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### Superintendent's Report

Greetings Cen-Tex Members,

This past meeting for the division was held at the Bob Bullock Museum in their first floor classroom. Unfortunately this meeting wasn't as well attended as our usual meetings are. One big reason was so many members were upstairs helping the AMRS with the layout for the "Trains at the Bullock" event. However, some did pop in as they were able.

Progress on the 2026 LSR Convention is picking up steam. There are over 40 clinics lined up, 3 interesting prototype tours, over 20 layouts to tour, operations sessions and so much more! Just go to [www.connections2026.com](http://www.connections2026.com) and bookmark it to register and stay up to date. 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!

Jack Merkel presented "You Can Take It With You" at the meeting. The AMRS set up at the Bullock was used as our tour this month.

Please contact me if you would like to do a presentation or tour now or in the future. The next meeting, at our normal location, will be May 9th at 10:00am. As usual it will be shared on Zoom with the link sent out on the 7th. Remember to bring your projects that you are working on for the show and tell portion of the meeting.

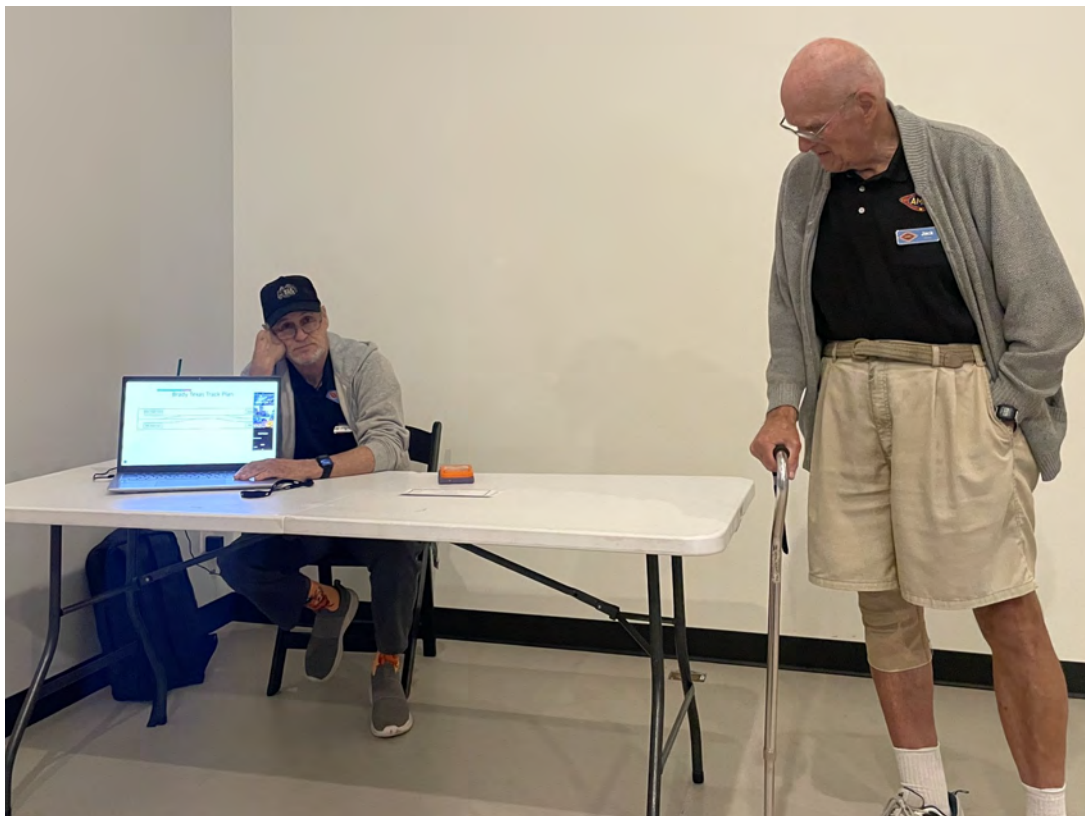
Take care and I hope to see you all on the 9th !

