



Superintendent's Report

Greetings Division Four members,

All the best of the holidays to you and your families.

See you next year!
Sincerely yours,
Bob

Editorial

As the holiday season rapidly approaches like the Mopac Eagle, we can reflect on the fact that for many years the railroads were the main means of travel for families to get "home for the holidays." If I am free around 4:30 pm I tune into Virtual Railfans live stream of Horseshoe Curve to watch Amtrak's westbound Pennsylvanian round the curve. At this time of year, the hollow of the curve is dark and the lights of the engine, the baggage car, the lounge car, the snack bar coach and the four coaches climbing up the curve and into the night is almost magical. I sometimes wonder how many of the people on that train are going home to families.

A belated Happy Chanukah to our Jewish readers and Merry Christmas and Happy Near Year! See you on the 13th!

Russ T. Rale

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It's Christmas on the Lone Star and Santa Fe!



WHERE THE EAGLE MEETS THE CHIEF

**THE 2024 NMRA LONE STAR REGION CONVENTION
HOUSTON/PASADENA, TEXAS**

Have you been wanting to add a backdrop to your layout or module, but haven't been able to find the right artist at a suitable price?

WELL, WE FOUND YOU ONE AND AT A PRICE YOU CAN AFFORD.

(Hint: It's you.)

Back by popular demand Norma Brignac will present her Backdrop painting clinic at the 2024 Lone Star Region Convention.

These will be Hands-On clinics and the first 25 people to sign up will be able to participate in the hands-on learning. Other attendees are welcome to attend the clinic and learn.

After only an hour's instruction and practice you will be able to paint a backdrop.



Painted at a GHTS about 10 years ago, and this was about number three in the class!!

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THE MASTHEAD

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