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General Meeting

The February monthly meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday February 15th at 7:00 pm at the Handley Center meeting room.

Club member Stu Sibitsky will be providing the program for the evening. Hopefully you are all remaining in good health, physical-distancing and staying apprised of the current changes. Take care of yourselves and your families.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Joe Pritchett



The January Plano show was a success all things considered. I don't have the final numbers yet but the attendance felt like a Fall show which would be about 1400 paid. The layouts were a little smaller and we had 5 few layouts. We had 450 people lined up on Saturday morning waiting for the show to open. Generally speaking, people did a good job of wearing their mask and keeping some distance. In

talking with the Dealers, they were very happy with the sales. We had several dealers cancel out the week of the show so we ended up with about 235 tables and 45 dealers. The Credit card machine worked pretty well, based on Saturday about 1/3 of the people used the credit card option.

I had a phone call with Tim Blackwell of the Cow Catcher magazine. The club will be one of the articles in the March/April edition. I want to thank Dale and Bob for working with Tim.

We had limited participation in the last couple of run sessions. I encourage everyone to come out and participate. We will continue to have Saturday morning run sessions. I've spent a couple of Thursday sessions cleaning the room and the progress is noticeable. Keep an eye for the emails. We have plenty of work to do along with running the layout. Progress continues to be made on the layout. Tom has started 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.

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 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

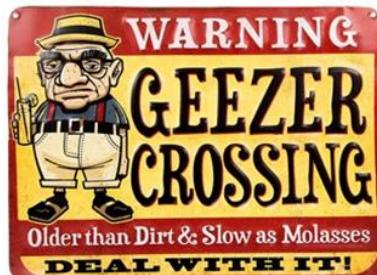
GEESZRS NEWS

by Bob Bray

Greetings once again from your vice president who has been on hold for the last several months. I feel like I have been cooped up in my home for years. About the only thing I have done for the last 6 months is to go to Walmart once a week and maybe to the bank. The rest of my time has been devoted to taking care of Judy. She is much stronger now than when she came home from the hospital and is getting PT and OT at home 4 days a week. She is stronger and is able to stand but has not walked yet. It is going slow with her because she was so weak when they started. The other good news I have gotten my sight back in my right eye.

Hoping to get back out to the club again about the middle of this month. Judy is doing well and I think I can leave her alone for a couple of hours. Besides that, I really need to get away for a little while. Actually, I have started building some concession stand kits for my circus.

Not much going on that I know about in the world of model railroading. LSR division one is still meeting with zoom meetings. There will be an LSR convention this summer. The LSR is combining with the Mid-Continent Division to have a convention. It will be held in Tulsa this summer. The National NMRA convention has been cancelled this year. The next national model railroad convention for next year will be in St Louis in 2022.



On a sadder note, Dr. Richard Kamm died this past January. His funeral was the 29th of January. Many of our club members have operated on Dr. Kamas layout in Shreveport. He was 73 when he died.

Also, club member Rick Jones is in Harris Southwest and needs our prayers. Rick has pneumonia and kidney failure.

There will be an article in the next Cowcatcher Magazine about our club.

With things starting to settle down maybe I will be back at the club before you know it. Looking forward to the club meeting later this month.

Be sure to look at the calendar section to see all the railroading activities that may be going on in the area over the coming months.

One of the things we need to concentrate on this year is increasing club memberships. Remember, membership is open to the public. Bring a friend or relative out to visit the layout. Sign up a new member this month. Dale has business cards to give out to potential new members.

As always, we are looking for members to present the monthly programs. Just about any topic will work. If anyone has a show and tell items they could be worked into a short program. Don't be bashful. Just volunteer.

One other note is that 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
brayrLja@sbcglobal.net

See you at the club room.

Bob Bray
Vice-President
Cowtown Model Railroad Club



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.

Our previous free website at:

www.dalcon4.wixsite.com/cmrrc

was a sub-domain site and cannot be found if doing a Google search on Cowtown Model Railroad Club or cmrrc.

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.



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Dale Schmidtbileicher

Membership now stands at 12 members, 10 active members and 2 support members.

I have submitted the Cowtown Model Railroad Clubs required IRS tax form, 990n, for the 2020 calendar year.

Thanks to those members who have submitted their dues for the first quarter or longer in January.

Whether you pay by the year, semi-annual or quarterly, as always, it is appreciated when the membership submits their dues on time. Thank you.

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.

Operation

As always, we will notify you of upcoming operations sessions.



We need to run the club's track cleaning cars around the layout prior to the run sessions. Be sure to clean the wheels of your locomotive on the test track before and after operating. That also helps keep the track clean.

Update on Construction

by Dale Schmidtbileicher



What is new in the area of layout construction?

Not too many members have been out working on the layout the past month, myself included a few Thursday nights. But we did get some work in.

