



# Cen-Tex Eagle



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**Extra!**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

After our discussion about the GW&C at the meeting, I have incorporated a new siding off the passing track. I am working on types of customers the GGW&C would serve in the town after studying the Sanborn insurance maps and material from the Springer Archives. Once I get something tentative laid out, I will take pictures and send them to the membership for comment. Remember that all input is welcomed.

It is my pleasure to welcome back John Chilstron and Henry Strait. Members for many years have returned to our group. Glad to have you back. We have two new members who have joined the NMRA, Jamie Larson and George Munson, Greetings and Salutations. I will keep you informed on what is going on with newsletters and updates.

On a sad note, we have lost a member of the Division. Frank Schmidt of Lakeway has marked up for the last time. I found this out from the information that the National office sends out. If anyone has any information, please let me know.

The AMRS will be having a work session on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at David Petersen place instead of the regular meeting. If you are interested in joining the group, email George Zapalac for more information.

I would like to announce that Tom Weaver will be taking over as Treasurer of the Division 4. He has been active in the Division as convention Treasurer and is one of several who has the ear of the Director. Always there to help out when needed, Tom will take some of the burden off me. Thanks Tom.

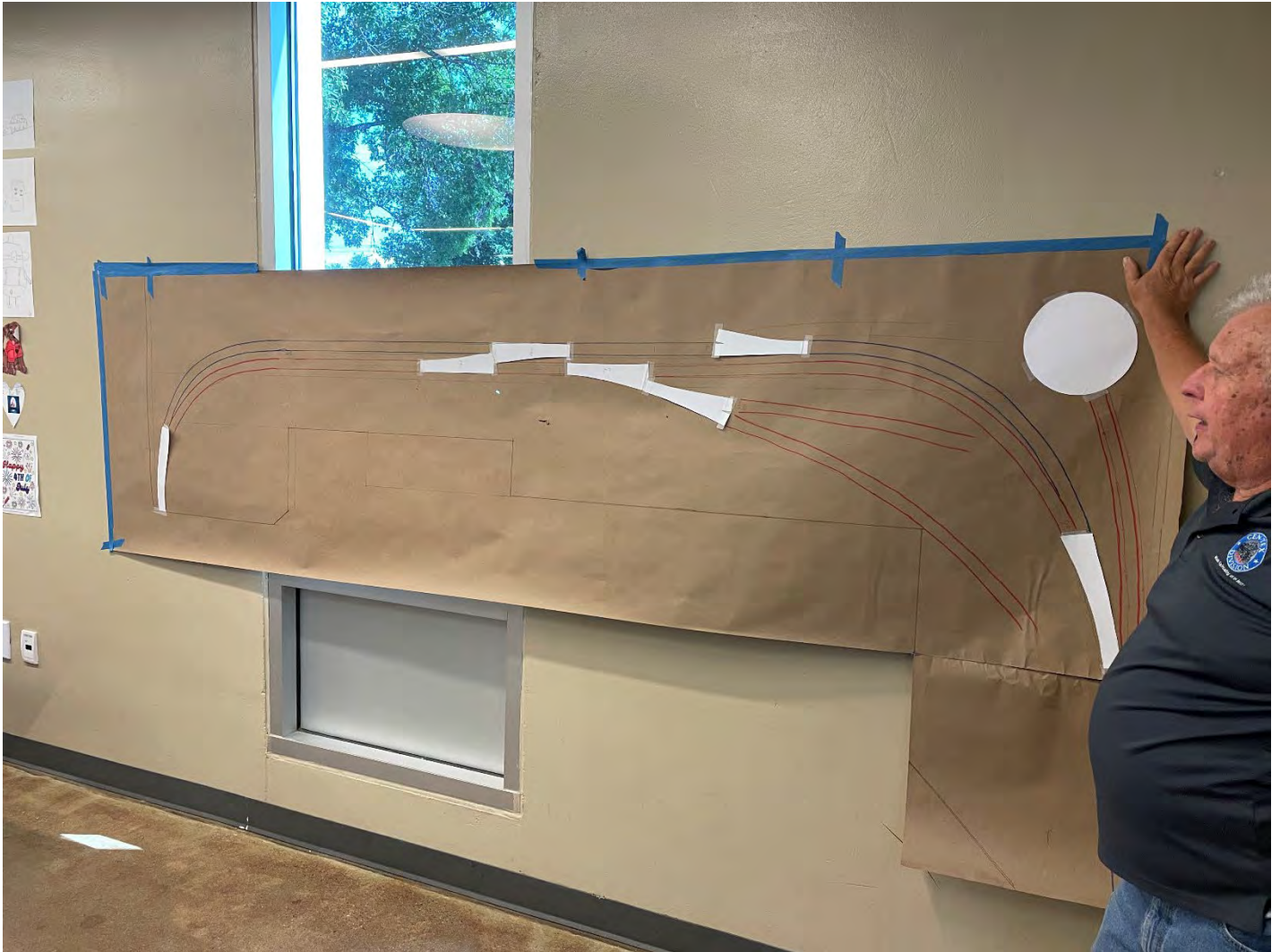
I would like to get input from the members who attend the meeting via Zoom. What can we do to help you enjoy and engage more during the meeting. What do I need to improve so you can follow the meeting better. Better camera angles, body positioning, better presentation of the topic. What do I do that gets in the way of a better presentation. To improve I need to know what's not working.

