

# Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



## Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Zoom meeting, Saturday, June 5th, 2021. At the club or at your home. **Clinic:** “Hand-laid turnouts“ with James Winebrenner via zoom

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

June’s meeting will be at The Texas Western Model RR Club and via zoom.



Union Pacific Railroad

May 10 at 11:24 AM · 🌐



We know you missed seeing our steam locomotives last year nearly as much as the UP Steam Team missed operating No. 844 and Big Boy No. 4014. We have great news, the Steam Team is busy planning an excursion for No. 4014, likely kicking off August. Stay tuned to the Steam Club for more information regarding the route and display locations in the coming weeks as we finalize all of the details.

TWMRC is located at 6808 Forest Hill Drive, Forest Hill, Texas 76140.

Look for the upcoming email With the link for the zoom Conference from Mike Mackey.

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### Meeting Agenda

- Business Meeting, Show and Tell & Q&A
- James Winebrenner of J&A Custom Trains to discuss hand-laid turnouts via zoom.
- Cowcatcher Division annual cook out.

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## Director's Report

It's Summertime! Last month we resumed face to face meetings ...FINALLY! It was great to see everyone again. This month we are continuing our summer tradition with our annual hot dog cookout. Join us on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at 10am at the Texas Western Clubhouse (our usual spot) for fun, food, and fellowship! Please bring your spouse or significant other because we want to include them as well. The division is providing everything so come and enjoy the day!



Last month was a great month for Division 1 in the Achievement Program!! Regionally a record was set with the number of submissions at 13. Division 1 had nine submissions alone. Fantastic work everyone!

Many thanks to Luis Laur of Daylight Sales of Sacramento, California for joining us via Zoom to help us more about the Division's embroidery line of apparel. Be sure and visit [www.daylightsales.net](http://www.daylightsales.net) to place your order for a shirt, cap or jacket. Thanks also to Duane Richardson and Cole Rash respectively for sharing clinics on "Giving your Railroad a Purpose" and "Making Water using Taxidermist Methods." Both were awesome clinics! In case you missed them, be sure and watch them on the division's YouTube channel. You can click the link from [cowcatcherdivision.org](http://cowcatcherdivision.org).

This month, we have a clinic scheduled from James Winebrenner, of J&A Custom Trains, lined up. James will be discussing his methods for building custom turnouts.

Get ready for the long-awaited Flat Car Clinic starting in the July meeting. Watch your email for a suggested tools list to be sent out soon. Those who have paid for their parts will pick them up at the July meeting before the clinic. All parts have been separated into individual bags for you already and each bag has your name and scale on it at this time. Thanks to Program Manager for his invaluable work on organizing this entire event!

Darrell Cowles has volunteered to be the coordinator for the NMRA booth at the upcoming Plano Train show at the end of September. Please step up and volunteer to help Darrell make this a successful event. As you know, Division 1 and Division 3 take turns organizing the booth every other show. Let's make this one of the best ever.

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**D**on't forget that we are needing to start placing volunteer assignments for the national convention in 2023. If you'd like to help, and I know you want to, we now have two gentlemen who have taken charge of our volunteer list. Dennis Wright of Division 1 and Gerald Mabry of the Magnolia Division of the Southeast Region have stepped up to manage our volunteers. Even if you've told me that you want to help in the past, please contact either one of these guys directly! Dennis' email is dlwright5711@att.net and Gerald's email is elisdad1970@yahoo.com.

**T**he Tulsa Union Regional Convention is just around the corner. Registration is open as we speak. Visit [www.2021tulsaunion.com](http://www.2021tulsaunion.com) for details.

**O**ne more thing... Stay tuned for a surprise announcement happening in August. It's a really BIG event!

*Mike Mackey*

Mike Mackey, MMR  
Director, Cowcatcher Division

### Treasurer's Report

The Cowcatcher Division has \$4398.42 in our checking account as of June 1, 2021.

**Dick Brannan**

Treasurer, Cowcatcher Division

### Division 1 Cook-Out

Join us for the Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting at 10:00am on Saturday, June 12th. We will begin with our regular business meeting, Question & Answer session, and Show & Tell. Afterwards we will be introduced via Zoom to James Winebrenner of J&A Custom Trains to discuss hand-laid turnouts. James has been making custom hand-laid turnouts in every scale and design, including dual-gauge, for over 25 years. James also works with other aspects of model railroading.

Afterwards we will have our annual (except for last year during the pandemic) cook-out in the backyard of the Texas Western Club House. We look forward to seeing you there to add to the camaraderie with your fellow model railroaders. During the cook-out we will also have a live feed to the Lone Star Region Board of Directors meeting.