Stu is continuing his work on the auto bridge over the lower level to West Fork. As a matter of fact, he is going to revamp the main section of West Fork in the next several work sessions where the train

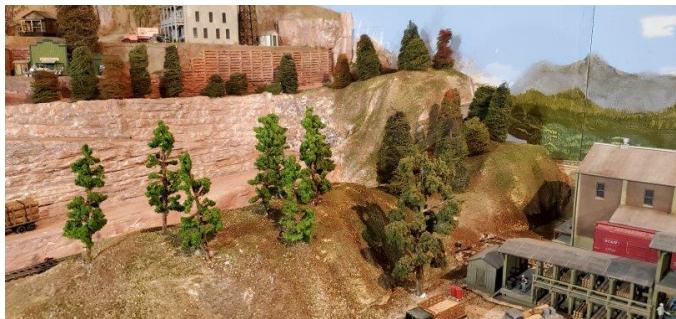
station, water tank, and freight house is located by adding parking and a back road.

The wood trestle forming the log dump for the saw mill is being put together by Gene. Progress is slow but steady.

Joe did some major clean up in the layout room emptying the large trash containers and cleaning up under the layout.

Tom has been firing up the layout to check out the under-the-layout Gulf & Denver staging yards with his locomotive. The track is plenty dirty and there will need to be major work needed to be done on the track leading to and from the yard. Not only is it dirty but I'm sure there will have to be many electrical drops to get good locomotive operation.

I have been busy working on the RailOp program as well as adding many more trees to the layout. Here are a few photos to where I've added additional trees or in some cases trees that weren't there before.



MONTHLY SCHEDULE

With the latest increase in the Covid-19 virus, meeting and work schedules may change. If you are one of the members working on the layout watch for e-mails to see if sessions are cancelled or other members will not be out.

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.



Work Schedule:

The normal work schedule is as follows:

Thursday Nights 6:30 PM-9:00 PM

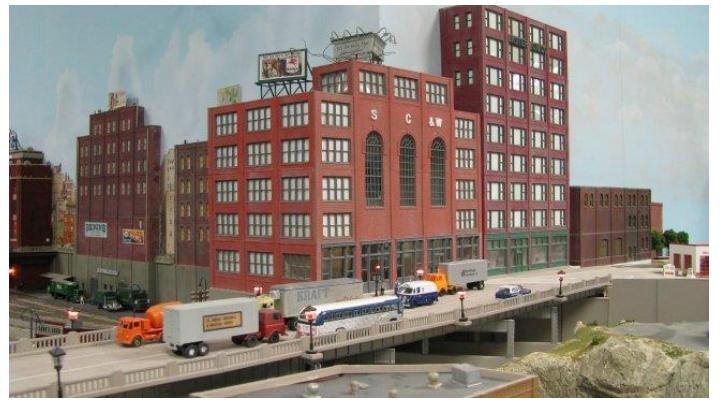
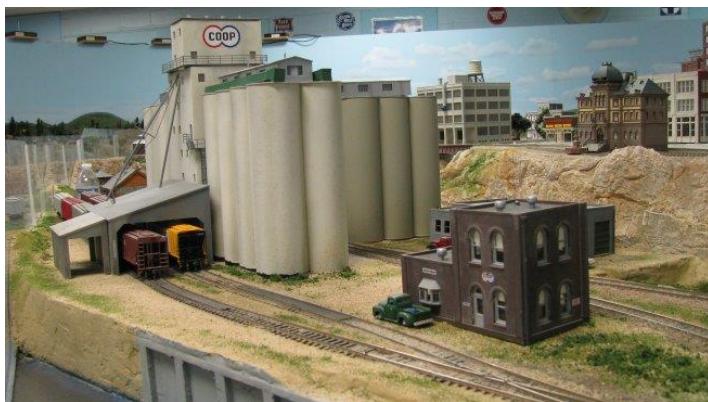
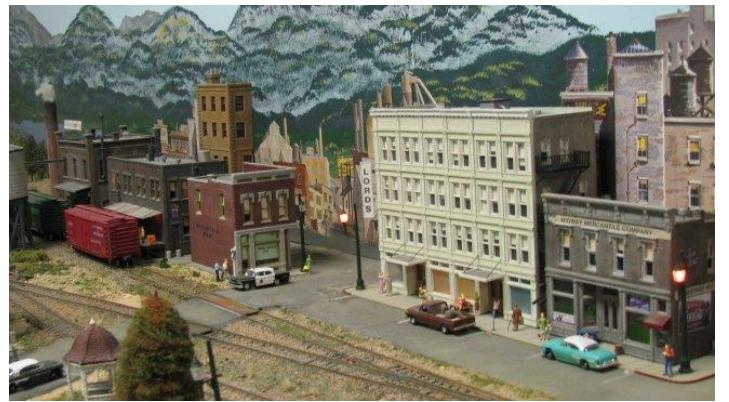
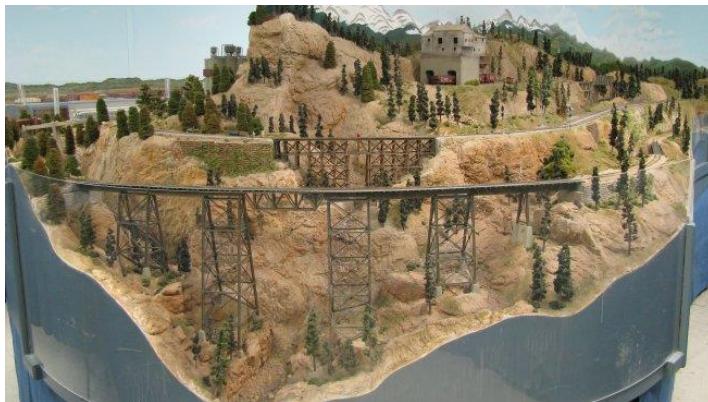
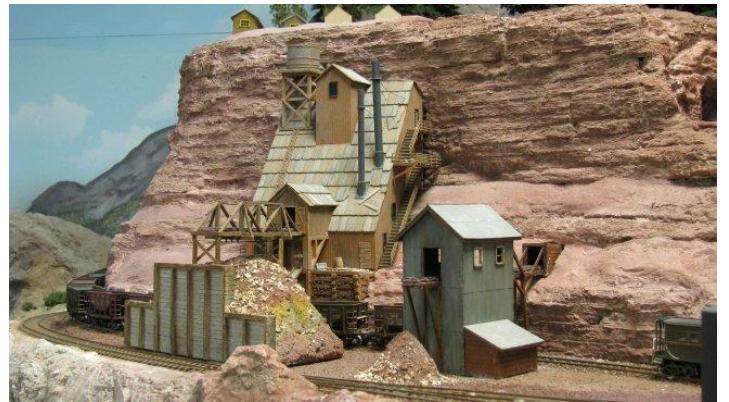
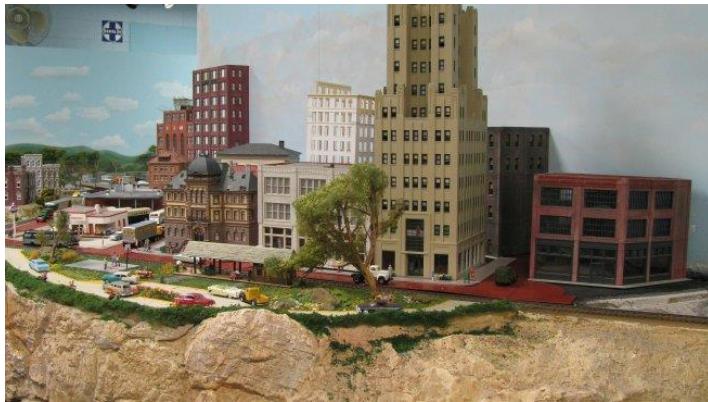
2nd & 4th Saturday 9:00 AM-12 Noon.

