



## Superintendent's Report

Greeting Division Four members,

This year is racing along and before you know it, winter will be upon us. It is time to start thinking about the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. As usual the event will be held at the NW Austin Rec center, 2913 Northland dr. 78757. It will start at 10:00 and the meeting will be broadcast on Zoom. I will be putting together a power point presentation with slides displaying items that might be hard to show on the Zoom camera. Instructions on how to use the PPT for best results will be sent with the Zoom link. Clinics for this meeting will include some hands-on demonstrations of hand laid track and making a switch. Work on the Goldweight and CenTex railroad this month will focus on the various ways to wire a layout for DCC. We will also discuss the structures that will go on the layout. I have many pictures of the buildings that were there at one time or another in the town of Goldthwaite. Sanborn insurance maps will help to fill in the gaps. Members can volunteer to construct these buildings, and the construction can be kits, kit bashing and scratch building.

Since we will be working on scenery and details of the layout after this meeting, I thought that people could use some inspiration of how to put together a picture. Wayne Jones has graciously opened his layout for the division members. If you have never been to Wayne's place and seen his layout, you are in for a treat. His attention to detail is spectacular. You should go away from the layout with ideas that will help your modeling. As always be sure to bring your projects that you have been working on so we all can learn new ideas.

I have included some information about the upcoming 2024 LSR Regional convention and the passing of another division member.

Sincerely yours,  
Bob

## Final Markers



Once again, a division member will not mark up on the call board. John Lacina passed in June and will surely be missed by family and friends. I got to know John when the pandemic hit, and he started attending meetings on Zoom. John lived on the eastern border of the division, so the Zoom meeting was a way for him to join us without the long drive. I talked to him on several occasions about how we can get our eastern brethren

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more involved with the division activities. On one conversation he had followed the Big Boy when it came through the area. When I did not see him for several meetings, I gave him a ring. He had started up another law firm with his son, but planned to rejoin us when things were up and running. The best laid plans of mice and men, often go astray. Below is some information about John that I cobbled together so you could know him a little better. Never take anything for granted and call family and friends just to see how they are doing.

John entered into the legal profession with his uncle, A.W. Hodde, Jr., and together, they practiced as Hodde & Lacina until Mr. Hodde's retirement. Johnny found a new law partner in Catherine Kenjura and the two practiced together as Lacina & Kenjura for 19 years. Most recently, Johnny worked in The Lacina Law Firm that he started with his son, Jonas. From 1974 to 1986, Johnny served as the County Attorney of Washington County.

Johnny loved trains. From the time that he was little until his last day, he had an interest in model trains, railroad history, and rail travel. In 2015, he traveled to the Nevada Northern Railway, where he drove a real steam engine. He liked sports, especially baseball, and he was a fan of the Chicago Cubs and the Houston Astros. Chicago was his favorite travel destination, and he made numerous trips there for Cubs games, beer, and deep-dish pizza. He also loved his Baylor bears and enjoyed attending Baylor football and men's and women's basketball games in Waco.

## LAST RUN OF THE P.H.I.L.

September 28th was a sad day in Austin as the last run of the Pacific Hauling and Industrial Lines, the P.H.I.L., occurred. Phil Sharpnack's railroad will be relocating to newer quarters. The last operating sessions were held at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. An eager group of crew members arrived to operate the P.H.I.L. one last time. A good time was had by all and everyone is looking forward to the next reincarnation of the P.H.I.L.









**WHERE THE EAGLE MEETS THE CHIEF**  
**THE 2024 NMRA LONE STAR REGION CONVENTION**  
**HOUSTON/PASADENA, TEXAS**

## LSR Convention

February 15 -17, 2024

## Web Site For Registration & Hotel Live

<http://www.turbotrains.com/2024lonestar/>

The Lone Star Region 2024 Convention will be held at the Pasadena Convention Center. It will be held in conjunction with the San Jacinto Model Railroad Club train show on Saturday February 17. All convention attendees will get FREE admission to the train show and by showing your convention badge you will be able to get in 1 hour before the general public.

We will have all of the normal convention activities, Contest Room, Operations, Layout Tours and plenty of activities for the spouses.

The registration will be \$80.00 for the primary registration and \$50.00 for spouse and children. All registrations include a BBQ Dinner on Saturday night and admission to the train show. Please go to the website [www.turbotrains.com/2024lonestar](http://www.turbotrains.com/2024lonestar)

We have secured a special rate at the LaQuinta on Sam Houston Parkway at a guaranteed rate of \$87.00 per night for a King Room or Double Queen room. To get the special rate you need to email Michelle at [lq53239tx@gmail.com](mailto:lq53239tx@gmail.com) giving her your phone number and that it is for the **LSR Convention**. Michelle will call you back to book the room. If folks reserve through Michelle the rate could drop to \$75.00 per night is over 15 rooms are booked so please book early.



# TIMETABLE

## DIVISION MEETING

### VETERANS DAY

Saturday, November 11, 2023 10:00AM  
 THANK YOU , Veterans, for your service!  
 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: Wayne Jones

## DIVISION MEETING

Saturday January 13, 2024 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-Sunday, January 20th - 21st, 2024,  
 Plano, TX

Plano Centre. Hours 10am-5pm Saturday,  
 10am-4pm Sunday. 2000 East Spring Creek



Advanced Planning

February 15-17 2024, Lone Star Region Convention

Saturday February 17th 2024  
 Greater Houston Train Show

Saturday March 9, 2024 10:00AM  
 Centex Division Meeting  
 Austin Parks and Recreation Northwest Rec  
 Center  
 2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Saturday-Sunday, Aug 24-25 2024  
 Austin Train Show

# Nametags



We will take orders at the November Division Meeting.  
Cash or check please.  
An order form is at the end of the newsletter.

Logo Pin Back: \$8.00  
Logo Magnetic Back: \$10.00  
Badge Frame: \$3.00

## 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.

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# Cen-Tex Nametag Order form

Hand in at the Division meeting. Cash or check please.

Your choice of size:		<b>1x3</b>	<b>1 ½ x 3 ½</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
Logo Pin Back:	\$8.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$_____
Logo Magnetic Back:	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$_____
Badge Frame:	\$3.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	\$_____

**Your name for the badge:** (Print clearly)

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**Phone or email:** \_\_\_\_\_