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Chapter Meeting

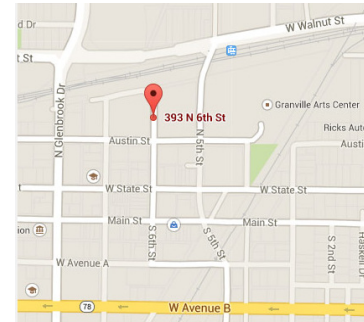
Tues. Jan. 5, 2016 – Garland Railroad Museum

When 7 pm meet 'n' greet. 7:30 pm meeting.
Where Garland Railroad Museum, 393 N. Sixth Street,
 Garland, Texas 75040. 972/205-2996

<http://www.garlandhistorical.org/contact/map-to-museum>

Program: Chapter election. Member 'show n tell'.

Location:



Special Features

Merry Christmas and Happy 2016 to All Members



I hope you like this classic picture of 6 switcher engines from the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad in Galveston, Texas. Ah wasn't the steam era great?! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members and we look forward to an even better year for our club next year.

Thank you for being members. Jon Shea

Vintage TER Interurban Photograph of Dallas

by Jon Shea

This is one of the interurban photos from the Johnny J. Myers collection. It is property of the Plano Interurban Museum, and was preserved with the assistance of the North Texas Chapter. It portrays a northbound Texas Electric Railroad car in downtown Dallas.





Ring in 2016 Safely with DART

For the first time, the Original Light Beer is partnering with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and Andrews Distributing to help ring in the New Year safely. Miller Lite Free Rides® will be available on all DART buses and trains and Trinity Railway Express (TRE) trips between CentrePort/DFW Airport Station and Union Station beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 31.

"We're excited to bring our flagship Free Rides program to the Dallas community," said Gene Giron, Responsibility Initiatives Manager for MillerCoors. "Our new partnership with DART is part of MillerCoors overall commitment to help prevent drunk driving by bringing alcohol responsibility programs to more markets. Working together, Miller Lite, DART and Andrews Distributing will ensure people have a great time this New Years Eve and get home safely."

DART bus and rail service and TRE trains will operate on their regular weekday schedules. In addition, a special westbound TRE train will depart Victory Station 20 minutes after the conclusion of the Dallas Stars-Nashville Predators game at American Airlines Center. Specific route and schedule information is available at DART.org.

"DART is a safe and convenient option for getting around the Dallas area, and we're proud to partner with Miller Lite to further incentivize the community to take a Free Ride on New Year's Eve," said Gary Thomas, President/Executive Director for Dallas Area Rapid Transit. "We hope people will take advantage of the free service and leave the driving to us."

"As a member of the Dallas community for nearly 40 years, Andrews Distributing is proud to partner with Miller Lite and DART to ensure everyone has a happy, safe and responsible New Year's Eve," said David Holt, Andrews Distributing Vice President of Brand Building.

Since its inception 28 years ago, the Miller Lite Free Rides program has provided safe rides to more than 5 million people in 21 cities across the country. This New Years Eve, Free Rides will also be offered in Chicago; Denver; Duluth and the Twin Cities Minnesota; Milwaukee, Madison and Green Bay, Wisconsin; Nashville, Tennessee; and Phoenix.

For more information, visit MillerLiteFreeRides.com.

(Source: 12/7/15, Dallas Area Rapid Transit press release at <http://www.dart.org/news/news.asp?ID=1219>)

Dallas Area Train Show, Plano, Jan. 16-17, 2016

January 16-17th, 2016, the Dallas area Train Show will be held at the Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, Texas. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31); see map at <http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/>.

- Hours Saturday, 10am-5pm and Sunday, 10am-4pm.
- Admission \$8.00 per person. Children 12 and under are FREE.
- There will be two full days of clinics.
- Many home layouts will be on tour.

For more information or if you would like your layout added to the Dallas area tour contact Chris Atkins at chris@railroadmodelers.com Source: North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs, <http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/>

NRHS News

Annual RailCamp Offers Railroad Opportunities to Teenagers

LOCKPORT, NY. 12/14/2015 – The National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) has announced the dates for its 2016 RailCamp. The annual RailCamp program offers a unique railroading opportunity to high school students, providing hands-on training in one of America's oldest and most important industries.

RailCamp is an educational experience designed to teach students about 21st century railroad operations, dispatching, and maintenance while providing a simultaneous experience in the early history of U.S. railroads in the development and settlement of our country.

Students will learn both modern and historic elements of America's most vital transportation mode, including how diesel, electric, and steam locomotives function, how track is built and maintained, and how early freight and passenger cars were constructed. With a focus on the ways in which revolutionary technical changes in modern railroading affect today's business, students will participate in railroad operations, interact with railroaders, learn about preservation techniques, experience railroad history, obtain career opportunities, and work with real railroad equipment.

Two different camp opportunities are offered during the summer months:

- **June 26 – July 2, 2016, RailCamp East, Newark, Delaware** – Amtrak will host students at its High-Speed Rail Training Facility and National Operations Center in Wilmington, DE. Campers will also spend two days in Strasburg, PA at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania and the Strasburg Rail Road.



- **July 31 – August 7, 2016, RailCamp Northwest**, Tacoma, Washington – Students will visit Amtrak’s King Street Station in Seattle, WA and its adjacent maintenance facility. Campers will also visit the operations center of Tacoma Municipal Belt Line (Tacoma Rail), The Northwest Railway Museum at Snoqualmie, WA, and the Mount Rainier Scenic Railroad at Mineral, WA. Additional time will be spent at Seattle’s Sound Transit commuter rail facility.

The program is open to high school boys and girls who are currently freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors (class of 2016). Individuals who enter their freshman year in 2016 will also be eligible to participate. Applicants do not have to be NRHS members to attend. For more information or to apply, please visit the NRHS’s website at www.nrhs.com/program/railcamp. RailCamp NRHS, P.O. Box 1481, Lockport, NY 14095, Ph. 716.434.5665 Email: RailCampNRHS@yahoo.com web: www.nrhs.com/program/railcamp

North Texas Rail and Chapter News

2016 Chapter Election

North Texas Chapter 2016 Slate of Candidates

Jerry Nunn, nominations chair, provides this list of candidates for the 2016 Chapter Election to be held at the January 5, 2016 meeting. President – Wayne Smith; VP Programs – Jon Shea; VP Trips & Events – Skip Waters; VP Communications – Valli Hoski; Treasurer – Jim King; Secretary – Dave Gramm. **To vote in the election, you must be current in your 2016 dues (paid up by the election date).**

December 2015 Holiday Party

by Wayne Smith, Chapter President and Jon Shea, VP Programs

We were pleased that our friend Robert Haynes from the Plano Interurban Museum attended the banquet. He told us about what is going on at the museum including an exhibit about Nikola Tesla, one of the inventors of using electricity and how his work affected Interurban railways. That exhibit is scheduled to begin in February. He also invited us to have a meeting again at the museum next year. Jimmy Barlow won the contest on wheel arrangements and Dave tied with another of our friendly partiers on Lingos of the Rail. Bob Kennedy won second place on both contests.

2015 National and Chapter Dues

by Jim King, Chapter Treasurer

North Texas Chapter NRHS 2016 Dues Notice

For your convenience, the North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will be accepting payment of both chapter and national NRHS dues. We will forward your national dues directly to the NRHS office and verify that your membership information is updated in the national membership database. We provide two means for payment: (1) by mailing a check to our chapter address listed below, or (2) by using the chapter’s on-line store at <https://northtexaschapternrhs.ecwid.com> with either a credit card or a PayPal account. There is a 3% convenience fee incorporated into the on-line price. [Note: If you pay national dues in another chapter, you may elect to pay “Chapter Only” dues.] Thank you for your support! *Jim King, Treasurer, North Texas Chapter, northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com*

<u>Membership</u>	<u>By Check</u>	<u>On-Line Store</u>
National and Chapter, Individual	\$66.00	\$68.00
National and Chapter, Family (of 2)	\$75.00	\$77.25
Chapter Only, Individual	\$16.00	\$16.50
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If paying by check, make check payable to: North Texas Chapter NRHS, P O Box 600304, Dallas TX 75360

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2015.

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North Texas Chapter History

Founded and chartered in 1996, the North Texas Chapter is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) educational organization incorporated under the laws of the state of Texas. Emphasis of the chapter is activity, history, and enjoyment of railroading past and present. Meetings are held 7:30-10:00 PM, first Tuesday of each month, usually (but not always) at the Grapevine “Founders Building” at Main St. and the FWWR railroad



tracks. Visitors and newcomers are welcome. Chapter membership includes our monthly chapter newsletter, the *North Texas Zephyr*. As of October 2014, chapter dues (\$16, plus \$2 per additional family member) should be sent to the Chapter. Chapter mailing address: North Texas Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 600304, Dallas, Texas 75360. National organization 2015 dues are paid to the NRHS directly. Learn about the National Railway Historical Society at www.nrhs.com

North Texas Calendar

Tues. Jan. 5, 2016. *North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location:* Garland Railroad Museum, 200 Museum Dr. Garland, Texas. (972) 205-2749. **Program:** Annual Chapter Election. Member Show and Tell.

2016 Chapter Meeting Dates

Tues. Jan. 5, 2016	Tues. April 5, 2016	Tues. July 5, 2016	Tues. Oct. 4, 2016
Tues. Feb. 2, 2016	Tues. May 4, 2016	Tues. Aug. 2, 2016	Tues. Nov. 1, 2016
Tues. March 1, 2016	Tues. June 7, 2016	Tues. Sept. 6, 2016	Tues. Dec. 6, 2016

** Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Location is confirmed in newsletter issue(s) prior to meeting month.

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