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Chapter Meeting

Tues. Feb. 2, 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: Photo CD made by Pat Coughlin. MKT Steam, Early Diesels, Dallas Area Inspection.

Location:



Special Features

2016 Dallas Area Train Show, Plano

by Jerry Nunn (content and photo credit Jerry Nunn)

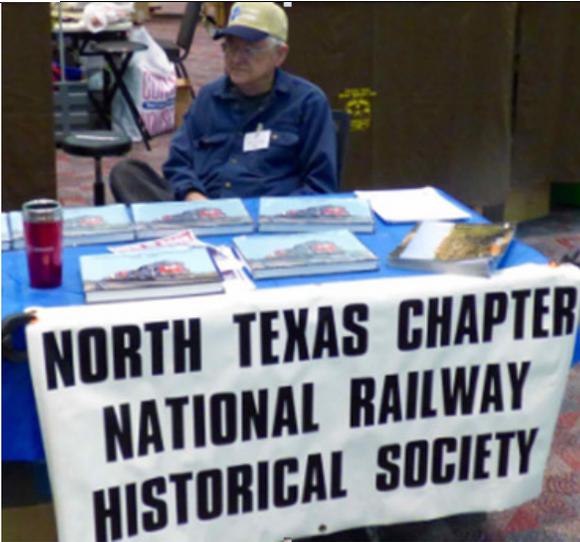
At the 2016 Plano Train Show, the North Texas Chapter NRHS manned a table to provide a means to sell our book "Southern Pacific Eastern Lines". In addition, the BNSF Railway generously supplied us with 700 of their 2016 calendars to give away. Some members also brought posters and books that could be purchased for a nominal donation the Chapter. Overall, the effort was a success. A total of eleven books were sold retail, and three more were wholesaled to a hobby shop for later resale. Needless to say, all 700 of the BNSF calendars were taken.



Above: Claude Doane puts out another stack of BNSF calendars. Most of the time someone would only occasionally stop by to get a calendar. But when a public announcement was made about the free calendars, there was a run on them.



Right: "Southern Pacific Eastern Lines" author Dave Bernstein, a retired BNSF dispatcher, also paid a visit and was available to autograph any books sold.



Above: Chapter table with Jeff Phelps.



Above: Jeff Phelps (in the conductor's hat) and Claude Doane make a sale.



Above left and right: Skip and trackless trains at the Plano Train Show.

Update: BNSF 9647

by Jerry Nunn (content and photo credit Jerry Nunn)

Have you ever wondered what happened to the BNSF 9647? As you may recall, this engine was a guinea pig in an experiment to produce a paint scheme to represent the newly created merger of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railways. Unfortunately, the result was a hideous clash of colors, so monstrous that the locomotive was tagged with the moniker "war vomit" or "vomit bonnet".



Fast forward to the present. On November 25, I got a photo of the 9647 in Ft. Worth leading a northbound coal train. It is now just another BNSF engine in H3 colors.



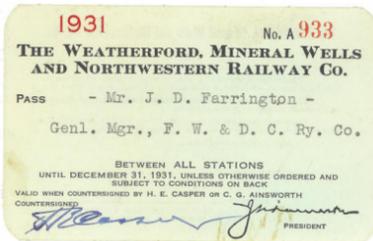
Jon's History Finds

by Jon Shea, VP Programs

Here are several items I picked up at the Plano Train Show, January 2016.

The Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern Railway once ran from Weatherford to Mineral Wells and then on to Graford, TX. Much of it is now a hike and bike trail connected with Lake Mineral Wells State Park.

Below: Note the pass is made out to the GM of our president Wayne Smith's favorite railroad, the Fort Worth and Denver City.



Middle and right: The KATY Timetable dated May 10, 1917, one month after the U.S. entered World War I.



NRHS News

NRHS 2015 Member Update

Submitted by Al Weber, NRHS President

My personal thanks for your 2015 support of the NRHS, and continuing assistance for 2016. We have had and continue to meet challenges in getting the NRHS back on track. As I mentioned last year, it will take a few years for the NRHS to be stable and growing. In 2015 we enjoyed many successes and faced many problems. All NRHS officers and committee volunteers are owed my deepest gratitude. Our officers put many hours in per week. The good work of our volunteers continues to bring us forward towards stronger times. I cannot thank you and them enough.

The 2015 convention in Rutland, Vermont went well, under the leadership of Bart Jennings and Walter Zullig. Our gratitude goes out to them for outstanding work well done.

