

LSR Historian's Report

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We are continuing to assemble information on Longtime LSR members and well-known layouts. This has turned out to be a very involved but rewarding undertaking. So far we have a file on several well-known modelers and several famous layouts. We are pursuing leads on many more.

The next planned articles for publication are Larry Redmond and His Parallax Railroad and The Houston Society of Model Engineers.

Written to date are:

1. The ***Houston Society of Model Engineers*** with much help from former HSME President Art Borman.
2. The ***Houston, Smithville and Indian Territory*** layout of Fred Schmiedekind in Houston (Published in recent Marker Lamp).
3. The ***Parallax Railroad*** of Larry Redmond being prepared in cooperation with Randall Wilson and Rick White who were regular operators on the Parallax.
4. ***Stony Creek and Western of Gil and Virginia Freitag***- being prepared by Randall Wilson from the excellent private print book he did several years ago on the SC&W. This is actually a process of boiling down information and photos from Randall's private publication book and numerous articles published in the Derail on the 50th Anniversary of the SC&W.

Next up: Several famous layouts around the Lone Star Region are next in line:

1. ***The Texas & Rio Grande*** of Bill McClanahan,
2. ***The Marquette Union Terminal*** of Cliff Robinson. Both of these have been published in the hobby press so information and limited photos are available. James Peterson furnished informative feedback on these famous early Dallas layout owners as his father was active with these modelers and James knew these layout owners in his youth.
3. Bob Clark's ***Ironhead Timber Company*** - Chuck Lind will undertake this one with input from the narrow gauge/logging fraternity in the LSR.

Help needed: Several famous LSR layouts that are still up and running need in-depth documentation,

- The ***Texas Western*** in Fort Worth.
- ***The Cowtown Model Railroad Club*** (successor to the General Dynamics club layout).
- ***San Antonio Model Railroad Club (SAMRA)***- the lavishly detailed masterpiece in San Antonio.
- ***Texas Northern Model Railroad Club***.

- ***All Points North Model Railroad Club*** Conroe/North Houston Area.

And..... Based on my recent trip to the Plano Train Show, there are a lot of active clubs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, some with permanent layouts and some modular layouts, that need documentation. More to come!!!

Respectfully submitted,
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