

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Meeting
Saturday, March 9,
2019. 10 am - 2 pm at
the Texas Western
Model Railroad
Clubhouse,
6808 Forest Hill Drive,
Forest Hill, TX 76140
Program: Tree
Making by Dave
Griffith.

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*Your Invited To The March 2019
Division Meeting!*

Static Grass clinic was a big hit at the February Meeting. Jeff Palmer teams up with Dave Griffith for the March clinic on Trees.

Below: Jeff Palmer, MMR showing us how its done with several static grass applicators. All photo's by the Editor.



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Director's Report

44!



Yessir! Forty-four is the number of members who attended last month's meeting! Our number keeps growing every month. I'm looking forward to the next few months when we break through 50, then 60 attendees each month.

Special thanks to Jeff Palmer for a super clinic on static grass. From all of the comments after the meeting, everyone seemed to enjoy it a lot. March finds Jeff making a return appearance for another scenery clinic with another superb clinician, Dave Griffith. (Sometimes I think we need to remind Dave that he is a Division 1 member and we'd really like to see him at our meetings more.)

For those who missed the big announcement at the meeting, you can now purchase Division 1 merchandise via our website, www.cowcatcherdivision.org. Just click the link at the top of the page, create a user ID for the eCommerce site, then choose the Shop tab at the top of the page, you will see Cowcatcher Div. 1, where you can purchase shirts, caps and sweatshirts with our division logo. You can also purchase apparel from other railroads as well. A portion of your purchase will be donated back to our division from our eCommerce vendor, Daylight Sales.

Please be sure and talk up our division at your club events and with your other friends; especially those who are already members of the NMRA. We are currently having about 25% of our membership attend our meetings. Let's work together to see if we can share our fun with as many as we can. "Why join the NMRA? There's nothing in it for me! It's a waste of time!" Have you heard this before? Well, as the old saying goes, "You only get out of something what you put into it."

See you at the next meeting...and bring friend!

Keep training,

Mike Mackey NMRA

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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Programs / Clinics

Cowcatcher Division 1 Program for March 9, 2019

Clinic Overview

March's clinic will be on tree making and we will focus on bottle trees this time around, future clinics will feature other type of tree making.

Our presenter this month is Dave Griffith. Dave first got into model railroading with a Lionel layout but while flying for the Navy built a HO layout for his son and really enjoyed it. After retirement from the Navy he experimented with N and G scales.

He finally returned to HO and is currently building a HO/HOn3 layout set in 1935.

Dave is VP of the North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs and is a member of the Spring Creek Model Railroad Club and the North Texas Narrow Gauge Group

Dick Brannan

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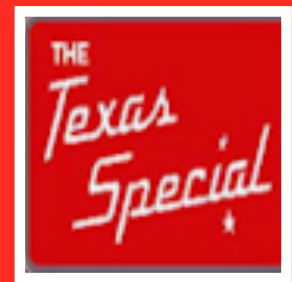
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AP Flyer

By Lorrie Palitti

What does the Achievement Program Advisor do? The AP Advisor helps you reach your goal of becoming a Master Model Railroader. The AP Program is a non-competitive award system instituted by the NMRA. It gives you the opportunity to collect awards in many different categories. It gives you the opportunity to have your work assessed by experienced modelers who are always willing to discuss them with you and provide the encouragement and advice you need. The real goal in the Achievement Program is, arguably, to encourage participants to develop new skills and to further improve their modeling abilities. Collecting certificates on the way to achieving MMR status is a satisfying way of recognizing your own personal achievements in the hobby.

Leo and I have enjoyed writing in this column for two years now. We are here to help people working towards their Master Model Railroader in any way we can, we are also working towards our MMR's. We would love to have some questions or be asked for ideas so that we may all share our knowledge of the hobby.

"These are great questions Chris. If you can add them to the column, that would be great!"

Q1- What is entailed in doing a kit in a diorama format?

A1- When you place your structure on a base that extends beyond the drip line of the structure and then start adding scenery and details it becomes a diorama. If you're submitting the structure only then you should enter without a base or use a base that falls inside the drip line.

Q2- Are there limitations or restrictions as to the base height or size to be entered into the contest room?

