

## Why join a club?

Home layouts take up a lot of room. You may not want to dedicate that much space in your house. Most home layouts are still too small to handle a real size train.

A club provides an opportunity to associate and learn from other experienced modelers.

## Why join this club?

The layout is large. Eighty car trains are common. The record is 209.

We have throttles for DC and DCC. You can run vintage trains along with the latest.

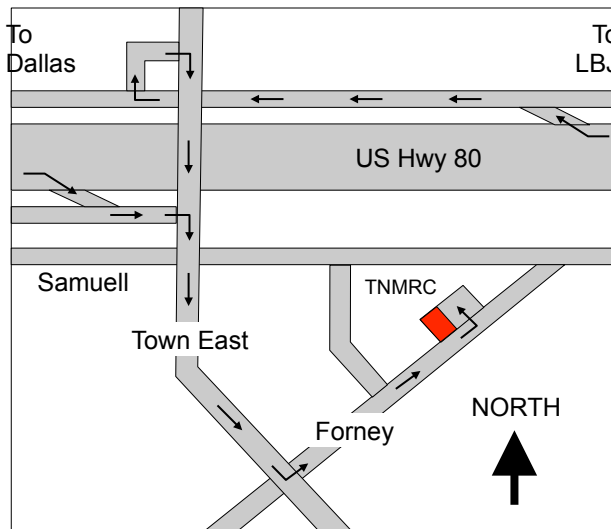
The layout is accessible to members all of the time. Members may run whenever they want. It is a great place to reduce stress.

The scenery is about 70% complete. There are plenty of opportunities to work on scenery and structures.

The membership is diverse. There are members at all levels from beginners to experts.

We are a member of the North Texas Council of Model Railroad Clubs. We participate at the annual train shows.

We have a comfortable lounge area with TV and lots of videos.



**3515 B Forney Ave.  
Mesquite, TX 75149  
(Dallas Mapsco page 49 area G)**

### Directions:

We are located about 10 miles East of downtown Dallas on US Hwy 80 between Town East Blvd. and LBJ 635

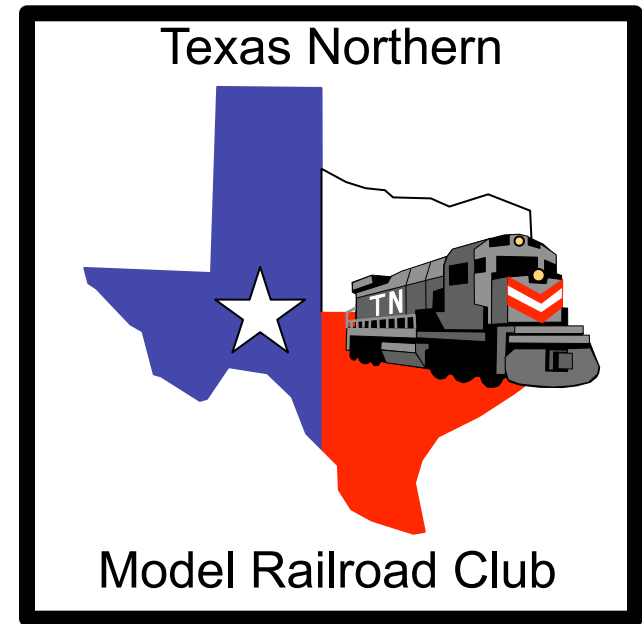
From US Hwy 80, exit Town East Blvd.  
Go South on Town East Blvd.  
Turn left on Forney Ave.  
We are located about ½ mile on the left.

Give us a call if you have questions.

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## MEMBERS WANTED!



## We are looking for new members!

Do you need a place to run your trains?

Is your home layout a 4 x 8 sheet of plywood?

Do you want to socialize with other model railroaders?

Do you just need a place to get away?

### You need to check us out.

We meet every Thursday night to run trains on one of the largest HO scale railroad layouts in North Texas.

We are easy to find. Just follow the directions on the back.

## The Layout

The layout covers an area of 3000 square feet. There are 2 independent main line tracks, each 246 feet long, with 28" minimum radius. At scale speed a train takes almost 4 minutes to complete the loop. A separate mountain route passes through tunnels and across bridges. A network of industrial tracks serves the spurs and sidings.

Each of the 4 track systems may be selected for DC or DCC power. You can run a vintage DC engine on one track while running a modern sound decoder equipped DCC engine on another track. The DC and DCC systems both utilize wireless throttles. The DC system is Crest (Aristocraft), and the DCC system is EasyDCC by CVP.



*A Union Pacific freight takes the mountain route*

Our layout started life back in 1982 as a portable modular layout. Over time it has grown to its present size. It is no longer portable. We have had several homes around Dallas. We moved to our present location in Mesquite in 2001. It is in a warehouse next to the freeway with plenty of well lit parking. The rent and expenses are funded by monthly dues. We keep our membership around 50.



*A Santa Fe passenger train under the overpass*

Areas of the layout represent different eras and locations. That allows us to enjoy a variety of scenery, vehicles, and details. There is no restriction on the types of trains that we run. Steam freights and modern double stacks are both at home here.



*A steam locomotive crosses the mountain bridge*

There are several areas of interest on the layout:

- City of Springfield with cemetery
- Suburban passenger station
- Steam locomotive servicing facility
- Steel mill with separate coke facility
- Union Station passenger terminal
- Refinery with lights and burn-off tube
- Grass fire
- Caterpillar dealer
- Roadway warehouse
- Grain elevator complex
- Diesel locomotive servicing facility
- Intermodal yard full of containers
- Mountain town with logging operation
- Route 66 rural town
- Meat packing facility