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Newsletter of the CEN-TEX Division 4, Lone Star Region, NMRA

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Superintendent's Report

Greetings Division,

Not much to say this month beyond the last Eagle. We finally got to get back to just a "normal" meeting! It was nice to be able to hold a meeting with no deadline awaiting us. Next up are our normal meetings and the Austin Train Show next month. Peter could use some volunteers to help out at the show.

We had Jack Merkel do his presentation on synthetic rubber, very interesting and informative. Chris Chany also highlighted a nice video of the UP "Big Boy" running around the Horseshoe Curve, it was awesome to see. Please let me know if you have something to share as I would like to schedule clinics/presentations for the rest of the year.

Bill Middlemass graciously offered his layout for this month's tour. Thanks Bill! You too can show off your layout just by reaching out and I'll be happy to schedule you!

The next meeting for the division will be September 12th at the Austin NW Rec center. The meeting will start at 10:00 and as always, it will be broadcast live on Zoom and I'll send out that link before the meeting. As usual we invite all to our meetings in person.

Doug

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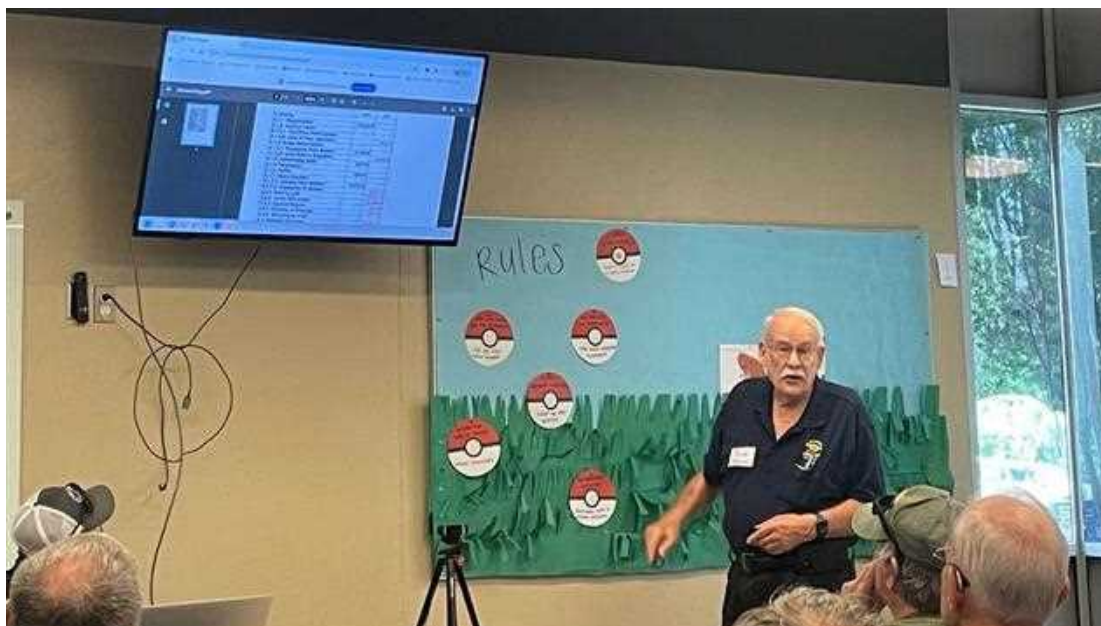
Peter Kazmir awarded the Lone Star Region's Gil Freitag Award for service to the LSR



