



Cen-Tex Eagle



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From the Editor's Desk

Please excuse the formatting of this issue, but due to multiple staff vacations, we left it up to the copy boy. Russ T. Rale

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The heat arrived early, and it makes enjoying the outdoors a little problematic. Any excuse to retreat to the modeling room.

The next meeting of Division 4 will be on July 8th at 10:00 at the Austin NW Rec center, 2913 Northland Dr. 78757. As usual the meeting will be broadcast live on Zoom, the invitation will be sent out on July 5th, so you do not lose it in all the other emails.

We will take a look at the website that is being reworked and show you the features that you can use to locate resources or find out what is happening in the division or around the state.

As always bring in your projects that you are working on so other can learn and appreciate your work.

-Bob

Meeting Agenda

Division Business

Look at the Division website as it is being updated.

Sam Nicastro: DCC in small spaces.

Presentation on the Goldweight & Central – shelf layout plan

Show and tell – Please bring in your projects that you have been working on

Deals or Duds

Shelf Layout Project

After some great input from the division members and goals that were established at the beginning, a track plan has been selected. Jack Merkel had submitted a track plan of Lometa on the GC&SF line from Temple to Clovis NM. Just up the line is the town of Goldthwaite. At one point this was a booming little town with plenty of railroad activity. It has all the features and goals that were established in the beginning. The track plan has 10 switching industries in the town, a town layout that has unique buildings that can be reproduced, water feature, turntable, and round house. This town has a lot of potential. We have also given a name to the layout, “The Goldweight and Central”.

We are going to take a step back at this meeting and discuss the process of researching a project and where to find the material. Because this area is part of the Santa Fe railroad, I was able to travel to Temple TX and visit the Springer Archives. The Springer Archives is the eastern depository of the Santa Fe Historical & Modeling Society. They also contain the history of the Temple area and information on many of the US railroads. This archive is open to anyone who would like to research any topic that they have. This is true with most historical archives, if you have a question, they will help you find an answer. I will give a presentation on the layout and all the information I have gathered.

NAMETAGS



Magnetic back, not for Pacemakers!!

Order Pin Back.



←← Will Have Cen-Tex Logo and your Name.

If you want MMR and your MMR # I believe we can do that.

We will take orders at the July Division Meeting. Cash or check please. An order form will be sent in a separate e-mail.

Logo Pin Back: \$8.00

Logo Magnetic Back: \$10.00

Badge Frame: \$3.00

Your choice of size: 1x3, 1 ¼ x 3, 1 ½ x 3 or 1 ½ x 3 ½

NEWS



By National Convention Committee

Howdy, y'all! The thrills, frills, and chills of the supercharged 2023 Texas Express are only a couple of months away, so get registered and book your hotel room before the drop-dead date of July 15th when we lock down event registration to make our final head counts and preparations for busses,

food, water, and tickets. There may be a few event slots for walk-ins the week of the registration, but don't count on that. Of special note, the price of the hotel rooms will DOUBLE after July 15th, so don't delay a day more!

Speaking of the great accommodations, please stay at the Gaylord Resort convention hotel. Your stay is what makes the convention possible as it significantly reduces our cost of the convention facilities. It is an outstanding price for such a nice hotel at HALF of their normal rate, and it is comparable to surrounding places.

Lots of great layouts to see and operate like Dean Ferris' Oregon Joint Lines in N scale. It's got amazing scenery and is a lot of fun to operate. Sign up for a bus tour or operating sessions now for many great layouts like this.



We are pleased to announce that we have arranged for NMRA Partnership Program member miniprints to do a 3D scanning for your very own minime at a special convention discount price. The scan takes just a few minutes, and after some cleanup back at the office, a 3D model of you is available in N, HO, S, or O scale. You can also purchase the .stl file to print as many copies of yourself as you want on your own 3D printer.

[The sign-up page is up at https://www.miniprints.com/texasexpress.](https://www.miniprints.com/texasexpress)

So, with all of these fantastic things happening right now, don't delay and go to [2023TexasExpress.com](https://www.2023TexasExpress.com) to register for the supercharged, high-speed 2023 NMRA National Convention today!

TIMETABLE

DIVISION MEETING

Saturday, July 8, 2023 10:00AM
Centex Division Meeting
Austin Parks and Recreation Northwest Rec Center
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Program:

Clinic
Build a Layout update
Show and Tell
Name Tag Orders
Deals or Duds
Lunch
Layout Tour (need a Volunteer!)



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



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



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Saturday, September 9, 2023 10:00AM
Centex Division Meeting
Austin Parks and Recreation Northwest Rec Center
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Program:

Clinic
Goldweight and Central Layout update
Show and Tell
Deals or Duds
Lunch
Layout Tour (need a Volunteer)

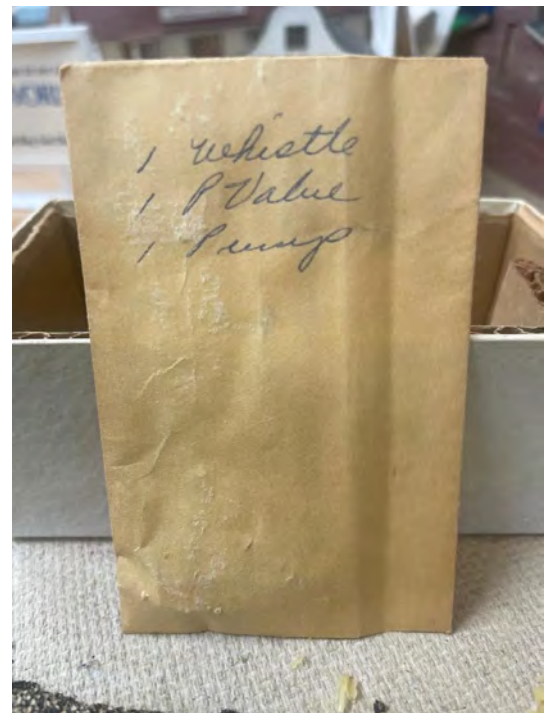
TRAIN SHOW

Saturday, September 16-17, 2023 10:00AM
Temple Model Train Show
Frank Mayborn Center
3303 N 3rd Street, Temple

Model Railroading Historical Artifact

Years ago, in Model Railroader there was an article on refurbishing one of John Allen's locomotives. It was a O-4-O Baltimore and Ohio docksider imported by Pacific Fast Mail. Your editor was lucky enough to be given one by his father a Pacific Fast Mail O-4-O. The locomotive is still in the PFM box unpainted with all the parts including PFM couplers.





Call for articles

The goal for the Eagle is to be published approximately the week before our bi-monthly meetings with the hope of lightening some of Bob's work. In order to do that we need your help. If you have a favorite tip, something from the good old days of Model Railroading, went to a hobby shop out of town that was awesome or just want to show some picture of your layout, please contact me at the email address in the Masthead.

Thanks.

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