

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 2,
2019. 10:00 am - 1 pm
at the Forest Hill Civic
& Convention Center,
6901 Wichita St, Forest
Hill, TX 76140.

Clinic: "Making
Blacktop Roads", by
Jeff Palmer, MMR

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

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Join Us for a Day To Chase Down
The Union Pacific Big Boy #4014
with Division 1
on Saturday, Nov. 9th

We'll Meet up at the Parking Lot of the
Texas Western Model RR Club
@ 8:30 AM

To Depart for Palestine, TX arriving about
11:30 AM, Enjoy a good lunch and wait
the arrival of the Big Boy

Take Photos then head back to Ft Worth
by 6:30 PM.



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Division 1 Meeting** will take place
at the Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St., Forest Hill.
Clinic Presenter:
Jeff Palmer MMR, "Making Blacktop Roads"

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Director's Report



With the fall train show behind us we can now

look forward to an exciting November schedule of events. We are moving this month's meeting to the first Saturday of the month so that we can add another event to the schedule for the month.

Our November 2, 2019 meeting will start the first of a four series clinic on building roads conducted by Jeff Palmer. These clinics will be dispersed throughout our schedule and feature asphalt, concrete, dirt and gravel roads. Asphalt roads will begin the series. This meeting will be held at the Forest Hill Civic Center beginning at our usual time of 10am.

On our normal meeting day, November 10th, we will meet at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club at 8:30am to depart for Palestine, Texas to meet the Big Boy! Union Pacific 4014 will be arriving at 2pm and stopping for the night there. We will car pool to Palestine, arriving about 11:30, enjoy a good lunch and await the arrival of the engine. After we have exhausted our cameras, we will return to Fort Worth around 6:30pm.

I'm happy to report that the repairs to our normal meeting place, the Texas Western Club, are wrapping up nicely. It appears that we will be able to resume meeting there in December just in time for our annual Christmas party. Save the date of December 14th for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship! As usual, the division will furnish the turkey and a ham, but the rest is up to you. Bring your favorite dish to the pot luck dinner. You can sign up for what you plan to bring on Perfect Potluck like we've done in the past. You will receive a separate email with a link very soon. Be on the lookout for it. **I'd like to issue a challenge to our division!** Mike Corley has been giving us some outstanding recipes each month from the dining cars of several different railroads. Wouldn't it be fun to sample those food items as part of our Christmas Pot Luck Dinner? Who's going to accept the challenge and bring us some tasty entrees from the golden days of railroading? It's going to be a fun month! I can't wait to see you all and create some fantastic memories!!

Keep training!

Mike Mackey, NMRA

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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Programs / Clinics

Cowcatcher Division 1 Program for November 2, 2019

Clinic Overview

Making Blacktop Roads with Jeff Palmer & On the Road with the Cowcatcher Crew

Note: So that our members will have the opportunity to visit the UP 4014 Big Boy while in the area during Union Pacific's "The Great Race Across the Southwest", the Cowcatcher Division November meeting will take place on the FIRST Saturday of the month, at 10:00am on November 2nd, at the Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center.

The November 2nd clinic will be presented by Jeff Palmer, MMR #620. Jeff has had a lifelong interest in trains and has been involved in the NMRA - Lone Star Region since 2007. Jeff currently serves as Secretary for the LSR and is active in supporting both Trinity River Division and Cowcatcher Division events, and is a regular participant at the monthly D1 meetings. In the past, Jeff has presented Clinics to D1 in Ground Cover & Terrain Techniques and Static Grass. Amongst his many interests in model railroading, Jeff has a special passion for modeling realistic scenery.

On November 2nd Jeff will present a clinic on Making Asphalt/Blacktop Roads. Making roads was one of the most requested topics from our Clinic Survey, and Jeff will provide us with a wealth of information on the subject. Jeff will discuss resources and techniques for adding realistic asphalt roadways to a layout. In the future, Jeff will continue with presentations on making roads that represent using other road and parking lot building materials.