Chris Chany came up with a great idea and put it into action. He found a place to have name tags made at a great price which will have the Division logo on it, along with your name. I have included an attachment with the information and how to order. Send the form to me or email me the information. We will get the orders placed and will collect the money later. *(I am going to try and place the orders July 26-29. They should be ready for the Texas Express. Order form is a separate page at the end of this newsletter. -ed.)*

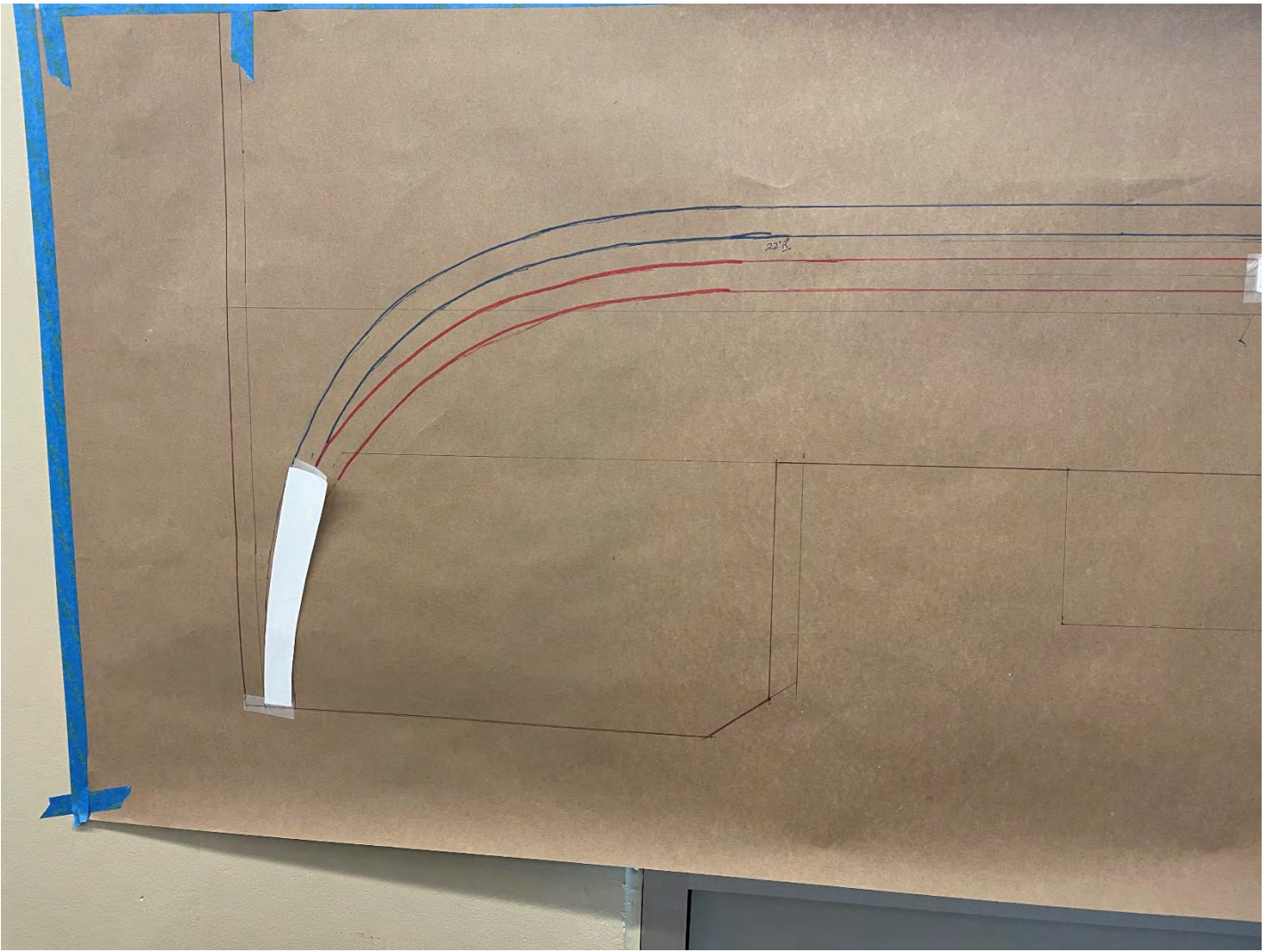
-Bob

# Shelf Layout Project

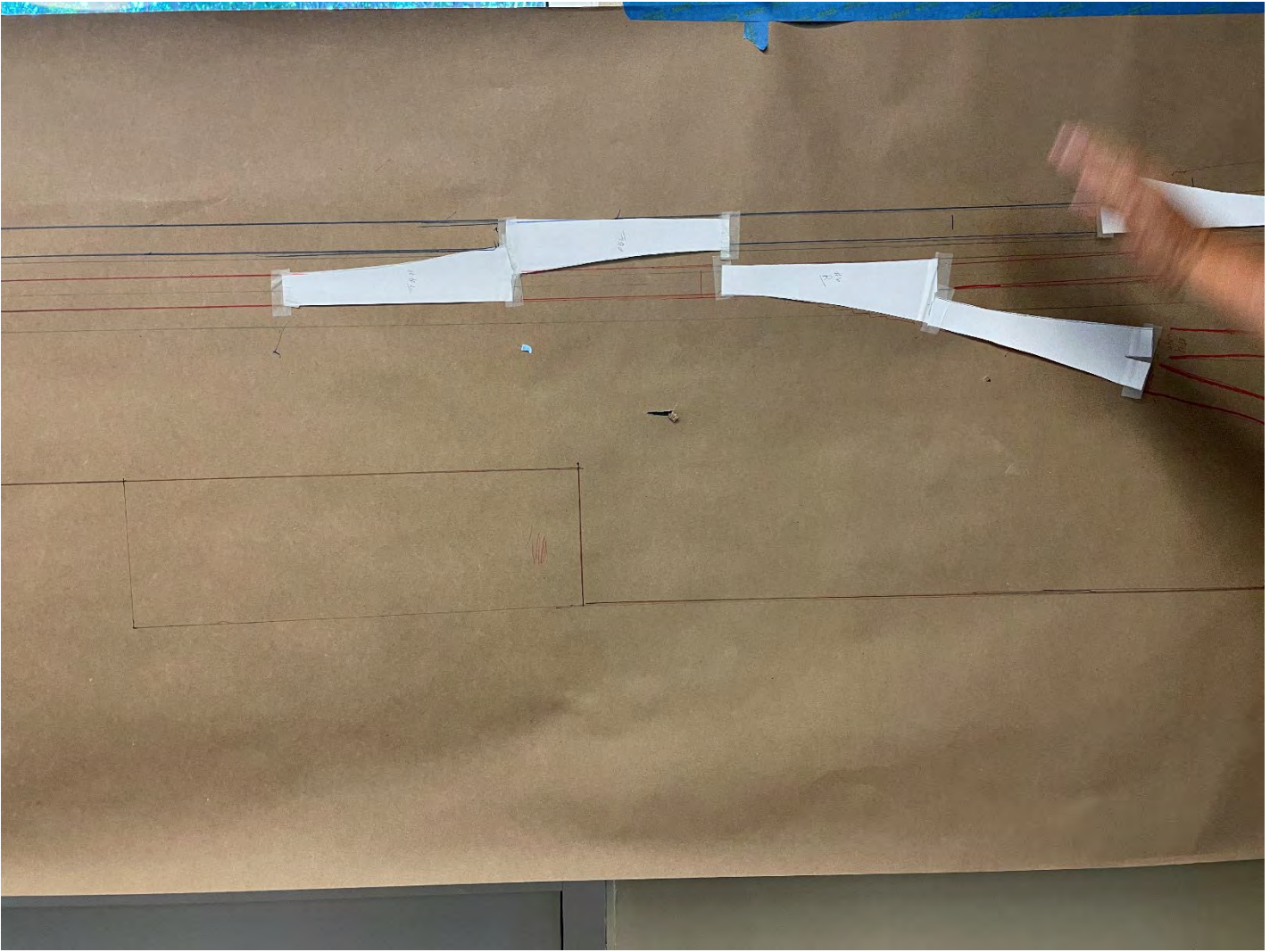
The first iteration of the track plan was displayed at the meeting. It should be on the division website shortly. Here are some photos of the track plan. Blue is the mainline.



