

# Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



## Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 ZOOM Meeting, Saturday, June 13th, 2020. From the comfort of your home. **Clinic: Modeling Texas & Pacific Freight Cars**  
By Jim Ogden.

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## June 2020 Division 1 Meeting Will Be A Zoom On-line Meeting.

To attend the Zoom meeting you will need to install the free Zoom app on your platform (PC, Mac, iPhone, Android, iPad, Tablet). We will send more meeting information the week of the meeting via our mass email distribution.



## JIM OGDEN WILL GIVE US A CLINIC AT THE JUNE ZOOM MEETING .

He will present a Zoom clinic called: "Texas & Pacific Freight Cars" Look 4 meeting info from [news@ announcement](mailto:news@announcement).

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## *Director's Report*



Can you believe it? We are already half way through 2020. I, for one am ready to get this year in the books. Needless to say, it has been a crazy year. Thank goodness things are starting to loosen up a little. Still, while we get back to the new "normal", I believe that it is better to error on the side of caution. So, with that said, unless there are some unforeseen road blocks ahead, our plan is to resume "face to face" meetings in August. We held our first virtual meeting last month and it was a big success. Overall, we had 47 attendees from literally around the world. NMRA members from Kuwait, Scotland, Alabama, Mississippi, Arizona, California and, of course, Texas enjoyed a great presentation from Mike Armstrong, BNSF retired, on "Curves, Spirals and Super Elevations on the Prototype and in modeling." Thanks again Mike for a super clinic. Your expertise in this subject is unparalleled.

This month, we will again meet on the Zoom platform. I'm hoping that our attendance will be stronger than last month. I'll be sending out an email to everyone in a few days with a link to the meeting. Watch your email for this important piece of information. Just click the link and it will connect you to our meeting. It might be advisable to download the Zoom app prior to the meeting if you haven't done so as of yet. This month's program will be presented by Jim Ogden on "Modeling Texas and Pacific Boxcars." If you've ever seen any of Jim's clinics you already know that this clinic will be interesting.

Thanks again to David Kranda for editing and posting our May meeting to our YouTube channel. If you missed the meeting you can access it online now. We plan on continuing to record and post our meetings on our channel. **If you haven't subscribed to our YouTube channel, please do so!** If we get enough subscribers to our channel, YouTube will start paying the division for our content. The idea is, if we can start receiving payment from YouTube, their payment will offset the cost of our Zoom subscription. It's a win, win! **Please subscribe!!**

Finally, be sure and check out the NMRA X clinics that are being broadcast online. If you haven't watched these clinics yet, you are missing some fantastic information. From instructional clinics to layout tours, these one hour sessions hold tons of wonderful tidbits that we can always learn from. Since this information is now available on FaceBook, as well as YouTube, the subject matter is available to everyone, and no FaceBook membership is required. Check it out. You'll be glad you did!

Until next month,... *Stay Inside, Stay Safe and Stay Healthy!*  
Keep training,

*Mike Mackey*

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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## *Programs / Clinics*

### *Cowcatcher Division 1 Program for June 13, 2020*

#### **Program Overview**

**Modeling Texas & Pacific Freight Cars** with Jim Ogden. Will take place during the Division 1 Zoom Meeting, Saturday, June 13, 2020.

*Joe Leising*

Cowcatcher Division 1 Program Manager

#### **LSR 2021 Convention**

This will be a  
Joint Convention with  
the Mid-Continent  
Region Or MCoR  
[www.mcor-nmra.org](http://www.mcor-nmra.org)

The Tentative Date for  
the convention is June  
16-19, 2021

in Tulsa, OK  
Co-Chairs will be Marc  
LaChey from LSR and  
Ken Ehlers from MCoR

Details to follow in  
future *Whistle's*



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## From the Editor's Workbench

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By Chris Galvin

For the last several months at home we've all been catching up on Netflix's latest programming, we've had more FaceTime chats with our grandkids and it's given us all time to work on modeling projects.

I have built three HO scale structures and I've just started a 4th one. I have also enjoyed researching signs, roadways, bridges and vehicles from our club's modeling era of 1962. I am working with Jay Waters on building the railroad bridge over Hwy 360 to the East of the General Motors plant. He is scratch-building. Jay found a photo that shows the bridge and He and Jerry Fussell cut out of the foam under the laid trackage to provide the space for my build. I did a rough "thumbnail sketch" to convince the BOD



to put in this scene.