As a key NRHS signature program, RailCamp focuses on attracting young people to the NRHS and railroading hobby. In 2015, two RailCamps were successfully operated. The time, effort and dedication of a large group of volunteers make RailCamps possible. We owe them recognition and acknowledgement for excellent work.

Quality publications are a vital part of the NRHS. They are a key membership benefit that provides essential outreach and information for our members. In 2015, NRHS publications improved robustly, providing quality, informative articles and news on a predictable, timely basis. Jeff Smith, at the helm of the NRHS Bulletin, provides creative collaboration among writers and photographers, and a clear vision to produce a high-quality, visually impressive, informative journal. Charles Williams manages our Facebook Page and steers the NRHS News, a bimonthly publication with timely news, photographs and member contributions. As editor of the NRHS Telegraph, Valli Hoski provides periodic updates on key events, programs and committees of the NRHS.

As 2015 draws to a close, NRHS has some cash in the bank (not much but some). An outside audit is now completed for the 2014 NRHS and NRHS Fund, Inc. financial books.

Looking ahead to 2016, the importance of your volunteer help is still essential to complete needed work and keep the NRHS moving forward. The upcoming Board of Directors' election will need to fill one half of the current positions. Volunteers are needed as camp counselors, the treasurer for the 2016 convention, and people to help with the membership program. For the most part, volunteer positions take a few hours per week, and provide essential support in ensuring the NRHS can preserve railroad history. To volunteer or to learn how you can help, please contact Al Weber at aweber@nrhs.com.

In 2016, publications will expand. A second NRHS News editor is needed so to help bring out more issues next year. The NRHS News will have 2 print editions in addition to the 6 electronic editions. The NRHS Bulletin will also have 2 issues.

Thank you again for your support and commitment to NRHS throughout 2015 and 2016. The officers truly could not do the job without you. The strength, commitment and loyalty of the NRHS members are essential to the success of the NRHS, its projects and publications. (Source: NRHS Telegraph, December 2015 issue.)



NRHS 2016 Convention, Denver Schedule and Trips Announced

Submitted by John H. Goodman, National Convention Chair

Preliminary convention schedule, trips and meetings were announced in late December, 2015. Trip / ticket pricing, schedule at a glance, and further information is expected to be announced in the February, 2016 issue of the *NRHS News*.

Chapter News

2016 Chapter Election Results

Jerry Nunn, nominations chair, announces the 2016 results from the January 5, 2016 Chapter Election

President – Wayne Smith; VP Programs – Jon Shea; VP Trips & Events – Skip Waters; VP Communications – Valli Hoski; Treasurer – Jim King; Secretary – Dave Gramm.

Chapter Technology Report

by Kim Hays, Chapter Webmaster

The North Texas Chapter website is updated with the following changes and services

1. Home Page: includes a smaller book graphic with link to Store, and links to the North Texas Zephyr chapter newsletter in PDF format. The latest issue will be added each month.
2. Store: includes Category links for Books and Membership Dues.
3. Club Officers: consists of most recent election results, required membership status to vote, and a link to the 2016 Membership Dues Notice message.
4. Membership: combines all membership forms and dues payment into a single location, with links to the 2016 Membership Dues Notice, and the Chapter's Membership Application (in downloadable PDF format). Dues may be paid online through the website store by using the "Submit Membership Dues Online" link.
5. Gallery: contains Meeting and Special Events Albums. Albums are organized by year (2015, 2016) and Special Events.
6. News: includes current and upcoming events notices.

Thanks to Jim King for his great Home page suggestions and for establishing the Membership Dues product pages in the website store.

Please give these changes a look, and I welcome any suggestions/corrections you may have. Thanks! Best - Kim

Update: 2016 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
Chapter Only, Family (of 2)	\$18.00	\$18.75

If paying by check, make check payable to: North Texas Chapter NRHS, P O Box 600304, Dallas TX 75360

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, November 3, 2015

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: November 3, 2015.

Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas.

The membership meeting was held at the Sokol Hall in Dallas, TX. President Wayne Smith was unable to attend, so VP Programs Jon Shea called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with 14 members in attendance.

The monthly meeting was held at the Grapevine Founder's Building in Grapevine, TX. President Wayne Smith called our meeting to order at 7:35pm. with 11 members present. Also on hand was the president of the Texas Western Model RR Club, Daryl Cowles, who became a member tonight, and Don Hays, spouse of our web master Kim Hinton Hays. Wayne welcomed all the attendees and announced that The Cowcatcher magazine has come out with its annual survey issue on best train watching locations. He asked all members to participate in the survey and vote for their best railfan activity including our own '24 Hours at Saginaw' for best rail event.