"On the road again" All interested parties are invited to join the caravan to see UP Big Boy 4014 in Palestine, TX on Saturday, November 9th. We will meet in the parking lot of the Texas Western Model Railroad Club at 8:30am and depart promptly at 9:00am. Our arrival will allow time for lunch and/or a visit to the Palestine Railroad Heritage Center before the Big Boy arrives. Open from 9:30am - 4:30pm, and located across the street from the UP Yard, the Railroad Heritage Center offers a beautiful HO scale layout depicting the railroads that serviced the area, a UP Caboose and Depot. The Palestine Farmers Market is also on the site, overlooking the UP Yard. UP 4014 is scheduled to arrive in Palestine at approximately 2:00pm and will overnight in the yard until 8:00am Sunday morning.

If you have not already done so, make sure to register for the upcoming 2-part "Scratch Building a Flat Car" clinic in January 2020. It is important that everyone that is interested in participating in the clinic registers by the December 12th (12/12) deadline so that enough clinic kit components can be ordered and received on time for the January 11th, 2020 D1 meeting. Cost of the clinic will be in the neighborhood of \$30.00 per kit, and the division will offset the cost of each kit with a \$10.00 subsidy, dropping the participant expense to around \$20.00. For those pursuing their MMR, this clinic will help to fulfill the requirements for the Model Railroad Equipment category, Master Builder - Cars, Achievement Program Certificate. The 30' wooden flat car that will be built can be replicated and used as the basis to expand upon to scratch build a Gondola, Boxcar, etc. More information on the clinic will be provided as it becomes available. If you are interested in participating in the clinic but cannot attend the D1 November 2nd meeting, please contact Joe Leising by email at Joe@Leising.com or by calling 817 - 312 - 6615, and provide your name, scale, email address and telephone number.

Joe "LocoJoe" Leising

Program Director
LSR Cowcatcher Division 1

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which will be held

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We look forward to seeing you in February!

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Here's the dates you can view The Big Boy in East Texas:

Saturday, November 9th

Palentine: Arrives at 2 p.m. (West Spring St. & Tennessee Ave.)

Sunday, November 10th

Palentine: Departs at 8 a.m. (West Spring St. & Tennessee Ave)

Jacksonville: Arrives at 9:15 a.m. | Departs at 9:30 a.m. (Patton St. Crossing)

Troup: Arrives at 10:30 a.m. | Departs at 10:45 a.m. (S. Railroad Loop Crossing at Front St.)

Overton: Arrives at 11:15 a.m. | Departs at Noon (Henderson St. Crossing)

Longview: Arrives at 1 p.m. | Departs at 1:15 p.m. (920 E. Pacific Avenue)



Marshall: Arrives at 3:40 p.m. (Lake Street and Main Street)

Monday, November 11th

Marshall: On display from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Lake Street and Main Street)

Tuesday, November 12th

Marshall: Departs at 8 a.m. (Lake Street and Main Street)

The Great Race Across the Southwest Union Pacific's No. 4014



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The AP Flyer

By Leo Palitti

Back 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 HOn3 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



November

2nd – 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, Clinci: By Jeff Palmer
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

7th – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting, 7 – 9 pm @ Forest Hill Civic Center, 6901 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76140
www.twmrc.org

9th – Youth In Model Railroading Nov. Meeting. Program: The Group will make take a one day Railfanning day to Palestine, TX to see the UP4014.

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/>

December

14th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 December Meeting, at Texas Western Model Railroad Clubhouse, 6 pm, Program: Division 1 Christmas Party
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

Join Us for Our Annual Division 1 Christmas Party

to be held
Sat. December 14

**6 pm at the Texas
Western Model RR
Clubhouse**

**D1 is providing a
Ham and a Turkey**
Bring your Potluck dish/
Spouses Welcome!

Come to Nov. 2 Meeting
for Details...

