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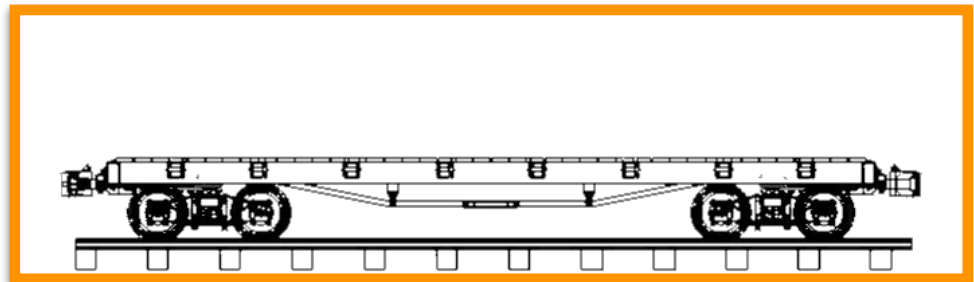
Division 1 Meeting
Saturday, Jan 11,
2020. 10 am - 1 pm at
the Texas Western
Model RR Clubhouse,
6808 Forest Hill Dr,
Forest Hill, TX 76140.
Clinic: "Building a
Flat Car Part I" by
Duane Richardson

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*Your Invited To The January
2020 Division 1 Meeting!*



January Clinic: Building A Flat Car Part I,
Cowcatcher Division I on Saturday, Jan. 11th
@ the Newly Remodeled Texas Western Model RR Clubhouse

Starting @ 10:00 AM



January 11, 2020 Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting
at the Texas Western Clubhouse, Forest Hill, TX.

Clinic:
Building Flat Car Part 1

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Director's Report

Out with the old, in with the New... Year! What a year we had in 2019. Division 1 had another banner year full of individual accomplishments, great clinics, new members and lots of fun! I hope everyone had an outstanding Christmas and I wish you a prosperous New Year.

As we begin our new year, and the decade of the Roaring 20's, I can share that the leadership team has put together a superb calendar of events for you in 2020. This month we begin a two part make and take clinic on scratch building a flat car taught by Duane Richardson. This clinic as an excellent primer on car construction that will give you the basics that you can use to build just about any other car for your railroad. If you haven't finished your "Master Builder – Cars" certificate for the NMRA Achievement Program, building this car will help u along that path.

Also this month we have another presentation by Theresa Goff on scratch building N scale bicycles and riders. If you attended the LSR convention last year in Frisco, you probably saw her outstanding N scale diorama in the contest room. The craftsmanship on the module is amazing. For those of you who missed seeing it there, don't worry; Theresa is bringing the module to this month's meeting.

Speaking of the LSR convention, don't forget to register for the 2020 convention next month in Houston. Visit www.lonestarregion.com for more details.

Finally, the January Plano train show is just around the corner. Mark the date of the 18th and 19th on your calendar to attend. Also, we need to pitch in and assist with the NMRA booth. If you can help with the booth either day please let me know so we can get you plugged into the schedule. Thanks in advance for your help.

Until next month...

Keep training!

Mike Mackey, NMRA

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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Programs / Clinics

Cowcatcher Division 1 Program for January 11, 2020

Program Overview

Make-and-Take Clinic Part 1 of 2 and 2 of 2 will occupy the January & February 2020 Div. 1 Meetings. Our presenter for the Scratch Building a Flatcar Clinic, Duane Richardson, MMR has been around the hobby his entire life, receiving his first train set as a young boy to an advanced modeler learning from many mentors who would go on to become MMR's. He joined the NMRA in the later 90's and achieved MMR status in 2007. This made his father Paul, and Duane the first Father/Son MMR's team. Duane has won numerous contest awards at local and Regional shows covering most categories in modeling and photography (including the Best of Show Awards in both modeling and photography). Duane has also won awards at the National Narrow Gauge Conventions and had his work on the cover of Sn3 modeler and the Cowcatcher Roundup. He models the Purgatory & Devil River Railroad in HO_{n3}, which is a fictitious Colorado narrow gauge line set in the fall of 1957. Duane is a member of the North Texas Narrow Gauge Group.

Duane has taught at the Lone Star Region conventions going back to 1999 and several National Narrow Gauge Conventions and Sn3 Symposium's and has written articles for several years that have appeared in the Marker Lamp and is the only author to have articles in every issue of the HO_{n3} Annual.

Please note: For our January 11, 2020 10:00 am meeting, we will be back at our normal meeting location. Texas Western Model Railroad Clubhouse, 6808 Forest Hill Drive, Forest Hill, TX 76140.

A HUGE thank you to everyone involved in obtaining and supplying our alternate location at the Forest Hill Civic Center the last few months.

In addition, the January meeting will feature a short program by Theresa Goff. She is the most recent recipient of the Linda Little Award from the Lone Star Region as the best meriting model entered by a female in the contest room. (That means the last two recipients were from D1. Lorrie Palitti was the previous winner) Theresa has graciously agreed to give us a short talk in January describing her award winning T-Track module and her construction techniques.

The participants in the Scratch Building a Flatbed Car clinics are requested to bring the following tools and materials.

These tools and materials or alternates are necessary to complete the flat car kit.

- Exacto knife with several sharp #11 blades.
- Cutting Mat.

(Programs/Clinics continued on page 4...)

All Aboard!



SUNSET LIMITED
THE 2020 NMRA
LONE STAR REGION
CONVENTION
HOUSTON
FEB. 13-15

Registration is
now open

for the

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2020 NMRA Lone Star Region Convention

which will be held

February 13-15, 2020!

Join us in Houston for the convention and the San Jac Train show

Register now at

<https://turbotrains.com/sunset2020>

We look forward to seeing you in February!

