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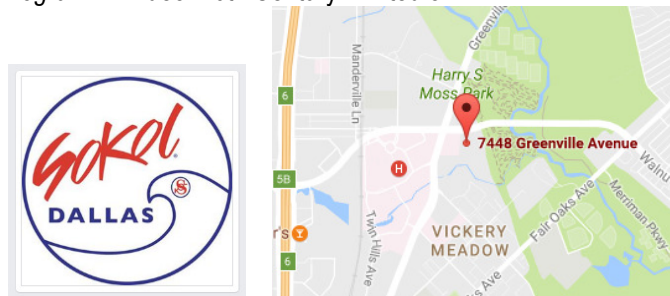
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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas.

When 7 pm meet 'n' greet. 7:30 pm meeting.
Where 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231
Phone: (214) 368-5608
Program Video: 20th Century Limited on TV.



More information: <http://www.sokoldallas.org/contact/>

Special Features

12th Annual “24 Hours @Saginaw” – Fri. May 26-Sat. May 27, 2017

by Skip Waters

IT'S TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS!!! It will be here before you know it!!!

Come join the North Texas Chapter and Saginaw Chamber for
 the 12th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2017!

7:00 p.m. Friday, May 26th through 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 27th, 2017.

Depot on Main Street in Saginaw, Texas.

- New items are being planned and a return of the silent auction for your favorite rail items, a good old fashioned Slide Auction (watch slides, enjoy a show and go home with your favorite subjects), plus much more. Also the usual great programs and fun activities to keep you busy for 24 Hours... and oh yeah.. TRAIN WATCHING!!!!
- Mark your calendars and get your lawn chairs ready (sleeping bags too) -- TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS... IT'S "SAGINAW TIME!!!"
- Join the "24 Hours @ Saginaw" Facebook page for the latest updates <https://www.facebook.com/24hoursatSaginaw>
- PRESENTERS: We are now accepting presenters who would like to put on a program for this year's event. Please email me off list to: wgcrush@swbell.net to be on the schedule. It can be slides, video, digital, live presentation, clinic, exhibits... it just has to be about railroads.

Skip Waters, 12th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2017.

NRHS & North Texas Rail News

History Corner

by Jon Shea

The Missouri Pacific Railroad Exhibit at the Texas Centennial Exposition

A previous issue of the *North Texas Zephyr* included an article on the Texas and Pacific Exhibit at The Texas Centennial. Below is the section on the **Missouri Pacific Railroad** from the *Official Souvenir Guide*.

"One of the most unusual transportation displays of the Exposition is found directly across the aisle from the Texas & Pacific exhibit. Here you will find that Missouri Pacific lines have installed a complete, air conditioned, [a big deal in 1936] glass enclosed passenger station built along modernistic lines. The

