

# Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



## Division 1 Whistle

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**Division 1 Meeting**  
Saturday, December 8,  
2018. 6:30 pm - 10 pm  
at the Texas Western  
Model Railroad  
Clubhouse,  
6808 Forest Hill Drive,  
Forest Hill, TX 76140

**Program:**  
D1 Christmas Party

[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

*Your Invited To The Division  
Christmas Party*

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Saturday, December 8th

6:30 PM - 10 PM

Smoked Turkey  
&  
Smoked Ham  
Provided by the Division

Bring a side dish or appetizer  
or non-alcoholic drinks  
Location: Texas Western Clubhouse



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## Director's Report



**M**erry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

What a fantastic time of year. In just a few days we will be having our annual Christmas party. Make plans to be there. Family members are welcome. Be sure and bring a wrapped gift for a gift exchange, male or female gift, as we will be playing the old "pick a gift/steal a gift" game. Gifts should be in the \$25.00 range. The division is supplying a smoked turkey and smoked ham for the party. Members are asked to bring a dish for a potluck dinner. Please log on to [www.evite.com](http://www.evite.com) for your RSVP and <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=HMQV3427> to note what potluck items you will bring, to register your dish for the meal. Perfect Pot Luck will show a list of the items needed and who's bringing what. We currently need more appetizers, drinks and side dishes.

**Just as a note, we sent out 185 invitations. So far we've had no reply from 148 of those invitations.** What's wrong with this picture? I realize that the holiday season is packed, but are we really too busy to send a "not attending" reply?

There has been a lot of effort put into making this event fun for everyone. You'll not want to miss the opportunity to win some of the amazing door prizes that have been assembled.

Planning continues on the bid package for the 2023 national convention. More information coming as it becomes available.

We have an unbelievable lineup of clinics and presentations for 2019. Program Leader Dick Brannan has done a super job of setting up a variety of topics that are sure to appeal to a wide audience.

I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to all of the members of our division, and especially the Leadership team, for the hard work that they do behind the scenes to make our division so strong and successful. We've got a fantastic division and it's getting stronger each month! Help it to be better by attending meetings and showing your support!!

Our next meeting is Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club for our Christmas party. Don't miss it!!

See you soon!

Keep training,

*Mike Mackey NMRA*

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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*Programs /  
Clinics*

*Cowcatcher Division 1  
Program for December 8, 2018*

## Clinic Overview

Our annual potluck Christmas Party is Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Texas Western Club house at 6808 Forest Hill Dr., Forest Hill, TX 76140.

The festivities for members and their significant other begin at 7 pm but come early to “meet and greet” and features a “white elephant gift exchange “ for both the guys and gals (gifts should be between \$15 and \$25 and wrapped) . The Division is providing a famous Greenberg smoked turkey with all the members bringing their favorite Christmas side dish.

Santa has delivered many great railroad door prizes including passes to Texas State Railroad, Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad, Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Austin Steam Train, and the Grapevine Vintage Railroad. In addition the elves from the local hobby shops such as Discount Model Trains have donated numerous gift certificates to aid in your Christmas wish list shopping.

*Dick Brannan*

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

Lone Star Region  
68th Annual  
2019 Convention

June 27-29, 2019

Drury Inn & Suites  
Dallas / Frisco

<http://www.2019TexasSpecial.com/>  
OR  
<http://www.LoneStarRegion.com/>

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## **COME SEE THE TRAINS**

The 19th annual  
Pirzchalski Holiday Open House  
Sunday, December 9th  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

4832 Lakeside Drive  
Colleyville, Texas 76034 Brook Meadows

***See the MDAK HO Model Railroad in ACTION!***

*The MDAK RR is 67' x 27' & is designed for children of all ages! Walk the perimeter and find monkeys, cats, dogs and various animals & people. Listen to the sounds of cattle, pigs, sheep & chickens. Find the animated figures: painters, kids playing, cows & deer, man chopping wood, etc. See & hear big steam locomotives as they strain to climb mountain grades!*

**Cookies & Drinks provided**

*In the spirit of the Christmas season, this is our neighborhood charitable event for GRACE. Please bring a child's unwrapped toy if possible. There is no obligation! Your generosity is greatly appreciated by those less fortunate.*

Suggested toy items:

Arts & Craft Sets, Board Games, Building Blocks, Card Games, Lego's, Play Dough, Puzzles, Silly Putty, Slinky, Tinker Toys, Trucks or Cars, Yo-yo's, etc..