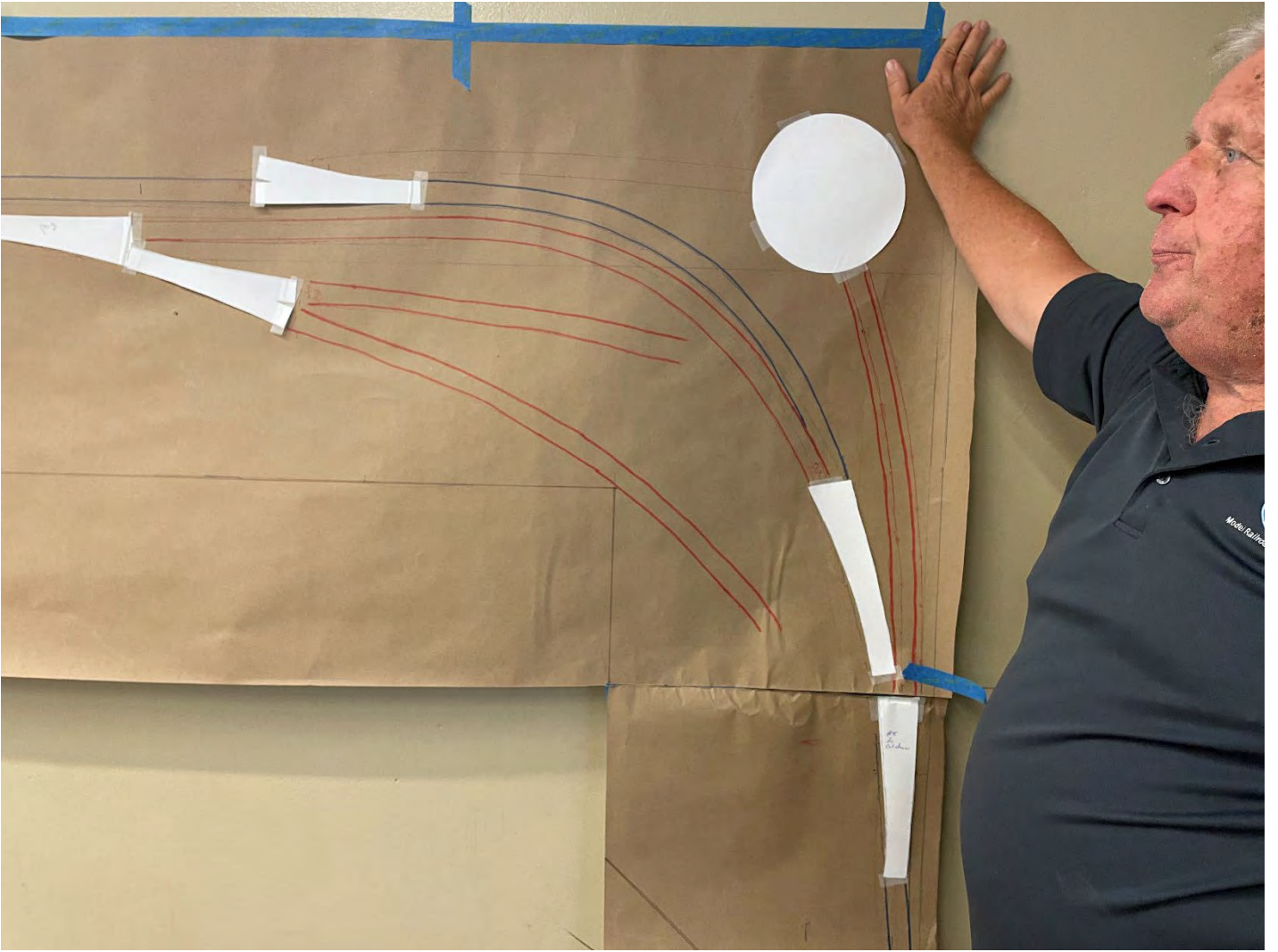
The entire track plan.