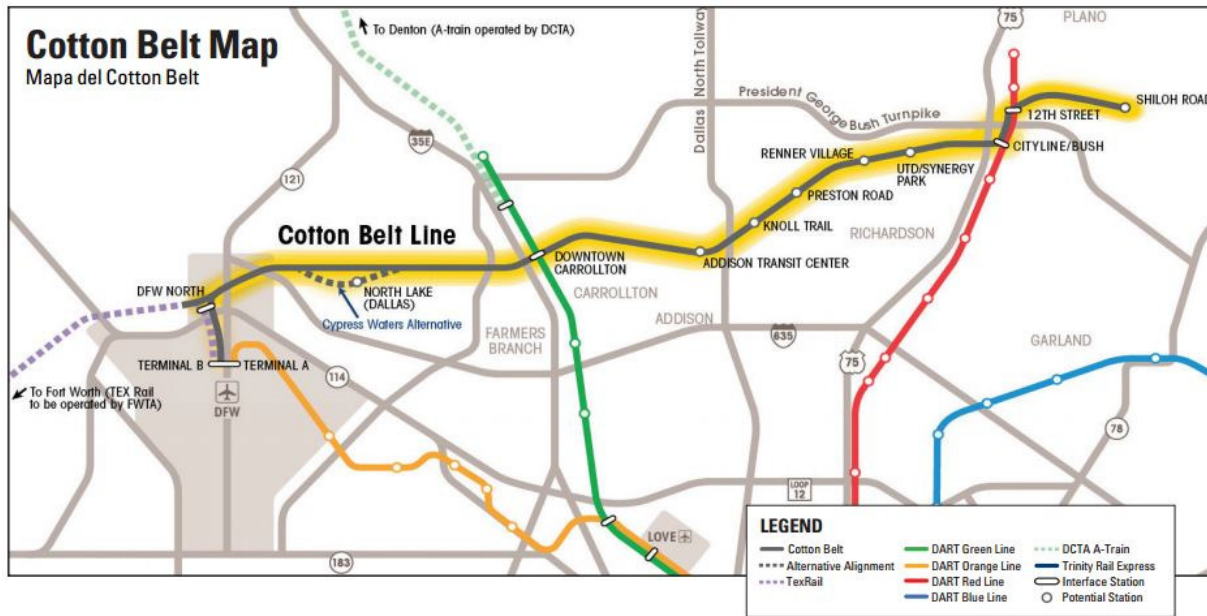
'electric eye' beam is used to control the doors of the station, opening the doors automatically when you step within range and break the circuit.

Another unusual feature of this exhibit is the principal display inside the station. Here you will find a large map of the United States on which is shown the routes of the Missouri Pacific Lines in illuminated relief. The various cities, resorts, industrial and agriculture territories of the several states are shown in color along with the principal products of the regions. A novel feature of the map is the remote control system which contains 33 buttons, linked to 33 outstanding sections of the Missouri Pacific area on the map. By pushing these buttons the corresponding area is flashed on the map in lights giving you a complete visualization of the territory you wish to study. You may operate this control system yourself and the attendants in charge will be happy to supply you with additional information."

Next time, we'll explore the display of the St. Louis-San Francisco (Frisco) railroad.

Cotton Belt Regional Rail Corridor – Community Meetings

COTTON BELT



You are invited to a community meeting to discuss the Cotton Belt Regional Rail Corridor Project. In 2016, the DART Board of Directors advanced the project schedule to implement passenger rail service by the year 2022. DART, in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), has reinitiated the environmental process originally started in 2010. This includes preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the impacts and benefits of passenger rail service on the 26-mile long Cotton Belt Corridor from DFW International Airport to Plano.

The meeting will include information on: Project definition, Project funding, the environmental process, and Project schedule.

Source: 4/25/2017, DART Meeting Announcement at <http://www.dart.org/meetings/publicmeetings.asp?ID=625>

Community Meetings

Monday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.

Parkhill Junior High School Cafeteria
16500 Shady Bank Drive, Dallas, TX 75248

Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 p.m.

Richardson Civic Center
411 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, TX 75080

Monday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.

DeWitt Perry Middle School
1709 E Belt Line Road, Carrollton, TX 75006

For More Information

Please visit DART.org/cottonbelt or contact DART Community Engagement at 214-749-2522.



NRHS Notices & Announcements

Looking for the latest NRHS Notices or meeting information? NRHS Meeting notices, announcements including Bylaws, Policies, Meetings, and Approved Financial Documents are in the public directory at <https://admin.nrhs.com/>

North Texas Chapter News

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, April 3, 2017.

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

The meeting was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2017 at the Plano Interurban Museum in Plano, TX. Robert Haynes, Curator of the Museum, was the host for the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, the attendees were provided a **tour of Interurban Car #360**, on permanent display at the Museum.

Harold Larson served as the tourguide.

Following the tour, **President Wayne Smith** called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM. There were 12 in attendance.

President Wayne Smith provided insulated beverage container holders, courtesy of the Texas High Speed Rail group, and Robert Haynes offered pencils from the Plano Interurban Museum.

Former VP Programs and Plans Skip Waters kicked off the officer reports part of the meeting. He passed around newsletters of the Dallas Interurban Center and the Gulf Coast Chapter, NRHS. This group will celebrate its 50th anniversary on April 1st. Skip will be a speaker at their April 18th meeting.