Doug

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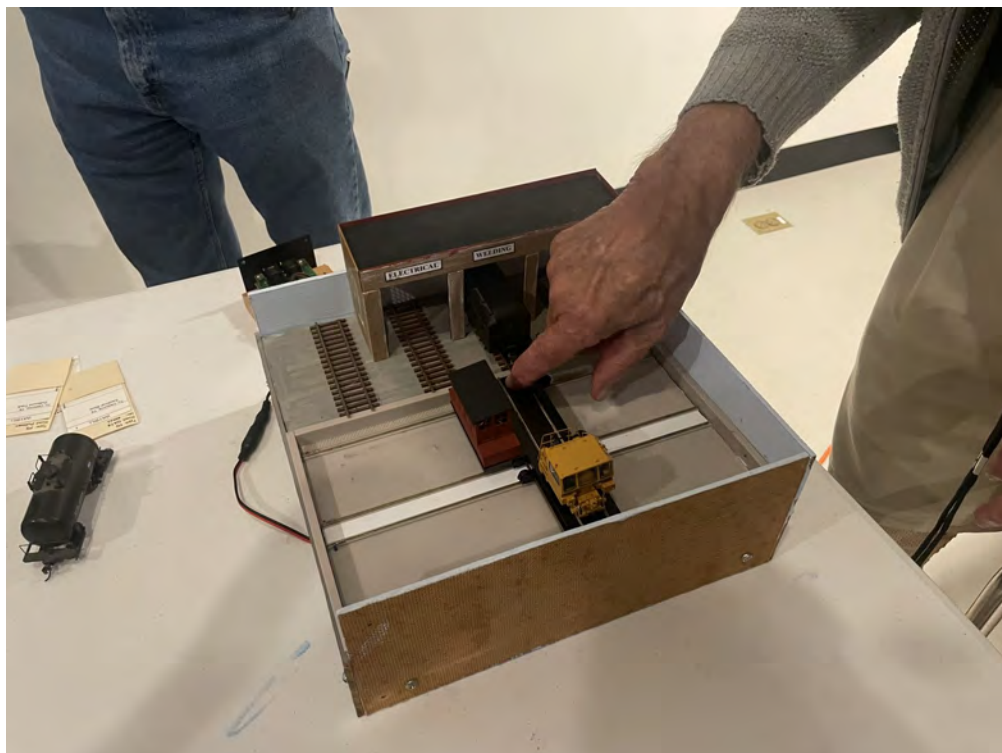
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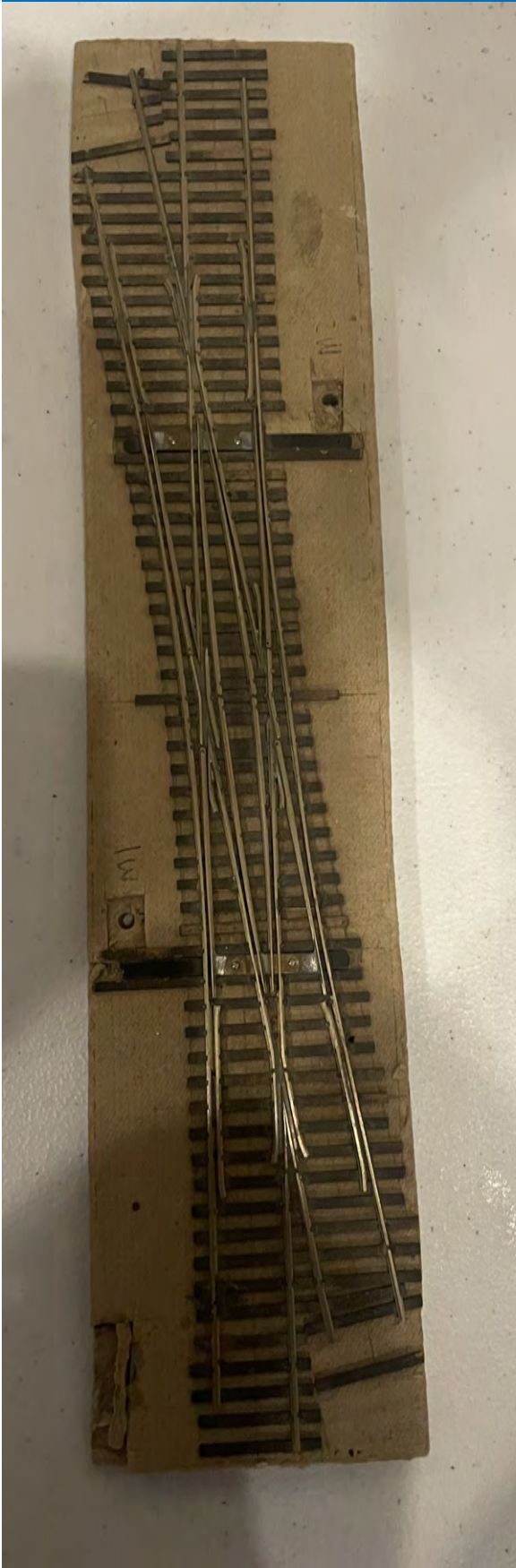
# Meeting Photos



Jack and Doug wait patiently for the internet to come up at the Bullock.

