

# Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



## Division 1 Whistle

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Division 1 Zoom meeting, Saturday, July 10th, 2021. At the club or at your home.

### Clinic:

Scratch Building A Flat Car with Duane Richardson, MMR

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

July's meeting will be at The Texas Western Model RR Club and via zoom.

The address for TWMRC is 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
- Make & Take flat car clinic with Duane Richardson, MMR



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Cowcatcher Division 1

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## Director's Report

Can you believe it? We are already into the second half of 2021. If you are like me, you are starting to feel that things are beginning to get back to "normal." Feels great doesn't it?

The much-anticipated Flat Car Clinic is starting this month. If you did not sign up when we first began coordinating the clinic, please be on the lookout for correspondence in your email that will provide you with a bill of materials, as well as a list of suggested tools needed for a successful build. Please be advised that the materials list will provide you with more material than needed for just one car.



Mark the date! The Big Boy, UP 4014 will be arriving in Fort Worth on the afternoon of Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The locomotive will be on display on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> and depart for Houston on Sunday morning the 15<sup>th</sup>. Yours truly has been asked to coordinate a group of volunteers to assist the Union Pacific with crowd control, parking, etc. Currently, I have about 10 more slots to complete the 25 members of the team. Details on work assignments and particulars will be provided to team members as I get them. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Dennis Wright via email at [pncdlw@gmail.com](mailto:pncdlw@gmail.com).

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. Darrell can be reached by email at [darrellcowles1@gmail.com](mailto:darrellcowles1@gmail.com).

Don'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 have told me that you want to help in the past, please contact either one of these guys directly! Dennis' email is [pncdlw@gmail.com](mailto:pncdlw@gmail.com) and Gerald's email is [elisdad1970@yahoo.com](mailto:elisdad1970@yahoo.com).

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The Tulsa Union Regional Convention is just around the corner. Early registration ends August 1, 2021. Visit [www.2021tulsaunion.com](http://www.2021tulsaunion.com) for details.

See you at the meeting and...

Mike Mackey, MMR  
Director, Cowcatcher Division

## Treasurer's Report

As of the end of June the Cowcatcher Division has \$4309.04 in their checking account.

Dick Brannan

Treasurer  
Cowcatcher Division

## This month's clinic:

Scratch Building A Flat Car with Duane Richardson, MMR

Nineteen months after the originally scheduled date (thanks to Covid-19), the Scratch Building a Flatcar Make-n-Take Clinic is going to take place on Saturday, July 10, 2021. Duane Richardson, MMR, from the Trinity River Division 3, will be taking us through a step-by-step process on scratch building a wooden flatcar.

The foundation of a flatcar is the basis for building other types of rolling-stock, such as a Gondola, Box Car, Reefer and Tank Car. Collectively, scratch building three of these four different types of cars, plus a car from a passenger train (which includes an Express Reefer), will fulfill the scratch building portion to earn a "Cars" Certificate in the NMRA Achievement Program (all four car types must merit).

The July meeting will be Part 1 of a two-part clinic. In Part 1, we will scratch build the under-frame and deck. Due to the UP 4014 Big Boy making an appearance in Fort Worth on August 14th, Part 2 of the clinic will be held on the first Saturday in August, August 7th at 10:00am at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the Big Boy's visit to Fort Worth, contact Dennis Wright, Assistant Program Manager, at [dlwright5711@att.net](mailto:dlwright5711@att.net).

A parts-package will be distributed during the July 10th meeting to the individuals that registered for the clinic in 2019. An email has been sent to those individuals with a Tools List that will be required to complete the flatcar construction. If you did not receive the Tools List contact Joe Leising at [Joe@Leising.com](mailto:Joe@Leising.com). For everyone else that would like to participate in the clinic, a Parts & Tools list can be found at [www.CowcatcherDivision.org](http://www.CowcatcherDivision.org) > Member Area > Forums > Clinics > Flatcar Construction – Update.

After the Cowcatcher Division 1 meeting, the Texas Western Model Railroad Club invites everyone to participate in their Open-Run, so bring your Standard Gauge HO Scale Locomotives and Rolling Stock and enjoy.

