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Superintendent's Report

Greetings Cen-Tex Members,

It appears as though winter is finally making an appearance, so hopefully you have a heated space for your layout. The next meeting for the division will be January 11th 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 send out the link on Thursday the 9th .

I have recently been informed that we are to host the Region Convention in 2026. While that may seem to be a long way off, we will want to do it right so we need to start our planning as soon as we can. I'm hoping to have a lot of commitment from the Division. At the meeting I would like to go over briefly what we need to do and solicit volunteers for the various committees. I won't ask for firm commitments until the March Meeting to give everyone a chance to see what they would be comfortable doing.

I will be doing the a presentation of the first part of a series on 3D printing. If anyone would like to provide an additional presentation, please email me at director@centexnmra.org AND at txdoug@gmail.com (having a slight problem with the Director email at the moment) to let me know your subject. If you have it on a PowerPoint, bring it on a thumb drive and we will run it while you talk.

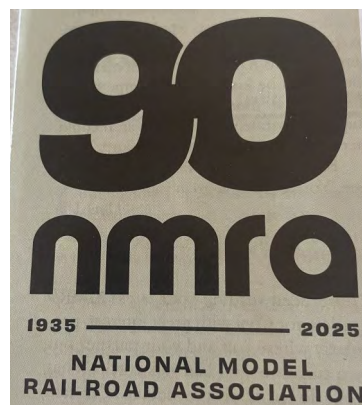
Joel Davidson has graciously agreed to open his Hudson, Genesee Valley and Western layout for a tour. Unfortunately it is on the 2nd floor so it is not handicapped accessible. Please contact me if you would like to do a presentation or tour now or in the future.

Remember to bring your projects that you are working on for the show and tell portion of the meeting. Take care and I hope to see you all on the 11th!

Doug

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Show and Tell at this month's meeting.

If you got something railroad related or model Railroad related for the Holidays bring it for Show and Tell! -Russ T. Rale

So what are we doing for the NMRA's 90th Anniversary?

Let's take a few moments at the meeting to discuss about what we would like to do to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the NMRA.. Do we want to do some outreach? Do we want to have a dinner? Or, do a fan trip?

Some ideas:

Austin Steam Train

Set up something at a children's or Science Museum or a Public Library

Are there any railroad themed restaurants in the area?

Bring your ideas to the meeting.

-Russ T. Rale



Cincinnati Division 7's limited-edition, HO scale N&W HC-46 ACF 2-BAY COVERED HOPPER



Dear NMRA LSR Division Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Directors, News-Letter Editors, Web Masters, Facebook Managers and members in-general.

I last reached out to you in the Fall of 2022.

I am getting in touch with you once again with a request to publicize and promote Cincinnati Division 7's limited-edition, HO scale, N&W HC-46 ACF 2-Bay Covered Hopper cars that we have for sale. 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



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

Division Meeting

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

Agenda;

Clinic on 3-D printing
LSR Convention 2026
NMRA's 90th Anniversary
Show and tell
Deals and Duds
Lunch
Layout tour –Joel Davidson

Train Show

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

Agenda;

Clinics How about giving one?
LSR Convention 2026

Show and tell

Deals and Duds

Lunch

Layout tour – How about yours?

ADVANCED PLANNING

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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.

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