

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



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Division 1 ZOOM Meeting, Saturday, July 11th, 2020. From the comfort of your home. **Program: Track Talk** with Trapper Kirkpatrick, Erik Lewis, Mike Mackey & Terry Morris.

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July 2020 Division 1 Meeting We Will Zoom for one more Month.

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.



Terry Morris just recently retired from BNSF M-O-W Dept. He ran a tamper named after his daughter Annie.

This month Terry will join 3 others from Division 1 who worked on the railroad. The group will share stories about their work experience over the years!

DIVISION ONE MEMBERS WHO WORKED ON THE RR WILL BE THE PROGRAM AT THE JULY ZOOM.

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Director's Report



It's come and gone! We are already half way through 2020. What a crazy year it has been.

The changes in the way we have had to adapt to social norms has been profound. If you are like me, the "new normal" is taking some getting used to. Nonetheless, we are taking the necessary steps to become accustomed to how society has changed.

As you already know, our division has moved its meetings to the Zoom platform during the quarantine period. While some restrictions have been lifted, as your division director, when taking all things under consideration, I've decided to resume our "face to face" meetings in August. We will meet on August 8, 2020 at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club at 10:00am like we used to. We will also begin our flat car scratch build during that meeting. Be watching your email for a list of tools you will need to bring to that meeting if you are participating in the "make and take" clinic.

Be sure and tune in to our Zoom meeting on July 11, 2020 for a lively chat on some funny stories of crazy things experienced by several of our members during their time as railroad employees. Trapper Kirkpatrick, Erik Lewis, Kevin Leddy, Terry Morris and Duane Richardson will join me as we have "Railroad Storytime." I for one enjoy this kind of story swapping. If you've never heard some of the tall tales from "trackside", you are sure to be amused.

If you haven't yet attended one of the events produced by the NMRA X team you are missing a great resource! Presented on the FaceBook and YouTube platforms simultaneously, these events offer clinics, layout tours and panel discussions on all things model railroad related. For those of you who don't wish to use or establish a FaceBook account, no worries. You can access the FaceBook content from the worldwide web independently. Just Google NMRA X for a link. Also, in case you missed any of the past sessions which began in mid-April, simply visit the YouTube channel for NMRA X and watch them on your schedule.

Several of you have turned in some paperwork for AP certificates. There are several others who just needs to put pen to paper and finalize their submission. Go ahead and make an appointment with yourself to finish up your paperwork. It's really not that hard when you apply yourself!

Until next month,... Keep training,

Mike Mackey

Director, Cowcatcher Division 1

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Programs / Clinics

Cowcatcher Division 1 Program for July 11, 2020

Program Overview

Track Talk with Trapper Kirkpatrick, Erik Lewis, Mike Mackey & Terry Morris. The July D1 Meeting will take place via Zoom during the Division 1 Zoom Meeting, Saturday, July 11, 2020, starting at 10 AM. Find Zoom meeting ID and Password in a email blast from news@cowcatcherdivision.org it will be sent out the week of the July meeting.

At the August Div. 1 meeting we will be returning to an in-person meet at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club in Forest Hill, August 8, 2020. And building the Flat Car clinic!!!

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

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



By Chris Galvin

he Texas Western Installs Signal

I am happy to announce that one of the two railroad crossing signals that we have was placed in front of the Clubhouse by several members some assistance from the City of Forest Hill Public Works Dept. More to come at the July Zoom meeting!

Many thanks to Mike Mackey and our friends at the BNSF railway, including retired Mike Armstrong for helping us to get one of the signals we have at the club. The club also put up our Cross bucks post too next to the recently planted crossing signal.

The club installation team was chaired by Darrell Cowles. Great job Darrell for making this happen for the club and the DFW model railroad community.

If you can join us at the D1 August meeting in person you'll them first hand, we might even have the flashers operational by then too.

Chris Galvin

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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 director@cowcatcherdivision.org or your regional AP chairman, Duane Richardson, MMR at pinecreekstation@verizon.net.

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Calendar of Events & Train Shows



July 2020

4th – Youth In Model Railroading Meeting will not meet in July. * The group is actively looking for a new director to carry on this group, if interested please contact John Skiba: westsidelumberco@gmail.com

9th – 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

11th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, Virtual Zoom Meeting. 10 am – 1pm, Program: Track Talk, Saturday
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

18th – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 821 S. Greenville Ave, Allen, TX 75002, 10 am – 1 pm, Saturday

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

August 2020

8th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am – 1 pm, TWMRC Clubhouse
Saturday, Program: Railroad Signals and Operations by Erik Lewis & Flat Car Clinic Part 1 by Duane Richardson
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

38th Temple Train Show

Sept. 19-20th, 2020

Sat. 10A - 5P
Sun. 10A - 4P

\$7.

