

Clinics for the 2024 LSR Convention and the Greater Houston Train Show

Have you been “Fixing To” get started on the layout you’ve been planning for years, but don’t know where to start?

Well, here’s your chance to get on track!!

The **2024 Lone Star Region Convention** is being held in conjunction with the 2024 Greater Houston Train Show February 15-17, 2024, at the Pasadena Convention Center.

And our clinic theme is: “Don’t just set there...DO SOMETHING”

Our clinic schedule is packed with How-to Clinics for layout construction and detailing. In fact ALL of the clinics on Saturday, when we also have the Train Show attendees, will be How To clinics on Layout design, construction, scenery, and detailing.

A Partial List of Clinics includes:

1. ***Scenery for Beginners: Jeff Palmer, MMR***: Jeff will discuss how to build scenery for your layout the way you want it to be. Jeff will emphasize translating the vision into reality. We often filter out a lot of minor detail and Jeff will discuss adding back all the unnecessary details to create a realistic scene.
2. ***Setting the Scene: John Lowrance, MMR*** will discuss and show the scenic details that make the famous SAMRA (San Antonio Model Railroad Association) layout an amazing journey through Central Texas. The rock bottom streams with cypress trees (with the cypress knees), fields of Blue Bonnets, cotton gins and country general stores, perfectly set the scene for the Texas Hill Country and Central Texas that SAMRA models. Come find out the attention to detail and scenery techniques that went into creating this scenic masterpiece.

3. ***If it Ain't Dirty It Ain't done: Duane Richardson, MMR*** will discuss the need for weathering to make your models appear well used and prototypically worn. He will discuss the materials, applications, and techniques to accomplish realistic weathering. Come find out how to get that well-worn look on your models.
4. ***Keep Railroading Wired – Earn Your Electrical AP Certificate: Don Winn, MMR***: Many of you have probably completed most of the requirements for the Electrical AP certificate but didn't realize it. Don will talk about how to get credit for what you have done. He will also discuss tips and tricks to aid you in wiring a layout. The electrical wiring planning, detailed wiring diagrams and organized wiring cart make Don's electrical wiring the envy of those of us who have built a large layout without following his organized methods.
5. ***Roads of Different Types and Construction Techniques: Jeff Palmer, MMR***. From dirt country lanes to reinforced concrete highways, Jeff will discuss the types of roads, Construction materials, applicable locations on your layout. He will discuss the materials and tools needed and modeling techniques to create realistic roads and highways on your layout. This clinic goes well beyond the slapping on some brown, gray, or black paint to represent a road.
6. ***Backdrop Painting: Norma and Mike Brignac***: Norma gives a repeat performance of her backdrop painting class she presented several years ago at the Greater Houston Train Show. And it was a hit for all that attended. This is a hands-on clinic and foamboard and paints will be available to the first 20 attendees to sign up. Additional attendees are welcome to come, watch and learn. You will leave this clinic with far greater backdrop painting skill than you would ever imagine.
7. ***Setting the Scene: Gene Mangum***: Yes we have two clinics with the same name!! But they are both excellent. Gene models the Southern Pacific through the small towns in the Texas Hill County where he grew up. The industries and businesses in the small towns are realistically detailed

complete with accurate signing, dock details and vehicles. After a career in transportation engineering Gene's highway and roadway signs are completely accurate representations of the real thing.

8. ***Planning you Model Railroad: Craig Brantley***, the builder of a large O-scale and On3 railroad is planning another layout. It takes a lot more planning to accommodate O-Scale standard gauge steam then using HO snap track. Craig will discuss the planning for smooth operation, leaving room for realistic scenery and Prototype operations.

***More to come on the Prototype Clinics
AND additional Modeling Clinics!!***