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General Meeting

The January monthly meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday January 17th at 7:00 pm at the Handley Center meeting room.

For the program for the evening, I searched YouTube for an interesting video that all may enjoy. I think I found a few that fit the bill. The one we will be showing is a video "Identifying Freight Locomotives". This is for all of us who can't tell diesel locomotives apart. Hope to see you all there!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Joe Pritchett



Happy 2022, I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas. The January Council meeting will be held the Tuesday before the show. The meeting will be focused on the final preparations for the show on January 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 not gotten any added Covid related requirements as of today. Please come out and support the council, tables were nearly sold out a few weeks ago, so we should have plenty of Dealers.

We have a couple of very lightly attended run sessions in the last couple of months. I encourage everyone to come out and participate. The room temperature has been comfortable for the last few weeks and should remain that way for a while.

We have plenty of work to do along with running the layout. Progress continues to be made on the layout. Tom continues working on the hidden staging yard and Dale has been adding roads and scenery around Capital Grain. 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.

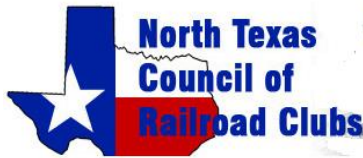
We continue the normal schedule of Thursday night sessions, 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Saturday sessions will start at 9:00am and run until 12:00pm.



Joe Pritchett
President - Cowtown Model RR
Club

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.dfwtrainshows.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.

It's a new year so Happy New Year to all. It is also the start of a new dues season. So, if you haven't already submitted your 2022 dues by quarter, semi-annual or annual, please take the time and send them in or have them available at the January monthly meeting.

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

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

Now that the weather is cooperating, we are having many more operating sessions.

If you haven't been out in a while, please consider coming out and having some fun on the layout.

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?

Progress has slowed on the layout because we are running more operation sessions.



However, work continues under the layout with getting the staging yards and switch panels up and properly functioning. There will be a major effort coming up to make sure all the trackage to-and-from those yards has good electrical drops and then the track cleaned. We will also have to populate some of the tracks with pre-staged trains which will require some effort in setting up the RailOp program.

On top of the layout, more scenery is being worked on by the Capital Grain Co. track and elevators. We are also looking into how to change and make use of what was initially planned as Steel Mill receiving tracks. Most likely we will shorten some of the track, lower the elevated track and fit in a couple of industries which will allow more switching. Things like ore delivery, coal delivery, etc. which is what the yard was set up for will be transferred to under-the-layout yards.

Work is also going on with some bridges on the layout. There is also a need to protect a few areas of the layout by using some clear plexiglass attached to the front façade.

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.

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 January 2022)

January

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