Frank W. Mayborn
Civic & Convention
3303 N. 3rd St.
(Exit 303 from I-35)

centramodrr.com

6th Annual Fall Train Show

Oct. 3, 2020

FALL TRAIN SHOW CANCELLED

Plano Centre
2000 E. Spring
Creek Pkwy
Plano, 75074

dfwtrainshows.com



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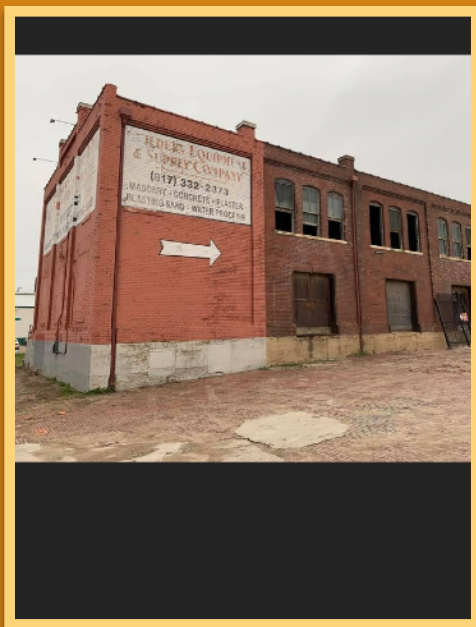
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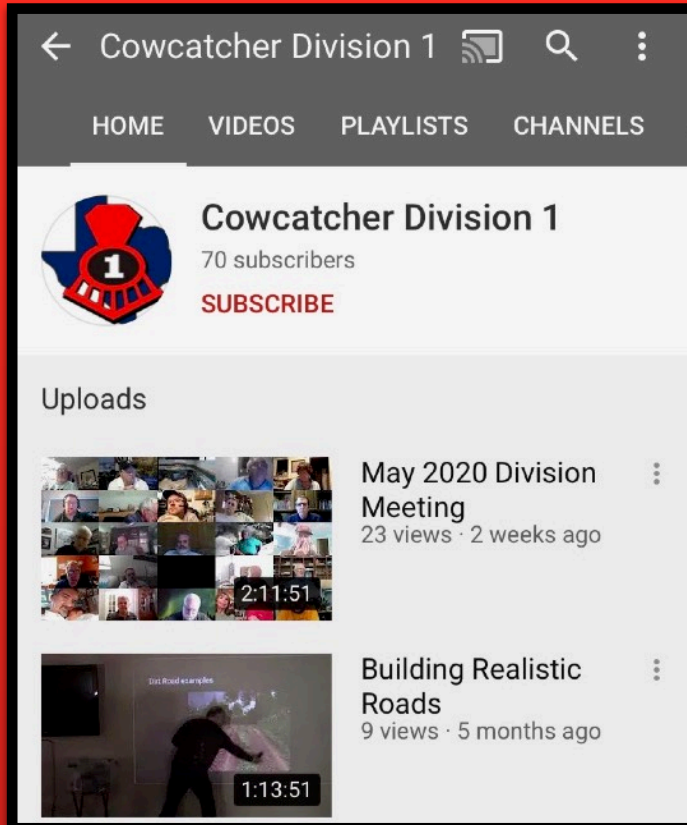
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The Division needs YOU to Subscribe and Follow the **Cowcatcher Division 1** YouTube Channel. It's Full of clinics from our NMRA Division 1 Monthly Meetings including our recent ZOOM meets, as well as past clinics from our Depot Build to Scenery Made Easy Tips and Tricks.

If you would Please take a minute to do the following:

1. Click this Link www.cowcatcherdivision.org
2. Click on our YouTube channel link on the navigation bar.
3. Click the Subscribe Button on the channel.

It's that Easy!!



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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

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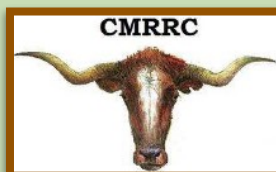
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Area Model Railroad Clubs/News

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@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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Area Hobby Shops

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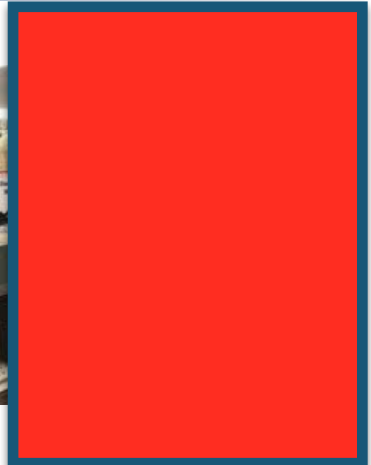
Discount Model Trains

4641 Ratliff Lane

Addison, TX 75001

972-931-8135

Hours: M-Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM



Angelo Hobbies
5600 Rufe Snow Drive Dr. #106
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

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500 E. Round Grove Rd
Lewisville, TX 75067

Wild Bill's Hobbytown USA
535 E Shady Grove Rd
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

