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Chapter Meeting

Tues. February 7, 2017 –Santa Fe Depot, Garland, Texas.

Program Awards Ceremony. *The Battle Up Sherman Hill.*
When 7 pm meet 'n' greet. 7:30 pm meeting.
Where Location: Garland Santa Fe Depot, 393 N. 6th Street,
 Garland, Texas. (972) 205-2996.



More information:
http://www.garlandtx.gov/gov/hk/heritage_crossing/landmark_museum.asp

Special Features & Announcements

2017 Chapter Officers

by Dave Gramm, 2016 Chapter Secretary

At the December meeting, five candidates were elected chapter office by acclamation. One office (VP Trips and Events) was not filled due to lack of a candidate.

- **President** – Wayne Smith
- **VP Programs** – Jon Shea
- **VP Trips & Events** – vacant
- **VP Communications** – Valli Hoski
- **Treasurer** – Jim King
- **Secretary** – Jerry Nunn

“24 Hours at Saginaw” and Cowcatcher Magazine ‘Gold Rail Award’

by Wayne Smith, President, North Texas Chapter, NRHS

“24 Hours at Saginaw” is held annually on the Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The Saginaw Depot is located on a major interchange for three UP and BNSF subs. It is owned and operated by the Chamber of Commerce and in recent years, we became a member of the chamber.

Several years ago, there used to be a one day train show in Fort Worth, TX on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. For people that traveled from out of town for the one day train show, “24 Hours at Saginaw” was created by the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS to make it a weekend full of railroading. The event had been so successful and such a tradition, that “24 Hours at Saginaw” continued when the train show was discontinued. We have clinics and presentations every hour for 24 hours. We offer a silent auction on Friday and then another on Saturday. We have lots of donations and offer multiple door prizes throughout the event that includes railroad memorabilia and railroad gear such as hats and t-shirts. We have had photo night shoots and other activities as well. Any proceeds from the auction go into a fund for our railway preservation program.

Best Rail Special Event for 2009 (5 State Area)

1. “Trinity River Exchange”, LSR Convention/NMRA
2. “24 Hours at Saginaw”, North Texas Chapter/NRHS

Best Railfanning Spot for 2009 (5 State Area)

1. Saginaw Depot, Saginaw TX
2. Texas & Pacific Depot, Marshall, TX

Best Rail Special Event for 2010 (6 State Area)

1. “24 Hours at Saginaw”, North Texas Chapter/NRHS
2. “Railfest 2010”, Texas State Railroad, Palestine, TX



Best Railfanning Spot for 2010 (6 State Area)

1. Saginaw Depot, Saginaw TX
2. Railroad & Heritage Museum, Temple, TX

Best Rail Special Event for 2011 (6 State Area)

1. "24 Hours at Saginaw", North Texas Chapter/NRHS
2. "Railfest 2011", Texas State Railroad, Palestine, TX

Best Railfanning Spot for 2011 (6 State Area)

1. Saginaw Depot, Saginaw TX
2. Tie: a. Railroad Photo Pavilion, Flatonia, TX
b. Texas & Pacific Depot, Marshall, TX

Best Rail Special Event for 2012 (6 State Area)

1. Union Pacific 844 Tour, Region
2. "24 Hours at Saginaw", North Texas Chapter/NRHS

Best Railfanning Spot for 2012 (6 State Area)

1. Saginaw Depot, Saginaw TX
2. Texas & Pacific Depot, Marshall, TX

Best Rail Special Event for 2013 (9 State Area)

1. Union Pacific Big Boy Move, Frisco, TX
2. "24 Hours at Saginaw", North Texas Chapter/NRHS

Best Railfanning Spot for 2013 (9 State Area)

1. Union Station, Kansas City, MO
2. Saginaw Depot, Saginaw, TX

Best Rail Special Event for 2014 (11 State Area)

1. "24 Hours at Saginaw", North Texas Chapter/NRHS
2. National Narrow Gauge Convention, Overland Park, KS

Best Railfanning Spot for 2014 (11 State Area)

1. Saginaw Depot, Saginaw, TX
2. Union Station, Kansas City, MO

Best Rail Special Event for 2015 (13 State Area)

1. "24 Hours at Saginaw", North Texas Chapter/NRHS
2. Railfest, North Platte, NE

Best Railfanning Spot for 2015 (13 State Area)

1. Saginaw Depot, Saginaw, TX
2. Union Station, Kansas City, MO

Best Rail Special Event for 2016 (13 State Area)

1. "24 Hours at Saginaw", North Texas Chapter/NRHS
2. LSR/NMRA Convention – Arlington, TX

Best Railfanning Spot for 2016 (13 State Area)

1. Saginaw Depot, Saginaw, TX
2. Union Station, Kansas City, MO

Chapter News

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, January 3, 2017.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: January 3, 2017.