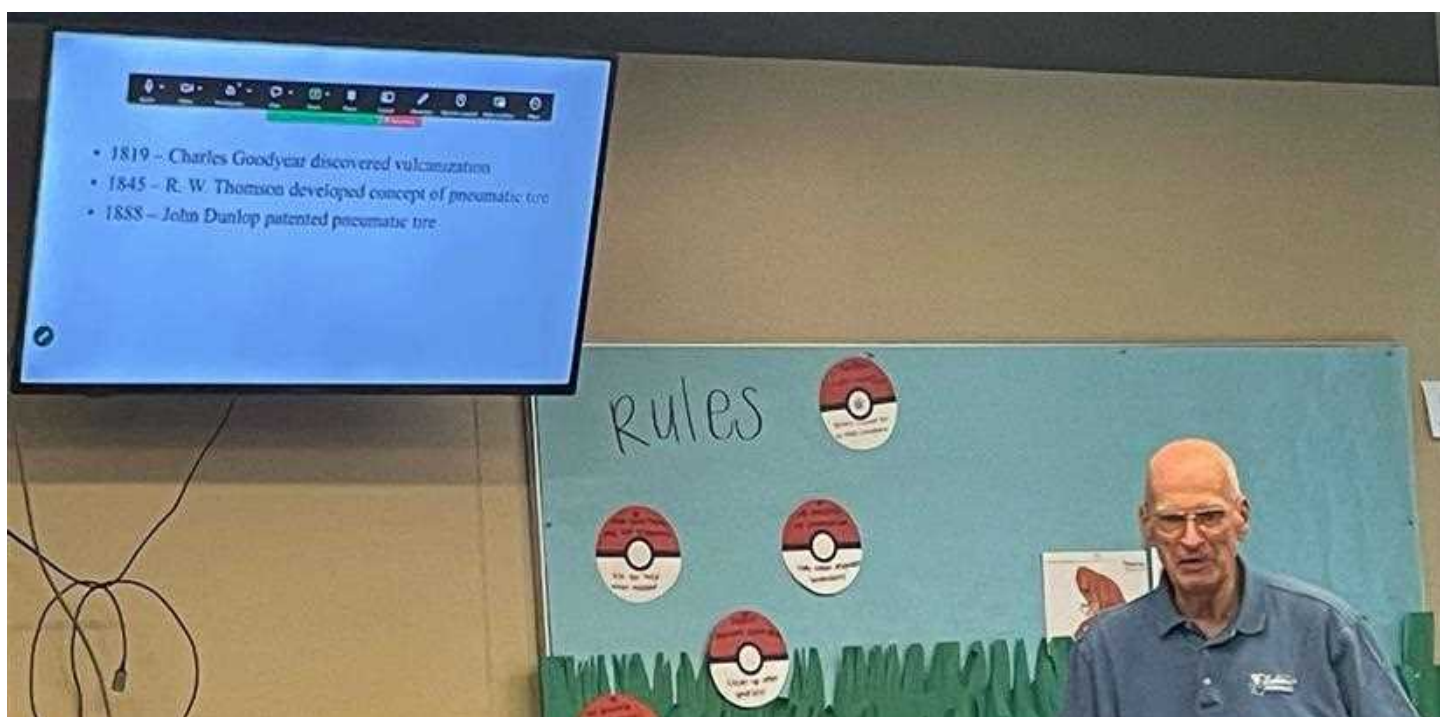
Congratulations Peter!

Meeting Photos





Tom giving a financial recap of the convention.



Jack's clinic on synthetic rubber.



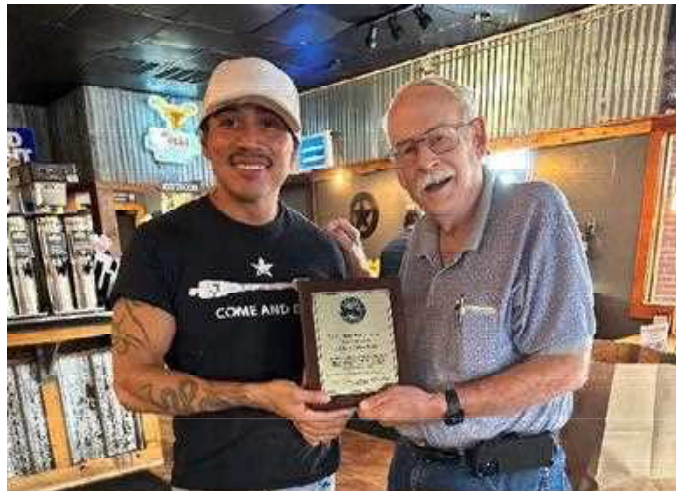
Steve explains the benefits of Revell's Engine House/Superior Bakery/Weekly Herald kits for kitbashing.





