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Cumbres & Toltec Trip

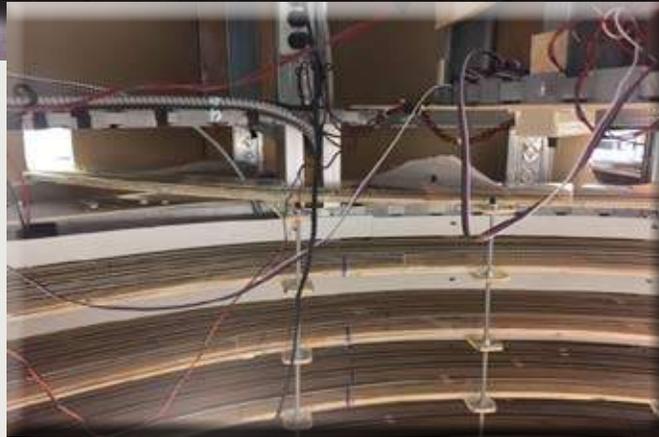


Some of the members of the Texas Western visited the Amarillo Model Railroad Museum recently and then rode the Cumbres & Toltec Tourist Railroad. In Amarillo, several of their club members showed up to give each of us a personal tour of their layout. Some of them also met us for dinner before our visit. They have most of their track wired and they are running on much of the layout. Not much scenery completed.

In Chama, we found cozy lodging at The Chama Inn. Its located within walking distance to the depot. The tourist railroad is very accommodating allowing lots of access to roam around and take photo's. On the train ride, the weather was perfect and sunny. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the club outing!

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From The Business Car



It's coming! It's coming!

The 2017 Texas Western Train Show is very near and we are planning a bigger, better show this year with some new additions and keeping some favorites. Your club will need YOU for this important weekend to be available and ready to help; the show cannot run without everyone's assistance and dedication. This is our most important fund-raising event each year and is a LOT of work, but is still fun and a great opportunity to show off our club and garner new members.

Please be at the October Business Meeting as we will be discussing the show in detail.



If you were one of the TWMRC members that made the trek to ride the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR, then you know we had a great time. The 70° weather was supplied by the Chamber of Commerce I believe, and the train ride was as much fun as always. What made this trip fun was the comradery, laughter (lots), sharing, and just plain fun. The Chama Station Inn is like stepping back into the 1950's and, while not the fanciest room I have stayed in, was just too much fun with screen doors and creaky wooden floors.

(Above: Temporary Loop to be added inside the South Helix to allow upper level running in time for our train show. This may stay in place for open running while we trouble shoot the rest of the wiring.)

Waking up on Saturday morning and seeing three narrow gauge engines steamed up and ready for the day's runs was spectacular. I believe Clarence won the "Most Photos Taken" award by a wide margin, but tied with several of us for the "Most Fun Experienced" award. If you did not get to go this year, I hope you will get to go on the next club trip, it was well worth the long drive and cost. A big thank you goes out to Jay Waters for heading up this venture and making sure we were as organized as model railroaders can be. Those that went on the trip chipped in for him a nice C&TSRR jacket as a token of our appreciation. We need suggestions as to where next year's club trip should go.

The BOD decided that the top level of the layout is going to have a temporary loop cut in at the Dallas and Army Depot entrances to the helix. This temporary cut across will let us positively insure we have trains running on the top level for the train show and let the work continue on the lower level as well without fear of creating an issue for track that is ready to run. If the lower level can be fully wired and tested 2 weeks before the show, then we may run trains up and down the helix; if it cannot be tested this far in advance, then we will have trains running on top for all to see.

Darrell Cowles

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From The CAO's Baggage Car

As I'm writing this article I'm in the backseat of the Cowles' Texas limo-
usine headed to Chama, New Mexico to ride the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic
Railroad. This will be my first time to ride that train and I can't wait. I think
what I'm looking forward to the most is spending time with my TWMRC fam-
ily doing something we all love to do. This outing will be a fun respite prior
to the sprint to the new year. The next few months are going to be busy for the
Club. October will be a blur as we prepare for our fourth Train Show. It hardly
seems possible!! The layout needs to be fine-tuned to ensure we have trains
running this year. And the Club building needs to be cleaned and straightened
up. We need to showcase our Club to grow our membership this year. Please
help us get ready by giving some time and elbow grease down at the Club.
Thank you in advance.



We are very excited about the Show this year. with the Care Flite sponsorship!
How awesome is it going to be to see a helicopter land in the parking lot of our
Train Show?! Please be spreading the word and passing out flyers about the
Show this year. We desperately need a large crowd of attendees. Our Club is
gaining momentum on several fronts. Exciting times are ahead. Dust off your
controllers and replace the batteries. We'll be running trains on our layout
soon.

Jay H2Os

**October
Business Meeting
Thurs. Oct. 5,
@ 7 PM
at
The Clubhouse**



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Frisco in Fort Worth

IV Industries

This article is the fourth in a descriptive series about the Saint Louis and San Francisco Railroad, nicknamed the **Frisco**, with reporting marks of **SLSF**. The **Frisco** was one of seven railroads that serviced Fort Worth. Those railroads were T&P, GC&SF, MKT (Katy), CRI&P (Rock Island), FW&D, and SSW (Cotton Belt) and are included in this series articles where they present context within the Fort Worth Terminal area.

The purpose of this series of articles is to describe **Frisco** activities in Fort Worth in the late 1950's and early 1960's. The series will include articles about **Frisco** freight operations including switching boundaries, customers, interchanges, freight forwarding, industrial districts, yards, team tracks, warehouses, grain elevators, freight house, etc.

This month's article is all about lists, including lists of Fort Worth warehouses, grain elevators, and industries served by all the railroads including the **Frisco**.

Warehouses

Name	Type	Served by
U.S. Cold Storage Co.	Cold	GC&SF
Merchants Cold Storage Co.	Cold	T&P
Texas Ice Co.	Cold	GC&SF
Market Produce Co.	Cold	No Rail Siding
Binyon-O'Keefe Storage Co.	Dry	T&P
Big State Bonded Warehouse	Dry	StLSW
Ft. Worth Warehouse & Storage	Dry	MKT & T&P
O.K. Warehouse & Storage Co.	Dry	MKT
Central Forwarding	Dry	Frisco
Johnson Storage Co.	Dry	Frisco
Riverside Warehouses, Inc.	Dry	CRI&P

All warehouses listed are open to reciprocal switching.

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(Frisco Part IV continued from Page 4.....)

Grain Elevators

Name	Capacity	Served By
Frank Bailey Grain Co.	450,000 Bu	Ft. Worth Belt
Bewley Mills	850,000 Bu	T&P
Burrus Mill & Elevator Co.	8,500,000 Bu	CC&SF
Cargill, Inc.	2,400,000 Bu	CRI&P
C-G-F Grain Co.	28,500,000 Bu	FW&D
Continental Grain Co.	800,000 Bu	Frisco
General Mills, Inc.	102000 Bu	FW&D
Interstate Grain Co.	3,250,000 Bu	FW&D
Kimbell Elevator	6,000,000 Bu	MKT
Kimbell Sheller	80, 000 Bu	MKT
Producers Grain Co.	4,000,000 Bu	T&NO
Ralston Purina Mill	500,000 Bu	CRI&P
Richland Warehouse Corp.	1,000,000 Bu	CRI&P
Saginaw Feed Mill	150,000 Bu	CRI&P-GC&SF
Scott Brothers Grain Co.	25,000 Bu	MKT
Scott Brothers Grain Co.	50,000 Bu	Ft. Worth Belt
Temple Grain & Hay Co.	30,000 Bu	FW&D
Terminal Grain Co.	200,000 Bu	CRI&P
Uhlmann Elevators Co. of Texas	100,000 Bu	GC&SF
Uhlmann Elevators Co. of Texas	1,500,000 Bu	CRI&P
Heard Elevators (Uhlmann operated)	5,000,000 Bu	GC&SF-FW&D
Riverside Elevators (Uhlmann operated)	700,000 Bu	CRI&P
Uhlmann Elevators Co. of Texas	3,500,000 Bu	MKT
Universal Mills	1,250,000 Bu	CRI&P

The total grain storage capacity is 69,565,000 bushels, all elevators are open to reciprocal switching. Fort Worth is the largest grain storage center in the southwest.

We will continue with the remainder of this article next month.....

Mike Corley

THE TRAIN SCHEDULE

Upcoming Meetings, Events, Shows & Clinics

OCTOBER 2017

5h - October Texas Western Business Meeting @ 7p, Thursday.

7TH- YMR Meeting, 10a - 1p, Held at the TWMRC, Saturday

12th - Work Night, 7p - 9:30p, Thursday

14th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowatcher Division 1 Meeting, 10a - 12 p, held at the Texas Western Model RR Clubhouse, Saturday

14th - Work Day, 3p - 9p, Saturday

15th- HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN SKIBA

16th- HAPPY BIRTHDAY KEVIN LEDDY

18th- HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVID KRANDA

19th- HAPPY BIRTHDAY MIKE GALLIGAN

19th - Work Night, 7p - 9:30p, Thursday

21st- Work Day, 3p - 9p, Saturday

25th- HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHNNY SKIBA

26th - Work Night, 7p - 9:30p, Thursday

27th- HAPPY BIRTHDAY HUTCH HINTON

28th - Work Day, 3p - 9p, Saturday

NOVEMBER 2017

2nd - November Business Meeting, 7p, will be held @ The club house, Thursday

4th- YMR Meeting, 10a - 1p, Held at the TWMRC, Saturday

11th - NMRA Lone Star Region Cowatcher Division 1 Meeting, WILL NOT MEET IN NOVEMBER DUE TO THE TEXAS WESTERN TRAIN SHOW. A Christmas party will take place at the December Meeting. Location and details to be announced.

11th - Texas Western Train Show 10 am - 5 pm, Forest Hill Civic Center, Saturday

12th - Texas Western Train Show 11 am - 4 pm, Forest Hill Civic Center, Sunday

2017
Texas Western Train Show



Sat. November 11th
10 AM - 5 PM
&
Sun. November 12th
11 AM - 4 PM

Forest Hill Civic Center
6901 Wichita Street
Forest Hill, TX

NMRA LSR Cowatcher Division 1 October Meeting

Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017
10 am - 12 pm

Texas Western MRC
Clubhouse
6808 Forest Hill Drive
Forest Hill, TX

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Mike Mackey



From The COO's Coal Hopper

It's getting closer and closer. Creeping in day by day. Only about 6 weeks from now it will be here and pounce upon us. We are needing the Texas Western Train Show to be the best yet. For sure.

I know you have heard this before, but progress is being made on the layout. Let me fill you in on the latest happenings of interest:

* A significant change has been decided on by the Electrical crew and the BOD: for the TWTS, we will connect and wire for proper polarity two (2) loops on the 53" level:

* Loop one will be the "helix loop": a BY PASS track will be constructed through the helix from one 53" exit/entrance to the other 53" entrance/exit. i.e., from near the Army Records Depot around to the other side of the wall and connect to the main coming from the Grain Elevator/Ney yard complex.



* This will allow running from the 53" helix exit near the kitchen, along the main towards the parking lot, turning right and going through the MKT (Ney) yard complex, then turning right and running along the grain elevator complex, once again turning right and NOT crossing Tower 55, then running the "U" along the aisle back to the "non kitchen" side of the helix.

*This will allow trains to run on this section of the 53" level in a single polarity area, without a need for reverse loops.

*The second loop will physically be exactly opposite that area: along the 53" level around the section of backdrop wall adjacent to the open area and meeting room. Again, a single polarity loop.

*Buss wires are already pulled for both of these sections. Wiring drops are installed for much of both sections. A few easy terminal block connections are required, and we will have trains moving. The "Structures" guys have been placing a few grain elevators and other things on the layout, so there will be some scenery for visitors to enjoy during the open house.



*This will only be a **temporary** solution for the Train Show, but once it is running, we can relax and watch new members come through the front doors because they were impressed and want to be part of this club. To steal a quote: "Build it and they will come."

A second bit of news, one of the current club members has volunteered to become our "curator" (my word, not his) for our collection. He indicated that part of his past career could apply to our need to organize our collection, and is stepping up to take on that task. I'm going to let that announcement be opened at the October 5th business meeting, keeping you in suspense till then.

The trip to Chama was a success. BEAUTIFUL, beautiful, weather. Sunny with scattered clouds, warm, it was just a great trip. We met with the Am- arillo Railroad Museum folks on Thursday night for dinner, then we out to their club. WHAT A PLACE! And what a great bunch of guys! Their main line track work is 100% complete, and they probably have 75% of their yards, sidings and industrial spurs in place. To me, it is probably the best looking facility any model railroad club I have ever seen has. They should be proud of what they have accomplished.

That's all I have for this issue. I am off to northern Sweden on September 24th, returning on October 2. If I see any cool train stuff, I will be sure to take pictures.

Keep the greasy side down.

Clarence Zink

From The CDO's Pullman Car

On September 14, 2017, we participated in the annual North Texas Day of Giving. Your's truly arrived at Sundance Square at 7:30 am to sign in the Texas Western so that we could be eligible to win one of four \$2500.00 donations that were given by anonymous donors. Unfortunately, we didn't win, but they had some good coffee and breakfast burritos. I took some photos to share with you.



As of this printing our club received \$400.00 in direct donations and will receive a percentage of the overall non-direct donations given that day. Overall, our club came out ahead.

In other news, we've also submitted a grant request to the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS for our club. That response is pending so keep your fingers crossed.

Finally, keep your eyes on the planning for the Texas Western Train Show. It's our biggest fund raiser of the year so let's make sure that we have everyone's support to have the best show ever!



Mike Mackey

Cumbres & Toltec Memories 2017



(Above Left: Jerry talking to one of the docents of the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Tourist Railroad. John G. is walking towards my camera to the right of Jerry.

Middle Right: Dick and Anne take in the views from the open observation car with Jay.

Bottom Left: Ginny, Belinda & Kathy sitting in front of the depot while their husbands run around taking photo's before the train departs on our Saturday trip.)

OCTOBER 2017 BIRTHDAYS



John Skiba 10/15



Kevin Leddy 10/16



David Kranda 10/18



Mike Galligan 10/19



Johnny Skiba 10/25



Hutch Hinton 10/27



Clean UP Crew OCTOBER 2017

Darrell Cowles
John Garfield
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Kevin Leddy

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