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General Meeting

The August meeting of the CMRRC will be on Monday night August 17th at 7:00 pm. Pat is scheduled to provide the program. I hope to see you there.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Joe Pritchett



The North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs will hold the Fall show on September 26th & 27th, 2026 and the January show will be January 16th & 17th, 2027. The table and admission prices are staying the same as last year. We have strong tables sales, so far, we have sold 180+ tables for the Fall show and 160+ tables for the January show. I expect the updated Council web site will be live in the next couple of weeks.

It officially has gotten HOT! We will most likely meet on Thursday mornings for this month. Be sure to check your phone for any changes. Over the last couple of sessions a few layout maintenance issues have occurred. We will have a work session to

correct those items. This heat is hard on the layout and people.

The layout seems to be running pretty well. George continues to make progress on Midway. Be sure to check your phone for the next work/operating session.

Get with Dale or I if you would like to do program for one of the meetings, we are always looking for new topics.

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 the work it takes to put together the newsletter each month.

The normal schedule of Thursday evening sessions is from 6:30pm – 9:00pm, 1st & 3rd Saturdays but watch your phone for changes. Saturday sessions will start at 9:00am and run until 12:00pm.

Joe Pritchett
President - Cowtown Model RR
Club



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Dale Schmidtbleicher

Membership stands at 7 active members. All members are current in dues.

As always, the full treasurer's report will be made at the Club's monthly meeting.

The next due date is for 4th quarter dues is October 1st. Please give Dale your dues or mail your dues to the following address:

CMRRC
4504 Quail Hollow Ct.
Fort Worth, TX 76133

Make payable to: "Cowtown Model Railroad Club".

Operations

The hot season has arrived and we are adjusting the meeting time for our Thursday night sessions based on the forecast temperature and heat index.

When it appears that heat will be a problem we will switch and meet Thursday morning 9:00-11:30 AM

Operating sessions will be announced to all members by text or e-mail. We hope to see more members attending in the future.

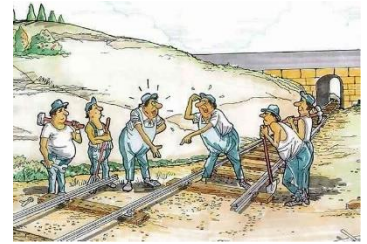


Update on Construction

by Dale Schmidtbleicher

What's new in the area of layout construction?

During the last operating session three items came to light that need work attention.



The east end switch in Dead River inside rail is broken and needs to be superglued, if that will work, or the switch needs to be replaced.

The slip switch going into the Port Allen Industry (right side of switch back tracks) isn't working. It may be a diode that needs replacing.

The east end switch in Post Oak Gap isn't closing properly. This switch has a special mechanical adjustment that needs work.

Other items:

The switch panel power supply for the west end of Cimarron yard still needs to be wired into the system. We are currently using an extension cord to an outlet to supply the power.

George continues to run the track cleaning cars so the mainline and passing sidings have been allowing clean operation. We will probably have to manually clean the short spurs and industry tracks to improve operation.

As always, track cleaning is always needed to be addressed. Keep those track cleaning cars rolling!

Cleanup under the layout is still a major eyesore. Anyone know anyone interested in the boxes of railroad slides the club received as a donation. If so, let Dale know

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

General Meeting:

The Club's 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 just inside the building side door.



Normal Work/Operate Schedule:

The normal work/operate schedule is as follows:
Thursday Nights 6:30 PM-9:00 PM. Due to summer heat, Thursdays may be switched to morning from 9 am – 12 noon. A message will be sent out.

1st & 3rd Saturday 9:00 AM-12 Noon.

Operating sessions will be announced by text and e-mail prior to the scheduled event.



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We are on occasion getting some requests/feedback from our **cmrrc.net** website. We can thank the website for giving us a hand in getting donations.

Many of those donations have contributed to the club's financial position as well as adding to the scenery or structures on the layout.