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Newsletter of the CEN-TEX Division 4, Lone Star Region, NMRA  
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## Late Breaking News!

LSR Board of Directors approves Cen-Tex Division 4's hosting of the Lone Star Region's Regional Convention at the Wyndham Garden Inn, June 18—20, 2026!





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The CenTex Eagle is TWO!  
Second Anniversary issue.



## Superintendent's Report

Greetings Division 4 Members,

We had another great meeting, thanks to everyone for attending. If you missed the meeting, we missed you!

First up, This month's meeting started out a little rough with technical issues (THANKS to **Robin Stevens** for getting it sorted out). Once everyone was onboard we started off with the question of if we wanted to be represented at any or all of the upcoming train shows as the Division has in the past. There was no consensus on this so it was tabled until the next meeting. Speaking of which, the Austin Train Show is August 23 & 24.

The Division is planning to get together this fall for an excursion on the Austin Steam Train to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NMRA. More details will be coming in a future announcement. In the interim, if you think you might be interested in joining with us please let myself or Chris Chany know.

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## Superintendent's report continued

Ok, our selection process for the 2026 convention has been completed. Our selected venue is:

**Wyndham Garden Austin**  
3401 S I-35 Frontage Rd.  
Austin, TX 78741

The dates will be **June 18-20, 2026 so mark your calendars!** While we still have quite a bit to get done, this hard part has been completed. Special thanks to all of the committee members who helped in this area. We still have room for anyone else who would like to help out in making this a great convention. And don't forget, you get AP points for volunteering!

**Additionally, Early Bird registration for the 2025 Lone Star Region Convention is still open until May 25th!**

**Jack Merkel** presented a clinic on Synthetic Rubber, the history, uses, how the plants operate and much more. It was very informative! We then moved on to the show and tell portion of the meeting. There was another great representation of models and techniques from **John Ames, Tim Giraud, Steve Jacobs, Robin Stevens,** and **John Urban.** **Lee DeGolyer** presented some Floquil paint for whoever wanted it.

Then we had the deals and duds, which was won 50% in person and 50% on Zoom. Congrats to all of the winners. Afterwards we adjourned for lunch at Rudy's BBQ and some of us went on the layout tour of **Dave Shannon's** great empire! I hope to see even more of you at our July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting!

Until next time.....

Doug

The "usual suspects"