Now is the time to start preparing for the Scratch Building a Flatcar Clinic in July. For those that have purchased their parts package through the division or will be providing their own parts, start gathering the following tools for Part 1 of 2 of the Flatcar Clinic:

Exacto Knife with several sharp #11 blades.

Exacto #17 Chisel Blade.

Cutting Matt.

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NWSL Chopper or a Razor Saw with a Miter Box (Chopper is highly recommended). If using a Chopper, make sure that it has a sharp blade.

220 Grit or higher Sandpaper (a 220 Grit Sanding Sponge works really well).

Course Emory Board, 60 – 120 grit.

Glue – Yellow Carpenters Glue is preferred and highly recommended. Elmer's White Glue (NOT School Glue) or Aileen's Tackey Glue can also be used.

Glue Applicator. Can use a Toothpick, Sewing Pin, Micro-Brush, etc.

Shot Glass is recommended but not required. Concaved bottom of a Shot Glass allows for an area to place glue which can then be easily accessed.

Acrylic Paint (black, grey or boxcar red).

Small Paint Brush.

India Ink (NOT Acrylic Ink) and a pint of 91% Isopropyl Alcohol.

Leak proof container for mixing the India Ink and Isopropyl Alcohol

Scale Ruler.

Paper Towels.

Pencil with a sharp point.

Respectfully,

**Joe Leising**

Program Manager

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## May Meeting Highlights



David Crumpton, Texas Western Model Railroad Club President, welcomes everyone to the TWMRC clubhouse.



David Crumpton receives his Scenery AP certificate



Bob Bray receives his Scenery AP certificate.

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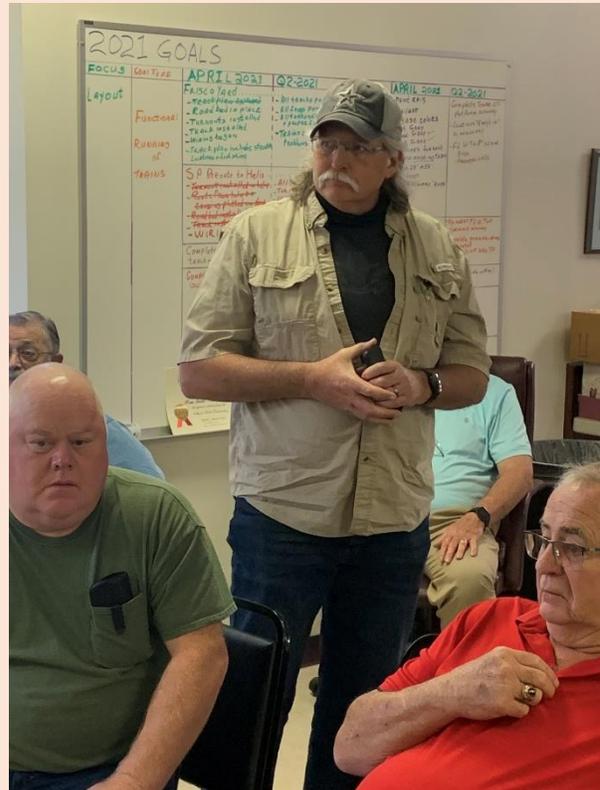
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Dr Michael Ross receives the first annual Leo Palitti Craftsman Award.



New member Don Rowe volunteers for the 2023 national convention



Dennis Wright receives his Golden Spike Award

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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](http://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](mailto: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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## June 2021

5<sup>th</sup> - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division Zoom meeting.

10:00am – 12:00pm

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

8<sup>th</sup> - Denton Area Model Railroad Club meeting.

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

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

11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> - Australasian Virtual Model Railroad Convention with NMRAX

<https://www.nmra.org/events/australasian-virtual-model-railroad-convention-nmrax-day-1-4>

19<sup>th</sup> - NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting,

Virtual Meetings Continue

10 am - 1 pm, Saturday

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

21<sup>st</sup> - Cowtown Model RR Club General Meeting,

Handley Center, 3024

Forest Avenue, Ft Worth,

TX 76112, 7 pm - 9 pm,

<http://cmrrc.net/>

NMRAX – No NMRAX for June and July

## July 2021

2<sup>nd</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)

3<sup>rd</sup> - TWMRC Business Meeting

7 pm - 9 pm

6808 Forest Hill Dr

Forest Hill, TX 76140

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

6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> – Rails by the Bay Virtual Convention

<http://pcrnmra.org/NMRA2021/index.html>

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](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

4641 Ratliff Lane

Addison, TX 75001

972-931-8135

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  
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.