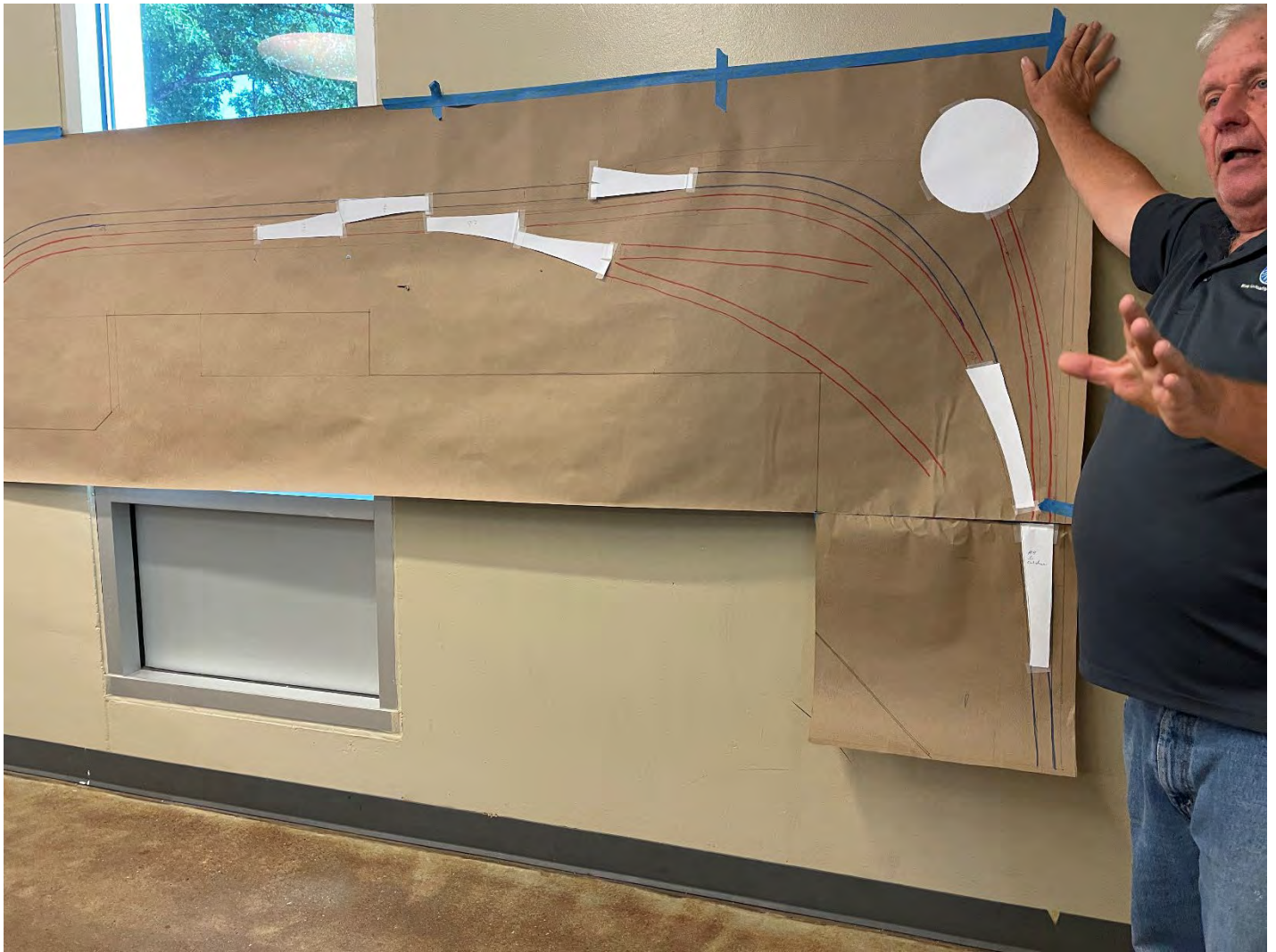
The left side.



The middle switching area.