*We wish each of you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.*

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## Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Class

**Hello!**

Once again I'll be teaching the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge class in January and February. We usually give each Scout a freight car kit to assemble as part of the badge requirement, and typically it's just an older kit like the Athearn Blue Box shake-it-together model. If you have any of these in your collection that you wouldn't mind donating I could use a few more. Please have a quick look to be sure all the parts and instructions are included. I would appreciate it if you could bring any you may have to our December Christmas party.

Thanks so much!

*David Grein*



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## Calendar of Events & Train Shows



### December

**1st & 8th – The Dallas-Fort Worth and North Pole Railroad**, Open to the Public. **Careflite**, 3110 S. Great SW Pkwy, Grand Prairie, TX (on Grand Prairie Airport); Hrs: 12 pm-4 pm. Admission: Free  
[www.careflite.org/railroad.aspx](http://www.careflite.org/railroad.aspx)

**1st & 2nd – 42nd Annual OKC Train Show**, Cox Pavillion, Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, OKC, OK, Hrs: Sat. 9 am – 5 pm, Sun. 10 am – 4 pm; Adults \$12. Under 12, Free  
[www.okctrainshow.com](http://www.okctrainshow.com)

**1st** – YMR Longhorn Division Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Clubhouse, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10 am – 2 pm, **Christmas Party**, John Skiba, Organizer  
[westsidelumberco@gmail.com](mailto:westsidelumberco@gmail.com)

**6th** – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 7 – 9 pm.  
[www.twmrc.org](http://www.twmrc.org)

**8th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 December Meeting, at the Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140  
**Christmas Party**  
6:30 pm – 10 pm

**15th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002, 10 am – 1 pm,

**17th** – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112  
7 pm – 9 pm  
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

### January

**3rd** – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting & New BOD Installation Dinner, 7 – 9 pm @ Juarez Mercado Restaurant, I-20 & Matlock, S. Arlington.  
[www.twmrc.org](http://www.twmrc.org)

**5th** – YMR Longhorn Division Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Clubhouse, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10 am – 2 pm, John Skiba, Organizer  
[westsidelumberco@gmail.com](mailto:westsidelumberco@gmail.com)

**12th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 December Meeting, at the Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10a – 2p

**21st** – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112  
7 pm – 9 pm, Monday  
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

**19th – 20th** – North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs 34th Dallas Area Train Show, Sat. 10 am – 5 pm, Sun. 10 am – 4 pm, Plano Centre, \$10. Adults,  
[dfwtrainshows.com](http://dfwtrainshows.com)

### Dallas Area Train Show

Jan. 19 - 20, 2019

Sat. 10 am - 5 pm  
Sun. 10 am - 4 pm

\$10. Per Person  
(12 & Under free with a paid adult.)

Plano Centre  
2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano 75074

Free Parking  
[dfwtrainshows.com](http://dfwtrainshows.com)

### Great Texas Train Show

Feb. 16-17, 2019

Sat. 10 am - 5 pm  
Sun. 10 am - 4 pm

Adults: \$7.  
Kids 11 & Under Free

Premier Events Center  
Lakewood Plaza  
1165 S Stemmons Frwy  
Lewisville, TX

More info:  
<http://trainshow.com/greattexastrainshow/>



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## *The Dining Car*

Howdy folks; This is a first in a series of articles around railroad food. Periodically, we'll feature a recipe made famous in railroad dining cars. This month's recipe is from the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe and promises to make you smile: *Hungarian Goulash and Potato Dumplings*. Here is the official recipe, perfect for those frosty 65 F days in Texas:

### **Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe**

#### **HUNGARIAN BEEF GOULASH with POTATO DUMPLINGS**

##### **HUNGARIAN BEEF GOULASH**

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 lbs. lean beef, cut into 2 inch pieces
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 oz. butter
- 1 lbs. onions, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. Hungarian paprika

In a small bowl, mash garlic and salt into a puree. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium high heat. Sauté onions to a golden brown. Add garlic and salt mixture plus paprika to the onions and mix well. Add meat. Reduce heat to medium, cover and cook for 1/2 hours, stirring frequently to prevent meat from sticking. Once or twice, add water in 1/2 cup quantities as needed to keep goulash moist. Season to taste.