Jack demonstrates the world's smallest HO scale switching layout. ▶





Lou brought this handlaid #5 Code 70 Double Slip Switch built by Malcolm Vordenbaum. Malcolm's handlaid trackwork has been hung on walls as art pieces. Lou would like to find a good home on someone's layout for this switch. Contact Lou if you are interested.

#### Trains at the Bullock ▼



# The Cen-Tex Eagle

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## *Volunteers for Trains at the Bullock*

Set-up	Friday	Saturday	Sat con't	Sunday	Monday
Bob W	Bob W	Bob W	Jordan	Chris	Chris
Chris	Chris	Chris	Marvin	David	Cliff
Cliff	Jack	Cliff	Michael	James	David
David	James	David	Nano	JC	Geoff
Jack	John A	Erin	Parker	Joe	George
James	Jordan	Franciso	Paul	Joel	Jack
Joe	Matthew	Gene	Pedro	John	James
John	Michael	Geoff	Peter	Jordan	Joe
Jordan	Paul	George	Steve	Marvin	John
Paul	Steve	Jack	Tim	Michael	Marvin
Pedro	Steven	James	Wayne	Paul	Michael
Steve		JC	William	Phillip II	Nano
Steven		Joe		Phillip III	Pedro
		Joel		Steve	Steve
		John		William	

NMRA MMR Volunteer points

The following is from the NMRA website:

**Individuals (and their crews) who open their club layout for layout tours in conjunction with other NMRA sponsored events earn credit of three (3) time units (TUs)/day that the layout is open for viewing to a maximum of 3 TUs for a Divisional event.**

**Individuals who participate in a modular layout display in conjunction with non-NMRA sponsored events earn credit of 1.5 time units (TUs)/day that the layout is open for viewing to a maximum of 1.5 TUs for a local event.**

This means that if you were at the Layout Friday, Sunday, or Monday you receive 1.5 TUs. If you were there on Saturday you also receive 3TUs for displaying at the Divisional meeting.



The LSR convention is returning to the Austin area!

*June 18 -21, 2026*

at the

Wyndham Garden Austin

3401 South Interstate 35

Austin, TX 78741

Dozens of Clinics • Operating Sessions • Layout Tour  
Prototype Tours • Special Guest Clinicians and Speaker  
Huge Contest Room • Silent Auction  
Great Location at the Center of it All!

[Connections2026.com](http://Connections2026.com)

*Register Today!*

**What are YOU waiting for? Don't miss the train!**

# AUSTIN MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY HO MODULE CLUB SPRING 2026 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 church needs their hall for an unplanned event such as a funeral.)

Saturday, April 18, 9-4	Hope Presbyterian, 11512 Olson Dr, Austin
Saturday, May 16, 9-4	Hope Presbyterian, 11512 Olson Dr, Austin
Thurs-Sun, June 18-21	Lone Star Region NMRA Convention Wyndham Garden Hotel 3401 S I-35 Frontage Road

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 Christopher Chany 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)

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



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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](mailto: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 Show

Sat., April 25, Sun., April 26, 2026  
 New Braunfels Annual Train Show  
 Jamboree  
 New Braunfels Civic Center  
 New Braunfels, TX  
 Sat 10AM-5PM-Sun. 10AM-4PM

## Railfest

Sat., April 25, Sun., April 26, 2026  
 Galveston Railroad Museum Railfest  
 Galveston TX  
 10AM-5PM

## NMRA Division Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 2026  
 Centex Division Meeting 10 AM  
 Agenda;  
 Clinic: How about giving one?  
 LSR Convention 2026  
 Show and tell  
 Deals and Duds  
 Lunch  
 Layout tour: Tim's Goose Creek,  
 Sour Lake, and Western

## Ongoing Events

Austin Steam Train [www.AustinSteamTrain.org](http://www.AustinSteamTrain.org)  
 Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum

## ADVANCED PLANNING

### LSR Convention

Hosted by Division 4 CenTex

[www.Connections2026.com](http://www.Connections2026.com)

Wyndham Garden Inn, June 18-20,  
 2026

Volunteer Now!



To volunteer to help at 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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