The finished product along with a brick that Steve emulated on the walls. Some of the products Steve used to get the "look"!

Tom presents Pok-E-Jo's with a plaque for their service to the LSR Banquet.



Bill Middlemass's C&O Layout

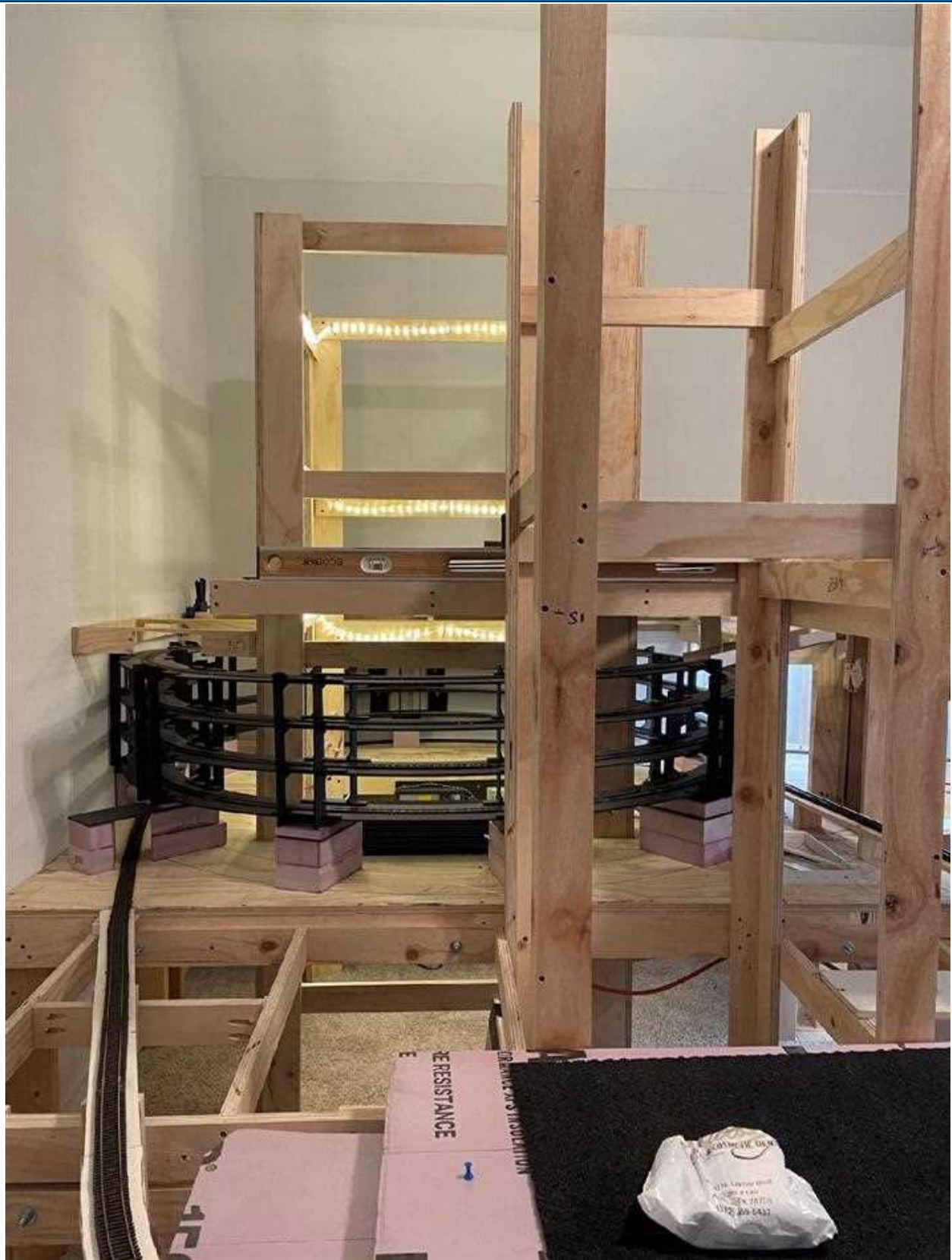


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Rust



Some nice rusty buildings at Bethlehem Steel, Johnstown PA. I am sure Dave and Sam Nicastro have at least 5 ways to replicate each of those colors. Oh, and that's the Big Boy cruising on the other side of the river!

