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General Meeting

The October monthly meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday October 18th at 7:00 pm at the Handley Center meeting room.

The program for the evening will be provided by club member Bob Bray who will be taking us on a trip to visit the circus through slides and videos.

Hope to see you all there!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Joe Pritchett



We had a reasonably successful Fall show. The preliminary paid attendance count was about 1300 with a couple of hundred kids. I will have the final numbers after the Oct. council meeting. We wound up selling about 215 tables. We are in good shape financially heading into the January Show. The January show will be Jan. 15th & 16th. For those of you that have Facebook or Instagram please like the

Council Facebook or Instagram page at DFWtrainshows. We are using social networking to help attract families and the general public to attend the show. This year we will use the Center Door for entry and the East & West doors will be exit only. We are also moving the Information table to the hallway near the entrance. Show hours and admission prices have not changed.

We have a couple of very lightly attended run sessions in the last month. I encourage everyone to come out and participate. The electrical problem has been fixed so we plan to have a run session on October 9th. Hopefully the room will start to cool off in a couple of weeks and we can resume the Thursday night sessions. We have plenty of work to do along with running the layout. Progress continues to me made on the layout. Tom continues working on the hidden staging yard and Dale has been adding roads and scenery in Cimarron. Stu & Gene have been working on bridges in different spots. I have been doing a little electrical work and track repairs

Now that cars have been spotted on the layout make sure that if you need to move a car to work on something that you put it back where it was. When you are out working on the layout, please make the sure that nothing is left on the rails and remove any leftover materials that could interfere with the testing. If you know someone that might be interested in joining the club, be sure to invite them out since we are open to having new members. I

want to thank Dale for all of work it takes to put together the newsletter each month.

We continue the normal schedule of Thursday night sessions, 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Saturday sessions will start at 9:00am and run until 12:00pm.



Joe Pritchett
President - Cowtown Model RR
Club

GEESZERS NEWS

by Bob Bray

The Lone Star NMRA region Division one and three will be hosting the NMRA national convention at the Gaylord hotel in 2023. More news on this event as it becomes available.

If you would like additional information on this group, please call Bob Bray at 817-713-6887
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See you at the club room.

Bob Bray
Vice-President
Cowtown Model Railroad Club



DALLAS AREA TRAIN SHOWS

The winter Plano Train Show is scheduled for January 15th – 16th. Entrance will be through the main center building doors at the north front of the building. You can go to the North Texas Council's www.dfetrainshows.com website for more information. Admission is \$10.00 and the parking is free. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Dale Schmidtbleicher

Membership now stands at 10 active members.

October starts a new quarter, so if you haven't already paid your fourth quarter club dues, now is the time.

Please mail your dues to the following address:

CMRRC
P.O. Box 331513
Fort Worth, TX 76163

Make payable to: "Cowtown Model Railroad Club".

As always, a full treasurer's report is given at the monthly meeting.



www.cmrrc.net

Our new website is up and operational at:

www.cmrrc.net

We have this domain and website for a year and it can be extended past that year if the club decides to fund it. Mark it down and be sure to tell all your model railroad friends.

On another note, it appears that our old website, www.cmrrc.webs.com, is STILL active. I will keep this site updated for as long as it remains active. However, the main site is still www.cmrrc.net!

Member information can be downloaded from the website. Click on the required topic on the front page, download the PDF file you are interested in.

Operation

The weather has started to cool down, especially on a Saturday morning operations session. So please come and join us. As always, we will notify you of upcoming operations sessions.



We had a recurrence of a set of diodes go out on a switch in the town of West Fork. We are working on getting that repaired as it limits operation in the electrical power plant tracks and other parts of the town.

Changes to the RailOp program are ongoing as we try to squeeze more challenges into the operation.

Update on Construction

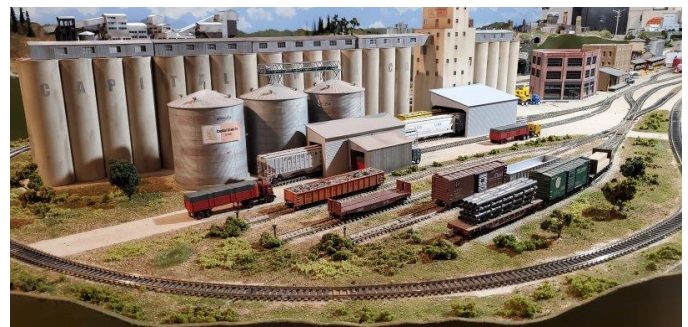
by Dale Schmidtbleicher



What is new in the area of layout construction?

We found a couple of tracks in the Capital Grain Company that were missing electrical drops. Joe has fixed that problem. We had a diode problem in West Fork that needs attention and hopefully we be fixed by the time you read this.

I have been adding scenery material in and around the small Handley Yard, Capital Grain Co and around the curve toward Port Allen Industrial area. Soon I will be adding ballast to the tracks in that area. I will also be working on the grain truck access road to the company.



The industry is looking pretty good!

Joe has been adding to the Capital Grain Company silos and the industry is starting to look very good.

Gene is adding to the scenery around the Cimarron saw mill log dump tracks and is in the process of coming up with some type of structure to aid the dumping of logs from the cars into the log pond.

Stu has been adding more scenery in the West Fork trackside industries.

Tom continues to hide under the layout working on the Gulf & Denver staging yards and the switch panels.

Bob is working on the retainment structure around the remaining oil holding storage tank.

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

General Meeting:

The monthly Railroad Club meeting is held at 7:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of the month. The meeting is held at the Handley Community Center in the first-floor room.



[Note: If the outside temperature is in the high 90's and the heat index is forecast to be above

100 degrees, the Thursday night work session will be cancelled.]

Work Schedule:

The normal work schedule is as follows:

Thursday Nights 6:30 PM-9:00 PM

2nd & 4th Saturday 9:00 AM-12 Noon.

Should a work session be cancelled for any reason, an e-mail will be sent out, time permitting.

Scheduled Model Railroad Events (As of October 2021)

January

15th – 16th North Texas Council Fall Show – Plano

Art selection follows:



