

# Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



## Division 1 Whistle

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**Division 1 Meeting**  
Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019.  
10:00 am - 1 pm at the  
Forest Hill Civic &  
Convention Center,  
6901 Wichita St, Forest  
Hill, TX 76140.

**Program:** "Mail  
Trains", by Jim  
Ogden

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

*Your Invited To The October 2019  
Division 1 Meeting!*

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9 am - 5 pm

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**October 5, 2019 Cowcatcher  
Division 1 Meeting** will take place  
at the Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St., Forest Hill.  
**Clinic Presenter:**  
Jim Ogden, "Mail Trains"

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## Director's Report



**F**all is officially here and the year is rapidly

drawing to a close! Our Christmas party is only about 60 days away. WHAT?? I know, this year has flown by!!

Last month, Dick Brannan presented an excellent clinic on bridge building. It was the first time that Dick has ever given a clinic for us, but you sure couldn't tell it. He did a great job! Thanks again Dick!!

We are extremely fortunate to have Jim Ogden give us a presentation on "Mail Trains" this month. Jim has been a long time contributor to Model Railroader magazine as far back as the 1980's. In fact, many of you might remember one of Jim's articles in the series "Pike Sized Passenger Trains" from those days. This promises to be a superb presentation, and personally, I can't wait!

**Finally, I want to remind you of two VERY important items:** 1) The Plano Train Show is October 12<sup>th</sup> which is our normal meeting date. The train show is a one day show this time around due to a scheduling conflict with the Plano Convention Center. Since it is a one day show only, the show will begin at 8am and run until 4pm. We are still needing volunteers to help with the NMRA booth in various positions. Please contact Ken Kaiser, Show Co-ordinator, at 817-681-4558 to help with the booth; 2) **Due to the date conflict of the show and our regular meeting, we will be meeting the first Saturday of the month for this month. Our meeting will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> instead of October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Once again, due to the ongoing building repairs at our normal location, our meeting will held at the:

**Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita Street, Forest Hill, Texas 76140.**

**See you at the next meeting (October 5<sup>th</sup>) at 10am...and bring a friend!**

Keep training,

*Mike Mackey, NMRA*

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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## Programs / Clinics

*Cowcatcher Division 1  
Program for October 5, 2019*

### Clinic Overview Mail Trains

By Jim Ogden

*Reminder: The October meeting of the Cowcatcher Division will take place on the FIRST Saturday of the month, on October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Forest Hill Convention & Civic Center.*

The October clinic will be presented by Jim Ogden. Jim has been modeling since childhood, with a special interest in prototype operations and detailing cars. His favorite roads are the Missouri Pacific and Texas Pacific, although he also enjoys his interest in other lines such as the Katy and Illinois Central. Jim has had several articles published in Model Railroader Magazine. Jim always appreciates the exchange of model railroading information to help enhance his knowledge and skills in the hobby.

Jim's presentation will be on Mail Trains, which from the 1890's to 1960's carried the vast majority of the mail for the United States Postal Service, and often provided the necessary revenue to keep passenger lines operating. Jim will discuss dedicated mail trains, as well as the Railway Post Office (RPO) which were cars included with passenger service which sorted mail in route to speed up the delivery of the mail. Jim will help to explain why mail cars were off limits to passengers and why postal clerks wore firearms to help protect their precious and sometimes secret cargo.

*Joe "LocoJo" Leising*

Program Director  
LSR Cowcatcher Division 1

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## *Cowcatcher Div. 1 Minutes September 2019*

By John Garfield

**M**ike Mackey, Division President, opened the meeting with recognition of guests.

He then noted that the Division share of the LSR conference came to \$2219. Bringing the Division treasury to approximately \$5300. That total is after the purchase of the Division projector and camera. A microphone is still needed to record Division activities for approximately \$250. This was approved by the membership.

Next, he noted a schedule change for the October meeting from the second Saturday to the first Saturday (Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>) due to the Plano Train Show.

He then noted that the October meeting will host Jim Ogden who will make a presentation on Mail Trains. Jim previously had an article in Model Railroader – Pike Size Passenger Trains.

November meeting will be a presentation on the Rocky Mountaineer by travelers John Garfield, Frank Treadaway, Ken Kaiser, Jay Waters and his son.

Mike noted that the Plano Train Show in October is the responsibility of the Division as it replaces the Fort Worth Train Show. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the NMRA/Division 1 & 3 booth are needed along with volunteers to do presentations at the show. Three time slots are open and needed for presentations at the show. Contact show coordinator Ken Kaiser.

