

Cowcatcher Division

Division One of the Lone Star NMRA Region



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Division 1 Zoom meeting, Saturday, September 11th, 2021 - at the club or at your home. **Clinic:** Signs and how they affect our railroads with John Lowrance, MMR

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September'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.

Meeting Agenda

- Announcements, Awards, Show & Tell and Q&A
- Signs and how they affect our railroads with John Lowrance, MMR
- TWMRC open run



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Director's Report

Back to school! Fall football. Cooler temperatures (hopefully). State Fair of Texas! Yep, the calendar can fill up fast. We are back on track for our regular division meeting on the second Saturday of the month this month. It just happens to fall on 9/11. I'm sure we all can vividly remember exactly where we were that fateful day in 2001. Please take a minute to remember those who died and the ones who lost someone that day. Our family lost two, one at WTC and one in the Pentagon. I hope our country never forgets those atrocities.



The Plano Train show is rapidly approaching at the end of September. Darrell Cowles had to step aside as the booth manager, however Ken Kaiser and John Garfield have jumped in to help with finalizing things. Thanks to Darrell for getting things rolling, however John and Ken need you to 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. John can be reached by email at j-g.garfield@att.net and Ken can be reached at kbk1@flash.net. They still have openings for those who want to help. Don't forget, your volunteer hours count toward your Volunteer Achievement Program certificate.

The Big Boy has come and gone, but it created some fantastic memories for lots of people. Over 60,000 railfans visited the locomotive on display in Fort Worth. That huge attendance made Fort Worth the biggest single day event the Union Pacific has ever hosted. Thanks to some super volunteers, the Cowcatcher Division hosted a membership booth at the event. The booth was extremely busy all day with visitors stopping by to learn more about the organization and the models we had on display. We also signed up many new members and increased our divisions membership by 10%! Excellent job membership team!!

Our Flat Car Clinic is continuing this month. If you didn't make the first couple clinics, you can catch up by watching clinic videos that are available on our division YouTube channel. Please access it by using the link from www.cowcatcherdivision.org. We will wrap up the clinic this month on September 11th.

Did you sign up for the Tulsa Union Regional Convention yet? Early registration ended August 1, 2021, but it's not too late. Visit www.2021tulsaunion.com for details.

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Keep training!

Mike Mackey, MMR
Director, Cowcatcher Division

Model Train Crossing



Exciting News

Starting in September, our store hours are changing. We are increasing to 6 days a week. Monday-Saturday 9:00am-3:00pm

We will **NO LONGER** be open till 6:00 on Mondays

Treasurer's Report

Cowcatcher current balance as of September 1 is \$4150.11.

Dick Brannan

Treasurer
Cowcatcher Division

This month's clinic:

Signs and how they affect our railroads with John Lowrance, MMR

The September program will be presented by John Lowrance, MMR #150 of the San Antonio Division 6 of the LSR. John is best known for articles and clinics on Stencil Painting Backdrops, Modeling With The Masters, and as a guest host for the DIY network's "Workin' On The Railroad", as well as presenting programs on NMRAx. John has served as the NMRA's Vice President and Education Department Manager. John's work in the NMRA has been recognized by being a recipient of the NMRA Presidents Award and the NMRA Meritorious Service Award.

For the September program, John will discuss the importance of how signs are used on our railroads. Fonts, colors, placement, lighting, etc. have all changed over the years, and John's presentation will show what to consider to properly use signage to represent the era of your railroad.

The Plano Train Show will take place during the first weekend in October on October 2nd and 3rd, and the combined Indian Nations Division / Mid-Continent Region / Lone Star Region 2021 Tulsa Union Convention will be held during the second weekend in October (6th - 10th). Therefore, October's monthly Cowcatcher Division Meeting will be held on the third Saturday, October 16th.

After the October meeting, the Texas Western Model Railroad Club invites everyone to their Open Run, so bring you HO Locomotives and Rolling Stock to enjoy running on the TWMRC layout.

Respectfully,

Cole Rash

Program Manager
Cowcatcher Division 1

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August Meeting Hi-lights



PJ Mackey – Association Volunteer Certificate.



Joe Leising – Electrical Certificate.

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September 2021

5th – TWMRC Business Meeting 7 pm - 9 pm @ 6808 Forest Hill Dr Forest Hill, TX 76140
www.twmrc.org

11th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm, Clinic: Scratch Building a Flat Car part 2 with Duane Richardson, MMR
www.cowcatcherdivision.org

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

18th – NMRA Lone Star Region Division 3 Meeting, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church in Allan, TX, 10am - 1pm, Saturday
www.trinityriverdivision.org

25th – NMRAx

October 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

7th – 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

16th – NMRA Lone Star Region Cowcatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10 am - 1pm
<https://www.nmra.org/calendar>



NEW BRAUNFELS TRAIN SHOW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

Admission: Cash Only at the Door

\$10 Adults (14 & Older)

\$2 Child (5-13 Yrs. Old)

New Braunfels Civic Center

375 South Castell Avenue

New Braunfels, Texas 78130



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Plano Train Show

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Train Show Coming to Town



Oct. 2-3, 2021
Jan. 15-16, 2022

Experience the magic of model trains!

Have you ever been to
a model train show?

Have you ever seen a live
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owning and operating
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**\$10 ADMISSION
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to race each other. \$3 to play until someone
beats you!



Plano Event Center | 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.
Plano, TX | 75074 | dfwtrainshows.com

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Help Needed!!

Help is needed to man the NMRA booth at the Plano Show the 2nd and 3rd of October. The show runs from 9 to 5 each day. Ken Kaiser, kbk1@flash.net is coordinating Saturday, while John Garfield, j-g.garfield@att.net, will coordinate Sunday. We are needing staff to help with booth setup on Friday, man the booth during the show, test engines on the test track, explain membership, do small presentations and work the Timesaver layout. If you can help any day for an hour or two please contact one of us about your participation. We need about three or four people for two-hour segments both days of the show. That is about 9 volunteers each day. Thanks in advance for your help!

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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 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 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 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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Model Train Crossing (817) 595-0800
1113 W. Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053

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Hurst, TX 76054

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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.