

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Meeting
Saturday, Mar. 14th,
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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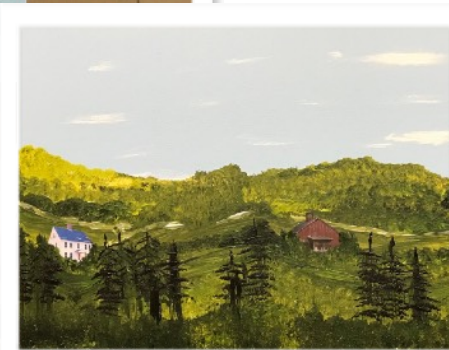
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*Your Invited To The March 2020
Division 1 Meeting!*



Pete Leach presented two
make-and-take Scenery
Backdrop Painting Clinics at
the LSR Sunset Ltd 2020 Con
in Houston last month.



A few of us Division 1 members made the trip down to the 2020 LSR Sunset Limited Convention held in the Houston metro area. We got to attend operating sessions, layout tours and some fantastic clinics ranging from Prototype, to Electronics to Scenery and Modeling. The contest room didn't disappoint either as many outstanding structures, car loads, photo's and bridges were on display. Next year the con moves to Tulsa.

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Director's Report

With the first quarter of 2020 drawing to a close I'd like to take a few minutes to bring to your attention several items that might be of interest to you.



First, our division continues to be a leader in innovation in the NMRA. I get calls and emails from across the country asking how we are doing the things we are doing. Because of this, we now have connections from Florida to California and the Rio Grande Valley to Minnesota. Our YouTube channel, Cowcatcher Division 1, has had hundreds of views from around the world. When we have broadcast our meetings live on Facebook, we've have been able to bring model railroading to modelers as far away as Kuwait, literally on the other side of the world.

Keep training!

Mike Mackey, NMRA

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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Programs / Clinics

Cowcatcher Division 1 Program for March 14, 2020

Program Overview

Make-and-Take Clinic Part 1 of 2 and 2 of 2 will occupy the March & April 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 March 14, 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.

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...)

LSR 2021 Convention

**Will Be in Tulsa, OK
Details to follow in
future *Whistle*
Newsletters**



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March 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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From The Dining Car

By Mike Corley

Howdy chow hounds, this month we bring you a recipe from the Chicago & Northwestern Railway System that serves eight: **Salagamundy Salad**, the perfect cold meal for this warming weather. It only takes 30 minutes to prepare and an hour to chill before it is ready to serve.

Salagamundy Salad

Ingredients:

- * 2 cups ham, cooked and diced
- * 1/2 cup sweet pickles, chopped
- * 1/2 cup potatoes, cooked and diced
- * 2 hard-boiled eggs, chopped fine
- * 1/2 cup carrots, cooked and diced
- * 1 cup mayonnaise
- * 1/2 cup string beans, cooked
- * 24 beet slices
- * 1/2 cup dressing (see recipe above right)
- * 16 lettuce leaves

Instructions:

Place ham and vegetables in a bowl with the dressing and marinate for 20 minutes. Next add pickle, eggs, and mayonnaise, then mix well (take care not to mash the vegetables). Arrange crisp lettuce leaves on a place, garnish with beets cut into diamond shapes, and add a scoop of the salad mixture to the center of the lettuce.

Dressing:

- * 1/4 cup salad oil pinch dry mustard
- * 1/4 cup white vinegar 1 medium onion, minced.

Combine ingredients and chill before using. Well, this is one to try. You could substitute your favorite dressing, but it wouldn't be the C&NW Salagamundy.



Mike Corley

Webmaster, Cowcatcher Division 1

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Calendar of Events & Train Shows



March

5th – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting, 7 – 9 pm @ 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, Saturday
www.twmrc.org

7th – Youth In Model Railroading January Meeting 10 am – 12 Noon @ Texas Western Clubhouse, Saturday

14th – 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 Pt. I, Saturday
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

16th – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7 pm – 9 pm, Monday
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

21st – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002, 10 am – 1 pm, Saturday

April

11th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, at Texas Western Model Railroad Clubhouse, 10 am – 1 pm, Saturday, Program: Building a Flat Car, Part II
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

2020 RailFest

March 28, 2020

Sat. 10 am - 4:00 pm

Rosenberg Railroad Museum
1921 Avenue F
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Adults: \$8.

rosenbergRRmuseum.org

Model Trains
Bounce Houses
Face Painting
Games

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.

lonestarhighrailleurs.com



6th Annual Fall Train Show

Oct. 3, 2020

Sat. 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,
Admission is FREE

dfwtrainshows.com

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March/April 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.*

Bear Creek Model Railroad, LLC

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Clever Models LLC

CMR Products

Deep Woods Software

Deluxe Materials

East Coast Circuits

Gatorfoam

Grapevine Vintage Railroad

Great Decals

Green Frog Productions

Hot Wire Foam Factory

Jason's Brass Poles

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LARC Products

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MinuteMan Scale Models

Model Railroad Benchwork

Model Train Catalogue

Modelers Decals and Paint

Motrak Models

MRC (Model Rectifier Corporation)

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-- offers a variety of special and highly detailed N-scale parts and rolling stock details.

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Old Depot Gallery

Old West Scenery

Ram-Track

RR-CirKits

Scale Model Plans

Scalecoat Paint

Scenery Solutions/Fusion Fiber

Showcase Miniatures

Stepcraft, Inc.

Team Track Models

The N-Scale Architect

The Train Show, Inc.

