

# Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



## Division 1 Whistle

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**Division 1 Meeting**  
Saturday, June 8,  
2019. 10 am - 2 pm at  
the Texas Western  
Model Railroad  
Clubhouse,  
6808 Forest Hill Drive,  
Forest Hill, TX 76140  
**Program: Part 3**  
Building a Depot by  
Duane Richardson,  
MMR.

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*Your Invited To The June 2019  
Division Meeting!*

**M**ake-and-Take clinic Part 3 returns at June Meeting taught by Duane Richardson, MMR.  
Photo by the Editor.



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## Director's Report



**Whew!** After the May meeting agenda, we need a breather! A guest speaker, a "make and take" clinic and a field trip. What a meeting! We had 45 folks show up on a rainy day. Fantastic turnout.

I'd like to thank Mike Armstrong for his work to deliver a super presentation and then for hosting an open house on his superb layout. Awesome job Mike!

Duane Richardson delivered part two of our depot clinic. Thanks to our resident film maker, David Kranda, we had the video of the clinic edited and uploaded to our YouTube channel in less than 24 hours. Way to go David!! View the video on YouTube at Cowcatcher Division 1.

We had a tremendous month with individuals submitting their paperwork for the Achievement Program. Those turning in paperwork at the meeting were:

Mike Armstrong – Golden Spike  
David Crumpton – Golden Spike  
Mike Ross – Volunteer, Electrical  
Ken Kaiser – Author  
John Garfield – Electrical  
Bob Bray – Scenery  
Stan Pirzchalski – Cars, Master Model Railroder

We have several others who have indicated that they will be submitting paperwork very soon for things that they have completed. I'm very excited at the momentum being generated with everyone participating in the AP Program. Keep up the good work!

Our June meeting will be the last installment of our depot clinic. We want everyone to finish their models and enter them in the contest room at the LSR Convention two weeks later. Let's rock the contest room with entries! I know that I'm entering at least 4 items myself.

We have big things planned for the remainder of the year; Hot Dog picnic in July, Track Planning in August, Trip to the Texas State Railroad with a behind the scenes shop tour in September and a bridge building clinic in October. John Garfield and Ken Kaiser will be telling us all about their Canadian rail trip in November and we host our annual Christmas party in December.

I'd like to thank everyone in the division for all of their kind words of support and encouragement and for re-electing me to serve as your division director for a second term. You all make this fun for me!

See you at the next meeting (June 8<sup>th</sup>)...and bring a friend!

Until next time...  
Keep training!!!

*Mike Mackey NMRA*

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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## Programs / Clinics

### *Cowcatcher Division 1 Program for June 8, 2019*

#### Clinic Overview

Cowcatcher Division Program for June 8, 2019

#### Part 3 - Class A Depot Kit Construction

The June 8<sup>th</sup> program will continue with part 3 of the make-n-take depot clinic with MMR Duane Richardson. Before beginning the next session, all home work will need to be completed. In review, the homework assignment is;

- All four walls of the depot be connected.
- Install all windows (including circular windows) and four doors (2 freight, 2 man), door and window frames and trim
- Color the engraved sides of the roof black (do not paint, use a magic marker, sharpie, etc.)
- Paint the overhang portion of the underside of the roof the same color as the walls. (Weigh down after painting to avoid warping)
- Attach a piece of square strip wood, between the peaks of the two side walls to create a roof ridge support. Remember to install at an angle at the same pitch of the roof line, creating an upside-down V.
- Stain the outdoor portion of the floor piece / porch
- For the June meeting, remember to bring;
  - o a course, 100 grit Emory Board
  - o paint for the roof shingles
  - o strip wood, like the piece for the roof support, that will used to glue the building to the base

For a review of clinic parts 1 & 2, visit youtube.com and search Cowcatcher Division 1

The June 8<sup>th</sup> program will include preparing and installing the bay window, installing the roof braces and placing shingles on the roof with the goal of final completion of the depot.

Seats are still available for the September 14<sup>th</sup> field trip to the Texas State Railroad and Palestine Railroad Heritage Center. Make sure to sign-up at the June meeting to reserve your seat(s) and ticket(s).

A survey will be distributed at the June meeting to help determine the 2020 program agenda. Start thinking now about topics you would like to learn, or learn more about.

*Joe "LocoJo" Leising*

Program Director  
LSR Cowcatcher Division One



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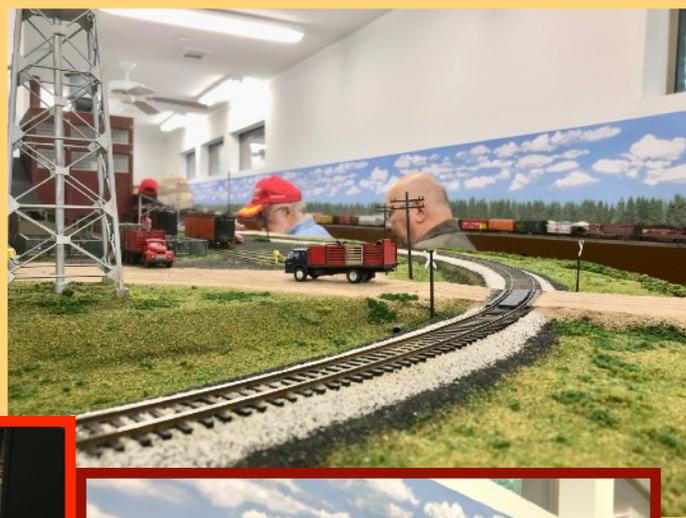


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## Photo's From May D1 Meeting Mike Armstrong- Rock Island Lines



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

By John Garfield

**M**ike Mackey, began the meeting by announcing that an anonymous donation was made to the Division for \$100. Treasurer Dick Brannan noted a balance of \$4780.00. He noted that the annual Franchise Tax paperwork was due and is ready to file. No taxes are due. Mike noted that discounts are available for merchandise through Amazon Smile. Matching funds go to charity. Visit [smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and follow steps when purchasing with the non-profit of your choice, (Cowcatcher Division 1) and a portion of your sale will be donated to the Division 1.