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January Program continued...

- NWSL Chopper or a Razor Saw with a Miter Box. The Chopper is highly recommended as it makes multiple precision cuts much easier. Choppers are available at Discount Model Trains in Addison, TX. (provided they are not sold out) If using a Chopper, make sure to have a sharp blade installed.
- 220-grit or higher Sand Paper. A 220-grit Sanding Sponge works really well.
- Glue – Yellow Carpenters Glue is preferred and highly recommended. Elmer's White Glue (NOT School Glue) or Aileen's Tacky Glue can also be used.
- Glue Applicator. Can use a Toothpick, Sewing Pin, Micro-Brush, etc.
- Shot glass is recommended but not required. Concaved bottom of shot glass allows for an area to place glue which can easily be accessed.
- Small head Phillips and Slot screwdrivers.
- Wire Cutters.
- Small Pliers to bend wire.
- Pin Vise and small Drill Bits.
- Acrylic Paint (black, grey or boxcar red)
- Small Paint Brush (if needed for touch-up)
- India Ink (NOT Acrylic Ink) and a pint of 91% Alcohol. (Can use the Ink/Alcohol mix from the depot clinic). (Hobby Lobby has stocked Dr. Ph Martins India Ink.)
- A leak proof container for mixing and storing the Ink/Alcohol.
- Scale Ruler.
- Paper Towels.
- Pencil with sharp point.

Optional parts for the Flat Car are;

- Decal Set or Dry Transfers.
- Flat piece of brass or lead, especially if you want to run the car without a load. It should not be very thick but you will need some weight to help track the car correctly.
- Casting or set of castings for a load (some castings can be drilled out to add weight).

If you have registered for the Scratch Building a Flatcar Clinic and have not paid your fees, pay Treasurer Dick Brannon.

Dennis Wright. Cowcatcher Division 1 Program Manager

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Division 1 Year-In-Review

Division One – the Cowcatcher Division – Looking back on a great 2019. We had good clinics thru out the year, shared models and tips and tricks of our hobby trade. We had a How to Make Trees clinic by Dave Griffith, along with a presentation of Mike Armstrong's Rock Island Lines Model RR based in Nevada, Iowa, including a trip to see his Keller home layout that was featured in one of the Model Railroad magazines in 2019.

Many AP certificates were achieved thru out the year and were received at nearly every monthly meeting. We had a clinic with Jeff Palmer, who became a MMR in 2019, on using static applicators to apply grass and ground cover. Then a 3 part Make-N-Take clinic building a depot by Duane Richardson had many takers. With the LSR Convention in Frisco in June, we got to see some amazing contest entries from D1 and D3 division members. And we saw the fabulous dvd presentation by our division videographer David Kranda and Mike Mackey that won the day for the 2023 National NMRA Con to be held in Grapevine. The rest of the year brought us clinics by MMR's Jim Packer & Jerry Hoverson, and a trestle clinic by Dick Brannan and another clinic about roadways from Jeff Palmer and the announcement of Leo & Lorrie Palitti's getting into the 2019 HOn3 Annual. All capped off with our annual Christmas party in December.

- *Whistle* Editor, Chris Galvin



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Calendar of Events & Train Shows



January

4th – Youth In Model Railroading January Meeting
10 am – 12 Noon @ Texas Western Clubhouse,
Saturday

9th – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting,
7 – 9 pm @ Mercado Juarez Restaurant, South
Arlington, 1-20/Matlock Rd.
www.twmrc.org

11th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, at the Texas Western Clubhouse, 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, 10 am – 1pm, Clinic: Building A Flat Car
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

20th – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7 pm – 9 pm
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

25th – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002, 10 am – 1 pm, One week delayed due to Plano Train Show.

February

8th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, at Texas Western Model Railroad Clubhouse, 10 am – 1 pm, Program: Building a Flat Car, Part II
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

Greater Houston Train Show

Feb. 15, 2020

Sat. 10 am - 4:30 pm

Stafford Centre
10505 Cash Road
@Murphy Road
Stafford, TX

Adults: \$6.

<http://sanjacmodeltrains.org>

20,000 sq ft of: Operating Layouts, clinics, model contest and Vendors

Lone Star Hi-Railers Train-a-Palooza Model Train Swap Meet

Sat. March 7th,
2020

Grapevine Heritage Center across from the Cotton Belt Depot

9 am - 4 pm

Adults: \$3.

lonestarihtrailers.com



35th Annual Dallas Area Train Show

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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January/February 2020

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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Division 1 Year-In-Review

By Editor

Division One – the Cowcatcher Division – More Photo's Looking back on a great 2019.

Chris Galvin

Editor Cowcatcher Div. 1 Whistle



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Photo's From 2019 December D1 Christmas Party & Meeting !

The Division 1 Christmas Party turned out nicely for all that was there. The Texas Western Model Railroad Club was the host. The clubhouse went thru a huge make over with new flooring, sheetrock, and new toilets & sinks. We enjoyed good food and fellowship through out the evening.

All Photo's by: 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
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 11999 Plano Rd, Suite 154, Dallas, 75243 Check our website
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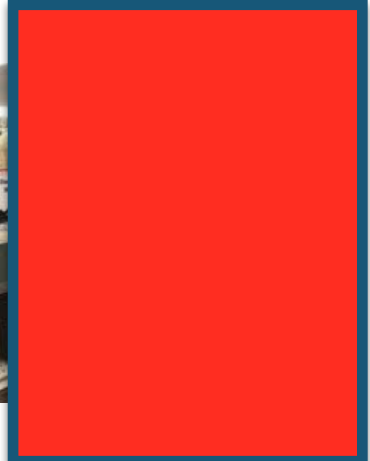
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