The January 2017 meeting was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at SOKOL Hall in Dallas, TX.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. There were seven in attendance. He thanked all for attending in light of the fact that many were still out of town on holiday vacation. Wayne asked for all members to take a minute and remember Darrell Cowles, who is recovering from cancer surgery and not doing as well as expected during his recovery. Darrell is the president of the Texas Western Model RR club and an NRHS NTX chapter member. Wayne asked for those who could to call or send cards in support of Darrell's speedy recovery and supplied his email address, 'ceo@twmrc.org' and home address, Darrell & Belinda Cowles, 6509 Bernadine Drive, Watauga, TX 76148.



Wayne brought a recent copy of 'Railfan & Railroad' highlighting railroad artists including John Winfield, giving his story and showing some of his artwork. John is a long-time member of the chapter and his wife, Elaine helps out at '24 Hours @ Saginaw'. Congratulations, John!

Wayne also brought the newest 'Cow Catcher' magazine holding the results of the annual reader's poll. Our annual chapter event, '24 Hours @ Saginaw', again took top honors for 'Best Rail Special Event'. Saginaw also won 1st place for 'Best Railfanning Spot', beating out KC's Union Station.

He finished by reporting that our annual Christmas party had 13 attendees and that everyone except himself and Skip won a door prize. All reported having a great time.

VP-Programs Jon Shea announced the February 7, 2017 meeting will be held at the Garland Santa Fe Depot Museum. All members are encouraged to attend, as there will be an award ceremony as part of the program. Future meeting places have not been determined at this time. Jon is also working with the DeGolyer Library for a future visit now that the construction is completed, and curator Robert Haines at the Plano Interurban Museum has asked us back.

Jon showed off the Galveston Rail Museum's monthly newsletter, and an older copy of 'Classic Trains' that had a color pictorial on the old streetcars that ran between Dallas and Waco.

Secretary Dave Gramm reported on the upcoming train show in Plano on Jan 21-22, 2017 and reported the chapter would have a sales table available to sell our book from. Members were asked to volunteer some time to manage the table while attending the show and also to work the few hours the chapter was assigned.

VP-Trips & Events Skip Waters reported the National Convention schedule has been set. The convention will be held in Nashville, TN and the Nashville Airport Hotel is the convention site. Brochures are ready for printing. Most events have been decided on, but prices have not been set. The next board meeting is in Delaware in the spring, and then at the convention. Skip reported the annual slide shows we sponsor, in conjunction with the Plano train shows, needs a new home. The Southfork Hotel has been sold and the meeting rooms are no longer available. He suggested a restaurant, 'Taco Joint' (tacojoint.com) on the SW corner of Beltline and US75 (Central Expressway) which has a large back room. We can rent it from 6-10pm for \$200 deposit, offset by total food purchases by attendees. Edwin Pegelow made a motion to hold the slide show at 'Taco Joint' and for Treasurer Jim King to supply a \$200 check to Skip for the deposit. Motion seconded by Jerry Nunn and was unanimously carried.

Secretary Dave Gramm read the Nominations Committee slate of officers he received from Jerry Nunn, the Nominations chair, in lieu of Jerry, since Jerry is running for office. The current slate of candidates for office for 2017 is:

- President – Wayne Smith
- VP Programs – Jon Shea
- VP Trips & Events – No candidates
- VP Communications – Valli Hoski
- Treasurer – Jim King
- Secretary – Jerry Nunn

There were no additional nominations from the floor. Dave Gramm made a motion to close nominations and elect the slate of officers presented by **acclamation**. Motion was seconded by Skip Waters and was carried unanimously. All the officers were congratulated for stepping up to run for office.

Program was a videotape provided by Edwin Pegelow titled 'UP Steam-3985 Challenger pulling the Missouri River Eagle' from N. Platte, NB to St. Louis, MO and back.

Submitted by Dave Gramm, Secretary (2016)



Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2017.

- **President, Wayne Smith**, 940-300-4407.
- **Vice President/Programs, Jon Shea**, 972-948-2413.
- **Vice President/Trips and Events, Skip Waters**,
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- **Vice President/Communications, and NTZ editor,**
Valli Hoski, ntx.news@yahoo.com
- **Secretary, Jerry Nunn**
- **Treasurer, Jim King**, jkking@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. Learn about the National Railway Historical Society at www.nrhs.com If you change your email address on file with the NRHS, please send the old and new email addresses to info@nrhs.com.

North Texas Calendar

Tues. Jan. 3, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Sokol Dallas, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, Texas 75231. 214-368-5608. Program: Annual election of Chapter Officers.
Tues. Feb. 7, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Place: Garland Santa Fe Depot. Program: Awards Ceremony. <i>The Battle Up Sherman Hill.</i>
Tues. Mar. 7, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Program: to be confirmed.
Tues. April 4, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Program: to be confirmed.
Tues. May 2, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Program: to be confirmed.
Tues. June 6, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Program: to be confirmed.

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




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