# WANTED

**The CenTex Division is building a new test track to bring to the Austin Train Show.**

**We are in need of the following items:**

**N-gauge flex track piece**

**Two (2) N-gauge re-railers**

**Eight N-gauge rail joiners**

**~~Two (2) HO-gauge re-railers~~ Thanks Tom!**

**Three feet of American Flyer track with rail joiners**

**Three feet of S-gauge track with rail joiners**

**Three feet of Lionel track with rail joiners**

**Three feet of O-gauge track with rail joiners**

**Lionel type power pack**

**American Flyer Power Pack**

**AMRS is supplying DC and DCC power packs**

**If you have any of the above in your stash, please**

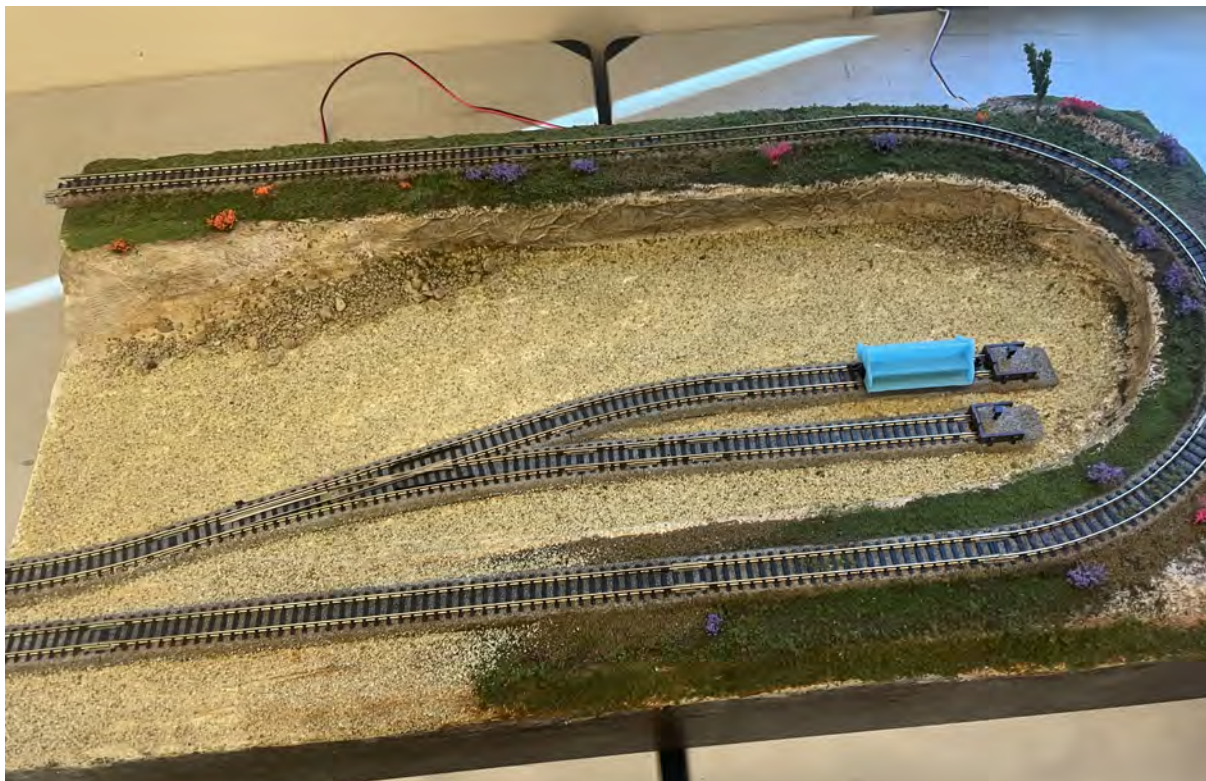
**contact Chris Chany at**

**[christopherchany@gmail.com](mailto:christopherchany@gmail.com)**

**THANK YOU!!**

## Meeting Recap

Jack expounding on all the ways to make synthetic rubber.



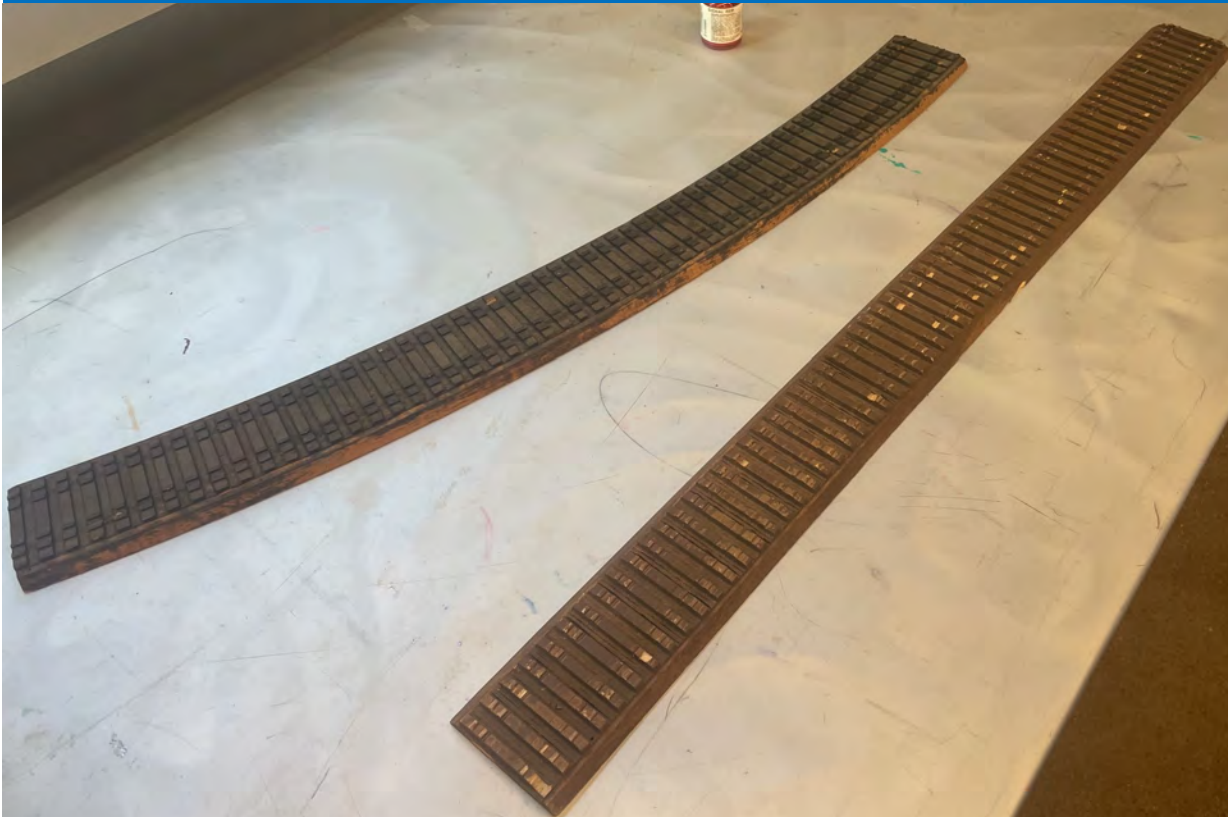
Robin's Quarry Layout British 009 gauge relates to American HOn30 or 1/72 scale models on 9mm



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◀ (hiding along the top edge) Lee brought in a collectible bottle of Floquil Signal Red paint.