Steve Goen is planning a tour of 12 railroad depots in around North Texas on Saturday, April 29th. The tour is free, and is a caravan of individual vehicles. Carpooling is encouraged. Additional details are available in subsequent messages from Skip.

A photo shoot, also organized by Steve, is planned at Big Canyon (Oklahoma?) on Sunday, April 30th.

Charles Allen will be donating a large screen to the North Texas Chapter. The chapter will now have its own screen, as the current screen being used is Skip's.

Skip will continue to coordinate the "24 Hours at Saginaw" event. He is in the process of lining up speakers for the programs.

One of the speakers will be Dave Weigand and a colleague from Albuquerque, NM who will give a talk on Amtrak and Santa Fe operations, and the Santa Fe steam engine 2926. There is also scheduled a talk by Robert Aguilera and a "You Tube" night.

President Wayne Smith reported that he wrote an article on the "24 Hours" event for the NRHS national publication. The article was essentially a "cut and paste" from a previous one.

Regarding the Operation Lifesaver presentation, as many of you know, sadly our previous presenter Ed Hobbs passed away last month from liver cancer. Ed had been training Angie Hicks, one of the Amtrak Assistant Conductors at the Ft. Worth crew base, in Operation Lifesaver. She might provide an Operation Lifesaver presentation at this year's "24 Hours" event.

(SECRETARY'S NOTE: I have subsequently spoken to Angie, and she would be willing to this year's presentation. I am coordinating the times, locations, etc., with her.)

On the national level, Skip noted the National Board Meeting took place on April 1st. One of the new efforts to attract new members will be to let veterans join the National NRHS at student rates for the first year.

The National Convention will be held in Nashville in June. The reserved hotels are already sold out, as well as some of the tours.

The 2018 Convention is scheduled for Cass, WV. The 2019 Convention is scheduled for Salt Lake City, UT, and will be partnered with the Union Pacific Historical Society and the NRHLS. The location for the 2020 Convention is TBD.

There was some discussion about digitizing the national bulletins and historical publications.

Financially the National Chapter is in "good shape". There is excess cash on hand, enough that the Chapter is considering some appropriate short term investments. Obviously, consideration will be made regarding future financial obligations prior to committing any funds to a financial security.

Robert Haynes reported on the status of the Plano Interurban Museum. He has hosted numerous programs for schoolchildren, as well as several for older audiences. He has made several proposals for additional exhibits, which of course depend upon available funding.

Member Jeff Phelps reported that the city of Allen has preserved some interurban artifacts, and the stone bases of the water tower that once stood adjacent to the interurban line. The location of the stone bases is at the intersection of US 75 and Exchange.



VP Jon Shea passed around a copy of the “Katy Flyer” for review by the attendees. He also is coordinating with the Grapevine group to have next month’s meeting take place at the Grapevine Museum.

Prior to the evening program, Jon provided a brief history of the interurban operations in North Texas, including line locations, terminals, and years of operation.

The evening’s program was a slideshow entitled “*History of the Interurban Railway System and the Monroe Shops*”, created by the Dallas Area Rapid Transit.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM. **Jerry M. Nunn**, Secretary, North Texas Chapter, NRHS

Chapter Directory

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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. May 2, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas. <i>Program:</i> Video: 20th Century Limited on TV.
Fri. May 26 – Sat. May 27, 2017	12th Annual “24 Hours @ Saginaw” 2017 – Annual rail watching fun fest, sponsored by North Texas Chapter and Saginaw Chamber of Commerce. Depot on Main Street in Saginaw, Texas. 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2017 through 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2017.
Tues. June 6, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> Sokol Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231 Phone: (214) 368-5608. <i>Program:</i> Latest Track-side Photography by Jerry Nunn.
Tues. July 11, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location, Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tues. Sept. 5, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location, Program:</i> to be confirmed.
	** Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Location is confirmed in newsletter issue(s) prior to meeting month.