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Newsletter of the CEN-TEX Division 4, Lone Star Region, NMRA
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Superintendent's Report



Greeting Division Four Members,

I enjoyed getting together on September 28th and sharing ideas with you all and just shooting the breeze. As discussed at the meeting, I think the division going forward should work on obtaining two goals. The first is to create greater exposure of the division and the hobby. The division has in its possession the tool to create such an interest in the hobby. At the Austin train show, the South Prairie switching layout was a great success with people lining up to try their hand at switching. A representative from the city of Cedar Park was very impressed with people's reaction to the layout. Creating a public draw and pleasant experience is what they are looking for. With a little work the layout can be a great way to introduce young and old to the hobby. Taking the layout to the four main train shows in the area would go a long way in drawing people to the hobby.

The second goal is to work with AMRS to find a home base for the modular group layout and a place where we can have meetings. Steve Jackobs has been hard at work talking with people and making new contacts all the time. Since both groups are all NMRA members, it is just natural that we should work together to obtain the same goal.

I did a PPT. presentation on the thought process and building of a layout. Whether it is a large or small footprint, a lot of energy went into the creation of the empire. I will produce the story of the Goldweight and CenTex and give you the rough draft when I send out the newsletter announcing the meeting in November. What I would like you to do is think of the processes you went through in building your layout. This way others can view the stories and maybe get inspired to build their own.

If you look through the October issue of the NMRA magazine you will see Sam and Dave Nicastro operating at one of the National Convention layouts. We had several people attending the convention and the Caterpillar factory that Jack Merkel talked about is in that issue. The next meeting of the Division is November 9th, and I will send out the newsletter around the first of the month.

Take care,
Bob Thiele

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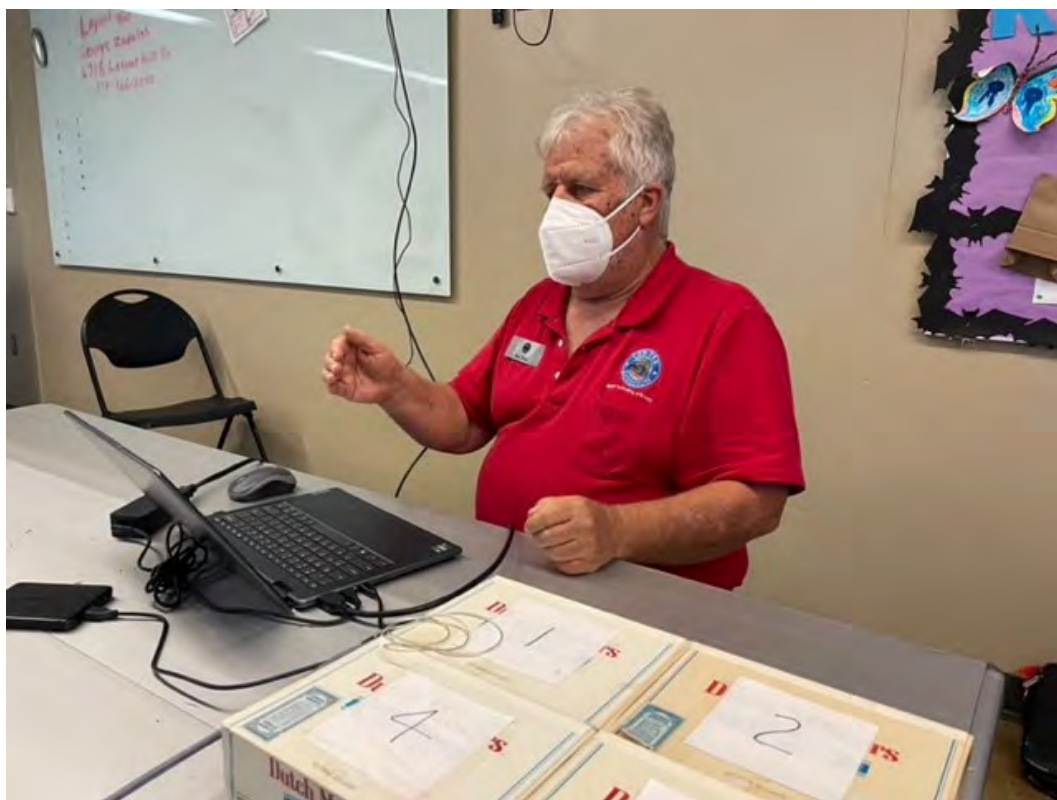
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September 24, 2024 Meeting Photos by Tom Weaver



A good turnout of “the usual suspects”

Superintendent
Bob



A rare picture of Cliff far from his native habitat (a computer)



George hosted the layout tour.

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Union Pacific Big Boy 4014 in Marlin TX. ~ Russ T. Rale



The Big Boy made a whistle stop in Marlin TX on Wednesday. This is the third time I've seen it and it never fails to impress.



Photo by Mrs. Russ T. Rale



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 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

Houton 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

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Northwest Rec Center
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Saturday-Sunday January 25-26, 2025

Amherst Railway Society Railroad
Hobby Show

LSR Region Convention

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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.

Russ T. Rale

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