Tichy Train Group

-- manufacturer of rolling stock and structure kits in N, HO, S, and O scales, as well as windows, doors, fences and other detail parts

Train Installations, LLC

Trainmasters TV/Model RR Hobbyist

UGears

Unreal Details (Magic Water)

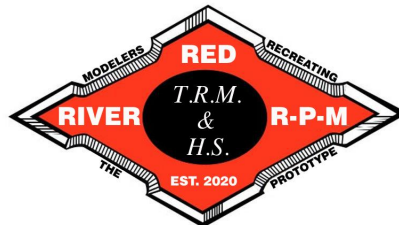
USA Airbrush Supply/Badger Airbrush

WiFi Model Railroad, LLC

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You are Cordially Invited to the First Ever Red River Railway Prototype Modelers Meet

Modular Layouts, Craftsman Displays, Clinics, Manufacturers & Layout Tours

For the modelers who recreate the prototype
Bring your favorite railroad models to display

Saturday, June 27, 2020
10:00 AM-6:00 PM

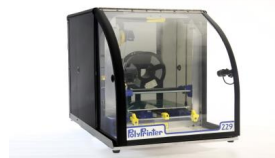
Forest Hill Civic Center
6901 Wichita Street
Forest Hill, TX

Admission \$20

Presented by the Texas Railway Modeling & Historical Society,
And the Cowcatcher Division of the National Model Railroad Association

TRMHS.org

Facebook: Red River Railway Prototype Modelers Meet



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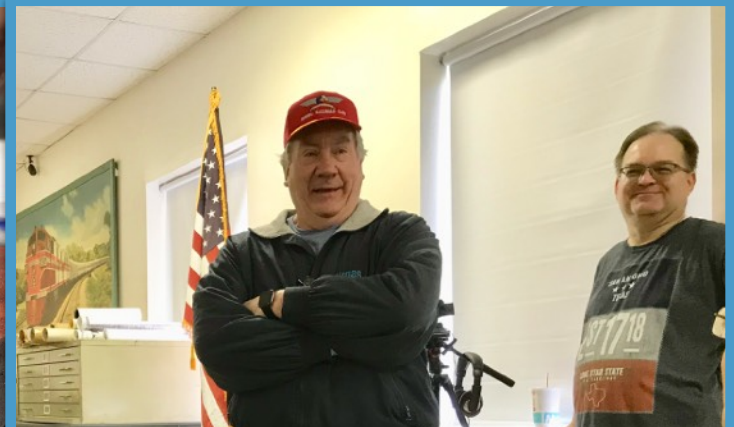
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Photo's From the February D1 Meeting

At the February meeting PolyPrinter 3D Printing gave away samples available in different scales. Items included pallets, grandfather clocks, & coke machines. We had a couple visitors, Terry Maravine, from Michigan who operates regularly on Bruce Chubb's layout. Also, Betty from D3 made the trip to Forest Hill for the meet. Another newcomer to D1 Cole brought a lighted structure to be judged after the meeting.

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The Call Board

Can railroad management count on enough engineers, brakeman, car knockers and bridge and trestle and track gang members to keep the line open? In other words, how is Division One – the Cowcatcher Division – doing in membership? The Division One “crew callers” (membership chairs) have collected all their crew sheets and are happy to report that participation in Cowcatcher Division activities has remained stable in 2019 compared to the prior year!

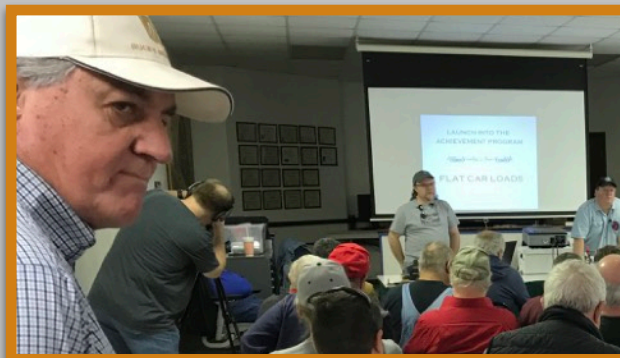
We all know that railroading can be a tough job. Getting to work in cold or rainy or stormy weather affects attendance at functions. And in 2019 we had one meeting really challenged by bad weather. That month attendance was at its lowest in two years – only 17 dedicated (or was it foolish) folks made it through the torrential rains and flooding to one of the fall meetings. And average of 36 members came to the other eleven monthly meetings. That’s the same average attendance as during 2019. The highest attendance for a regular monthly

meeting was fifty in March. Attendance reflects that our Cowcatcher Division meetings consistently include interesting and educational topics that bring folks to the meetings.

Comparing our Cowcatcher Division to other NMRA divisions, it looks like we are continuing to attract new members to replace those that move away. Your membership chairs are working to recruit new members at train shows, and wherever we might casually meet model railroaders who do not yet know about the NMRA. Seven new members signed up for the Cowcatcher Division at the January Plano show! And – yes - every Cowcatcher member please be an active ambassador for our Division.

Your membership team

*Michael Ross and
David Crumpton*



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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: 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 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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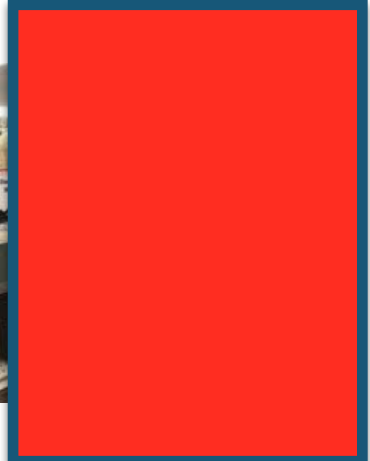
Discount Model Trains

4641 Ratliff Lane

Addison, TX 75001

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Hours: M-Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM



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