VP Programs Jon Shea gave an update on current events. The Galveston rail museum printed an article on the 'First Responders Express', an emergency train designed to pull all of their museum equipment out of Galveston in the event of another hurricane. Both BNSF and UP have donated equipment and funds to help with this endeavor. Jon also showed the latest Katy Historical Society issue which highlighted the Sedalia Subdivision and featured several stations including the Windsor, MO and Sherman, TX stations and another article on an MKT caboose restoration project.

He announced that the chapter's December Christmas Dinner has been moved to Babe's Frisco location from the previously announced Carrollton location due to a communications mix-up. Same date and time as before, Dec 1 at 7:00pm.

The January meeting will be held at here at the Grapevine Founder's Building and will feature the officer elections and member show and tell as the program.



VP Trips & Events/National Director Skip Waters reported on National news. Our local chapter has decided to not host the fall 2016 conference but host a 2017 conference instead. If the Spring meeting, it would be in late March or April or May. If Fall then in early November. The summer meeting will be during the convention in Colorado so that is out. More info to follow.

Skip reported for Treasurer Jim King that the chapter has sold a little over 400 books so far. The Cowtown train show is in two weeks and the OKC train show will happen the first weekend of December. The Plano Winter train show will be on Jan 16-17 and the chapter will have a sale table to promote the book there.

Skip reported that National dues will be billed via 'Amelia' and email starting in the next week or so. If you receive an email from 'Amelia' don't mark it as spam as it is legit. Members can renew online using the 'Amelia' link or you can send a check or go to 'NRHS.com' and renew there.

He also reported the annual national convention will be held in Denver on July 19-24, 2016 and outlined some of the proposed rail trips being planned. A full list of events will be published on the NRHS web site shortly. The 2016 budget was adopted and he reported that for the first time in many years, we are operating in the black.

Secretary Dave Gramm gave a report on the Plano September show as the chapter council rep Dave Podhrasky was not able to attend. While the show was not as well attended as we would have liked due to 1) it being the first Fall show, 2) during the opening weekend of the State Fair, 3) race weekend at TMS, 4) exceptionally warm weather that had people outside doing things vs. inside, the show still made money and we anticipate the January show to be much better.

Skip also reported the Southfork Hotel had been sold. It will continue as a hotel but the new owners are planning on demolishing the existing conference and banquet center portion and building additional hotel rooms instead. We will be looking for a new home for the annual Slide and Video Show by this January.

Member Jerry Nunn showed the new track plan for the Alliance rail yard realignment.

We ended the evening with the annual member auction and White Elephant sale where approximately \$210 was raised.

Dave Gramm, Secretary

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2016

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: January 5, 2016. Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas.

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The monthly meeting was held at the Grapevine Founder's Building in Grapevine, TX. President Wayne Smith called our meeting to order at 7:40pm. with 10 members present. He commented on an article in the NARP (National Assoc. Rail Passengers) news on the Texas Bullet Train being proposed. A rendering of the proposed train was depicted along with the commentary.

VP Trips & Events/National Director Skip Waters reported on National news. 'Amelia' is our cloud-based membership management program.

Headquarters personnel are currently doing their best to make it work without errors. Its cost is \$250/month vs. \$15K/month cost from Fernley & Fernley and it has allowed us to remain in the black through the end of the year. Currently, there are 4 ways to renew; 1) via Amelia, 2) the NRHS web site, 3) by mail, 4) through the local chapter. We want to cut that back to 2 ways to make more manageable. Skip also commented on the annual directory's demise. When the board decided to cut costs, the directory printing was eliminated in favor of an online version. The board has realized its mistake and is looking at ways to remedy the situation.

Treasurer Jim King reported he had shipped 3 more books last week and total sales are around 480 books so far, not bad considering we haven't had a major sales promotion yet. We will have a sales table at the Plano Winter Train Show next week. Skip asked for volunteers to work the sales table and 6 members signed up to help. He will have a display board made promoting the book for use at the show. He also announced that the January Slide show would take place at the former Southfork hotel since they have not yet begun demolition work there. We will still need a home for the Slide show come next fall as the conference center will be no more by then.

VP Programs Jon Shea reported on a story he had uncovered on the Cambodia Bamboo trains. They are a legacy of the French colonial times and actual trains are almost non-existent with only 1 line in active service. He also showed a UP document from their museum showing photographs of UP's history through their Heritage Fleet.

Jon asked for input from the members on future meeting locations. Next month we will meet in Garland at the railroad museum, but in March we will go back to Grapevine and pay the \$59 meeting fee newly imposed.