Respectfully,

Joe Leising

Program Manager



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## June's Meeting Highlights

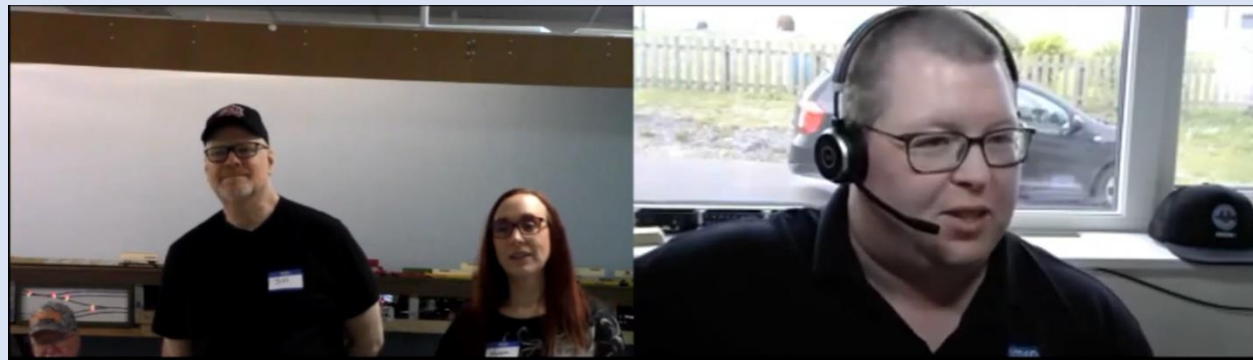
certificates



David Crumpton is presented with his Electrical certificate.

Greg McComas earned his Golden Spike, Scenery, Electrical & Chief Dispatcher certificates.  
(not present)

Dean Ferris earned his Golden Spike certificate.  
(not present)



NMRA President Gordy Robinson welcomes new members Jeff and Melissa Martin via Zoom.

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### July 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> – Youth in Model

3<sup>rd</sup> – TWMRC 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)

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

[Http://pcnrmra.org/NMRA2021/index.html](http://pcnrmra.org/NMRA2021/index.html)

10<sup>th</sup> – NMRA Lone Star

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17<sup>th</sup> - NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday

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

19<sup>th</sup> - Cowtown Model RR

Club General Meeting, Handley Center, 3024 Forest Avenue, Ft Worth, TX 76112, 7pm - 9pm,

<http://cmrrc.webs.com/>

### August 2021

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

Thursday

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

7<sup>th</sup> - NMRA Lone Star

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

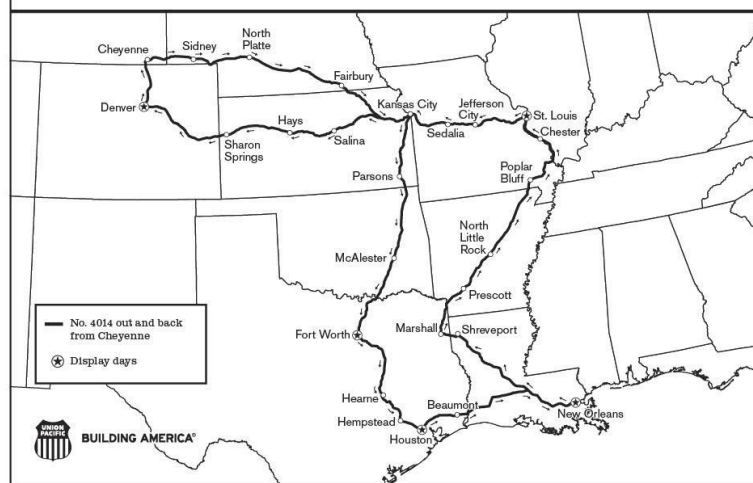
<http://www.2021tulsaunion.com>



Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> ~~at Ft. Worth~~ Big Boy UP 4014 in Ft. Worth

<https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/schedule/index.htm>

### 2021 Steam Route Union Pacific's No. 4014



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## 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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## 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 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 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.