The right side with turntable.



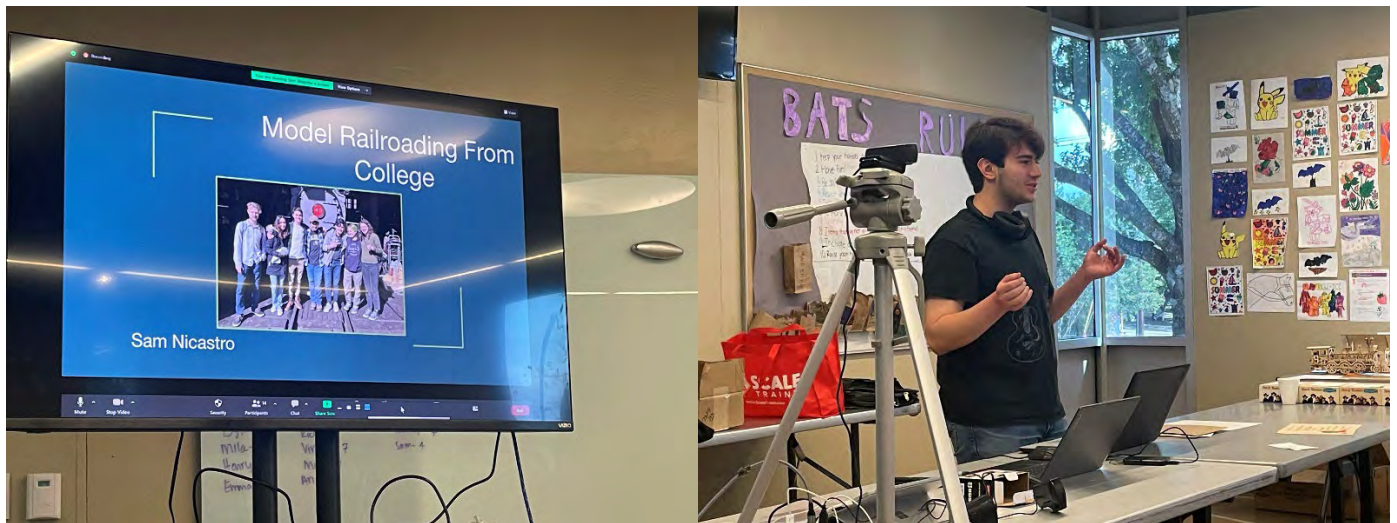
Right side overview.

