

# Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



## Division 1 Whistle

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**Division 1 Meeting**  
Saturday, April 13,  
2019. 10 am - 2 pm at  
the Texas Western  
Model Railroad  
Clubhouse,  
6808 Forest Hill Drive,  
Forest Hill, TX 76140  
**Program: Part 1**  
Building a Freight  
Depot kit by Duane  
Richardson, MMR.

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## Your Invited To The April 2019 Division Meeting!

**M**ake-and-Take clinic Part 1 of 3 will occupy the April, May, & June Div. 1 Meetings. These clinics will be taught by Duane Richardson, MMR.

Below: Duane Richardson, used the model below in a structure clinic I attended at the 2016 LSR Convention in Arlington.

\* Note this is not the freight depot we will be building. Photo by the Editor.



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## Director's Report



**W**hat a great meeting in March! We reached our goal of 50 in attendance and now we need to continue to set our sights on higher numbers! How long do you think it will be until we break 60? I'm guessing we hit it by summer's end.

We talked about many topics, in case you missed the meeting. One thing that was discussed was the presentation to the NMRA National Board to get the bid for the 2023 National Convention in the DFW area. That presentation will be done the first weekend of July. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

Dave Griffith showed us just how easy it is to manufacture trees by the dozens in our March clinic. We even had a few members try their own hand using the tree making machine. Don't forget to register for the 2019 LSR convention to be held in Frisco. You can register online at [www.2019texasspecial.com](http://www.2019texasspecial.com). Space is limited so register NOW!! We will have a solid group of clinicians at this year's convention operating sessions if you aren't registered. I understand that ops session slots are filling fast. Don't be left out. April starts our Make-And-Take clinic for a small depot for your layout. If you haven't signed up already, please contact me ASAP to get your kit cut in your scale. Duane Richardson will be teaching this informative clinic and has custom designed this kit from an old Revell kit that is long since been discontinued. Naturally, Duane "kicked it up" a bit by improving on the kit in many ways. I'm hoping that everyone will build their kit and enter them in the contest room and the regional convention.

Until next time...

Keep training!!!

*Mike Mackey NMRA*

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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## Programs / Clinics

### *Cowcatcher Division 1 Program for April 13, 2019*

## Clinic Overview

### Cowcatcher Division Program for April 13, 2019 Freight Depot Kit Construction

At the April meeting of the Cowcatcher Division Meeting, MMR and Achievement Program Chairman Duane Richardson from the Trinity River Division of the NMRA-LSR will begin the first of a three-part series on building a Class A Freight Depot. For all those that have preregistered for the clinics, Duane will provide a Laser Cut Kit, ready for assembly.

Phase One will include preparation and installation of the first two walls of the Freight Depot. We will be sanding and two-color painting the first two walls, and following homework will include completing the final two walls. Start your research now for the appropriate colors of your RR line, so as to have the correct colors for the trim and wall colors of your finished depot.

Special Note: If you have not already preregistered for the three-part clinic, last min-ute registration has been extended until **Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** for the clinics starting on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. The Cowcatcher Division will cover a major portion of the kits, and individual registrants will be responsible for paying the remaining \$25.00 for N-Scale, \$30.00 for HO-Scale, and \$35.00 for O-Scale. For other scales please contact [PM@CowcatcherDivision.org](mailto:PM@CowcatcherDivision.org) for pricing. For all last-minute registrations, required information is 1) Your Name, 2) Telephone Number, 3) Email Address, 4) Scale you are modeling. Please adhere to the special extended April 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline as Duane will need to create a special Laser Cut Kit just for you in time for the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A detailed listed of required tools/materials will follow in an email blast from [News@CowcatcherDivision.org](mailto:News@CowcatcherDivision.org). Until then, be prepared to bring:

- 220 Grit Sand Paper
- Two **FLAT** paint brushes, one 3/8"-1/2" wide for walls and one 3/16" wide for trim
- Paint – specific to your RR, two colors, for depot trim and depot wall colors
- X-Acto Knife with sharp blade(s)
- Cutting Matt
- Corner Blocks, to keep your walls true at a true 90° angle. Specialty parts are available from Walther's or Micro-Mark, or a more cost-effective method can be done with Lego / Duplo Blocks and standard household clothes pins.

Start today to be prepared for tomorrow. Your finished depot can be entered into the Contest Room at the June 27-29, 2019 "The Texas Special" LSR 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Frisco, TX.

"We do not ride on the railroad; it rides upon us"

*Joe "LocoJo" Leising*

Program Director



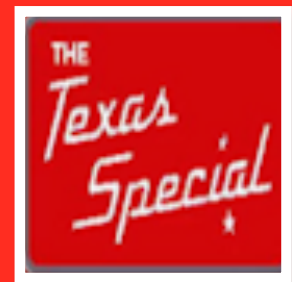
Lone Star Region  
68th Annual  
2019 Convention

June 27-29, 2019

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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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## *Show & Tell March Meeting...*

David Crumpton shared his barn & farm house diorama he built for his show and tell model.

