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JUNE'S MEETING WILL BE SATURDAY 13
JUNE MAY AT THE TEXAS WESTERN MODEL
RR CLUB AND VIA ZOOM.

SEE EMAIL FOR ZOOM LINK

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We have are at a very special time of the year, in the month of June we will have two Chefs "extraordinaire", Jim Davis and David Renney grilling hot dogs and hamburgers in the "world-famous" Texas Western Model Railroad Club grilling pit for the Cowcatcher Division annual cookout. This cookout is a perfect time to "meet greet" new members of the Division and get to better know long time members.

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

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ASST PROGRAM MANAGER &

TRAIN SHOW COORDINATOR

RUSSELL GIFFORD

OPERATIONS MANAGER

JIM DAVIS

ASST OPERATIONS MANAGER

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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM ADVISOR

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NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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ERIC SMITH

WEB MASTER

JARED ROBERTS

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COWCATCHER DIVISION WEB SITE

<https://cowcatcherdivision.org/>



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONT.

They are concocting some very special hot dogs and hamburgers for us to eat after our business meeting, and we watch Steve Crise present his clinic on "Texas Railroads"

I want to thank Jim Ogden for presenting his clinic "Moving the mail to Texas" at last month's meeting it was quite informative as well as John Garfield for hosting the layout tour. From the feedback I received it was a very impressive layout. Don't forget we will have another great layout to see after this month's meeting.

After our meeting on Saturday June 13th, the LSR convention Connections2026 is in Austin five days later, starting on June 18th. It will be a great convention, with wonderful layouts to see, you don't want to miss it.

I want to thank Darrell Cowles for all the hard work he is putting in on the "Promote the Hobby" Diorama. It is coming along very nicely, and he may have some

photos of it to share at the meeting

Don't forget next meeting is on Saturday, June 13th at 10:00 am and bring a friend.

Dick Brannan
Director Cowcatcher Division
LSR



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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGIONAL TRAIN SHOWS

THURSDAY TEXAS WESTERN RR CLUB BUSINESS MEETING FOR MEMBERS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ONLY

7 pm -9 pm 6808 FOREST HILL DR.
FOREST HILL, TX 76140

JUNE 2026

18-21 LSR CONVENTION AUSTIN



June 18-21
Wyndham Garden Austin
3401 South IH-35

JULY 2026

5-11 July

HEARTLAND TRAIN SHOW
STILLWATER OK

JULY 24-26

EAST TEXAS YRAIN SHOW PORT ARTHUR

27 JULY-2 AUGUST

NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION
CHATTANOOGA



29-30 AUGUST

AUSTIN AREA TRAIN SHOW

19-20 TEMPLE MODEL TRAIN SHOW

26-27 SEPTEMBER

PLANO TRAIN SHOW

TREASURER'S REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3442.09
RECEIPTS	\$93.00
EXPENDITURES	\$656.95
END BALANCE	\$2878.14
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	\$23761.43

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

WHAT IS UDE?

LOOK FOR ANSWER IN THIS MONTH'S
NEWSLETTER

RAILFAN VIDEO OF MONTH

TOWER 55 CIRCA 1999



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AREA MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS

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 TO BE IDENTIFIED

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STAN SCHWARTZ ss124@sbcglobal.net

DENTON AREA MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

MEETS 2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY
MONTH AT 6:45 PM 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

Chill Bar & Grill (Cotton Belt Room)

814 South Main Street

Grapevine, Texas 76051

(NW Corner of S. Main St. & Dallas Rd.)

Our new meeting hours are 7:30 pm - 9:30
pm. We still meet every first Tuesday of the
month.

<https://ntxnrhs.org>

TEXAS WESTERN MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

LOCATED AT 6808 FOREST HILL, 76140

VISITOR HOURS: SEE CLUB WEBSITE

[https://www.facebook.com/texaswesternmod
elrailroad club](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

NEW ADDRESS 1 OCT

7801 Brandi Lane
North Richland Hills

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.

