

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



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Division 1 ZOOM Meeting, Saturday, November 14th, 2020. From the comfort of your home.

Program: Making your structures look Real.
With Mike Corley

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November 2020 Division 1 Meeting - We Will "ZOOM" into your Homes.

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



MIKE CORLEY TO PRESENT THE CLINIC NOV. ZOOM!

Left: Mike Corley. If you haven't seen one of his excellent clinic's buckle up, it's going to be a good one!

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Director's Report



November is National Train Month. It's also the month we celebrate giving thanks for our blessings. Let's ALL give thanks that 2020 is almost over!!! Has this been an difficult year or what?!

We had another successful meeting online in October. If memory serves me correctly, we had about 40 in attendance. We saw a photo review of the trip that Jay Waters, Ken Kaiser, John Garfield and Frank Treadaway took on the Rocky Mountaineer. The photos demonstrated why this is truly one of the world's premier train trips.

In Lone Star Region news, it's election season. (Yeah, you just thought we'd finished that on November 3rd.) Currently we are electing a new LSR President, LSR Treasurer and Division 1 Director. If you'd like to run for one of these offices please contact Pete Leach, LSR Nominations Chair, at "pleachtx55@gmail.com." "Nominations close December 1, 2020.

In other news, Gordon "Gordy" Robinson has been asked to fulfill the unexpired term of World Director at Large due to the resignation of Jack Hamilton. Jack's term runs until 2022. Gordy has already thrown his hat in the ring to be elected NMRA President starting in 2021. We wish Gordy the best in both endeavors. Looks like there could be another appointee for the WDAL job if Gordy is elected president.

Make plans to attend our Division 1 Christmas party on December 12, 2020 at the Forest Hill Community Center. We have reserved this location in an effort to gather our gang and still maintain social distancing. We will have enough room for seating to be spread out and (not) be crammed together. Dennis Wright is setting up an event on Perfect Pot Luck like we have in the past. Please watch for the information coming to you in the next few days so that we can get the menu organized. As usual, the division has ordered a Greenberg's smoked turkey (which has always gotten rave reviews) and Trapper Kirkpatrick is procuring a baked ham. This year, in honor of COVID-19, we will be serving food with dedicated servers who will (be) serving the selections you choose from behind Plexiglas sneeze guards cafeteria style. They will then place your plate at the end of the line for you to pick up and take back to your seat. We will also be doing our gift exchange this year which is always a big hit at the party. Please bring a wrapped gift of around \$25.00.

Mike Corley will be giving us an awesome clinic this month on Zoom entitled "Making Your Structures Look Real." If you've never attended one of Mike's superior clinics before you'll not want to miss this one. If you have, then you already know it will be fantastic! Watch for the email with the link to the Zoom call a few days before the meeting

Until next month, stay safe, stay healthy and...

Mike Mackey

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Programs / Clinics

Cowcatcher Division 1 Zoom Program for Nov. 14, 2020

Program Overview

Making your structures look real. With Mike Corley

Join us on the November 14th Zoom Meeting with an amazing clinic by Mike Corley began his journey with trains when he was five years old. Like many of us, he had a Lionel set. His real adventure began in 1968 when his wife gave him a HO train set for Christmas. In those early days, he focused on operations and learning how to build a layout. Over the years he has built four layouts and participated in the construction of the Texas Western Model Railroad club's Houston area. He has attended clinics by Dave Frary, David Revelia, Brian Nolan, Doug Foscale, and Malcom Furlow. These clinics gave him the confidence and skills to begin creating craftsman style structures, models, and scenery and making them look real. Mike lives in Granbury with his wife and also enjoys Freemasonry, woodworking, fly fishing, and cooking. Mike was also a featured presenter during the 2020 NMRA-X Convention.

The objective of the clinic is to introduce and review different techniques for making structures look more realistic. This is not a weathering clinic, but focuses on demonstrating techniques including photographs, pigments, paint colors, and details.

Joe Leising

Cowcatcher Division 1 Program Manager



The Tulsa Union Convention

2021 Midcontinent &
Lone Star Region NMRA

June 17-20, 2021
Embassy Suites
3332 S. 79th East Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74145

King Room-\$106.00/
Double Room-\$111.00

The 2021 Tulsa Union
Con is the joint production of
the Mid-Continent and Lone
Star Regions, NMRA.

***Operating Sessions,
*Layout tours, *clinics,
*contest room and**

2021TulsaUnion.com



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From the Editor's Workbench

By Chris Galvin



The Texas Western Track Gang Part 2

Our scenery crew at the TWMRC has spent the fall months painting and detailing the rails and ties on our 53" level. To model the effects of rails and rail ties weathering, we used 3 shades of gray and 3 shades of brown with craft paints from craft stores for the ties. We used a combination of rattle cans flat brown and craft paints to weather the rust and dirt common to the rail hues. We're getting rid of the unrealistic nickel silver rails and uniform brown plastic ties, and we are adding more realism to an often overlooked detail in HO scale track modeling, but this technique would work with any scale track.

In early November, with help from Jim Archer, our crew began gluing light gray ballast down on the tower 55 tracks. Next up, we will be adding some changes to the landscaping creating changes in elevation and adding some shallow ditches, dirt and grass to our scenes around the tower. Mike Mackey has printed several electrical outdoor cabinets and battery boxes that powered turnouts around the tower. These were made with Mike's 3D printer. We are going to model these devices that existed around the busy interlocking tower in Ft. Worth, TX in our era. This will be shown in a future workbench article.

Chris Galvin.



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Treasurer's Report

November 2020

As of Nov.2, our current balance is \$2810.53 which does not include reimbursement from the National for \$1650.80 in expenses incurred securing the convention. Additionally we are expecting a check for \$1664.96 soon from D3 reimbursing us for expenses incurred for the flat car clinic.

