



Volume 1, Number 8

Week of January 7, 2024

Newsletter of the CEN-TEX Division 4, Lone Star Region, NMRA

Superintendent's Report

Greeting Division Four members,

Welcome to the new year and a chance to get a fresh start on some modeling. The division will be meeting on Saturday January 13 at Ten am. We will meet at the Austin NW Rec center, 2913 Northland dr., Austin TX. 78757. Along with the in-person meeting we will have the usual Zoom presentation. The Zoom invite will come by email on Thursday January 11th.

The agenda for this gathering will have Paul Calmes giving a presentation on the building resin kits. He will discuss in conjunction with demonstrations the in's and out's of working with resin casting. My limited exposure to resin kits has provided some excellent models.

I will bring the Goldweight and CenTex shelf layout to the meeting. We will review the layouts wiring schematic and generate a discussion on the different techniques of wiring and the components that can be used. Bring in your connectors and components that you used in your layout. We will also discuss and divide up the buildings that we will be putting on the layout. I will have pictures of some of the buildings and would like it if members volunteer to build them. The division will provide the kits or materials to construct the items.

I would like to have someone do a short clinic on any subject that they would like to do.

We will also need a volunteer for a layout tour. As always please bring in your projects, finished or not.

I am looking forward to seeing the members of the division at the meeting and start a new year with some inspiration for tackling new modeling projects.

Sincerely yours,
Bob

Help Wanted!

Peter Kazmir is going to be the LSR secretary and Donna Orr feels the Marker Lamp needs to find a new editor. If you are interested talk to Bob..

More Help Wanted!

Bob is looking for someone to host a layout tour for this meeting (up to 3 time units toward the achievement program volunteer) and someone to give a short clinic at this meeting. (30 minutes gets you 2 author points toward the achievement program) Interested? Talk to Bob!

Inside This Issue

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	1
HELP WANTED	1
AMRS LAYOUT DISPLAY	2
AUSTIN TINPLATE TRACKERS DISPLAY	3
LSR CONVENTION INFO	4
TIMETABLE	6
NAMETAGS	6
ESTATE SALE MODEL RAILROADING	7
CALL FOR ARTICLES	7
THE MASTHEAD	7
Nametag Form	8

AMRS layout at Hope Presbyterian Church Christmas Breakfast

The Austin Model Railway Society set up their modular layout at the Hope Presbyterian Church 2023 Christmas Breakfast. Multiple trains were running constantly, although at one point it did look like a linear yard was developing when one train was switched into a siding in Austin and part of it's train was fouling the main. The smiles from the kids make it all worthwhile. There was a raffle for a train set and hopefully there is a now budding model railroader having fun with it.



Austin Tinsplate Trackers display at the new Round Rock Public Library

The Austin Tinsplate Trackers set up their Christmas Layout Display at the brand new and beautiful Round Rock Public Library. The room was packed with kids having fun running trains and doing the scavenger hunt on the layout.



Check out the Girder and Panel building!





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



Want to learn how the 4141 came about?

Our Banquet speaker is Dr. Robert Holzweiss, Acting Director of the George Bush Presidential Library and President of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society. He will tell you how they worked with Union Pacific from the idea phase all the way through to the presentation of the locomotive to the library.



WHERE THE EAGLE MEETS THE CHIEF

**Our clinic theme:
"Don't just sit there. Do something!"**

Join us for some amazing clinics, including:

- Pete Leach, MMR – Backdrop Painting
- Bob Barnett, MMR – Moving and Reconstructing a Layout
- Duane Richardson, MMR – If It Aint Dirty It Aint Done
- Jeff Palmer, MMR – Scenery for Beginners
- Norma & Mike Brignac – Painting Backdrops
- Gene Mangum – Setting the Scene, Detailing for Accurate Modeling
- Jeff Palmer, MMR – Modeling Roads
- David Hager – Port of Galvestion Railroads
- John Lowrance, MMR – Setting the Scene
- Don Winn, MMR – Wiring Your Railroad
- Pete Leach, MMR – Ice Harvesting
- Don Winn, MMR – Scratchbuilding Your Way to an AP Certificate
- David Currey – Brakeman's Job: Introduction to Jobs on the Railroad
- John Lowrance, MMR – What Industries for Your Cars
- David Curry – MP's Kingsville Division – "The Brownie"
- Steve Sandifer, MMR – The Photography of James Burke
- Al Partlow – Houston Railroads-Post War to Present
- Gene Mangum – Accurate Signs fou Your Railroad
- Bob Batson – The History of the Houston and Texas Central
- Lordes Cleary – Detailing a Scene
- Al Partlow – The T&NO Sunbeam

Plus general interest clinics!

The Lone Star Region 2024 Convention will be held in the Houston area at the Pasadena Convention Center February 15-17, in conjunction with the San Jacinto Model Railroad Club train show.

We will have all the normal convention activities: Clinics, Contest Room, Operations, Layout Tours and plenty of activities for the spouses. Registration is \$80.00 for the primary registration and \$50.00 for spouse and children. All registrations include a BBQ dinner on Saturday night and FREE early admission to the train show!

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 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 if over 15 rooms are booked so please book early.

TIMETABLE

DIVISION MEETING

Saturday, January 13, 2024 10:00AM
Centex Division Meeting
Austin Parks and Recreation
Northwest Rec Center
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Program:

Clinic-Paul Calmes building resin freight cars
Goldweight and Central Layout update
Possible Second Clinic(need a volunteer)
Show and Tell
Deals or Duds
Lunch
Layout Tour (need a Volunteer)

LSR Convention

February 15-17 2024

TRAIN SHOWS

Saturday, February 17, 2024
San Jacinto Model RR Club

Saturday, and Sunday February 24-25, 2024
San Antonio Model RR Association

DIVISION MEETING

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

Program:

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

TRAIN SHOW

The New Braunfels Railroad Museum Train Show
New Braunfels Civic Center
375 South Castell Avenue
New Braunfels, Texas 78130

ADVANCED PLANNING

Division Meeting Saturday May 11, 2024
AMRS Train Show Saturday-Sunday
August 24-25 2004

Nametags



We will take orders at the 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

While at the AMRS display at Hope Presbyterian Church I mentioned that my wife dropped me off on her way to some Estate Sales in Austin. A few of the guys said, “Maybe she will get you some trains”. I replied, “very rarely are there any trains for sale at the Estate Sales my wife goes to”. Although one time there was a beautiful fully detailed 4x8 Marklin layout for sale. When my wife returned to pick me up, she got out of the car and took me to the tail-gate of the car where she showed me her purchases. I expected to see a household item. Instead she opens a box full of HO trains inside. The NYC Pacemaker boxcar is an Athearn metal kit. The Tyco buildings will need some TLC before they end up on the layout.



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.

THE MASTHEAD

Superintendent:

Bob Thiele

director@centexnmra.org

Editor, Publisher, Reporter, Photographer and Copy Boy:

Russ T. Rale

RussTRale@gmail.com

Cen-Tex Nametag Order form

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

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

Phone or email: _____

Paid _____