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Week of Sept. 22, 2024

Newsletter of the CEN-TEX Division 4, Lone Star Region, NMRA
www.centexnmra.org

CEN-TEX Meeting this Saturday!



Superintendent's Report

Greetings and Salutations D4 members,

September has been a crazy month with members scattered all over the globe getting in last minute trips. Originally this Saturday's meeting was going to conflict with the AMRS monthly meeting, but they were able to meeting last weekend. But that does create a hole for a layout tour. If anyone wants to volunteer for a last-minute tour it would be greatly appreciated.

I would like everyone to bring in their ongoing projects to display and have discussions on techniques and thought processes for the build. We can have a mini-RPM. It can be a car, engine, building, trackwork or a layout plan. We can put our heads together and discuss methods for which we all can take something away from it. I will have a PPT. on planning a layout, and all that goes into the sequence of work. I will touch on the planning phase, construction and finishing touches. This should lay the groundwork for further presentations discussing in detail each of the phases.

We will also discuss the division and how it will grow in the new year. I would like to set the theme and purpose of the Division and set goals to achieve them.

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Here is the time place for the meeting this Saturday:

Austin Rec Center 2913 Northland Dr. 78757 10:00AM

Here is the link for Zoom:

Bob Thiele is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Division 4 September meeting

Time: Sep 28, 2024 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88668851463?pwd=r0bq3DRQQGqcUULxy8JOC6MQOy0Mmc.1>

Meeting ID: 886 6885 1463

Passcode: 315048-

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Sincerely,

Bob

Texas Welcomes UP Big Boy

Heartland of America Tour

Big Boy No. 4014 will depart on the "Heartland of America Tour" on Thursday, Aug. 29 from Cheyenne, Wyoming, and travel across nine additional states: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas. The eight-week tour concludes in late October.



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Friday, Oct. 4

Hearne, Texas (9:00 a.m. departure) to Houston, Texas

Navasota, Texas	Arrival	11:00 a.m. CT
E. McAlpine St. Crossing	Depart	11:30 a.m. CT
Hempstead, Texas	Arrival	12:15 p.m. CT
Wilkins St. Crossing	Depart	12:45 p.m. CT

Saturday, Oct. 5

Houston, Texas Private Union Pacific Employee Event

NO PUBLIC ACCESS

[Employee Event Information](#)

Sunday, Oct. 6

Houston, Texas On Display: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CT

Houston Amtrak Admission to see the Big Boy is Free and Open to the Public.

902 Washington Ave.

Monday, Oct. 7

Houston, Texas (9:00 a.m. departure) to Bryan, Texas

Spring, Texas	Arrival	11:00 a.m. CT
Elm Street Crossing	Depart	11:30 a.m. CT
Navasota, Texas	Arrival	1:30 p.m. CT
E. McAlpine St. Crossing	Depart	2:00 p.m. CT

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Bryan, Texas Viewing Only

Wellborn Road and F & B Road
Crossing

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Bryan, Texas (9:00 a.m. departure) to Fort Worth, Texas

Marlin, Texas	Arrival	11:45 a.m. CT
Wood St. Crossing	Depart	12:15 p.m. CT
West, Texas	Arrival	1:45 p.m. CT
Broadway St. Crossing	Depart	2:15 p.m. CT

Thursday, Oct. 10

Fort Worth, Texas On Display: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CT

275 W. Lancaster Ave. Admission to see the Big Boy is Free and Open to the Public.

Friday, Oct. 11

Fort Worth, Texas On Display: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CT

275 W. Lancaster Ave. Admission to see the Big Boy is Free and Open to the Public.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Fort Worth, Texas Private Union Pacific Employee Event

NO PUBLIC ACCESS

[Employee Event Information](#)

Sunday, Oct. 13

Fort Worth, Texas (8:00 a.m. departure) to McAlester, Okla.

Durant, Okla.	Arrival	1:15 p.m. CT
Louisiana St. Crossing	Depart	1:45 p.m. CT



Save the Dates!

The 2025 Lone Star Region Convention will be held in Southern Louisiana for the first time in thirty years and you won't want to miss it! There will be layouts and other railroading opportunities you've probably never seen, in a region rich with interesting and exciting sights. (And food!)

June 26 - 29, 2025
Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South
9900 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Stay tuned to the Marker Lamp and the LSR web site as more details become available and registration opens.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

TIMETABLE

Division Meeting

Saturday September 28, 2024
 Centex Division Meeting 10 AM
 Austin Parks and Recreation
 Northwest Rec Center
 2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Program:

Train Show

Saturday-Sunday September 28-29, 2024
 5th Annual Plano Fall Train Show

Division Meeting

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

Program:

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

Train Shows

Saturday-Sunday October 26-27, 2024
 New Braunfels Model Train Show,
 New Braunfels Civic Center,
 New Braunfels TX

Saturday-Sunday November 16-17, 2024
 Houston Area Model Train Show,
 Pearland TX

Saturday-Sunday January 18-19, 2025
 43rd Annual Plano Train Show

ADVANCED PLANNING

Toy Train Show

Saturday-Sunday January 4, 2025
 Gulf Coast Chapter TCA, Seabrook TX

Saturday January 11, 2025
 Centex Division Meeting 10 AM
 Austin Parks and Recreation
 Northwest Rec Center
 2913 Northland Drive, Austin

Saturday-Sunday January 25-26, 2025
 Amherst Railway Society Railroad
 Hobby Show

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??!!!!

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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THE MASTHEAD

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