Division 1 Railfanning Day

To See the
UP #4014 Big Boy

Saturday, Nov. 9th

Meet at the
Texas Western MRC
parking lot

Meet at 8:30 am
Leave at 9 am

& carpool to
Palestine, TX

Return by 6:30 pm

The Great Texas Train Show

Nov. 2 & 3,
2019

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

Adults: \$8. at the door
(each purchased online comes
with a \$5. gift certificate that
can be redeemed at the show
with any vendor.

GreatTexasTrainShow.com

Premier Events Center
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Jan. 18 & 19, 2020

Sat. 10 am - 5 pm
Sun. 10 am - 4 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,
Admission is FREE

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November/December 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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Texas Western Repairs Nearing Completion

By Editor

Division One – the Cowcatcher Division – Has been without its regular meeting location since the July meeting, when a water leak at the Texas Western Model RR Club flooded the portion of the club that the meetings were held and both bathrooms, and the east side of the building.

The city of Forest Hill, which is the landlord for the TWMRC has been repairing the effected spaces all of October and will finish up sometime in Mid-November. The flooding didn't effect the clubs layout, but everything had to be moved into the big common area and throughout the clubhouse until and during the repairs.

Here are a few photo's to show the progress the city has made on the repairs. At the completion of the restoration, the club will be looking sharper than it has in the six years the TWMRC has been in this building. The effected area's will have all new linoleum tile floors, new sheetrock walls, and all new toilets, & sinks in the two big bathrooms.

And more importantly the club and Division 1 will have its meeting space back in time for the December holiday parties and meetings in 2020.

Chris Galvin

Editor Cowcatcher Div. 1 Whistle



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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

This month's Dining Car features a breakfast treat you'll want to try:

French Toast A La Santa Fe

perfected by Fred Harvey in 1918 for the Santa Fe Railroad.

The Fred Harvey recipe was reputed to be the best of all the railroad French toast recipes. Although it looks terrific to me, you'll need to be the judge.

Ingredients

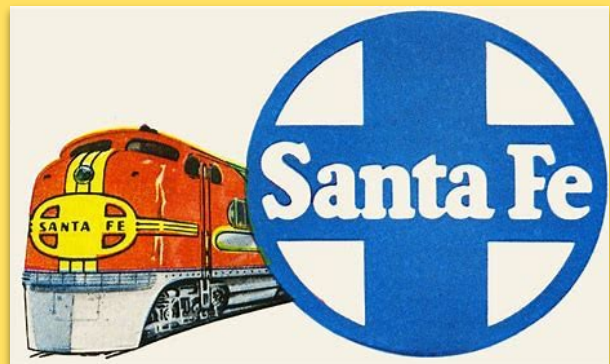
- 2 thick slices white bread (Texas Toast will do just fine)
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup light cream
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup cooking oil

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. You'll need a 12" skillet for frying the toast, a baking sheet, small mixing bowl, and a whisk. Heat the cooking oil on high in the 12 inch cast iron skillet. Cut bread slices diagonally into triangles. In a small bowl, combine eggs, cream, and salt and beat well. Soak bread in the egg mixture until fully saturated. Fry the slices in the hot oil for about two minutes per side or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Transfer to the baking sheet and bake for 4-6 minutes. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and top with cinnamon and apple sauce, jelly, or maple syrup. This being Texas, a side of grilled ham or sausage will make this dish unbeatable.

This recipe makes two servings.

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>



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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**



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 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>



TNMRC

Meets at 11999 Plano Rd, Suite 154, Dallas, 75243 Check our website
for times. Website: <https://www.texasnorthern.org>



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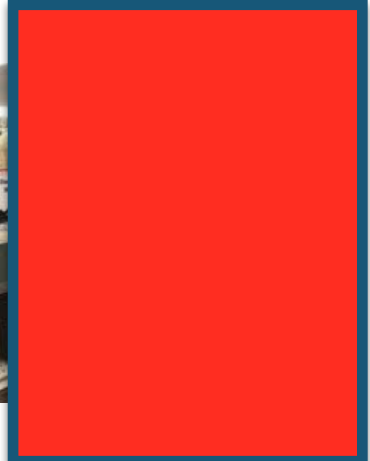
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