## JULY 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING A SUCCESS!

Twenty-seven people braved the 100° temperatures in Austin to attend the July meeting of the Cen-tex Division. Another five attended through Zoom.



The clinic was given by Sam Nicastro who discussed “Model Railroading in College”. I am not sure which was more impressive the 1 to 1 railroading or the amount of Model Railroading he fit in his college apartment.



As mentioned above, Bob Theile unveiled the preliminary design for the “Goldweight and Central”. It should be fun to watch this progress!

John Ames gave a mini-clinic on: “Using epoxy and a locomotive test stand to re-center a DCC melted wheel set”. He also mentioned a You-tube channel “Barbatos Rex” who covers a lot of different model paint qualities.

During the business portion of the meeting, Kavish Nare received the LSR Youth Award.



Steve Jakobs earned the Master Model Railroader Achievement Certificate for Author.



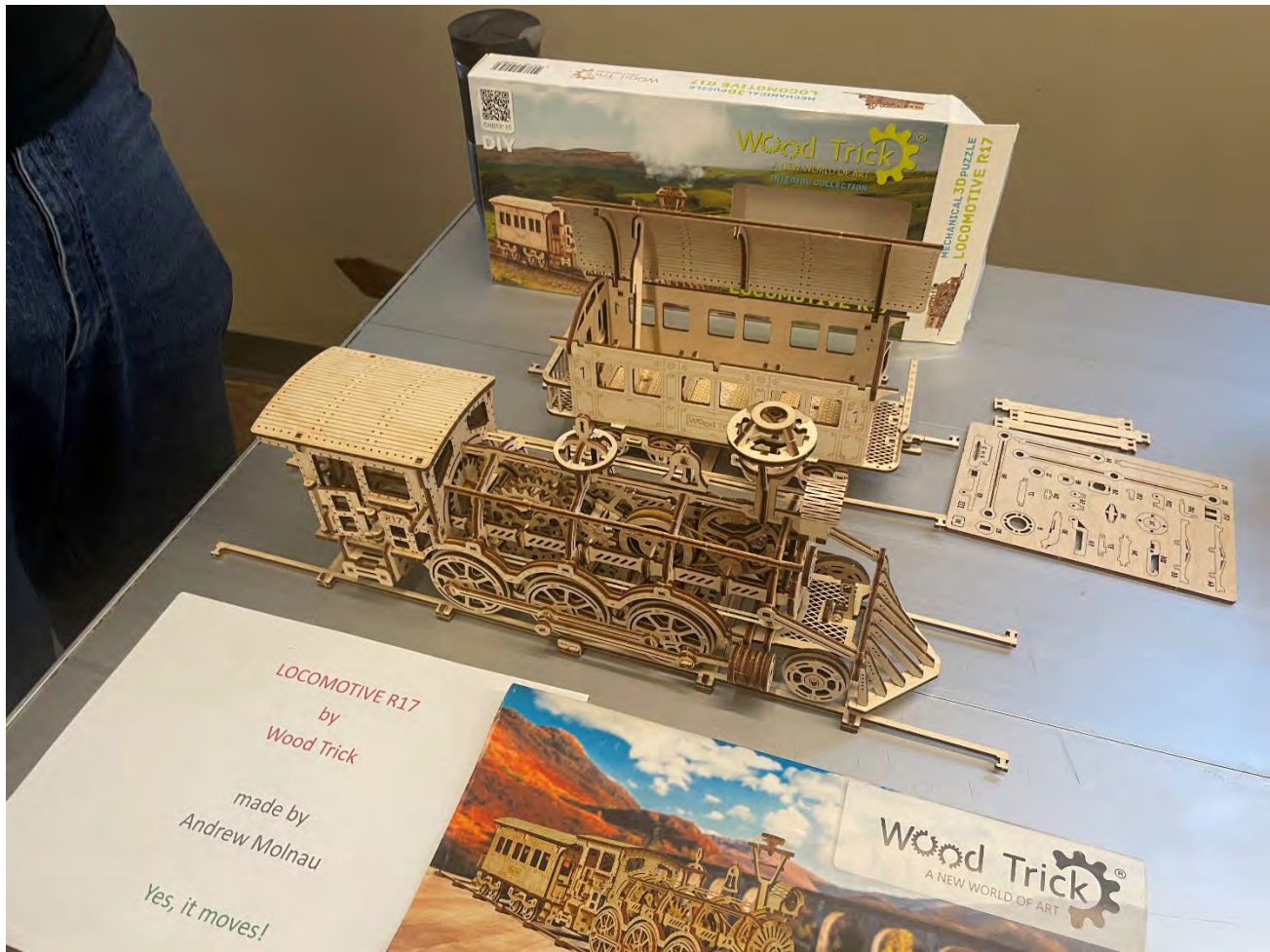
Robert Theile earned the Master Model Railroader Achievement Certificates for Association Volunteer & Association Official.





