

# Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



## Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 ZOOM Meeting, Saturday, October 10th, 2020. From the comfort of your home. **Clinic:** Rocky Mountaineer Slideshow by John Garfield & Ken Kaiser.

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

### Congratulations to Gordy Robinson



on his nomination for NMRA President. Gordy has received two Meritorious service awards from the NMRA this year for his work on NMRA-x. He also received the President's award in 2018. Best of luck in the upcoming elections.

Nominations will close on October 31, 2020. Please remember to vote during the 2021 NMRA elections.

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## Director's Report

The morning air is a little crisper these days! It seems

That Fall is just around the corner. As each day passes, I'm personally hoping that things can return to normal as soon as possible. If you are like me, you are definitely ready to be finished with this pandemic.

I do have some good news! In an effort to return some normalcy to our group, we will be having our annual Christmas party on December 12, 2020. We have moved our party location to the Forest Hills Civic Center in order to maintain social distancing while having a fun evening with fellowship. I'm still working out the details right now, but we will be having a potluck dinner for sure and some fun activities. The doors will open at 5:30, with our meal being served at 6:30. Fun time after our meal. Watch for more information coming your way soon. Hope to see you there!!

October's meeting will be something to see. Join us on Zoom on Saturday, October 10th, at 10am for a presentation by John Garfield, Ken Kaiser, Frank Treadaway and Jay Waters on their trip across Canada on the Rocky Mountaineer. If you're not familiar with this luxurious 5 Star train, it's a sight to behold. Don't miss this outstanding presentation.

Also, don't forget about the upcoming Texas Western Garage Sale on Saturday, November 7th from 9am until 4pm at the Texas Western Clubhouse. Contact David Crumpton at [ceo@twmrc.org](mailto:ceo@twmrc.org) for more details.

Don't forget to send in your paperwork for the Achievement Program. The one comment I get from individuals is, "It's really not that hard once you sit down and fill it out!" Soooooo, ...make an appointment with yourself to **FINALLY** sit down and fill some things out. We want to recognize each of you for your dedication and the work you are doing to promote the hobby.

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

Mike Mackey, MMR  
Director, Cowcatcher Division  
Ps What are you dressing up as for Halloween?



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*Figure 1 - permission from rockymountaineer.com*

## This month's clinic:

All Aboard the Rocky Mountaineer.

Join us on October 10 when Cowcatcher Division members John Garfield, Ken Kaiser, Frank Treadaway and Jay Waters present a slideshow from their memorable trip on the Canadian Rocky Mountaineer Railroad. They will share the incredibly beautiful scenery through the Canadian Rocky Mountains on their roundtrip experience from Vancouver, British Columbia to Jasper, Alberta, then returning from Banff, Alberta back to Vancouver, BC



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## Temple Model Train Show 2020

Three of my model railroading friends and I attended the 2020 Temple Model Train Show, hosted by The Central Texas Area Model Railroaders (CentraMOD) just inside the city limits at the Civic Center off I-35. This was the 38th Annual train show, and the show had just enough of the right vendors in a variety of scales to make for a nice show. The train show was held on Saturday & Sunday, September 19th & 20th.



Masks were of course required per the city's COVID-19 recommended practices and overall attendance on Saturday we estimated was several 100 by our count. There were some good buys, train layouts on display & a nice variety of product lines to shop. Steve Allen Goen had his latest "Passenger Trains of Texas - Rock Island" book for sale. Also, the Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society had many books for sale at nice prices.

After we visited the show, we found a nice hamburger joint downtown called Bird Creek Burger Co. for lunch. We then headed over to the Centra Mod's model railroad club to see their 3-4 layouts in different scales. Their clubhouse is in the old Moody G.C. & S.F. Depot that has been relocated next to the Santa Fe Temple Train Depot. We also visited the Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum's static display. The museum was hosting a wedding reception so we couldn't go inside. The Temple depot now houses the local Amtrak station.

