

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Zoom meeting, Saturday, April 10th, 2021. From the comfort of your home. **Clinic:** Mining for Modelers presented by Clarence Zink.

www.cowcatcherdivision.org

Happy Easter

April's meeting will be held from 10am to 12pm on Zoom.com



To attend the Zoom meeting, you will need to install the free Zoom app on your platform (PC, Mac, iPhone, Android, iPad, Tablet).

Look for the upcoming email with the link for the zoom conference from Mike Mackey.

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Clarence Zink, Chief Operations Officer for the Texas Western Model Railroad Club & former Foreman at an Open Pit Gold Mine in Colorado to present April's Program:

"Mining for Modelers"



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Director's Report

Hello Everyone!

I certainly hope our newsletter finds you Safe and healthy!!

Diving right into the month's information,... Congratulations to Donna Orr of Division 3 for being elected President of the Lone Star Region. I'm sure that you will agree, based on

what she's done in Division 3 for the last 4 years, that she will do a fantastic job and deliver superb leadership for the duration of her term. Good luck Donna!

I'd like to also congratulate the rest of the elected officers: Gert "Speed" Muller – Treasurer, Hon. Boyd Patterson - Director Division 3, Brooks Willig – Director Division 5, Don Kimmell – Director Division 7. Closer to home, thanks for your continued support as I was reelected as Division 1 Director. I strive to live up to your expectations as your director.

After much thought, consultation and consideration, I've decided that we will resume face to face meetings on May 8th! We will still continue to deliver our meetings online via Zoom for those that wish to log in from around the globe and plan to continue doing that moving forward. I receive communications constantly from individuals who enjoy the content on our YouTube channel, so we plan to carry on with that endeavor. Check the division website for a calendar showing clinic and program topics for the months ahead. (Yes, that includes the Flat Car Clinic!)

Thanks again to Pete Steinmetz for an information packed clinic on Dead Rail. I know of one individual in particular who has ditched wiring his layout in favor of battery powered locomotives. No more wiring, shorts or cleaning of track for that guy ever again!!

This month, get ready for an interesting clinic on mines from Clarence Zink. Clarence recently retired as a worldwide consultant for the mining industry and he will be quick to tell you all mines aren't coal, silver or gold. Join us for this informative discussion on April 10th.

Things are starting to get moving on committee assignments for the national convention in 2023. If you'd like to help in any way please drop me an email stating such. As you can imagine, lots of people have volunteered since we announced the convention, but I might have forgotten to put you on the list.

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Please drop me an email once again to confirm I have your name on our list.

My email address is:

director@cowcatcherdivision.org.

Don't forget to register for the Tulsa Union Regional Convention. This promises to be a great convention. Visit www.2021tulsaunion.com for details.

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

Keep training!

Mike Mackey

Mike Mackey, MMR
Director, Cowcatcher Division

Treasurer's Report

As of April 1, the Cowcatcher Division has \$4608.79 in our checking account.

Dick Brannan

Cowcatcher Division Treasurer

April's Program

Mining for Modelers

Presented by Clarence Zink

Join us at 10:00am on Saturday, April 10th, for a program on Mining for Modelers, presented by Clarence Zink. Clarence studied Geology at the University of Montana, preparing him for being a Mine Foreman at an Open Pit Gold Mine in Colorado, 8 years working as a Mine Geologist and 28 years as a Drilling Specialist for Open Pit Mining. Over his career, Clarence has worked in 47 countries, mining diamonds, gold, copper, platinum and much more. Clarence is now the Chief Operations Officer for the Texas Western Model Railroad Club.

We are all familiar with the concept of a mine, but what happens to the raw material once it is removed from the ground. Clarence will discuss what products are produced from the raw materials and how they are used downstream. He will also discuss transportation involved in the mining process, including box cars, yes, box cars. Join us on April 10th to hear how the mining process can be integrated into various aspects of our model railroads.

Clarence also extends an open invitation to everyone to come to the Texas Western Model Railroad Club on the second Saturday of each month for an Open Run of your locomotive power and rolling stock/passenger cars. The Open Run takes place from 2:00pm – 7:00pm, after the Cowcatcher Division monthly meeting.

Respectfully,

LocoJo

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Resumption of Face-to-Face Meetings!

Beginning on May 8th, 2021, The Cowcatcher Division will be resuming face to face meetings at the

Texas Western Model Railroad Club

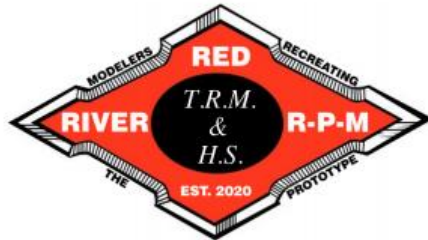
6808 Forest Hill Dr

Forest Hill, TX

Members are encouraged to wear face coverings, but there is no requirement. Please use your own discretion.

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Saturday, June 26, 2021
9:00 AM-6:00 PM

Forest Hill Civic Center
6901 Wichita Street
Forest Hill, TX

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

For the modelers who recreate the prototype

Bring your favorite railroad models to display

Admission \$20

Craftsman Displays, Manufacturers
& Clinics

- Manufacturing Technology; How it impacts Model Railroaders – Brian Wood
- Head End Cars and Mail Train – Jim Ogden
- The BNSF Lakeside Sub; The Prototype and the Model – Dave Oppedisano

Presented by the Texas Railway Modeling & Historical Society

redriverrpm.org

Facebook: Red River Railway Prototype Modelers Meet

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John Winfield Prints Available

Fort Worth Crossroads



I received a call the other day from Jim King of the North Texas Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society. It seems that the Winfield drawing photo we've been using on our website was actually commissioned by the local NRHS chapter for their 2008 national convention held here. Not a problem, in fact a blessing! They are thrilled that we are using the drawing on our site. As luck would have it, they have additional copies of the print which they have allowed us to sell as a division fund raiser.

Currently we have 18" x 24" prints available for \$25.00, and a VERY limited number of the same prints commemorating the 2008 convention that are signed and numbered for \$35.00.

As you are aware, this is a GREAT price on a Winfield print! To purchase your print, please email director@cowcatcherdivision.org with your preference, signed or not, and I'll respond so we can arrange payment and delivery.

Mike Mackey

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April 2021

10th - NMRA Lone Star Region
Cowcatcher Division Zoom meeting.

10:00am – 12:00pm

www.cowcatcherdivision.org

13th - Denton Area Model Railroad Club
meeting.

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/damrrc/>

17th - NMRA Lone Star Re-
ion Division 3 Meeting,
Virtual Meetings Continue

10 am - 1 pm, Saturday

www.trinityriverdivision.org

19th - Cowtown Model RR
Club General Meeting,
Handley Center, 3024

Forest Avenue, Ft Worth,
TX 76112, 7 pm - 9 pm,

<http://cmrrc.net/>

May 2021

1st – 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

6th - TWMRC Business Meeting

7 pm - 9 pm @ 6808 Forest
Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX

76140, Masks are required

www.twmrc.org,

7 pm - 9 pm @ 6808 Forest
Hill Dr, Forest Hill, TX

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Thursday

www.twmrc.org

Make plans for October
6-10, 2021 for the Tulsa
Union Convention in
Tulsa, Oklahoma

<http://www.2021tulsaunion.com>



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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 or contact: Stan Schwartz, Email: 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

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

Hobbytown USA
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 !

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.