### **Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe**

#### **POTATO DUMPLINGS**

- 2 lbs. potatoes, grated
- 2 egg yolks, lightly beaten
- 3 Tbsp. flour
- flour to coat dumplings
- 1 tsp. cornstarch
- 2 cups stale bread crumbs
- pinch nutmeg
- pinch, salt
- 1/4 cup butter

In 4 quart saucepan, bring 3 quarts water and 1 teaspoon salt to a slow boil. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, mix grated potatoes, flour, cornstarch, nutmeg, and salt. Add egg yolks and mix thoroughly. Place about a quarter cup of flour in a dish. Form dumplings the size of a golf ball and roll in flour to coat. Drop dumplings into slow boiling water, cook uncovered for 10 minutes. Remove dumplings with a slotted spoon and drain. Meanwhile, melt butter in medium skillet, add bread crumbs and stir while heating until browned. Roll drained dumplings in bread crumbs. Serve alongside goulash. NOTE: If first dumpling falls apart in boiling water, add flour to dumpling mixture just until dumplings hold together water.

This recipe should feed about six and takes around two hours to prepare.

*Mike Corley*

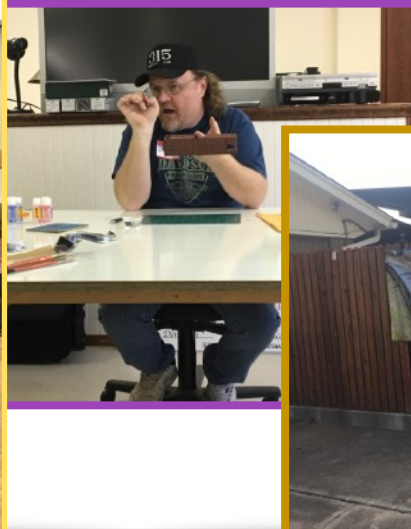
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## *Reflections of 2018 Division 1 Meetings*





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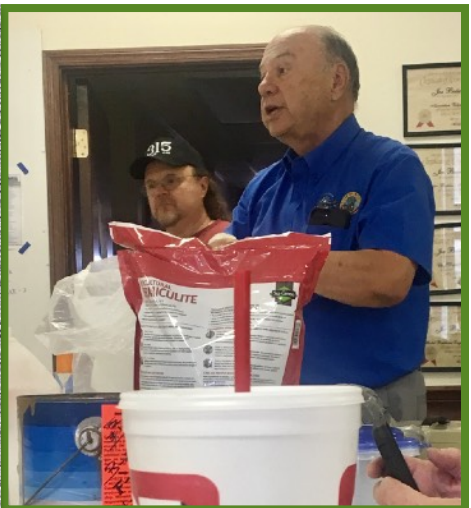
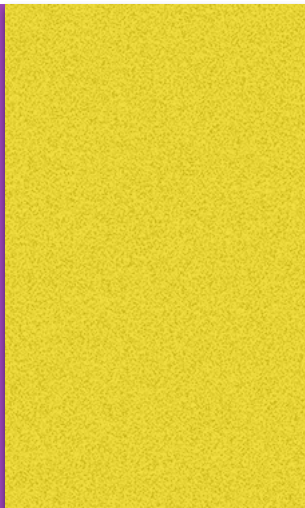


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## Area Model Railroad Clubs/News

### **Cowtown Model Railroad Club**

Meets at the *Handley Community Center*, Upstairs  
3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth. Website:  
<https://cmrrc.webs.com>

### **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  
or contact: Stan Schwartz, Email: [ss124@shcglobal.net](mailto:ss124@shcglobal.net) for dates and  
times. 1/48 12X41 lt/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 FWWR railroad  
tracks. Website: <https://ntxnrhs.org>

### **Texas Western Model Railroad Club**

Meets every Thursday & Saturday from 4 pm - 9 pm, Located at 6808 Forest  
Hill, 76140. 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.trinityntrak.com>



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## Area Hobby Shops

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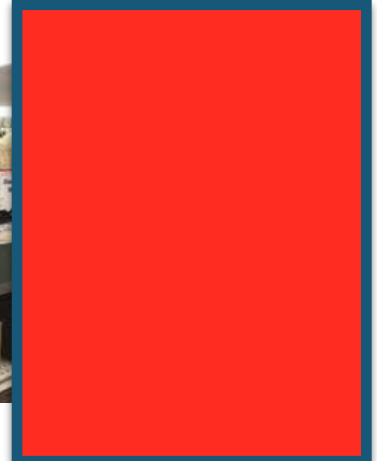
#### Discount Model Trains

4641 Ratliff Lane

Addison, TX 75001

972-931-8135

Hours: M-Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM



**Angelo Hobbies**  
5600 Rufe Snow Drive Dr. #106  
North Richland Hills, TX 76180

**Hobbytown USA**  
746 Grapevine Hwy  
Hurst, TX 76054

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Fort Worth, TX 76133

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