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

Member Submissions

Photos from the Past

The Old LMRA RR Layout



Scheduled Model Railroad Events (as of February 2021)

Here are the shows and events that are currently scheduled. Because of the virus they me cancelled at some point. I would check them out before you go.

February 2021

27th 18th Annual northwest Arkansas train show Benton Arkansas

April

24th 25th New Braunfels Train Show

May

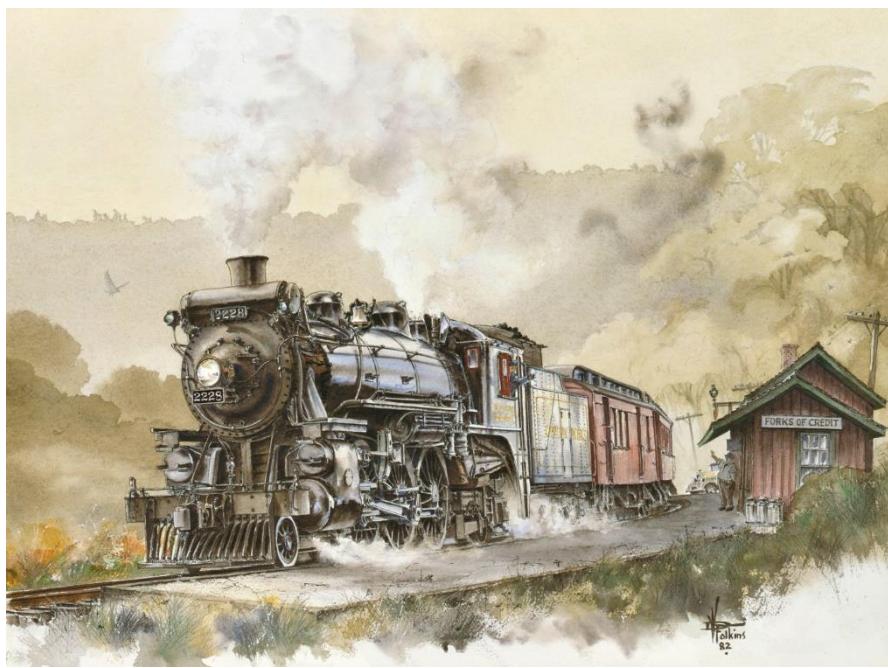
21st – 23rd OKC Model Railroad Expo – OKC

August
28th – 29th Austin Train Show – Palmer Center

Art selection follows:



Gill Bennet



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