John U. brought in some O-scale Tru-scale road-bed with ties

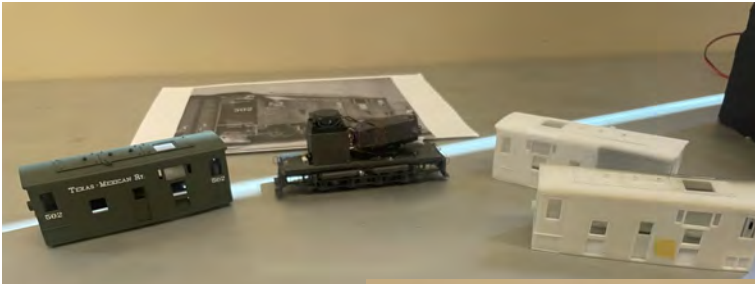
▼ John A. discussed wheel corrosion from storing trains in cardboard boxes and how to remove it. He found the best way was a Q-tip (Robin: a cotton bud) with a small amount of metal polish in a slow moving moto-tool.



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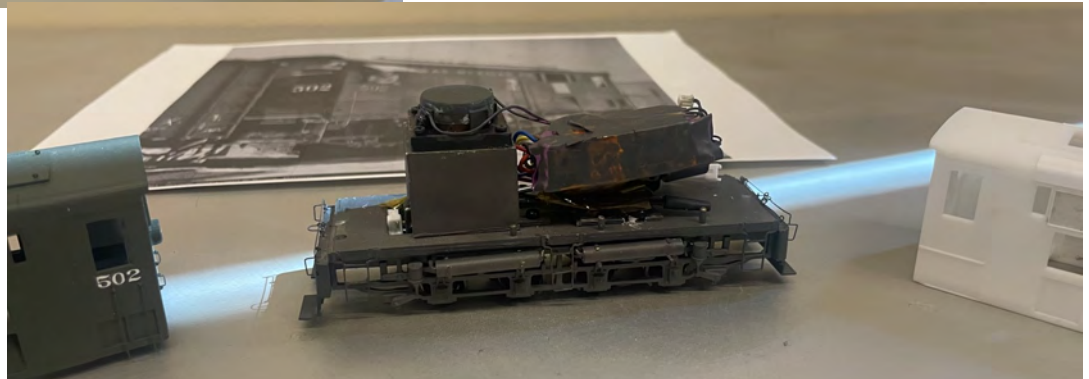
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Progress continues on Steve J.'s Texas-Mexican Railway 1939 Whitcomb locomotive.

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Tim is busy completing his father's craftsman kits.  
This month: A Red Ball cast metal caboose  
and an Ambroid Riverside insulated tank



car.





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## Dave Shannon's Layout Tour





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# DONATE YOUR TYCO!



The Austin Model Railway Society is assembling “Starter Train Sets” of donated, pre-2000s components for sale at King’s Hobby and Lionheart Hobbies. The aim is to provide an affordable entry into the hobby.

Consider donating any out-of-date, Tyco-quality rolling stock and engines – old X2f couplers, pizza cutter wheels, truck-mounted couplers, etc.

Contact George Zapalac at [secretary@austinrailway.org](mailto:secretary@austinrailway.org) or Steve Jackobs at [president@austinrailway.org](mailto:president@austinrailway.org) for info.  
[www.austinrailway.org](http://www.austinrailway.org)

# AUSTIN MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY HO MODULE CLUB SUMMER 2025 SCHEDULE



Come visit the Austin Model Railway Society and our 51x24 foot modular, Central-Texas-themed layout.