Coming Soon! A special Photo edition of the LSR
Convention: Connections 2026!

News from the Comanche and Indian Gap Railroad

Dear Friends and Live Steamers,

This is a Save The Date email to let you know it's time to start planning for the 2026 Fall SWLS Meet at the World Famous C&IG Railroad in Priddy, Texas.

Maps, videos, and history: http://ibls.org/mediawiki/index.php?title=Comanche_%26_Indian_Gap_Railroad

Some exciting things have been happening at the railroad:

- In addition to the usual ongoing maintenance of the mainline, we are happy to announce that the rebuild of the Comanche Yard has begun!
- There will also be a few new operational enhancements introduced this fall both on the C&IG and the HE&WT railroads.

The dates for the fall meet are Monday, Oct 5 through Sunday, Oct 11, 2026. Invitations, RSVP's, and other forms will be sent as the meet gets closer.

Add to your calendar: <https://calendar.app.google/qFki2r1wbW4K1NY99>

As usual, Monday & Tuesday will be work days. We hope that you will come out and help. We will have a list of tasks to accomplish that will include very easy light duty tasks as well as more strenuous tasks that need to get done.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will be operations days. If you want to just run trains and not switch, you can sign up to run a scheduled train like one of the passenger trains or freight forwarders. Or just run as an Extra.

All day Saturday and in the morning on Sunday is open free running.

We need more wood ties! Thanks to those that brought us lots of ties this spring. We have used them all up and need a lot more! Wood ties are used on the smaller footing rail installed on spurs and on the HE&WT. Approximate dimensions are 16 inch x 1.5 inch x 1.75 inch (Rip a 2x4). Please use GROUND CONTACT rated wood, such as that from Home Depot.

RV electric and water hookups are available onsite on a first reserved basis. There is another large RV park 7 minutes away as well.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon! Be on lookout for the email with the usual invite and registration forms. The RSVP email will be sent out about 6 weeks before the event.

The 2026 C&IG Management team

Craig Stoops, Brian Banks, Doug Price, Chris Bisset

CIGrailroad@gmail.com

The P.H.I.L. Railroad Sale

Because of the predicted heat – the sale will be indoors!

Cindy Sharpnack sent the club the following:

Hello, Everyone,

I am going to have a PHIL (Pacific Hauling & Industrial Line) garage sale at my house on Friday, July 31 and Saturday, August 1.

The sale will be from 10:00AM - 4:00PM on both days.

Everything is priced to sell- from rolling stock, to track, to scenery, to just about everything model RR connected. I even have a brand-new Airbrush Spray Booth and accessories, including paint, that a lucky buyer will take home.

Please pass the word to the AMRS members as well as to anyone else who knew Phil & knows his extensive inventory or even to those who didn't know Phil but would be interested in filling in their layout.

My address is:

609 Wild Spur Lane

Liberty Hill 78645

I am in the Butler Farms subdivision off Hwy 29, west of the Liberty Hill HS.

Thank you for your help getting the word out. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone!

Cindy Sharpnack



Chad Callas sent the following to the club:

I have the following for sale as a lot. I've had these for years after they were handed down to me - they've been stored in their boxes for ~50 years. They are in great condition with no known issues...just a bit dusty with some track lint on their axles. I don't have a way to test the engine.

