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

We had a pretty nice meeting this time, even if the Director was operating at less than 50% throttle and with some last minute changes to what was sent out earlier. We are making great progress on the 2026 Convention! I'm happy to say that Peter is making great strides on the convention website and after some additional testing the Early Bird online registration should be opening soon, watch for the notification email. We shared 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. We had a couple of members join the team at the meeting! 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 had Frolin Marek do a presentation on his custom desk and some of the unique challenges he has worked around with his shelf layout. It was very informative. David Nicastro was unfortunately unable to do this month's layout tour however, Wayne Jones jumped in and volunteered his as a replacement. Thank you so much Wayne!

Please contact me if you would like to do a presentation or tour now or in the future. We also need a nomination for the Division Youth Award, please send those as soon as you can! Since this is my last follow up report of 2025, I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

The next meeting for the division will be January 10th 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 8th. 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 10th!

Doug



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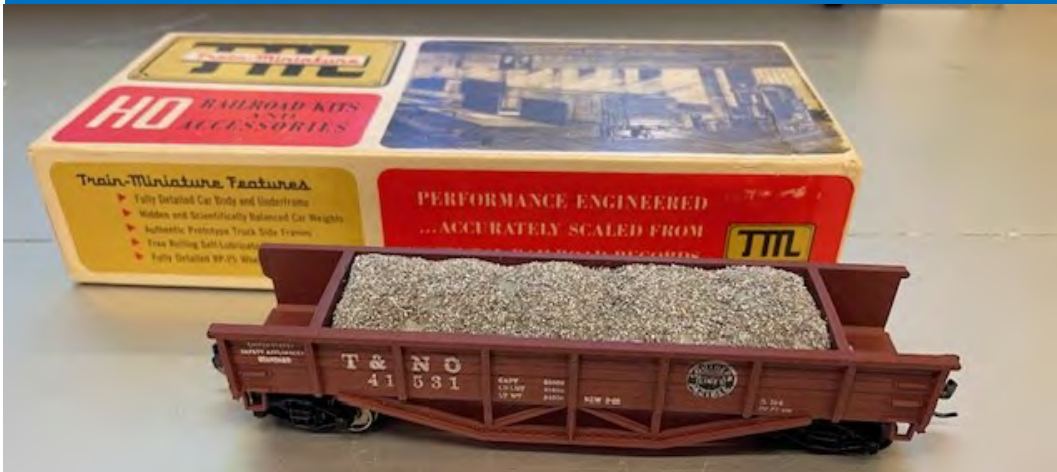
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Chuck Marling brought a nicely done Train Miniature wood side gondola.



Joel Davidson brought some beautiful hand laid trackwork

Meeting Photos – Courtesy of Tom Weaver

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Top: Paul Harms brought a collection of box cars
Bottom: Doug brought a set of 3-D printed building as a giveaway. Thanks Doug!

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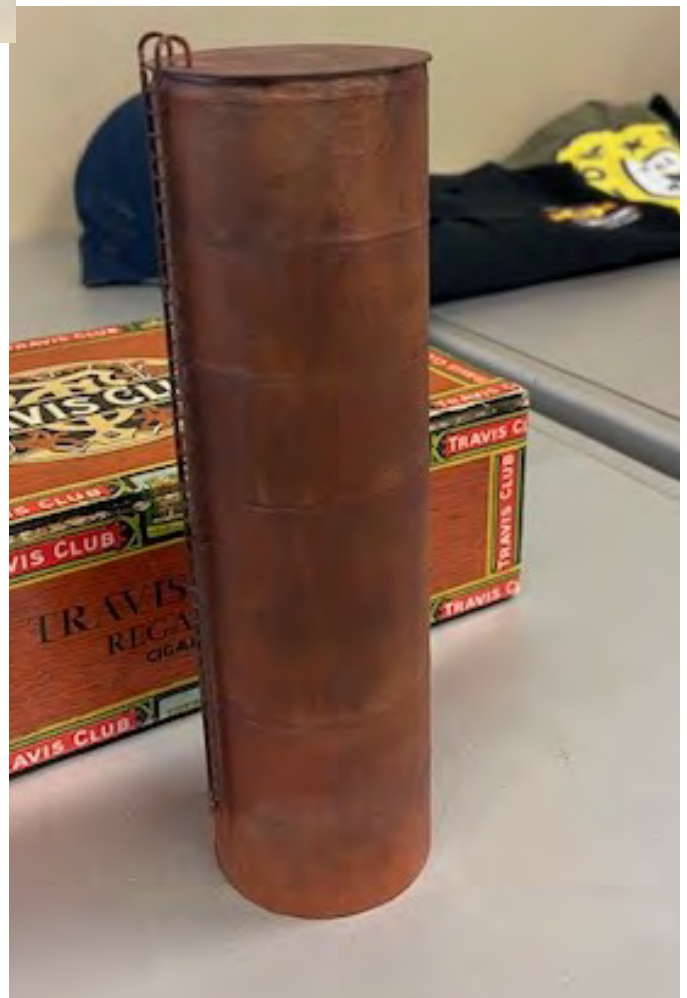
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Doug also brought 3-D printed mulicolor signs.

Wayne Jones brought a vertical tank that was able to teleport onto his layout by the afternoon!



Layout Tour

Wayne Jones's Commonwealth of Pennsylvania based layout

Photos—Courtesy of Tom Weaver



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Howdy Folks,

Has been a couple months since the last *South Texas Railroad Socials* - **Shop Talk** session. I am looking at having a 'Shop Talk' gathering Thursday evening, November 20th.

Shop Talk, these are when train folks gather to share what they are working on, ask questions to get help with your project, share recent railfanning photos or train trip story. Ya don't have to bring a bunch to share, but this is round table style, social gathering, so everyone does get to talk at some point as we go around the room (even if ya just recap your recent train show visit).

These are virtual so you get to attend from the comfort of your home PC. You do NOT have to install any software and you do NOT have to an account to attend, just a PC on the web. If no web-cam and mic, use your phone to dial in to talk.

If you are interested in attending, please visit the website and click the link to send an email, simply say *"I'm interested in the next Shop Talk"* to get on the list for the confirmation of date and time, plus the link to attend.

Any questions, please reply and ask...

Frolin

STRS - Shop Talk host

www.SouthTexasRR.com

PS: want to see an example of Shop Talk, go went the website and look at event past photos

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



ACF 10,000 GALLON TANK CAR
1915 TO LATE 1950S ERA

MFG BY INTERMOUNTAIN RAILWAY CO.

KEITH RAILWAY EQUIPMENT COMPANY.
SPECIALTY MARKING: "K.T.L."

The tank cars of this company are marked "Keith Tank Line," marked "K.T.L.," and numbered in the 1900's.

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KEITH TANK LINES
#545, 547, 548, 549, 550

Normal Retail is \$49.99 to \$54.99 each.

If they mention the CODE Div4 we will let them go for \$43.99 plus applicable shipping OR \$199 plus applicable shipping for ALL five road numbers.

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

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

Division Meeting

Saturday, January 10, 2026

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

Train Shows

TCA Lone Star Division Gulf Coast
Chapter Winter Toy Train & Swap Meet
Jan 10, 2026
Pearland, TX

North Texas Council Train Show
January 17-18, 2026
Plano, TX

Amherst Railway Society Railroad
Hobby Show
January 24-25, 2026
West Springfield, MA

Ongoing Events

Austin Steam Train www.AustinSteamTrain.org

Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum

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.

Russ T. Rale

THE MASTHEAD

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