(Scheduled, but always check [www.austinrailway.org](http://www.austinrailway.org) the Wednesday before to confirm. Sometimes the

Saturday, May 17, 9-4	Hope Presbyterian, 11512 Olson Dr, Austin
Saturday, June 14, 9-4	St. Matthew's Episcopal, 8134 Mesa Dr, Austin
Saturday, July 26, 9-4	St. Matthew's Episcopal, 8134 Mesa Dr, Austin
Saturday, August 16, 9-4	Hope Presbyterian, 11512 Olson Dr, Austin
August 22-24	Austin Train Show, Palmer Events Center, Austin

Sign up on our email list at <https://austinrailway.org/contact-form.html>







**Time is running out!**

**The Lone Start Region Blues Express 2025 Convention is getting closer by the day. Early Bird Registration Deadline closing May 15,2025.**

**It's getting down to crunch time for reduced registration. Registration is now open for the convention at the convention website: <https://bluesexpress2025.com/>**

**This site will help you see the register for the convention, show you the clinics available, book your hotel rooms and explain to you a whole slew of other things available at the convention.**

**The Early Bird Registration and discounted hotel rate will end on May 15, 2025. You shouldn't wait for that date. Get in early because for some activities there is limited space available.**

**Do not miss out, register today before the Early Bird discounted registration rate ends. Limited hotel rooms are still available at the groups discounted rate.**

**A few seats are still available for the limited attendance Katy Speeder Shed Make-n-Take Clinic and the 3D Design for Railroad Modeling clinics.**

**Time is running out, register today at <https://bluesexpress2025.com/>**

## Cincinnati Division 7's limited-edition, HO scale N&W HC-46 ACF 2-BAY COVERED HOPPER



The Cincinnati Division 7's limited-edition car is a HO scale, N&W HC-46 ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper cars . This car is unique in that it is a repaint scheme with patched-out data.

The following link provides details about it as well as pricing, shipping and ordering information.

<https://division7mid-centralregionnmra.godaddysites.com/car-projects>

It would be greatly appreciated if you would make your membership aware of this limited-edition freight car by publicizing it in your Region's and/or Division's web page, newsletter or email blast.

We thank you in advance for your support!

Paul Maciulewicz  
NMRA; MCR; Cincinnati Division 7  
Car Projects Chairman

# Still Available



## Start Planning Now!



## The 90th NMRA National Model Railroad Convention, STATION No. VI

July 14-19, 2025 – Novi, Michigan

The convention is being hosted by the NORTH CENTRAL REGION of the NMRA. Our goal is for A Convention Like No Other. We are planning a great week of model and prototype railroading, just for YOU!

This convention is open to ALL model railroaders! You do not have to be an NMRA member to attend!

Come and join us for the MAXIMUM model railroad FUN!

### LOCATION

Convention HQ is the Sheraton Hotel  
21111 Haggerty Road, Novi, MI 48375

Website: 2025 NMRA National Convention – Station No. VI – hosted by the North Central Region of the NMRA

# TIMETABLE

## LSR Region Convention

June 26 - 29, 2025  
 Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South  
 9900 Airline Highway  
 Baton Rouge, LA 70816  
 For details see pgs. 10-12

## Division Meeting

Saturday, July 12, 2025  
 Centex Division Meeting 10 AM  
 Austin Parks and Recreation  
 Northwest Rec Center  
 2913 Northland Drive, Austin

### Agenda;

Clinic: How about giving one?  
 LSR Convention 2026  
 Show and tell  
 Deals and Duds  
 Lunch  
 Layout tour: How about yours?

## NMRA National Convention

July 14-19, 2025  
 Novi, MI  
 For details see page 14

## 2025 National N scale convention

June 24-29, 2025  
 Overland Park, KS

## Advanced Planning

Cotton Belt Railroad Symposium  
 August 2, 2025  
 Texas A&M Commerce-Commerce TX

Austin Area Train Show  
 August 23-24, 2025  
 Palmer Events Center  
 Austin, TX

National Narrow Gauge Convention  
 September 3-6, 2025  
 Collinsville, IL

TCA LSR Div Toy Train & Swap Meet  
 September 6, 2025  
 McKinney, TX

## Division Meeting

Saturday, September 13, 2025  
 Centex Division Meeting 10 AM  
 Austin Parks and Recreation  
 Northwest Rec Center  
 2913 Northland Drive, Austin

TCA LSR Div Gulf Coast Chapter Toy  
 Train & Swap Meet  
 September 20, 2025  
 Seabrook, TX



# TIMETABLE

Temple Model Train Show  
September 20-21, 2025  
Temple, TX

Plano Train Show  
September 27-28, 2025  
Plano, TX

Galveston County Model Railroad Club's  
Annual Train Festival  
October 4, 2025  
Texas City, TX

New Braunfels Model Train Show  
October 25-26, 2025  
New Braunfels, TX

**LSR Division Convention**  
**Hosted by Division 4 CenTex**  
**June 2026**

## Ongoing Events

Austin Steam Train

Make Reservations - Austin Steam Train Association

Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum  
Tuesday—Saturday 10am to 4pm



To give a clinic or host a layout tour!

## Call for articles

The goal for the Eagle is to be published approximately the week before our bi-monthly meetings (with a follow-up edition shortly after) with the hope of lightening some of Doug'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.

Russ T. Rale

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