Some of you are familiar with FOS Scale Models - Unique Structure Kits, [fosscalemodels.com](http://fosscalemodels.com)

I built the February Kit-of-the-Month, *The Eight Ball Pool Room* back in March first. It's a small kit that would have appeared in many towns and

els kit called the *Tool Shed*, that the Texas Western Model RR Club had built as a group with Brett Gallant back in 2008. But, back then, I was not able to attend the clinic due to work. I modified it into a Shrimp Shack for our club's harbor scene. This board by board



kit was a lot of fun to build, allowing me to  
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## *Treasurer's Report*

I am happy to report, as of June 1 we have \$4100.79 In our checking account. In addition, the division has spend \$1650.80 to secure and prepare for the convention and these expenses will be reimbursed by NMRA.

*Dick Brannan*

Cowcatcher Division 1 Treasurer



## *Now's the Time!*

There's NEVER been a better time, to take the time, to fill out your paperwork for the certificates you have earned in the NMRA Achievement Program! You've done the work, so receive the certificate.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your division director, Mike Mackey, MMR at

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or

your regional AP chairman, Duane Richardson, MMR at [pinecreekstation@verizon.net](mailto:pinecreekstation@verizon.net).

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## Calendar of Events & Train Shows



### June 2020

**6th** – Youth In Model Railroading June Meeting  
10 am – 12 Noon @ Texas Western Clubhouse,  
Saturday

**4th** – Texas Western Model RR Club Business Meeting for Members and Prospective Members Only,  
7 pm – 9 pm @ 6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140, Everyone must wear a Mask to attend,  
Thursday

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

**13th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, Virtual Zoom Meeting. 10 am – 1pm, Clinic: Texas & Pacific Freight Cars by Jim Ogden, Saturday  
[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

**15th** – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7 pm – 9 pm,  
Monday  
<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

**20th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002,  
10 am – 1 pm, Saturday

### July 2020

**11th** – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, ZOOM, 10 am – 1 pm,  
Saturday, Program: Track Talk with Trapper Kirkpatrick, Mike Mackey, Terry Morris and Duane Richardson.  
[www.cowcatcherdivision.org](http://www.cowcatcherdivision.org)

### Austin Area Train Show

Sept. 5 - 6, 2020

Sat. 10 A - 5 P  
Sun. 10 A - 3 P

\$7.

Williamson County Expo Center  
5350 Bill Pickett Tr  
Taylor, TX

[austintrainshow.org](http://austintrainshow.org)

Visit the D1 website

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

### 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

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



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## (WorkBench Continued from p. 4)

add well weathered siding and rolled roofing. I added a smaller door to one end because the one it came with wasn't what I wanted on this gulf coast Shrimp shack.

I added lettering onto a couple of boards using rub on graphic letters. (See below photo).



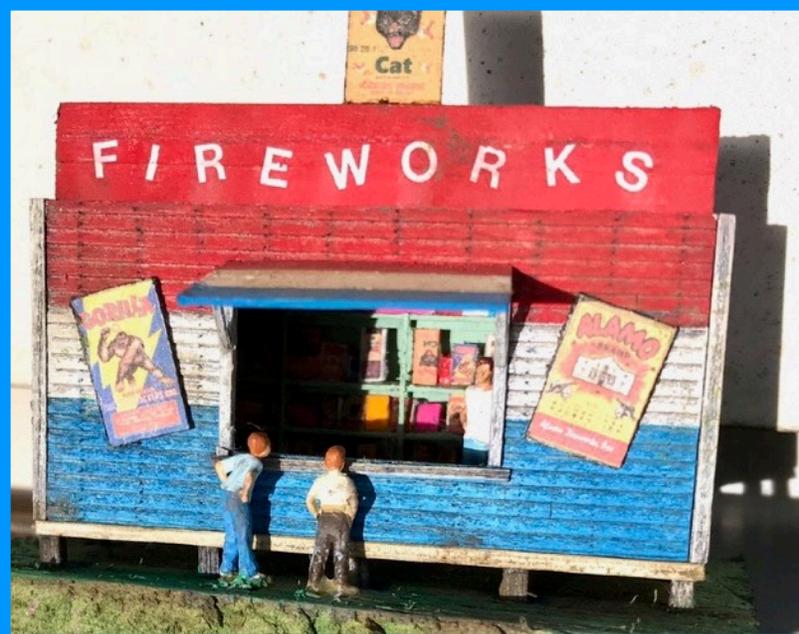
I used a wire brush and a saber saw to put some wood grain into the individual siding and trim boards. The walls were painted with a A&I mixture and a sponge to achieve a peel paint effect. I cut some knot holes into the siding and then weathered using pan pastels and other soft pastels applied with my #1 favorite brush, a eye shadow brush I pay a \$1. each at Kroger's.