The Show and Tell tables were full this month!

Andrew Molnam brought a laser-cut wood operating steam locomotive!



Jerry Wilson MMR brought a 3D printed passenger car with reed switch activated lights.



Mike Barrett brought a scratch built Bastrop Power Equipment Building with Kadee decals.



Joel Davidson brought a 3D printed wifi Steam throttle. Here is the link for more information.

[An Operating Steam Throttle You Can Customize - the MRH Forum \(mrhmag.com\)](http://www.mrhmag.com/forum/threads/an-operating-steam-throttle-you-can-customize.100000)



Tim Giraud brought a set of buildings he worked on for the AMRS raffle layout.



The layout tour was at Lou Adler's MMR layout in Georgetown.





Layout photos by Bob Thiele

## Timetable

Upcoming Train shows:

September 16 & 17 Temple Train Show

October 21 & 21, New Braunfels Train show, New Braunfels Civic Center

November 18 & 19, Houston Area Train show, 2320 Hatfield rd, Pearland TX.

January 20 & 21, Plano Train Show, Plano Center, 2000 Spring Creek Pkwy. Plano

Amherst Train Show, Jan 27 & 28

See you guys at the Texas Express 2023!

=Russ T. Rale



August 20 - August 26, 2023  
NMRA Texas Express National Convention  
Grapevine, TX



<https://www.nmra.org/conventions/2023-texas-express>



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# Cen-Tex Nametag Order form

**Do not order a magnetic back one if you have a pacemaker!!**

Your choice of size:      1x3    1 ¼ x 3    1 ½ x 3      1 ½ x 3 ½    Number    Total Price

Logo Pin Back: \$8.00                              \_\_\_\_\_      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Logo Magnetic

Back: \$10.00                              \_\_\_\_\_      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Badge Frame: \$3.00                              \_\_\_\_\_      \$\_\_\_\_\_

Your name for the badge (Print clearly)\_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email for ?\_\_\_\_\_