- Tyco (engines & rolling stock - boxed)
 - Diesel F9 "A" Unit - C&O Lighted - T224E
 - Diesel F9 "A" Unit - Non-Pwr C&O - T225E
 - Refrigerator Car - Swift - T329A
 - Chemical Car - Diamond Chemical - T324A
 - Box Car - Chesapeake & Ohio - T311S
 - Stock Car - Denver & Rio Grande - T312D
 - 8-Wheel Caboose - Chesapeake & Ohio - T327C
 - Gondola - Pennsylvania - T310B
- Athearn (late 50's kit - not boxed)
 - 1355 HO Nickel Plate Road

I'll entertain all fair offers. Looking for these to go where they'll be appreciated and hopefully run.

If you are interested email Chad at chadcallas@gmail.com



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AUSTIN MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY HO MODULE CLUB SUMMER 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 the Wednesday before to confirm. Sometimes the church needs their hall for an unplanned event such as a funeral.)

Saturday, August 15, 9-4	St. Matthew's Episcopal Church 8134 Mesa Drive Austin
Friday-Sunday, August 28-30	Austin Train Show, Parmer Events Center, Austin
September 19, 9-4	Hope Presbyterian Church, 11512 Olsen Drive, Austin

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



Donate your Tyco!

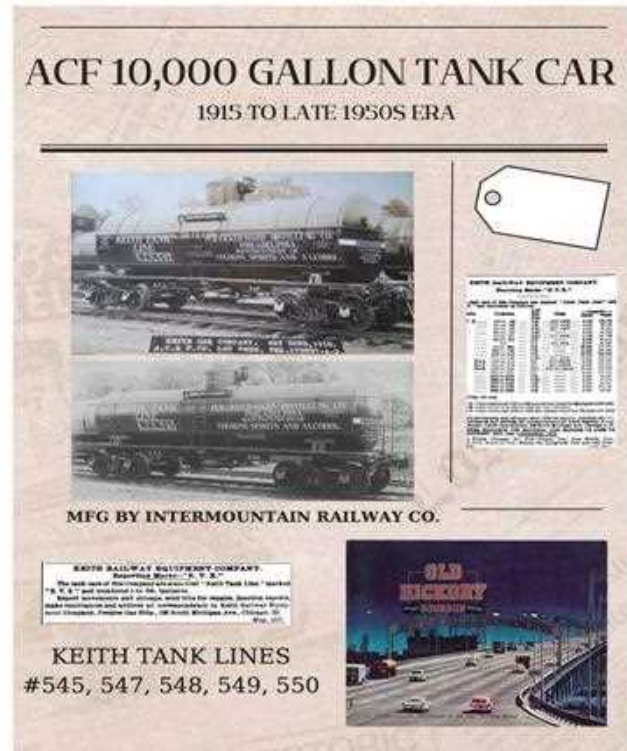


The Austin Model Railway Society is assembling “Starter Train Sets” of donated, pre-2000s components for sale at King’s Hobby and Lionheart Hobbies. The aim is to provide an affordable entry into the hobby.

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

Contact Christopher Chany at secretary@austinrailway.org or Steve Jackobs at president@austinrailway.org for info.
www.austinrailway.org

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



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

If you 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

Cotton Belt Symposium

August 1, 2026

Texas A&M Commerce, Commerce Texas

Austin Train Show

August 29-30, 2026

Palmer Events Center

Layout set up on Friday Aug 28th.

NMRA Division Meeting

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Centex Division Meeting 10 AM

Agenda: Clinic: How about giving one?

Show and tell

Deals and Duds

Lunch

Layout tour: How about yours?

Abilene Railroad Festival 2026

September 11-12, 2026

Info: Abilenepreservation.org

TCA Swap Meet

September 12, 2026

Lone Star Division TCA

McKinney, Texas

Info: tca-lonestardivision.org

Train Show

Sept. 19-20, 2026

Temple Train Show

Temple, Texas

Info: centramodrr.com

Train Show

Sept. 26-27, 2026

Plano Train Show

Plano, Texas

Info: DFWtrainshows.com

Train Festival

October 3, 2026

Galveston Co Model RR Club's

Texas City, TX

Advanced Planning

NMRA Division Meeting

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Centex Division Meeting 10 AM

Houston Area Model Train Show

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Pearland, TX

Ongoing Events

Austin Steam Train

Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum

