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Have a Suggestion Or a Story Idea?

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August Raffle will be VERY Special !!!

Win Free Round Trip Tickets on the Grapevine Vintage RR!



Don't forget to bring the wallet to the Business Meeting! We have several nice prizes to raffle including the round trip tickets for two on the Grapevine Vintage RR!

Raffle tickets will be \$1 for our normal raffle items including the GVRR round trip tickets.

We will be selling Raffle tickets for the CAB RIDE on the GVRR with the drawing to be held during the August Business meeting. Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20 for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to ride in the cab of a locomotive.

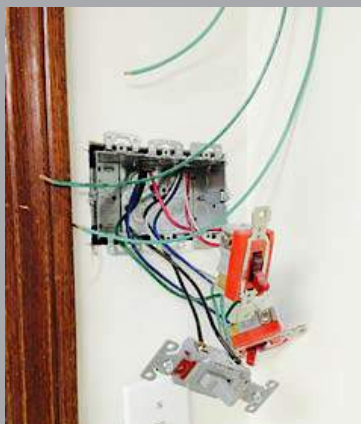
We do not know if the locomotive will be Puffy or Vinny, but it will still be great fun!

From the President's Car:

I am getting very excited as the first annual Texas Western Train Show approaches. Remember when you were young and on a trip to Grandmother's house? You kept watching the road ahead to get the first glimpse of her street and then her house, excitement building with every turn as you approached. That is how I feel about the Train Show; we have worked very hard to be as prepared as we possibly can. We have looked at literature from other shows to use as guidelines and hopefully we'll avoid missing some important step in our preparations. I believe we have done an excellent job so far in getting dealer's tables sold, modular layouts registered, non-selling displays signed up, and determining how much of everything we will need for this event.

We *have* missed something though. I don't know what it is yet, but we have missed something in our planning and preparations that will come up quickly, either just before or during the show. I don't believe it is, or will

a major oversight but something that has to be done ASAP and correctly. Our job is to see it, recognize what is needed, and select who is to make it happen quickly to prevent any disruption for our visitors, dealers, modelers, or TW members. Be patient if this oversight involves you or looks to be a major issue; the show staff and BOD will resolve it quickly and to the best of our ability.



The layout benchwork seems to have slowed a bit, but that is just because the CREW is doing the main wiring to power the current section and unless you were at the club, it is difficult to see what has

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President's Car:

will have a main power drop from the electric room consisting of one circuit each for the DCC, the lighting, and utility power for the layout that will power the electric outlets located below the layout. The DCC and ancillary circuits will be wired in a manner that will prohibit us from plugging into it with soldering irons, saws, work lights, electric tooth brushes, curling irons, etc.



The utility circuit will be the power source for all of our tools and extra power needs. All three circuits are easily turned off and can be fully disconnected with a main power twist plug to insure safety. Great job Jim, John, Gary, and Jonas for planning and working out this system.

We have **405** working, tested Tortoise switch motors courtesy of Don & amp; Don's hard work sitting on our shelves. Don Hays put together a Tortoise test board which allowed each unit to be tested for of not only the switching throw, but of the frog power switching as well.

Don Hamilton has been assisting him with this testing and now we have over 400 ready to use machines. At today's pricing, this is almost \$6,000 worth of switch machines we don't have to buy. Nice!

Lastly, we are going to need EVERY member's help and attendance at the Train Show. EVERY member must help if we are to make this a success which ben-



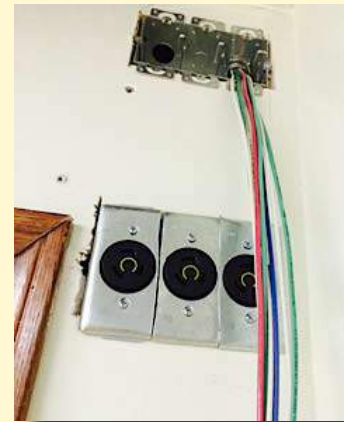
efits the Texas Western Model RR Club. If your spouse is willing to help, we need them to come also. There are going to be jobs of every type that must be done and not just one day, but two. Please plan on being available from October 10th during dealer set up, thru October 12th when we

have to clear out the building that evening and move everything back to our club. We are taking the first step in securing a permanent home for the TWMRC, don't miss the opportunity to say "I was there and helped"!

Darrell Cowles
CEO TWMRC



TW Photo Gallery



The CAO's Baggage Car

Texas Western Train Show

The first annual Texas Western Train Show is only two months away. Oh my gosh..... the first annual Texas Western Train Show is only two months away!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It seems like it was just yesterday that we voted to have a train show. We didn't even know if we would get any vendors to attend. We stepped out on faith and we sold out of table space in a matter of weeks!!! Darrell did some creative work with the plan layout and we managed to squeeze in 20 more tables.

And we still have vendors on the waiting list. That's awesome. Now comes the hard part – I mean, fun part – we need everyone to help. We also need you to sweet talk your spouses into helping if possible. This will be an “all hands on deck” exercise. There is not an option to not participate if you are a Club member.



We have to make this year's Show a raving success to build the momentum for next year, and the year after that, and the year after that, and..... I have no doubt that we will have a Show that will have everyone talking.

Please be ready to support your Club in this great endeavor. See you **ALL** in October!!

Jay H₂O ☐s



6 August 2014

THE TRAIN SCHEDULE

Upcoming Meetings, Events,
Shows & Clinics

AUGUST 2014

2nd- Youth Model Railroading
(YMR) Monthly Meeting, Satur-
day, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- Work Day, Saturday, 3 PM -
9 PM

7th - Texas Western MRC
Regular Club Business Meet-
ing: Thursday, 6808 Forest Hill
Dr, Forest Hill. 7 - 9 PM

9th- Work Day Only
Saturday, 3 pm - 9 pm

11th- HAPPY BIRTHDAY
FRED TUCKER &
CHRIS GALVIN

14th - Work Night Only
Thursday, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

16th- Chris & Kathy's Wed-
ding, 12 Noon. :0)
-Work Day Only
Saturday, 3 pm - 9 pm

21st- Work Night Only
Thursday, 7 pm - 9:30 pm

23rd - Work Day Only
Saturday, 3 pm - 9 pm

28th- Work Night Only
Thursday, 7 pm - 9:30 pm
& HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SHANA WHITEHEAD

30th- Work Day Only
Saturday, 3 pm - 9 pm

SEPTEMBER 2014

4th-Texas Western MRC Regu-
lar Club Business Meeting:
Thursday, 6808 Forest Hill Dr,
Forest Hill. 7 - 9 pm

6th - Youth Model Railroading
(YMR) Monthly Meeting, Satur-
day, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

(ALL PHOTO's: All Photo's by
Chris Galvin.)



Raffle Raffle Raffle

TWMRC Raffles Return at the AUGUST Business Meeting.

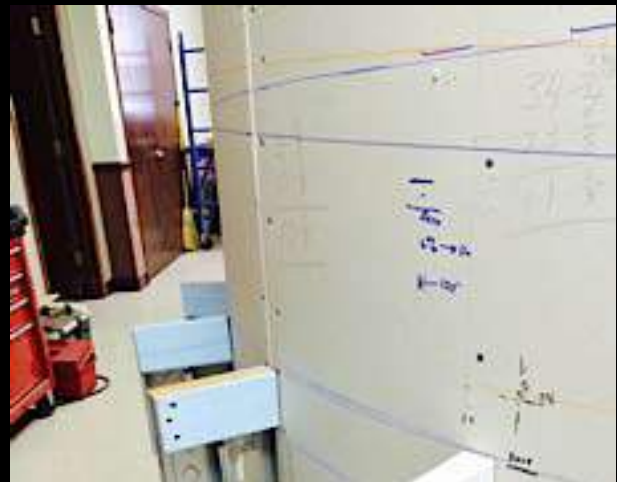
Thursday, August 7th at 7 pm



Don't forget to bring your bucks for a chance to win some cool stuff at the Business Meeting!

If you have an item you would like to donate for this or future Raffles, please contact Jim Wallace or just bring it to him at the club meetings!

Texas Western Model RR Club





From The CDO's Parlor Car

All publications have been updated with our new train club information. Also, Train Show notices were submitted to Model Railroader for September and October, and to Classic Toy Trains for October. There are a number of online advertising submissions that have been made for the Train Show, as well as plans to publicize the Train Show the weekend of the event in the Star-Telegram.



Forest Hill will also be supplying advertising through the use of its Billboard several weeks before the show, as well as publicizing the event on its website and in its local newsletter.



The new website should be live by the time you read this. I appreciate everyone's patience while I put it together. I am always open for suggestions and new ideas. The Old layout gallery should also be setup. Thank you Tiffany Rudell for optimizing the images to prepare them for display on the web! I am also working on a New Layout Construction gallery to be displayed as a rotating "Featured Photo" on the right sidebar.

One last note, Congratulations Chris Galvin, (the STAR's own editor-in-chief!) on your upcoming wedding to your sweetie, Kathy Norman! I wish you both the best!

(Aww..., Thanks Kim!!, from the Star Editor).

Kim Hinton

Chief Development Officer

Kathy & Chris To Wed 8/16/2014

By Chris Galvin

At Last, my love has come along, My lonely days are Over. And Life is like a song.....

On Saturday, August 16th, Kathy Norman & Chris Galvin will be walking down the chapel aisle. We hope you can join us in Fort Worth! The service starts at 12 Noon and a reception with light fare, iced tea, &



punch & cake will be served until 4 pm. If you're interested in coming and you haven't already R.S.V.P.'d

by email, please do so by August 12, so that we have an idea of a head count.

We aren't registered for any gifts but I am sure Kathy would want as many Hobby World, Discount Model



Model Trains & Amtrak Gift Certificates we can get!!! Please email us at: galvinart@gmail.com ,When I get your email, I'll give you more details on where, Thanks!

Kathy & Chris

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - AUGUST 2014



Chris Galvin 8/11



Fred Tucker 8/11



Shana Whitehead 8/28



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