Mike noted that he received an email from Ray Deblick that a contract for the 2023 National NMRA Convention was ready to process. Noting that the Narrow Gauge Convention in California was charging \$199 a night for rooms, our agreement is only \$175.

AP Certificates were presented to Frank Treadaway for his Golden Spike, and Michael Ross received two certificates one for Electrical and one for Association Volunteer.

Noting that t-shirts, short sleeve shirts and long sleeve shirts with the Division Logo and name were available through the Division Web Site, Mike pointed out several members with Division shirts on.

Show and Tell featured two presentations. One on a farm scene building and one discussion of two types of brick mortar displays being selected. Michael Ross noted a trestle jig and several members noted both home made and commercial jigs available.

A presentation was then made by Mike Brannan on building trestles.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

*John Garfield*

Secretary, Cowcatcher Division 1



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## *The AP Flyer*

By Leo Palitti

**B**ack to the AP program. As Lorrie and I write these articles every month, we're also working on our AP's. The write ups / paperwork involved with these awards can be quite tiresome but they are very important and needed. We're to the point that we have all our rolling stock built, 4 kit builds and 4 scratch builds each but by putting off our write ups, we've made it difficult on ourselves trying to remember what we did while constructing our cars. All of Lorrie's scratch builds were all less than 2 years ago, some of my scratch building goes back 25+ years. In the early 1990's there was a hobby shop that went out of business in Haltom City on 28th Street. I bought handfuls of scratch building supplies and kits from that hobby shop and still have lots of those supplies and kits today. I found it fun to build a car or two in between building structures for The Texas Western Model Railroad Club. After Lorrie started building structures in 2006, I encouraged her to build an HO<sub>n3</sub> car kit. She chose the Tiffany boxcar by Binkley Models.



She thought the Tiffany car was cute and she's right, it is kind of cute (it's on our layout). Most of these cars are a joy to build and give the builder a sense of accomplishment in just a short time.

All this sounds great right? Well, the problem that I (we) have come across is doing the write ups for these cars long after they were built. It's not easy trying to remember what the heck we did a year ago or twenty years ago? I can look at the underframes and remember that the doohickey is connected to the thingy and later it was painted some shade of brown. Taking photos of our work last century wasn't nearly as easy as it is today. When you have notes and pictures to use as a reference, it makes doing your AP write ups a breeze! The AP program is a great way for us modelers to learn. What I learned in all of this is that taking notes and pictures while working on your AP's is a good idea. 🙌

The D&RGW is my first scratch build and the T&P is my favorite.

*Leo Palitti*

Achievement Program Co-Manager,

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## Calendar of Events & Train Shows



In Memory of  
Johnny Jackson  
Texas Western Member

Born Nov. 24, 1961  
Died Sept. 16, 2019



### 37th Annual Temple Train Show

Sept. 21 & 22,  
2019

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

Central Texas Area  
Modeler Railroaders

[Centramodrr.com](http://Centramodrr.com)

Temple Civic Center  
3303 N. 3rd St.  
(Exit 303 from I-35)  
254-749-0700

### October

**3rd** – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting, 7 – 9 pm @ Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76140 [www.twmrc.org](http://www.twmrc.org)

**5th** – Youth In Model Railroading Sept. Meeting. 10 am – 1 pm @ Texas Western Model RR Clubhouse, Scenery applied to our modules. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ymlonghorn/>

**5th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, at the Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10:00 am – 1pm, Program: By Jim Ogden [www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

**19th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002, 10 am – 1 pm,

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

### November

**9th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 November Meeting, at Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76140; 10:00a – 1p, Clinic: TBA [www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)



### 5th Annual Fall Train Show

Sat. Oct. 12, 2019  
9 am - 5 pm

Plano Centre  
2000 E. Spring  
Creek Pkwy  
Plano, 75074

\$10. per Person  
Children 12 and under  
Free w/paid adult

Scouts & Scout  
Leaders in Uniform,  
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## BULLETIN

September/October 2019

### New companies added to our growing list of Partners!

These companies are giving NMRA members discounts for buying their products when using a special discount code. You can find their websites and discount codes on our Partnership Page at <https://www.nmra.org/partnerships>. Remember you need to be logged into our site as a member to see the codes! (See the pink box below.) **New partners since the last NMRA eBulletin issue are in red.**

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**Gatorfoam** -- *a unique, strong, laminated panel with a core of extruded polystyrene and a face made of resin impregnated wood fiber veneer*

Great Decals

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LARC Products

Logic Rail Technologies

Micro-Mark

MinuteMan Scale Models

Model Railroad Benchwork

Model Train Catalogue

Modelers Decals and Paint

Motrak Models

MRC (Model Rectifier Corporation)

