

# EXTRA!



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

Greetings Division 4

Well, like a bad penny it seems that you can not get rid on me just yet. I want to announce that the Division has a director who will take my position until my term ends. His name is Doug Taylor, and he resides in the San Marcos area. I will leave his background information for Russ T. Rale's interview. Tom Weaver and I sat down to lunch with Doug and had a great conversation. He is very outgoing and a couple of highlights I came away with is that he was an instructor and very into 3D printing.

As always when someone starts a new job, support from the membership will make the transition go smoothly. When the call goes out for clinicians and layout tours please step up and volunteer. The Division is only as strong as the people who are part of the group.

Well, the engineer is blowing two longs, so it is time to board the observation platform of business car 33 and head off into the sunset and New Mexico.

Take care everyone!

-Bob

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## New Division 4 Superintendent is Doug Taylor!



Bob (right) handing over the Division to Doug Taylor (left)

Your editor did a quick getting to know you interview with Doug. He is a US Air Force veteran and performed maintenance on fighters including F-4 Phantoms. He spent 34 years in the trucking industry as a over the road trucker. He is also the former Program Director of the Truck Driver training program at Austin Community College.

Due to the transient nature of his previous professions, he never had an actual layout. It's kind of hard to fit one in a fighter aircraft or Semi-truck. He will be modelling in HO and N Scales. It will be a proto-freelance railroad based on the Katy. He expects to be starting on a new build probably after the first of the year. Technically I guess I have been a model railroader for about 50 years if we count back to my first train set. Just have been able to really get going in it seriously for the last 5 years.

When asked what he felt about taking over Division 4, Doug said "I'm just really looking forward to meeting everyone and trying to do my little part to try to promote model railroading to new folks."

-Russ T. Rale



Doug Taylor  
Division 4 LSR Superintendent



## 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!**

**Start Planning Now!**



**The 90th NMRA National Model Railroad Convention,  
STATION No. VI**

July 14-19, 2025 – Novi, Michigan

hosted by the North Central Region of the NMRA

# TIMETABLE

## Train Shows

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

## Toy Train Show

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

## Division Meeting

-under new management

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

## ADVANCED PLANNING

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

## Division Meeting

Saturday March 8, 2025  
Centex Division Meeting 10 AM  
Austin Parks and Recreation  
Northwest Rec Center  
2913 Northland Drive, Austin

## Division Meeting

Saturday May 10, 2025  
Centex Division Meeting 10 AM  
Austin Parks and Recreation  
Northwest Rec Center  
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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 the Superintendent'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 pictures of your layout, please contact me at the email address in the Masthead.

Thanks.

Russ T. Rale

### THE MASTHEAD

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