

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

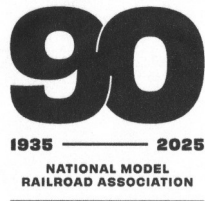
If you have any of the above in your stash, please

contact Chris Chany at

christopherchany@gmail.com or bring to

this Saturday's meeting

THANK YOU!!



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Newsletter of the CEN-TEX Division 4, Lone Star Region, NMRA
www.centexnmra.org www.Connections2026.com



Superintendent's Report

Greetings Division 4 Members,

First off, thoughts and prayers going out to all who have been impacted by the recent deadly flooding in Central Texas and the hill country.

The next meeting for the division will be July 12th at the Austin NW Rec center. The meeting will start at 10:00, and as always it will be broadcast live on Zoom. I will send out the Zoom link on Thursday the 10th.

We have had several good meetings on the 2026 Convention, and have had a few more folks volunteer for the Convention staff, but we are still looking for more folks to step up and help. **You even get AP points for volunteering!**

We will be sharing the progress we have made planning the Convention at the meeting this Saturday.

I will also show the presentation we gave at the LSR Convention in Baton Rouge so everyone can have the same information. Please keep in mind that the Regional Convention is a benefit for the entire Division.

Robin Stevens will be giving a presentation on his and Carrie's visit to the North Yorkshire Moors Railway at this weeks meeting.

We could use someone to host a layout tour on Saturday, please let me know if you are able to host.

Please contact me if you would like to do a presentation or tour in the future, I would like to plan them out a couple meetings in advance.

Remember to bring your projects that you are working on for the show and tell portion of the meeting.

Take care and I hope to see you all on the 12th !

Doug

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Operator, won't you put me on through?
I gotta send my love down to Baton Rouge

Congratulations to Peter Kazmir and Steve Jackobs!

Baton Rouge sent it's love to Peter and Steve

2024 LSR President Donna Orr awarded the 2024 President's Award to Peter Kazmir for his service to the LSR.



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Baton Rouge

Steve Jacobs won first place Diesels at the convention. The diesel also received a Merit Award, which means Steve has now completed enough certificates for his MMR!

Congrats to Steve!



Thoughts from Baton Rouge

~Doug Taylor

We had a few members from Division 4 make the trip to the LSR Convention in Baton Rouge last month. It appeared that it was well attended. I had a few take aways from my attendance.

First about the hotel:

- The hotel was nice, and easy to access.
- Parking was plentiful, even if it was spread around the property.
- The hotel had the absolutely slowest elevators in the world. I think I celebrated 3 birthdays while on one!
- The breakfast service was easy to deal with as it was buffet style.
- The bar service was a little lacking, due to not having enough staff, but they eventually got the job done.
- The banquet dinner was surprisingly good (considering it was hotel catered).

Moving on to my thoughts on the Convention itself:

- There were a number of clinics held that were entertaining, informative and seemed to be well attended.
- We even had 2 of our own presenting clinics, thanks Cliff and Jack!
- The clinic rooms were pretty much grouped together and made access easy.
- The contest room on the other hand was on the other side of the hotel and was not really ADA accessible.

Congrats to the contest winners!

Speaking of which, I was able to volunteer to judge this year and really learned a lot (as a TOTAL rookie) about what goes into judging models presented. I'm hoping to be able to judge again at our convention and would encourage everyone to attempt it if you never have before.

Overall impressions were that it was a successful convention.
I found some things that were done well and some not so much.

I feel there were areas of opportunity to improve,
so hopefully our convention will benefit from this information.



Joe Leising LSR Regional Conventions Chairman

The Express has left Louisiana and the train is now headed for Connections 2026 in Austin, TX.

In case you missed it, a splendid time was had by all in attendance at this year's annual Lone Star Region (LSR) convention, the Blues Express 2025. One-Hundred forty people enjoyed each other's company, and represented eighty-eight percent of the LSR divisions, as well as people coming from the NMRA Mid-Continent and Southeastern Regions. Our region was well represented by LSR President Bob Barnett, LSR Vice-President Ray Byer, LSR Secretary Peter Kazmir, LSR Treasurer Steve Sandifer, LSR Director at Large Deborah Gifford, Cowcatcher Division Director Dick Brannan, Bayou Division Director Rod Fredericks, Trinity River Division Director Jeff Rykiel, Cen-Tex Division Director Doug Taylor, South Texas Director Roy Kaiser, North Louisiana Director Don Kimmel and Texas Gulf Division Director Phil Stewart. LSR Board of Directors Chairpersons that attended were Duane Richardson – Achievement Program, Jeff Palmer – Contest Co-Chair, Don Winn – Education, Divina Gato-Hogno – Non-Rails, Chuck Lind – Youth, Speed Muller – Webmaster, and myself, Joe Leising – Conventions. The Cen-Tex Division was well represented with a dozen division members in attendance.

An exciting clinic agenda was enjoyed by all, which featured Cen-Tex Division members Cliff Scherer, presenting an informative clinic on Track Planning Software, and Jack Merkel presenting an amazing clinic on Synthetic Rubber Plants.

The convention was so amazing that I was approached by a member from New Orleans who was interested in the possibility of hosting a regional convention, so maybe we will not have to wait another thirty years before returning to Louisiana for an annual LSR convention.

The next stop on our convention journey is the Connections 2026 Convention, hosted by the Cen-Tex Division, to be held June 18 – 20, 2026 in Austin, TX. Convention Chairman Doug Taylor has already put together a fantastic crew that has been diligently making plans for the convention, but there is always room for more people to be involved in what is sure to be a spectacular LSR convention. Tweak your layout for visitation and/or operating sessions, or join the convention committee by contacting Doug Taylor, and help to make Connections 2026 a memorable experience. Save the dates, and visit www.Connections2026.com for convention updates.



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 or Steve Jackobs at president@austinrailway.org for info.
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 the Wednesday before to confirm. Sometimes the churches need their hall for an unplanned event such as a funeral.)

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>

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Schuylkill River MRR limited-edition, HO scale 10,000 Gallon ACF Tank Car



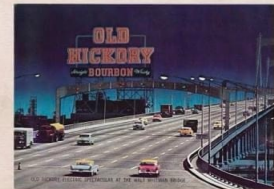
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Contact info would be:

Brian Good
Schuylkill River MRR Club
215.582.6983

B3good1@verizon.net

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

TIMETABLE

Advanced Planning

Division Meeting

Saturday, July 12, 2025

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

Agenda;

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

2025 National N scale convention

June 24-29, 2025
Overland Park, KS

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

Clark Gardens Model Train Show
August 20-31, 2025
Weatherford, Texas

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

Agenda;

Clinic: How about giving one??
LSR Convention 2026
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TCA LSR Div Gulf Coast Chapter Toy
Train & Swap Meet
September 20, 2025
Seabrook, TX

43rd Annual Temple Model Train Show
September 20-21, 2025
Frank Mayborn Center
Temple, Texas

TIMETABLE

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

Division Meeting

Saturday, November 8, 2025
Centex Division Meeting 10 AM
Austin Parks and Recreation
Northwest Rec Center
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

LSR Convention

Hosted by Division 4 CenTex

www.Connections2026.com

Wyndham Garden Inn, June 18-20, 2026!

Ongoing Events

Austin Steam Train-Due to recent bridge wash-out, check their website for operations.
www.AustinSteamTrain.org

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



To give a clinic or host a layout tour and
volunteer for the convention!

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

THE MASTHEAD

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