Skip remarked that this year our chapter will have several events on tap. This will be the 20th anniversary of the chapter as well as the 20th anniversary of RailSpot and we will have a special event at '24 Hours at Saginaw' this year as well. He also read a list of the published tours that will be offered during the National convention, July 19-24, 2016 in Stapleton, CO (Denver suburb). Registration will open online in Mid-January.

Wayne reported that former chapter member and VP Communications Dale Wilken sent Holiday Greetings to all the chapter members. He is doing well and we miss him.

Nominations chair Jerry Nunn reported the slate of officers for the 2016 year. All current officers have announced they would run for office again. President – Wayne Smith, VP Programs – Jon Shea, VP Trips & Events – Skip Waters, VP Communications – Valli Hoski, Treasurer – Jim King, Secretary – Dave Gramm.

Wayne opened the floor for additional nominations. A motion was made by Claude Doane to close nominations and elect the slate by acclamation. Motion seconded by Bob Kennedy and carried. All the current officers were congratulated on their re-election and Jerry took pictures of the new board officers. Treasurer Jim King reported on the cost of printing the newsletter each month for 8 members using the current vendor. Discussion was held on how to handle those members in the future. Jim will send a letter to those members outlining the problems and ask them if they still need a hard copy of the newsletter vs. an on-line digital copy. He reported we currently have approximately 25 paid up members so far this year with more to be coming in during the month.



Member show and tell brought numerous items to look at. Jon Shea displayed an MKT hand fan from the TX Centennial, a Katy lines calendar from 1948, a Texas Bluebonnet ink blotter (the Texas Bluebonnet was a joint Frisco/Katy passenger train), a rail pass from the St. Louis Southwestern Railway in 1927, a Katy Texas Special train brochure, a Cotton Belt (St. Louis Southwestern) coaster from the lounge car and a Missouri Pacific Rocky Mountain National Park Guide.

Bob Kennedy displayed a 1981 Katy calendar and a 1970 booklet titled 'The Opening of the Great Southwest' detailing the history of the Katy during their centennial anniversary. He also brought a pictorial of UP steam engine 3206, a Pacific type 4-6-2 that is under restoration in Spokane, WA., outlining its removal from a park and transport to the fairgrounds where it is currently displayed; builder pictures of an Alco PA-1 from 1946, a Rock Island Bad Order car card, an ATSF Baggage Check, a Uniform Code of Operating Rule for the Rock Island in 1950, a Freedom Train booklet titled 'Good Citizen' on the rights and duties of an American, a railway Equipment Register for April 1972, and a coin commemorating the FT103, the diesel that replaced the steam engine.

Skip Waters reported one of his trackless train sets and its box trailer were stolen during the holidays. The train was recovered in Ennis several weeks later after a TV news article about its theft and a description were aired. It was dumped in a field. The trailer is still missing but the train is back home with only minor damages. He also displayed a VHS tape of 'The Great Locomotive Chase' which occurred during the Civil War. The 'Texas' and the 'General' were the two engines involved in the chase. He showed a copy of the original movie poster and commented that Aristocraft's model of the 'Texas' and the movie poster show the engine with 3 domes on the boiler but other pictures show the engine with only two domes.

Edwin Pegelow brought a brass model helium car from Pecos River Brass. It was modeled after the cars used at the helium plant in Amarillo, TX. Dave Gramm, Secretary

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2015.

- **President, Wayne Smith**, 940-300-4407.
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- **Treasurer, Jim King**, jgking@swbell.net

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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. February 2, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: 393 N. Sixth Street, Garland, Texas 75040. 972/205-2996. Program: Photo CD made by Pat Coughlin. MKT Steam, Early Diesels, Dallas Area Inspection.
Tues. March 1, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founder's Building, Grapevine, Texas. Program: to be announced.
Tues. April 5, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Plano Interurban Museum, Plano, Texas. Program: New exhibit on Nikola Tesla and how his adventures and discoveries affected electric railroads and update on other new projects at the museum.

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.



New Southern Pacific Book – Sponsored by North Texas Chapter!

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Announcing a new book published by the North Texas Chapter, NRHS
written by David M. Bernstein!

Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines 1946 - 1996

Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines 1946-1996

Written by David M. Bernstein, former Southern Pacific train dispatcher and officer, this 400 page book is illustrated with color and black & white photographs and numerous maps. It is the definitive guide to the operation and history of S.P. Lines in Texas and Louisiana from the end of World War II until the Union Pacific merger.

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