The HO scale layout is the largest of the model railroads at the clubhouse and boasts several nice scratch-built structures including the S.F. Temple train depot, the Harvey House that used to exist, and the Santa Fe Hospital building that still stands a few blocks away. The prototype museum has a couple of diesel loco's and one steam engine and several cabooses, a troop car, and a passenger car. The platforms outside of the club house has a great view of passing BNSF trains for the rail fans among us.



Chris Galvin

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## October 2020

1<sup>st</sup> - TMRC Business Meeting  
7 pm - 9 pm @ 6808 Forest  
Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX  
76140, Masks are required  
[www.twmrc.org](http://www.twmrc.org)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> - Youth in Model

The group is actively looking  
for a new director to carry on  
this  
group, if interested please  
contact John Skiba:

[westsidelumberco@gmail.com](mailto:westsidelumberco@gmail.com)

10<sup>th</sup> - NMRA Lone Star  
Region Cowcatcher Divi-  
sion 1 Meeting, Virtual  
Zoom Meeting. 10 am -

1pm, Program: All Aboard the  
Rocky Mountaineer

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

17<sup>th</sup> - NMRA Lone Star Re-  
gion Division 3 Meeting,  
Virtual Meetings Continue  
10 am - 1 pm, Saturday

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

19<sup>st</sup> - Cowtown Model RR  
Club General Meeting,  
Handley Center, 3024  
Forest Avenue, Ft Worth,  
TX 76112, 7 pm - 9 pm,  
<http://cmrc.webs.com/>

## November 2020

5<sup>th</sup> - 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, Masks are required,

Thursday

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

## 7<sup>th</sup> - Youth in Model

7<sup>th</sup> - Texas Western Garage  
Sale. Texas Western Clubhouse  
from 9am until 4pm. Contact  
David Crumpton at  
[ceo@twmrc.org](mailto:ceo@twmrc.org) for more  
details.

Cancelled

~~Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>~~

NEW BRAUNFELS 12<sup>th</sup>

ANNUAL FALL TRAIN  
SHOW

## October 10<sup>th</sup>

GREATER TULSA AREA  
TRAIN SHOW

9:00am to 3:00pm

Bixby Community Center

211 N Cabaniss Ave,

Bixby, OK 74008

For more information call

Ron Geminn at 917-869-7228

## December 2020

12<sup>th</sup> - SPECIAL HOLIDAY TRAIN  
SHOW STILLWATER  
OKLAHOMA

9:00am to 4:00pm

North Hall at the Payne County  
Fairgrounds

4518 Expo Cir E, Stillwater, OK  
74075

For more information call Ron  
Geminn at 917-869-7228

## Annual Christmas Party

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Doors open @ 5:30pm.

Dinner served @ 6:30pm

Forest Hill Civic  
Center



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## TWMRC GARAGE SALE

Saturday, November 7th, 2020

9 am - 4 pm

6808 Forest Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX 76140

Free Parking Free Admission

Lots of model trains in all scales, train magazines, books, to SELL !!!





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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](tel:817-666-5367)

### **Dallas/Fort Worth O Scale Club**

Normally meets two Saturdays per month in Richardson. Contact: Brady McGuire, Tel: [903-868-2726](tel:903-868-2726), Email: [bradyprrm1a@cableone.net](mailto:bradyprrm1a@cableone.net) or contact: Stan Schwartz, Email: [ss124@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ss124@sbcglobal.net) for dates and times.  
1/48 12X41 It/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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## Area Hobby Shops

### Division 1 Sponsor

#### Discount Model Trains

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Addison, TX 75001  
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Hours: M-Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM



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North Richland Hills, TX 76180

Hobbytown USA  
746 Grapevine Hwy  
Hurst, TX 76054

Hobby World  
5658 Westcreek Dr. Ste. #500  
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Model Train Crossing  
1113 W. Pipeline Road  
Hurst, TX 76053

Hobbytown USA  
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Lewisville, TX 75067  
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535 E Shady Grove Rd  
Irving, TX 75060



*Division 1 would like to Thank Discount Model Trains for their support !*  
**Check with your local hobby shops for their store hours. Most are now open.**



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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.