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Superintendent's Report

Greetings Division 4 Members,

The LSR Convention is over, the Austin Train Show is over, now things should calm down some for another year. Thanks to all of the members who assisted at the train show, I'm sure your participation was greatly appreciated and helped make it a success.

This month Paul Harms is going to be presenting the clinic at the meeting. We currently do not have a layout for this month's tour. I would really like to hear from the folks who are willing to give a presentation, a clinic or host a layout tour. If possible, it would be nice to get them scheduled for the next 6 meetings or more. That way I don't have to keep asking in every newsletter, so help me out here. Don't forget to bring your projects to show off your hard work!

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. I will be sending out the link next week. As usual we invite all to our meetings in person.

Doug

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Please Take the Survey!
See Page 2.

Chris Palermo NMRA Officer at Large for North America sent the following:

What do you want to learn from other division members?

Can you give a clinic at a future meeting?

Sharing knowledge with others is the essence of NMRA and a key part of the success of our division. Your division leadership wants to know what model railroading topics you're interested in hearing about at future meetings, and also whether some of you can give clinics. We've prepared a short survey in which you can indicate your interest in specific topics. Optionally, you can also tell us that you're willing to give a clinic, and on what topic. Paper survey forms will be available at the September 12 meeting--please plan to attend and complete one. We also have an online form that's easy to use via the following link.

<https://forms.gle/dkRcfvdSiGVctZy48>

A Google sign-in is required to access the form, but the responses you submit can be anonymous.

Thanks for letting us know about your interests and expertise.

Chris

WANTED

Chris Chany is Looking for the September 2013 Railroad Model Craftsman. If you have it can you bring it to the September Meeting so he can copy an article.

Austin Model Railway Society Train Show

Another Huge Success

August 29th and 30th saw the return of the Austin Train Show to the Palmer Events Center. Sponsored by the Austin Model Railway Society, the exhibit hall was filled with operating trains, and vendors where you could find that one thing you were missing for your layout. The Raffle layout team did another magnificent job with the layout which included Barton Springs Pool and the Zilker Zephyr! Preliminary figures from Show Chairman Peter Kazmir indicate that we did better than 2025 and might have surpassed 2024 which was our best year ever.







Following pictures courtesy of Tom Weaver





Chris Palermo manning the NMRA booth and test track.





The winner of the Raffle Layout, Abheek with the winning ticket. His son Issac did not know he had won it yet.

C.Chany Photo

AUSTIN MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY HO MODULE CLUB SUMMER/FALL 2026 SCHEDULE

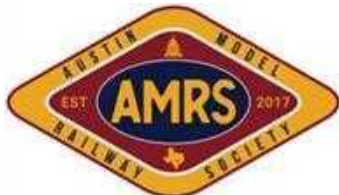


Come visit the Austin Model Railway Society and our 51x24 foot modular, Central-Texas-themed layout.

(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.)

September 19, 9-4	Hope Presbyterian Church, 11512 Olsen Drive, Austin
October 17, 9-4	Hope Presbyterian Church, 11512 Olsen Drive, Austin
November 21, 9-4	Hope Presbyterian Church, 11512 Olsen Drive, Austin
December Breakfast with Santa Dec. 4-5	Hope Presbyterian Church, 11512 Olsen Drive, Austin Set up on the 4 th .

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



Donate your Tyco!

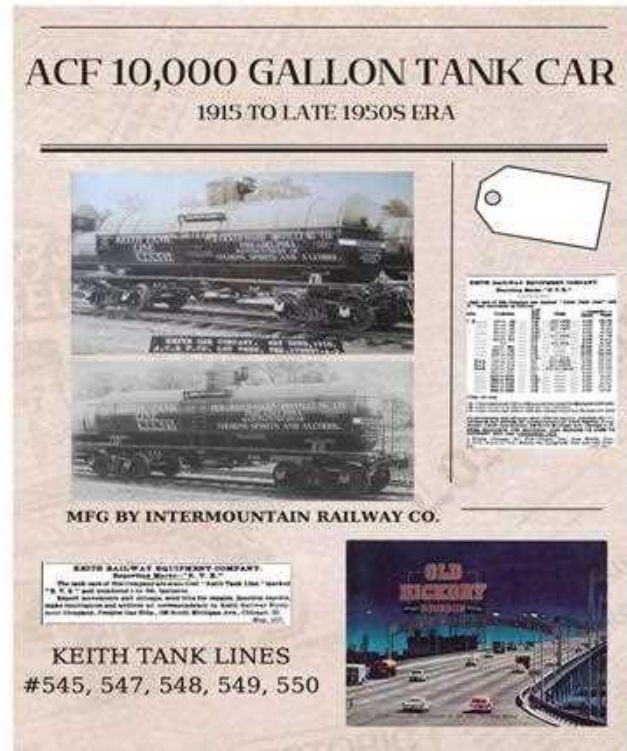


The Austin Model Railway Society is assembling “Starter Train Sets” of donated, pre-2000s components for sale at King’s Hobby and Lionheart Hobbies. The aim is to provide an affordable entry into the hobby.

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

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

Train Show

October 24-25, 2026

New Braunfels Annual Fall Model Train Show

NMRA Division Meeting

Saturday, November 14, 2026

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Train Show

Houston Area Model Train Show

Saturday-Sunday, November 14-15, 2026

Pearland, TX

Advanced Planning

NMRA Division Meeting

Saturday, January 9, 2027

Centex Division Meeting 10 AM

Train Show

Houston Area Model Train Show

Saturday, February 13, 2027

NEW LOCATION!

Ft. Bend Co. Fairgrounds, Rosenberg, TX

Ongoing Events

Austin Steam Train

Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum

