



CEN-TEX EAGLE



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Newsletter of the CEN-TEX Division 4, Lone Star Region, NMRA
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Greetings Cen-Tex Members,

The next meeting for the division will be November 8th 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 link on Thursday the 6th.

We are making great progress on the 2026 Convention! Early Bird online registration is opening soon, watch for the notification email. Or you can register in person at the meeting! We will also be sharing some of what has been accomplished at the meeting. Please keep in mind that the Regional Convention is a benefit for the entire Division and we still have room for more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, but don't know what you can or could do, just contact Joe Dumas our volunteer coordinator. As an added bonus, you can earn AP credit for volunteering!

We currently do not have a clinic or presentation scheduled, so we could use some help there. We also will have Chris Palermo going over some things from the National (if they don't postpone again! LOL). David Nicastro has graciously volunteered for this month's layout tour. Please contact me if you would like to do a presentation or tour now or in the future.

Remember to bring your projects that you are working on for the show and tell portion of the meeting. And by the way, the first 30 members attending the meeting will get a small gift from me to take home with them if they wish. Take care and I hope to see you all on the 8th!

Doug

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AUSTIN MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY HO MODULE CLUB FALL 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 church needs their hall for an unplanned event such as a funeral.)

Saturday, November 15, 9-4	Hope Presbyterian, 11512 Olson Dr, Austin
Saturday, December 6, tbd	Hope Presbyterian, 11512 Olson Dr, Austin

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



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

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More pictures from Russ T. Rale's trip back from California.



Shot out the window of the car: Closing speed over 160MPH! Heritage Unit!

▼► Recently restored Apache Railway RS-36 in Holbrook AZ.



◄ Was going to crop it until I saw the Photo Bomber!

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A detailed black and white photograph of a model train tank car. The car is labeled "PUB LICKER-WARD DISTILLING CO. PHILADELPHIA. MANUFACTURERS OF COLONE SPIRITS AND ALCOHOL". It has a small dome on top with "L.T.X. 846" written on it. The car is on a track with a coupler at the front.



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

Division Meeting

Saturday, November 8, 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

National Update: Chris Palermo

Show and tell

Deals and Duds

Lunch

Layout tour: Dave Nicastro's D&RGW

TRAIN SHOWS

Oklahoma City Train Show

November 15-16, 2025

Oklahoma City, OK

Houston Area Model Train Show

November 15-16, 2025

Pearland, TX

East Texas and Gulf Rail Modelers

Association Fall Train Show

November 21-23, 2025

Port Neches, TX

Festival of Trains Model Train Show

November 22-23, 2025

Amarillo TX

Ongoing Events

Austin Steam Train

www.AustinSteamTrain.org

Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum

Division Meeting

Saturday, January 10, 2026

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ADVANCED PLANNING



LSR Convention

Hosted by Division 4 CenTex

www.Connections2026.com

Wyndham Garden Inn, June 18-20,
2026

Volunteer Now!



To give a clinic or host a layout
tour, or OP session 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.

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THE MASTHEAD

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