2nd N Scale, the "Biltmore & Ohno" Railroad (B&O). He has been collecting and modelling in N scale for about 40 years.

For 40 years, Eric worked as a 3D graphics Software Engineer for Fortune 500 and start-up companies in telecom, medical and aerospace. With his 3D Software Engineering and modelling background, 3D printing was a natural extension of his modelling capabilities, combining it with model railroading. Since 2018, Eric has been the owner of Scale Railroad Models, a 3D model railroad building kit manufacturer company.



**NMRA ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
HONOREES**



DARRELL COWLES



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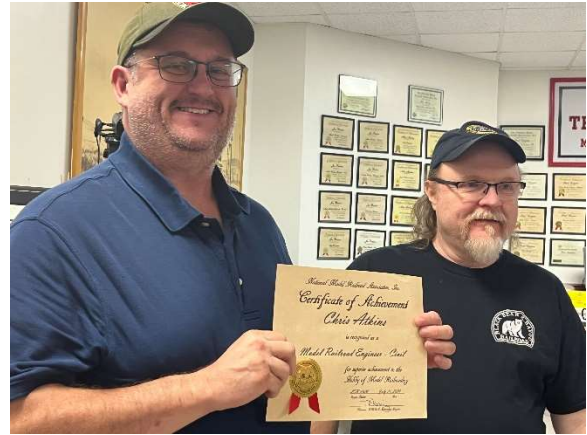
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COLE RASH



SHOW AND TELL



RUSSELL GIFFORD DALLAS COUNTY
COURT HOUSE

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SAVE THE DATES!!

THE 2025 LSR CONVENTION
WILL BE HELD IN
SOUTHERN LOUISIANA FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN THIRTY
YEARS AND YOU WON'T
WANT TO MISS IT!

THERE WILL BE LAYOUTS
AND OTHER RAILROADING
OPPORTUNITIES YOU'VE
PROBABLY NEVER SEEN, IN
A REGION RICH WITH
INTERESTING AND
EXCITING SIGHTS (AND
FOOD)

JUNE 26-29, 2025

HOLIDAY INN BATON
ROUGE SOUTH

9900 AIRLINE HIGHWAY

BATON ROUGE LA 70816