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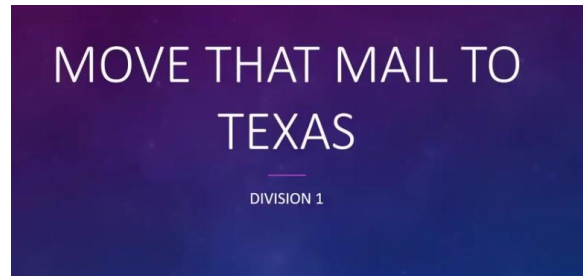


ANSWER TO THIS MONTH'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

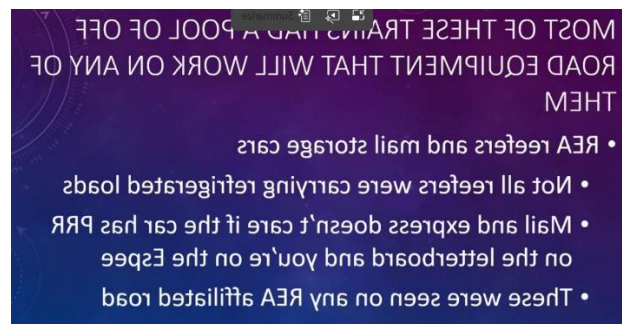
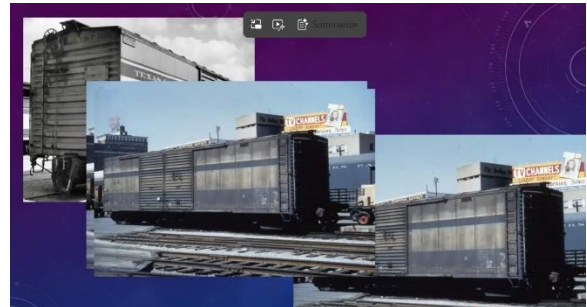
UNDESIRED EMERGENCY; NOT INITIATED BY CREW MEMBER

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MAY CLINIC



TO SEE COMPLETE CLINIC GO TO
YOUTUBE COWCATCHER DIVISION
1 MAY 2026 AND START AT 46:53



JUNE CLINIC

STEVE CRISE



The clinic for June will be a slide show of images taken in and around Texas and various other mid-western states from Steve Crise's photo collection. Railroads included in the show are Texas & Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Rock Island, Santa Fe, KATY, Southern Pacific, BN, DRGW and many more. Sit back and relax and enjoy a fun filled fast paced 30-minute show.



June 18-21
Wyndham Garden Austin
3401 South IH-35

A SURVEY HISTORY OF RAILROADS IN TEXAS, from the article found in the Texas Historical Association Handbook of Texas online, part 6.

In 1901 there also began a flurry of construction on electric interurban railways. About 500 miles of electric interurban tracks were constructed in Texas. The first such interurban was the ten-mile Denison and Sherman Railway, which began service between the two cities in May 1901. The largest company was the Texas Electric Railway, with 226 miles centered at Dallas. This company was also the largest interurban between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Coast. The Galveston-Houston Electric was for years the fastest interurban line in America, while the Northern Texas Traction Company, between Dallas and Fort Worth, was considered one of the best engineered lines. The smallest interurban was the 4½ mile Roby and Northern, which electrified an existing steam railroad in 1923. The last interurban railway developed in the United States was the Houston North Shore, which opened between Houston and Goose Creek and Baytown in 1927. The Houston North Shore became a subsidiary of the Missouri Pacific and, while it offered frequent

passenger service, was a major freight carrier from the beginning. It was operated by electricity until 1948 and ran replacement railbuses until 1961. The former Houston North Shore, the last vestige of the Texas interurban system, continues to operate as an important branch of the Missouri Pacific. With the exception of the Houston North Shore, few of the interurbans developed extensive freight operations and were solely dependent on passenger traffic, which made them easily susceptible to competition from private automobiles. Most of the interurbans were abandoned in the 1930s. Only the Roby and Northern, abandoned in 1941, the Texas Electric, which abandoned its last line in 1948, and the Houston North Shore lasted until the 1940s. The Texas Transportation Company, a short switching line at San Antonio, continues to be electrically operated, although it was never a part of the Texas interurban system.

In 1920 there were still a number of major independent railroads in Texas. The Gould system, which in 1900 had controlled several railroads, including the Texas and Pacific, International and Great Northern, and the St. Louis Southwestern Railway Company of Texas, had broken up and all three companies were now independent. The Gulf Coast Lines, whose major Texas components were the St. Louis,

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Brownsville and Mexico and the Beaumont, Sour Lake and Western Railway Companies, had been financed by the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company, but had been separated from their parent as a result of the 1914 receivership. The Missouri Pacific, which had no presence in Texas, began to buy stock in the Texas and Pacific in 1918. In the mid-1920s the Missouri Pacific built an extensive system by acquiring the New Orleans, Texas and Mexico Railway Company and through the NOT&M the balance of the Gulf Coast Lines, the International-Great Northern, and a number of smaller companies. The Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific also bought other Texas railroads during the 1920s. In 1932 the Southern Pacific Company acquired the St. Louis Southern Railway Company and its Texas subsidiaries. By the end of 1932 three systems, the Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific, and Santa Fe, owned or controlled more than 11,700 miles or seventy percent of the railroad mileage in Texas.



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