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



November 2020

5th – 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

7th – Youth In Model Railroading Meeting will not meet in person for the November 10AM, @TWMRC. * The group is actively looking for a new director to carry on this group, if interested please contact John Skiba:
westsidelumberco@gmail.com

14th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, Virtual Zoom Meeting. 10 am – 1pm, Program: Mike Corley Saturday
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

21st – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Virtual Meetings Continue 10 am – 1 pm, Saturday
www.trinityriverdivision.org

16th – Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7 pm – 9 pm, Monday

December 2020

12th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Annual Christmas Party, Doors Open at 5:30 PM, Saturday, Program: FUN
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

**Div. 1
Christmas Party
Sat. Dec. 12**

**Doors Open
@
5:30 PM**

**Comped Meal Served
Go to Perfect Potluck
@ 6:30 PM**

**\$25. Gift
Exchange**

**Forest Hill Civic &
Convention Ctr.
6901 Wichita St.
Forest Hill, 76140**

Austin Area Train Show

**Aug. 28-29,
2021**

**Sat. 10 A - 6 P
Sun. 10 A - 4 P**

\$8.

austintrainshow.org

**Happy
Veterans
Day**

Nov. 11, 2020



NW Arkansas Model Train & Memorabilia Show

Feb. 27th, 2021

Sat. 9A - 4P

\$8.

Benton Cty Fair Grounds
I-49 exit 85 Hwy 12 W
Bentonville, AR

sugarcreekrailroadclub.com

36th Annual Dallas Area Train Show

Jan. 16-17, 2021

**Sat. 10 a - 5 p
Sun. 10 a - 4 p**

Plano Centre
2000 E. Spring
Creek Pkwy
Plano, 75074

dfwtrainshow.com

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TWMRC GARAGE SALE

Follow Up

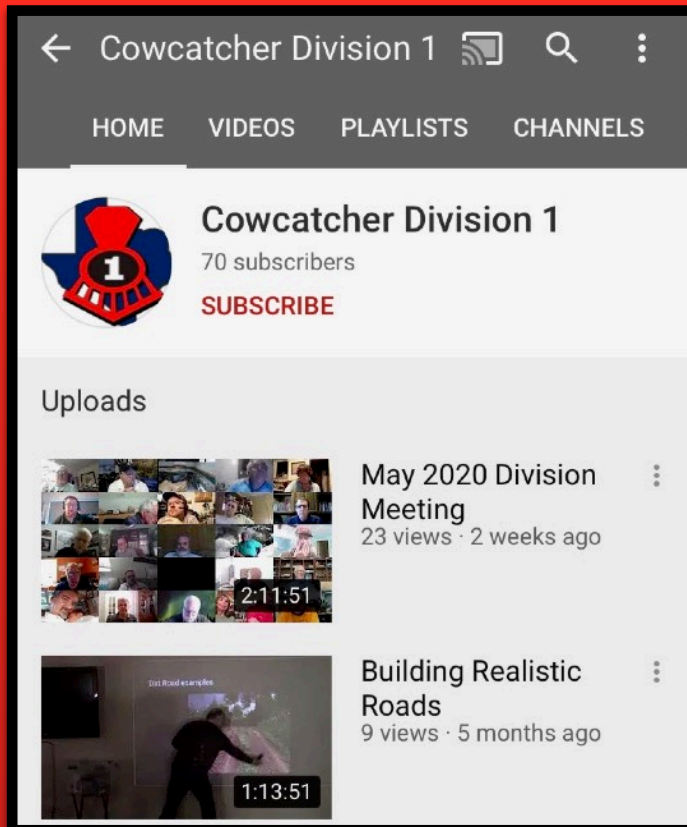
THANKS to all of Our Div. 1 & Div. 3 Members who came out and supported our club at our recent garage sale!

(This was a BIG boost for our club! If you missed it, we Welcome you to visit our tables at the January Dallas Area Train Show in 2021.)



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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



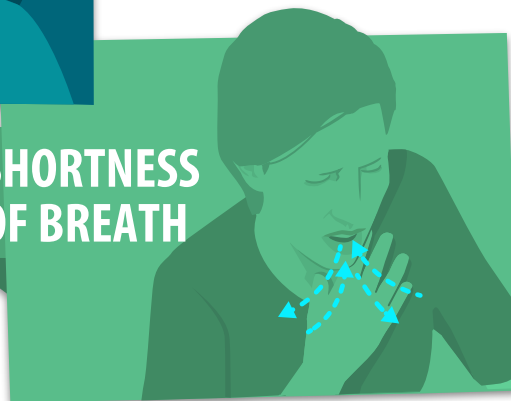
COUGH



*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



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms

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From the Editor

PHOTO'S FROM along the old **Texas & Pacific Railroad Mainline**, and current Union Pacific in Arlington, TX. This RR bridge/underpass was built in 1929. It's 91 years young.

- Chris Galvin, Div. 1 Editor



Looking S. on West St.



Looking N. on West St.



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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@cablone.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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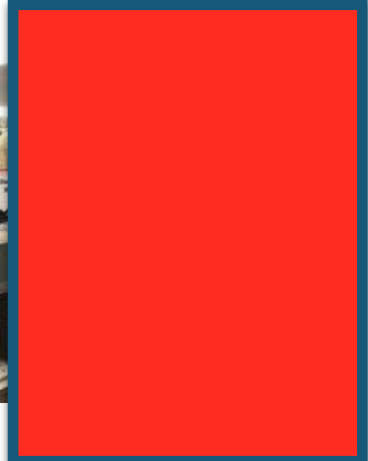
Discount Model Trains

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 / New Owner
1113 W. Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053

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

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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