OK Engines/Streamliners

**The Old Depot Gallery** -- *features the artwork of railroad artist Robert (Bob)*

*Frascella*

Old West Scenery

Ram-Track

RR-CirKits

Rusty Stumps

Scale Model Plans

Scalecoat Paint

Scenery Solutions/Fusion Fiber

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WiFi Model Railroad, LLC

*Whistle Editor*

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## *The Call Board*

By Michael Ross

How many crew members are available for the “call boy” to call to man the trains on the Cowcatcher Division? We need quite a crew to be able to handle all the trains running over the Division. And we need a crew with a wide range of skills and experiences. We’ve got layouts with mountain grades, some sharp curves, S-curves, and large yards. And our crews need to be able to run steam, narrow gauge and even overhead traction.

For all of 2018, Cowcatcher Division meeting averaged 36 members in attendance. Lowest was 23; highest attendance was 50. This year (2019) so far, the average meeting attendance is 38. Lowest this year was 22, highest again 50 crew available to run trains.

Division One – the Cowcatcher Division – is holding stable in membership. But with all the congestion on both the main and branch lines, lets each try to get another model railroader to come with you to a meeting. It’s that fellow modeler in the cab with you that is one of the best parts of our hobby.

*Michael Ross*



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## Photo's From 2019 September D1 Meeting!

Dick Brannan gave a clinic on Building a Curved Trestle.

Above: Golden Spike certificate awarded to Frank Treadaway,  
Middle: Electrical & Association certificates awarded to Michael Ross,  
Lower: Dick Brannan's Trestle Templates

All Photo's by: Dick Brannan



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## *The Dining Car*

### Open-faced Hot Mexican Sandwich

The dog days of summer are nearly over, but we've got a nice meal treat for those cooler days when the temperature drops below 100F: Grilled Mexican Sandwich, Santa Fe style and Mexican coleslaw from the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway: Open-fad Hot

### Mexican Sandwich from the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway

#### Ingredients:

- 1 lb. browned hamburger or diced roast beef
- ¼ lb. Swiss or Colby cheese, grated
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, chopped fine
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 4 green chilies diced fine (I used canned or fresh)
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- ½ cup pimentos, diced fine
- ½ cup chili or picante sauce
- 1 celery stalk, diced fine
- 8 drops of Tabasco or Louisiana hot sauce

#### Instructions:

Warm or lightly toast the bread in a toaster. Place the meat, hard-boiled eggs, green chilies, pimento, celery, and cheese into a bowl. Next add mayonnaise, lemon juice, picante (or chili) sauce, and hot sauce and mix thoroughly. Spread on bread slices. Place on baking sheet and grill five inches from the broiler. Toast until the topping is lightly browned and bubbly. Cut slices diagonally and serve with coal slaw.

### Mexican coleslaw from the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway

#### Ingredients:

- 1 medium head cabbage
- 1 medium onion, chopped fine
- 2 small green peppers
- 2 Tbsp. parsley, chopped
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 oz. white vinegar
- 16 strips pimento

#### Instructions:

Quarter the cabbage head, remove the core and shred or grate very fine. Quarter the green peppers, remove seeds, and shred or grate fine. Combine cabbage and green pepper. Add mayonnaise, vinegar, onion, salt, pepper, and chopped parsley. Mix thoroughly and chill. Serve a scoop on a leaf of lettuce. Garnish with pimento strips. Well, that's it. These recipes are very old, but they're easy to update with tostado instead of bread, and other southwestern spices.

Enjoy!

*Mike Corley*

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## Area Model Railroad Clubs/News

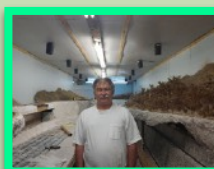
### Cowtown Model Railroad Club

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  
McGuire, Tel: **903-868-2726**, Email: [bradyprmr1a@cableone.net](mailto:bradyprmr1a@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 11999 Plano Rd, Suite 154, Dallas, 75243 Check our website  
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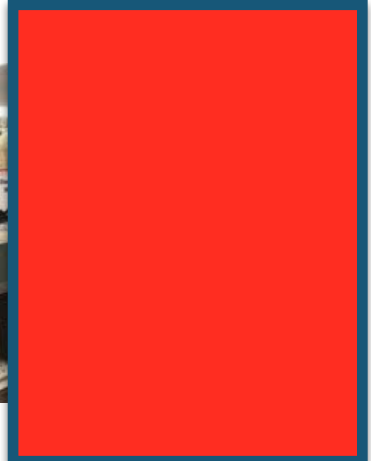
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