

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Meeting
Saturday, February 9,
2019. 10 am - 2 pm at
the Texas Western
Model Railroad
Clubhouse,
6808 Forest Hill Drive,
Forest Hill, TX 76140
Program: Static
Grass by MMR Jeff
Palmer

www.cowcatcherdivision.org

*Your Invited To The February 2019
Division Meeting!*

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Plano January 2019 Train Show Had Good Attendance This Year!

Below: Kevin Kinney of Trinity N-Trak talks model trains with a family attending the show. All photo's by the Editor.



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Director's Report



Have you kicked it into high gear already? If not, you might get left behind!

We had a fabulous train show in January in Plano. A huge thanks to Donna Orr, of Division 3, for all of her hard work in organizing the NMRA booth at the show. It really was impressive! D1 didn't sign up any new members this show, but maybe next show we can sign up a dozen or more.

Tom Pearson gave us a super clinic on JMRI during the January meeting. Thanks Tom, for putting together a great clinic.

January 17, 2019 Division 1 held its first annual Leadership Appreciation Dinner. Obviously, defined by its name, the dinner was to show those who help lead our division to new levels, how much we are grateful for their work. The following members were in attendance:

Mike Mackey - Director
Ken Kaiser - Treasurer
John Garfield - Secretary
Dick Brannan - Program Manager
David Grein - Operations Manager
Jim Davis - Assistant Operations Manager
Leo Palitti - Achievement Program Co-Manager
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Cody Akin - Contest Advisor Co-Manager
Chris Atkins - North Texas Council of Train Clubs Representative
Dr. Michael Ross - Membership Manager
David Crumpton - Assistant Membership Manager
Mike Corley - Webmaster and Communications Manager

I'd also like to welcome the following members to the leadership team:
Trapper Kirkpatrick - Assistant Newsletter Editor
Jeremy Rymer - Assistant Webmaster and Communications Manager
Joe Liesing - Assistant Program Manager

If you would like to join the leadership team please contact me. We are looking for Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. Once those positions are filled, we will have backups for every position on our Leadership Team. As a side bonus, our leadership team members receive one volunteer point per month to help them toward accomplishing their Volunteer Achievement Program certificate.

Speaking of the Achievement Program, we are having a special Achievement Program paperwork completion segment during our meeting this month. Gather your information, bring it to the meeting and let's turn in the paperwork for some AP certificates!

Keep training,

Mike Mackey NMRA

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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Programs / Clinics

Cowcatcher Division 1 Program for February 9, 2019

Clinic Overview

Our February program is Static Grass presented by Jeff Palmer, MMR

Jeff Palmer is becoming one of Divisions “go to guy” on scenery. We all enjoyed his August Presentation on making and using “Ground Goop” and February’s program on “The application and use of Static Grass “ will be equally helpful and interesting. Jeff explains materials required for a successful application as well technique and equipment.

Jeff has been involved with model railroading most of his life starting like most of us with a Lionel under the Christmas tree.

In BC (Before Children), Jeff modeled in N scale. His first layout was an Atlas designed layout that measured 4' x 10' in his garage.

Currently Jeff is the secretary for the Lone Star Region and has been active in the region since 2007.

He recently received his MMR and has a been very active in supporting Division 1 and Division 3. He has a number of AP's to his credit and has been assisting Mike Mackey on his layout.

Dick Brannan

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1



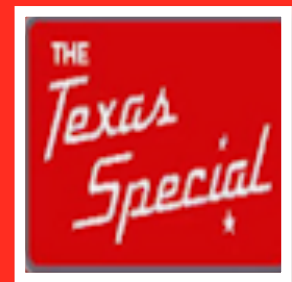
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68th Annual
2019 Convention

June 27-29, 2019

Drury Inn & Suites
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<http://www.2019TexasSpecial.com/>

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Contests
Operating Sessions
Layout Tours
Banquet
Keynote Speaker: TBA



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January Plano Train Show

The Grand Prize Winner of the Door Prize at the recent January Train Show was Stuart Glasgow of Burleson, and since he wasn't at the Show on Sunday when his winning ticket was drawn, Darrell Cowles of the Texas Western volunteered to bring his winning HO Scale Train Set back to the TWMRC Clubhouse for easy pick up for his folks and him.

As You can see from the photo below, Stuart was very Happy to pose with his new train set!



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Photo's From January Plano Train Show



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Calendar of Events & Train Shows



February

2nd – 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

7th – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting, 7 – 9 pm @ 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140 www.twmrc.org

9th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 February Meeting, at the Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10a – 2p www.cowcatcherdivision.org

16th – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002, 10 am – 1 pm,

16th-17th – Great Texas Train Show, Sat. 10 am – 5 pm, Sun. 10 am – 4 pm, Adults: \$7., Premier Events Center Lakewood Plaza, 1165 S Stemmons Frwy, Lewisville, TX More Info: trainshow.com/ GreatTexasTrainShow/

18th – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7 pm – 9 pm <http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

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29th – 31st – OKC Railroad Expo, Ed Birch Sr. Memorial Train Shows Presents, Fri. 3pm – 8pm, Sat. 9am – 4pm, Sun. 9am – 3pm. @ Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, Adults: \$8.

April

6th – Greater Tulsa Train Show, Sat. 9am – 3pm, Adults: \$5. Kids Under 12 Free, Bixby Community Center, 211 N Cabaniss Ave Bixby, OK For More Info: tos-sooner.org

OKC Railroad Expo

March 29 - 31, 2019

Fri. 3 pm - 8 pm
Sat. 9 am - 4 pm
Sun. 9 am - 3 pm

\$8. Per Person
(12 & Under free with a paid adult.)

Oklahoma State Fairgrounds
Arts & Crafts Bldg
3100 General Cushing
Oklahoma City

Ed Birch Sr. Memorial
Train Shows



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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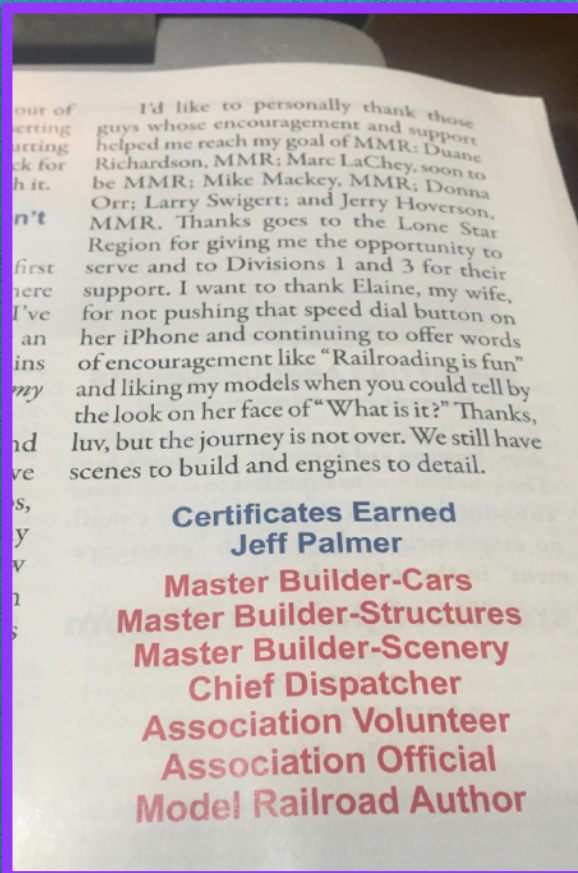
Special Notice !

During our February meeting we will be having a special time set aside for filling out Achievement Program paperwork. I know that there are more than 20 members of our division who have already completed the requirements for Volunteer, Author and/or other certificates. Take a few minutes to gather your thoughts and write down when and where you've helped with NMRA functions (train shows, clinics, open houses, articles written, etc.) and bring that information with you to the February meeting and we can help submit the paperwork for your certificates. Also, if you have locomotives, cars or structures that need to be judged for a merit score, bring those to the meeting too. Members can review your models and help you complete the requirement for these certificates as well. If you've done the work you might as well receive the certificate(s).

To find the forms go to the NMRA website. Follow the link below.

<https://www.nmra.org/education/achievement-program>

Mike Mackey NMRA



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The Call Board

by Dr. Michael Ross

You're notified by the "caller" of the next Div. 1 meeting. Show up at the Texas Western Club at 10 AM on the second Saturday of each month. But where are you (we) coming from? Where do we all live? Just how far do some members travel to enjoy the companionship of fellow model railroaders?

Yes, a majority of Div. 1 members hail from Tarrant County. But the actual percentage is less than I expected: 62% of Div. 1 members live in Tarrant County. That's less than two-thirds.

Second highest is Denton County where 28 members of Div. 1 constitute 16% of the membership. Johnson County with 14 members (8%) is the only other county with more than 10% Div. 1 membership. Next in line is Parker County with 9 members; there are 7 members in Hood County, and 4 members in Wichita County.

If there was a nice layout visit arranged, or one of our fascinating clinics, how far would you travel to a Div. 1 meeting? Is that a topic worth discussing?

One more interesting fact: The county with the greatest percent *increase* in membership is Parker county where membership increased from 6 to nine!

- A "caller" in railroad vernacular was the clerk who notified or called crew members for their assignments.

Dr. Michael Ross

Membership Chair



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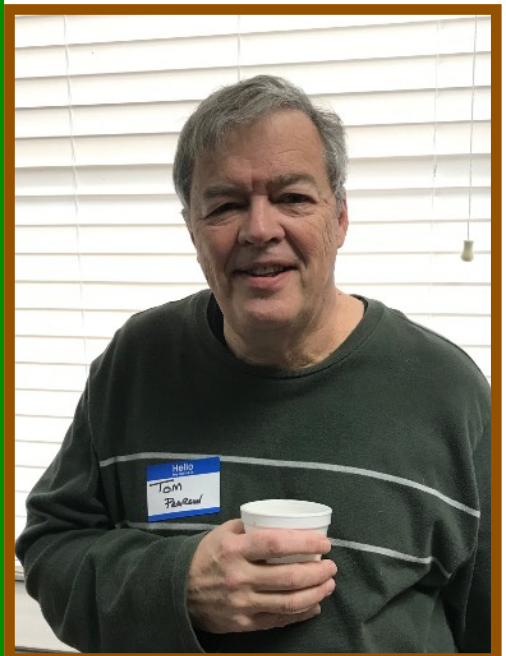


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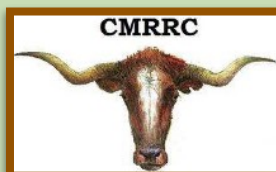
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Area Model Railroad Clubs/News

Cowtown Model Railroad Club

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



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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@cablone.net or
or contact: Stan Schwartz, Email: ss124@sbcglobal.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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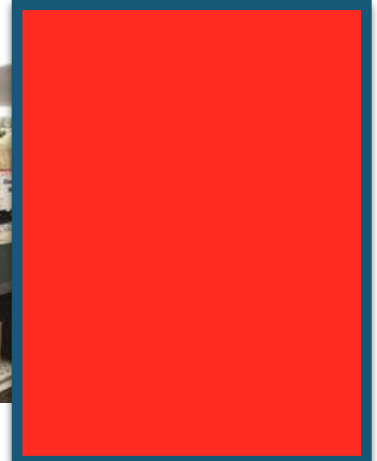
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