After seeing the late Jack Kibbee's model of a roadside Fireworks stand, I have always wanted to try and build one of my own. I haven't scratch build anything in a while, so this gave me a chance to build a small 10' x 20' HO scale stand out of laser cut clapboard walls, a Tichy window & door. There is a interior display of firecrackers, smoke bombs and sparkler's made out of cut strip wood and photo reproductions of fireworks packaging. A light inside the stand will eventually let viewers see into the structure.

I am now going to build a Bar Mills kit for a contest that the all caps facebook page, HO SCALE MODEL RAILROADING is putting on. The kit is called Flaherty & McCabe. (below photo: Fireworks stand)

*Chris Galvin*



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Unfortunately,  
due to Covid-19,  
the Red River  
RPM Meet  
scheduled for  
June 26 & 27,  
2020 has been  
canceled.

Watch for future  
Red River RPM  
events to be  
posted soon.

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**COVID**  
CORONAVIRUS  
DISEASE  
**19**

## SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

Symptoms\* can include

**FEVER**



**COUGH**



\*Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

**SHORTNESS OF BREATH**



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For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms)

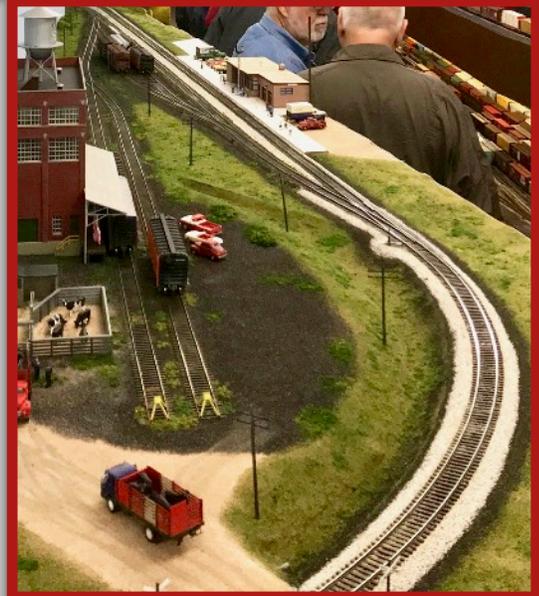
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## *From the Editor*

PHOTO'S FROM MIKE ARMSTRONG'S ROCK ISLAND LINES HO SCALE MODEL RAILROAD.



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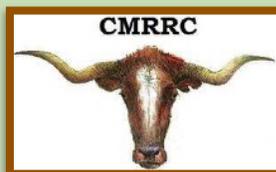
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## Area Model Railroad Clubs/News

### 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@cablone.net](mailto:bradyprmr1a@cablone.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  
for times. Website: <https://www.texasnorthern.org>



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## Area Hobby Shops

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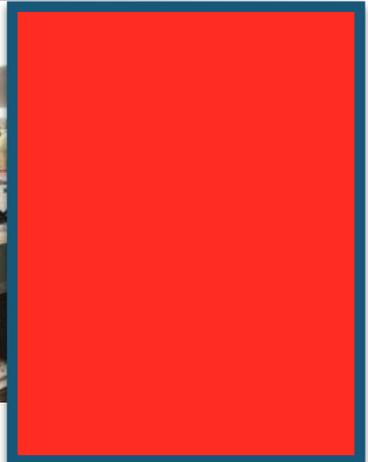
#### Discount Model Trains

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Hours: M-Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM



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Irving, TX 75060



*Division 1 would like to Thank Discount Model Trains for their support !*

**\* Call before you Go, to check if these hobby shops are Open During the "Social Distancing" period. You may be able to get curb side pick up.**

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Effective March 31, 2020, in accordance with the policy adopted by the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) at its board meeting on March 7, 2020, Division 1 of the Lone Star Region of the NMRA, commonly known as the “Cowcatcher Division”, will require anyone under the age of 18, wishing to attend any division event, to be personally escorted by their parent or legal guardian. Additionally, the parent or legal guardian must sign a current document stating that they will remain in visual contact with their minor at all times.

Mike Mackey  
Director, Cowcatcher Division 1



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