Mike noted that he is preparing for the presentation at the National Convention in Salt Lake City. An additional \$300 has been incurred and approved by the Board to complete the audio-visual presentation. It is unclarified as of yet, but believed that the competing group in Michigan is withdrawing their interest. It was noted that all expenses incurred for the presentation and transportation to National will be reimbursed once the show is approved by NMRA.

It was noted that Youth in Model Railroading is active through the Texas Western Club and is one of the few active groups in the LSR.

New members were introduced:

Jack and Dimitri, and John Schwin.

Mike noted on future meetings that the Division will host a hot dog cookout in July. In September the Division is planning to visit the Texas State Railroad. Cost is

\$100. per person for coach transportation, lunch and fees. The Division approved providing \$500 to help defray cost. Mike then noted that all are invited to Mike Armstrong's home in the afternoon to visit his layout which was featured in the March 2019 issue of Model Railroader magazine. All are invited.

MMR certification was recently achieved by Stan Pirzchalski.

Under Show and Tell, Casey Akin presented his working on a model of the sandhouse at Chama, NM. David Crumpton presented his model of Olary's Garage. It was noted that the Contest Room for the 2019 Convention is being managed by Cody Akin and members are encouraged to bring their models.

Deal or Dud was then carried out.

*John Garfield*

Secretary, Cowcatcher Division 1

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## Calendar of Events & Train Shows



### June

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

**6th** – 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)

**8th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 June Meeting, at the Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10a – 1p, Clinic: Depot Build Part III by Duane Richardson  
[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

**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/>

**27th – 30th** – Lone Star Region 68th Annual 2019 Convention, Drury Inn & Suites Dallas/Frisco  
<http://www.2019TexasSpecial.com/>

### July

**13th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 July Meeting, at the Texas Western Model RR Club, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10a – 1p, Clinic: TBA & A Cook Out after the meeting.  
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## *The Dining Car*

By Mike Corley

### **Old Fashioned Navy Bean Soup, Rio Grande Style**

With the last month of cooler weather left before the onslaught of summer, I thought a good old fashioned bean soup recipe might be in order. This month we feature old fashioned navy bean soup, Rio Grande style:

#### Ingredients

- 3 cups of navy beans in cold water to cover
- 4 Tablespoons of flour
- 2 medium onions, minced
- 4 quarts beef stock
- 2 medium carrots, diced
- 3 large tomatoes, peeled and diced
- ¼ cup bacon drippings -pork, turkey or duck bacon
- Salt and pepper to taste

(This recipe tastes good because of all the ingredients that are bad for you. You can substitute olive oil for the bacon drippings and bouillon for the stock, but it won't be as tasty. Since you don't eat like this all the time, it's probably okay to go ahead and use the ingredients as stated. You can also add ham bones or ham to improve the flavor if you don't use bacon drippings.)

#### Instructions

In a large pot, cover the beans with cold water and soak overnight. This is an important step, don't skip it. The next day, don't drain the soaking water and bring the beans and water to boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer. Peel and chop tomatoes, set aside. (You can substitute using chopped canned tomatoes). Next make the rye - in a large sauce pan melt the bacon drippings and braise the onions and carrots over medium heat until translucent and tender. Stirring constantly, add the flour to absorb the bacon drippings (make sure there are no lumps). Add the beef stock and tomatoes, stirring until the rye is dissolved and the mixture is heated thoroughly. Add the mixture, salt, and pepper to the beans and stock. Cook on simmer for about one and half hours or until the beans are tender. Just before serving, you can add ham for flavor. Serve with biscuits or cornbread, close your eyes, and imagine your gently rocking back and forth on a Rio Grande dining car...

Enjoy,

*Mike Corley*



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What do you get from the monthly Division Meetings ?

- Fellowship/Networking with other area modelers.
- See what modeling projects others are currently working on for their layouts.
- Learn from a variety of monthly clinics.
- Get the latest Area Modeling News, area train shows, NMRA news,.
- Deal or Dud prize giveaways.
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## *Photo's From May 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  
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### Dallas/Fort Worth O Scale Club

Normally meets two Saturdays per month in Richardson. Contact: Brady  
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### 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

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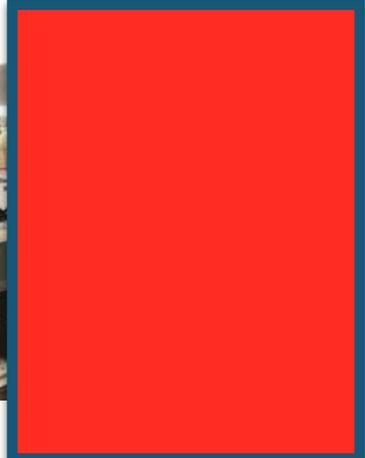
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