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Newsletter of the CEN-TEX Division 4, Lone Star Region, NMRA
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CEN-TEX EAGLE'S First Anniversary!

Mainline Steam in Texas this Weekend!

Lots of Pictures This Issue!



Superintendent's Report

Greeting Division Four Members,

The last division meeting was an enjoyable one as we did some hands-on demonstrations. I am going to hold off thanking everyone who has contributed to the building of the shelf layout until the end of the project. Members who volunteered to build the layout structures each presented their projects and described the build. For some of the builders this was their first advance level or craftsman kit construction project. Everyone did a great job and the structures will look great on the layout.

Tim Giraud presented a clinic on the use of sculptamold and how it will turn a flat scene into a contoured landscape. He has a formula that extends the working time for applying the paste to the layout. His secret formula is in this issue.

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This formula will extend the working time so you can create the landscape that you are looking for. We discussed different methods of adding ground cover, types of glueing agents, the variety of ground cover available and adding ground cover in layers.

I have in my possession three AP Certificates of Achievement with Steve Jacobs's name written on them. This brings his total number of achievement certificates to 6. Now if we can just get him to a division or AMRS club meeting, I can award them to Steve with the proper pomp and circumstance. The division has four more members who are working on completing one or more AP certificates at this time. Keep up the good work people!

The AMRS has been working hard to finalize and finish Phase I of the clubs' modular layout. They have redesigned and constructed 6 modules to include a staging area and simplify the entrance to downtown Austin. The group is working hard to get the layout ready for the August Austin Train Show. The Division will have a large presence at this year's show. Along with the recruiting table, we will have a test track for attendees to test their new equipment. The Division will also bring David Barrow's South Prairie switching layout. Attendees will be able to operate the equipment and work through a switch list, learning about the different aspects of the hobby.

I want to take a moment to thank our sponsors for supporting the division. George Hollwedel of Prototype N Scale models and Wayne Jones of Texas Tees are not only members but support the division through their businesses. If you have the opportunity, please support them with your patronage.

Sincerely yours,
Bob

CPKC Rail Royal Hudson in Texas this weekend!

The tour will bring the story of CPKC's uniquely North American railway history and compelling future to life for rail fans and visitors as it travels across CPKC's network. The Empress 2816, a 4-6-4 Hudson-type steam locomotive built in 1930, will make 11 stops between Calgary and Mexico City:

MAY 24: Shreveport, LA, MAY 25: Shreveport to Kendleton, TX, MAY 27: Kendleton to Laredo, TX, MAY 28: Laredo, TX

For more information and to view the full schedule, visit:
<https://www.cpkcr.com/en/community/final-spike-steam-train>



UP Big Boy coming to Texas this fall!

As per the Union Pacific Steam Program website: This fall, Big Boy No. 4014 will head out again with stops in Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, and Illinois, among other states. Details of this second tour will be released later this spring.



Tim Giraud's Sculptamold Recipe

The mix is 1-part sculptamold to 2-parts paper mâché, and enough acrylic paint to tint to your desired color, then add enough water to mix to the consistency of oatmeal. You can also use 3-parts paper mâché if you want a longer working time, such as when you are mixing a larger quantity to do a larger area, just know that will take a longer time to dry out. The 2-part mix will take approximately 24 to 48 hours to dry completely, and the 3-part mix will take about an additional 12 hours. If you have a fan blowing on the area it will slightly reduce the drying time. The drying time is determined by how thick you apply the sculptamold.



Meeting Photos

-Tom Weaver, Photographer



The “usual suspects” paying rapt attention to Tim’s Sculptamold magic. If you don’t see yourself in the picture you are missing out!

Tim applying Sculptamold next to a very nice modification of an Atlas turntable.



◀MMR “Sn3” Jerry and Lee making a home for Cows or Sheep. Jerry built the Stock pen.

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◀◀Chris Palermo applying some ground foam around the stock pen.

◀Bob's answer to spray bottles for wetting ground foam and adding matte medium.



Wayne Jones's Cotton Gin

Joe Dumas's Santa Fe Freight Station



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Oil distributor (please e-mail your name)
John Larson's Prairie Skyscraper



Tex Copsetta's Shasta Route Layout Tour -Tom Weaver, Photographer



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TIMETABLE

NEW DATE: AMRS Meeting May 25, 2024
9AM

Saturday, June 15, 2024 9:00AM
AMRS Meeting

DIVISION MEETING

Saturday, July 13, 2024 10:00AM

Austin Parks and Recreation
Northwest Rec Center
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Program:

Opening discussion
Clinic(s) Need a Volunteer(s)
Goldweight and Central Shelf Layout
update
Show and Tell
Deals or Duds
Lunch
Layout Tour: How about yours?

Saturday, July 20, 2024
AMRS Meeting

NMRA “Surfliner” National Convention

August 4-11, 2024
Long Beach, California



Saturday, August 17, 2024
AMRS Meeting

Train Show

Saturday-Sunday, Aug 24-25, 2024
AMRS Train Show
Palmer Events Center

ADVANCED PLANNING

Saturday September 14, 2024
Centex Division Meeting 10 AM
Austin Parks and Recreation
Northwest Rec Center
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Saturday-Sunday September 21-22, 2024
42nd Annual Temple Train Show and
2nd Annual RPM Meet

Saturday November 9, 2024
Centex Division Meeting 10 AM
Austin Parks and Recreation
Northwest Rec Center
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Ongoing Events

Austin Steam Train
Make Reservations - Austin Steam Train Association

Temple Railroad and Heritage Museum
Tuesday—Saturday 10Am to 4Pm

2025-NMRA 90th Anniversary!

So guys, what are we going to do for the NMRA's
90th anniversary?!!!!

Happy First Anniversary, Cen-Tex Eagle!

The publication date of Volume 1, Number 1 was the Week of May 14, 2023, which means this issue marks the beginning of the second year of publication! I am still looking for items of interest to add to our publication.

Coming next issue a look at the frame for a 4-0-2 steam locomotive!

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 Bob'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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