Bring along what you're working on to the April Div. 1 Meeting!



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## *Cowcatcher Div. 1 Minutes, March 2019*

By John Garfield

**T**he Division meeting started at 10:00 AM at Texas

Western Model RR Club with 50 people in attendance. Mike Mackey, Director, made the following announcements:

The National NMRA Conference is July 6 to the 13th. He will be meeting with the NMRA Board on July 7th to make the proposal for the 2023 NMRA Conference in DFW. He has arranged for Spencer Christian (radio and TV personality and model RR enthusiast) to be the event speaker while other arrangements are in process including hotel. An airline ticket for \$404 has been arranged which will be reimbursed by the conference money once approved. Cost for the ticket in the meantime will be split between District 1 and 3 until it is reimbursed. He is working on a video presentation that will feature Dallas and Fort Worth with Bob Tallman (famous rodeo speaker) as a key speaker.

Locally, the 2019 Texas Special Conference this June is underway and being chaired by Donna Orr of District 3. Registration is open with approximately 50 people signed up. Registration is limited due to hotel accommodations to 150 people, so early registration is encouraged. Chris Atkins, NTC Chairman, reported that the January train show had a good showing, unfortunately, there are increased costs to the Plano Center this year that affected overall returns. Attendance was about 5000 people.

It was noted that Ken Kaiser, Treasurer, is being replaced by Dick Brannan so that Ken can provide more input to the LSR Membership Chair position he recently took over. In April there will be a special presentation and RR visit as well as the 3 part Make and Take station project by Duane Richardson. Kits for this project are around

\$50 in HO (higher and lower for other scales). Participants are encouraged to sign up and make your payment so we know how many plan to participate.

**Certificates of Achievement were provided for the following:**

**Jay Waters, Volunteer**

**Dick Brannan, Volunteer and Golden Spike**

**Frank Treadaway, Golden Spike**

**David Grien, Volunteer and Chief Dispatcher**

### **Under Show and Tell:**

**David Crumpton** – An access panel as a farm house and barn scene.

**David Grien** – N scale NYC caboose.

**Tom Pearson** – switch block idea for Tortoise switch machine.

**Cody Aiken** – Chama engine house mock up.

**Joe Batson** – Initial plans and modeling for a sawmill.

**Mike Walter** – Hand made passenger platform roof supports.

In conclusion, Mike noted that he is in the process of moving into a new home with an upstairs train room. He is looking for volunteers to help move his layout on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. He would appreciate anyone who can help with this move. Darrell Cowles has made a great plan for the train room to start redesigning the layout from. Appreciation was extended to Jeff Palmer and John Garfield for their help in dismantling and packing the layout.

There followed a presentation on evergreen tree making with many members participating.

*John Garfield*

Secretary, Cowcatcher Division 1



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## Calendar of Events & Train Shows



### 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](http://ntxnrhs.org)

**4th** – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting, 7 – 9 pm @ 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140  
[www.twmrc.org](http://www.twmrc.org)

**6th** – 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](mailto:westsidelumberco@gmail.com)

**13th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 April Meeting, at the Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10a – 2p, Clinic: Depot Build by Duane Richardson  
[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

**15th** – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7 pm – 9 pm  
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

**20th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002, 10 am – 1 pm,

### May

**4th – 5th** – Austin Area Train Show, Sat. 10 am – 5 pm, Sun. 10 am – 3 pm, \$7. Williamson County Expo Center, 5350 Bill Pickett Trail, Taylor, TX  
[austinrailway.org/trainshow.html](http://austinrailway.org/trainshow.html)

**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](http://historicjeffersontrainshow.com)

Rail Fest  
May 11, 2019

Model Train Show  
10 am - 4 pm

Modeling Clinics  
10 am - 4 pm

Central Park  
700 S. Broadway  
Moore, OK

**\$5. Admission**

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\*LEGO Train Layout  
\*Food Court

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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.

**Program: Tour Texas Western Layout Ver. 2.0**

follow them on Facebook at: [facebook.com/groups/409467244127/](https://facebook.com/groups/409467244127/) And on their website: [ntxnrhs.org](http://ntxnrhs.org)

[facebook.com/24hoursatsaginaw/](https://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](mailto:northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com)

*Chris Galvin*

Whistle Editor Cowcatcher Division





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## *Photo's From March 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](mailto:bradyprrm1a@cableone.net) or  
or contact: Stan Schwartz, Email: [ss124@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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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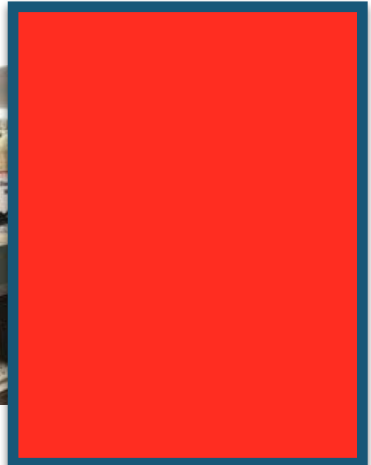
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