A2- There are no limitations on the size of base you use for your entry. Keep in mind that the contest entries are placed on 8' foot tables with a 30" width. I'd try to keep your diorama's from reaching 30" for safety reasons. If you're entering a structure with interior details and you would like the judges to be able to see all those details then an elevated base would be helpful but not necessary. As far as minimums, last years "FUN" contest entries were all done on the lids of peanut butter jar lids (3.5" diameter).

Q3- How many structures is enough or too many for a diorama?

A3- Actually there is no limit on how many structures you can put on your diorama. Leo entered a diorama without any structures last year. It was a Lombard Log Hauler pulling a skid through the forest. My point is once you start putting scenery around your structure or Log Hauler/vehicle it becomes a diorama.

I've only been in the hobby for 13 years and continue to learn more and more as we go to the Lone Star Region Div. 1 meetings, open houses or just sitting around talking trains. Learning new techniques and then trying them for yourself is fun.

This year at the Lone Star Region the contest room will have a great "FUN" category which will be a second life use for a caboose.

What a great way to get your feet wet in the contest room! Just take an old caboose and give it a second life by building it into something other than a caboose. This will be a fun kitbash for the builder. You may use all the additional materials you would like. It must be obvious that your final product was once a caboose. If you need help, please ask us!

Come on folks, let's get busy!!

Lorrie Palitti

Achievement Program Co-Manager,
Cowcatcher Division 1



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Cowcatcher Div. 1 Minutes, February 2019

By John Garfield

Mike Mackey, President, initiated the meeting by introducing two new members Steven Parish - Mansfield & Sean Dickerson - Bedford and noted that he was going to go over the AP Program to generate interest. He also noted that all Division support positions now have a back up person involved. He noted that the Secretary and Treasurer positions do not have anyone for backup if needed.

Mike noted that elections to the NMRA Board are now open and noted his own candidacy for Director World Wide encouraging all members to vote. Jeff Palmer (LSR Secretary) noted that Steve Priest, Editor of Model Railroad Craftsman, is taking a new position, moving to Nashville and resigning from his position of Western Division Director of the Board. When this happens, Mike also has an opportunity to take that position by appointment and everyone is encouraged to support him. It was also noted that the LSR Elections will be in March.

Mike noted that under the Website for the Division, Merchandise, there is a selection of shirts and caps featuring the Daylight emblem used at the 2016 State Conference and encouraged members to register into the site and check out what is available. He also noted that part of the sale is donated back by the vendor.

Discussion followed to ask Mike Armstrong, featured in the 2/19 issue of Model Railroader to come to a meeting and discuss his layout.

A final note, the group issued a live video get well to Leo Palitti who was diagnosed recently with cancer.

The monthly door prize winner's were Mike Galligan, Jim? and Dick Brannan.

Duane Richardson presented AP certificates to Michael Ross for Civil, and Fred Tucker for Golden Spike.

There followed a presentation/clinic by Jeff Palmer on static grass application techniques.

John Garfield

Secretary, Cowcatcher Division 1



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Calendar of Events & Train Shows



March

2nd – YMR Longhorn Division Meeting, Texas Western Model RR Clubhouse, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10 am – 1 pm, Laying Out Scenery on the modules. 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,

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

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

2nd – NTC NRHS April meeting Tue. 7:30 pm, Free, to be held at the Texas Western MRClub. 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140
ntxnrhs.org

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:
tts-sooner.org

May

18th – 19th – Historic Jefferson Train Show, Sat. 10 am – 5 pm, Sun. 11 am – 4 pm. Adults: \$7. Kids 6 & Under, Free, 223 W. Austin St, Jefferson, TX 75657. For More Info:
historicjeffersontrainshow.com

North Texas Chapter
National Railway
Historical Society
April 2019 Meeting

Tues. April 2, 2019

7:30 pm - 9 pm

Free

at the Texas Western
Model Railroad
ClubHouse

6808 Forest Hill Drive
Forest Hill, TX 76140

Program: TBD

ntxnrhs.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



2019 Cotton Belt
Train Show

Mar. 16-17, 2019

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

Adults: \$7.
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Achievement Program News!

All,

I just got the report from AP Report from National I would like to Congratulate the following:

Darrell Cowles: Volunteer
Jay Waters: Volunteer
David Grein: Volunteer & Dispatcher
Dick Brannan: Volunteer & Golden Spike
Fred Tucker: Golden Spike
Frank Treadaway: Golden Spike

That's 8 for Division 1 and 9 for the LSR overall.

Also there are 4 new MMR's in the NMRA this month making 9 for this year so far.

Thought y'all might like to know.

Duane Richardson, NMCR
LSR Achievement Program Chairman



New NMRA Div. 1 Member for Month of March 2019

One new member to report this month:

James (Jim) Hollis
– from Hurst.

Michael Ross
Membership Chair, Div. 1



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NTC NRHS News!

The April 2019 Meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd, at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club house at 7:30 pm.

All are welcome to attend this area rail fanning organization's meeting. The group meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday of every month at various locations within the DFW area.

The program is yet to be determined, follow them on Facebook at: [facebook.com/groups/409467244127/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/409467244127/)
And on their website: ntxnrhs.org

[facebook.com/24hoursatSaginaw/](https://www.facebook.com/24hoursatSaginaw/)

Emphasis of the chapter is activity, history, and enjoyment of railroading past and present.

This group puts on the annual event, 24 Hours @ Saginaw each year at the end of May at the Saginaw Depot on Main Street. Their meetings have a short business meeting followed by an hour long program.

Southern Pacific modelers and rail fans might be interested in a book that the chapter co-sponsored with the author David M. Bernstein titled, *Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines 1946 - 1996*. To order your own copy of this fabulous book contact the North Texas Chapter at northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com

Chris Galvin

Whistle Editor Cowcatcher Division



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Photo's From February D1 Meeting

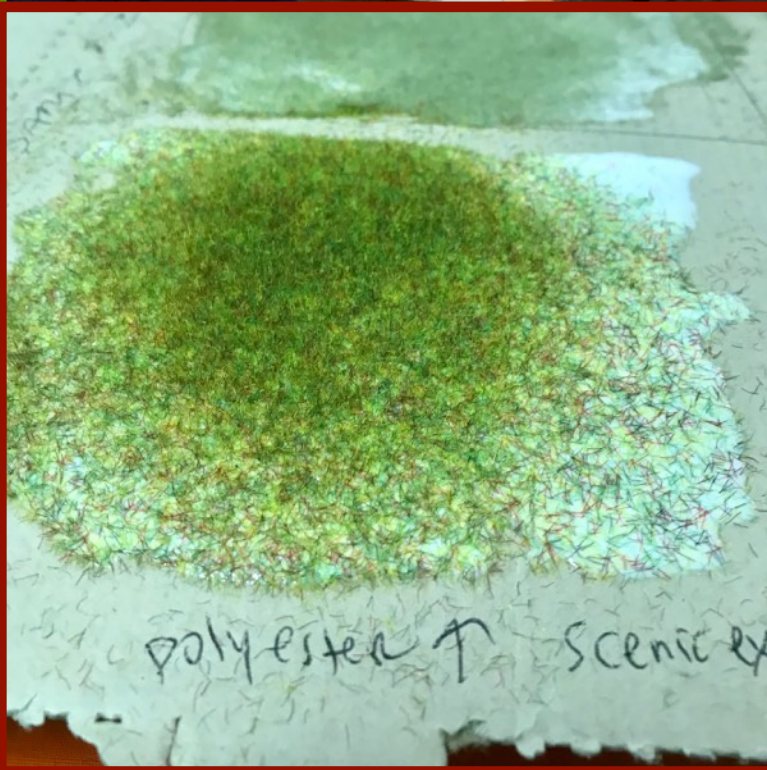


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Photo's From February D1 Meeting



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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**



Dallas/Fort Worth O Scale Club

Normally meets two Saturdays per month in Richardson. Contact: Brady
McGuire, Tel: **903-868-2726**, Email: bradyprrm1a@cableone.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 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>



TNMRC

Meets at Collin Creek Mall, Plano Check our website for times.
Website: <https://www.texasnorthern.org>



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Area Hobby Shops

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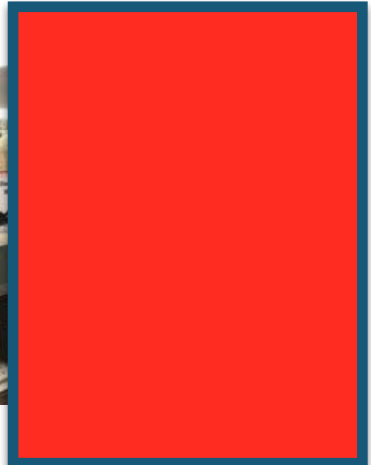
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