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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – Farmers Branch Manske Library, Farmers Branch, Texas.

When 7 pm meeting. **EARLIER START TIME**

Where Farmers Branch Manske Library, 13613 Webb Chapel Rd, Farmers Branch, Texas. Phone: (972) 247-3131.

Parking: Free, at Library.

Program: Coal Smoke and Steam. Durango and Silverton on the Narrow Gauge.

Web site:

<http://www.farmersbranch.info/index.aspx?NID=129>

Special Features

Fall Plano Train Show, Sept. 30-Oct.1, 2017

The third annual Fall Plano Train Show is being held September 30 - October 1, 2017.

- Hours** Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Location** Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31).
- Admission** \$8.00 per person. Children 12 and under are FREE. Sorry, we can only accept cash at the door.
- Programs** 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, or see dfwtrainshow.com

Fall Plano Train Media-Slide Show, Saturday, Sept. 30, 6:00 p.m.

by Skip Waters
Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Fall Plano Area Media-Slide Show and NRHS Open House

Saturday Night, September 30, 2017, 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (or later)
hosted by the North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society.

*****NEW*** LOCATION: TACO JOINT, Back room. 100 S. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080.**

<http://thetacojoint.com>

Show Admission is free! COME EAT AT THE TACO JOINT!

Each meal that is purchased goes against our \$200 deposit. Please help us get our deposit back by buying a meal or a drink. If YOU would like to be a presenter, please reply directly to me, Skip Waters <wgcrush@swbell.net>, NOT to any email group, NO LATER THAN 12:00 noon CST on Sunday, September 24th, 2017.

- If you know the subject of your presentation, please tell me (having a subject is not mandatory).
- List type of media you plan to show: 1) Slides, 2) Digital photos, 3) Video tape or 4) DVD.



- Please limit Videos or DVD's to 15 minutes.
- Slides will only be limited by the available time divided by the number of presenters.
- After all presenters have identified themselves, I'll let them know A.S.A.P. how much time each will have at the show.
- You can go ahead and start putting your material together now, but keep it adjustable so you can make it fit the time allotted when I announce it. After that, you'll still have about a week to finalize it.

DEADLINE for getting your name on the PRESENTATION LIST is **12:00 noon CT, Sunday, September 24.** Don't miss the train, let me know today!

Thanks for your interest! Please pass this on to anyone that might be interested in this show.
Best regards, Skip Waters. 214-987-2888 office, email wgcrush@swbell.net

Waco Bridges

by Jon Shea



Above: Texas Electric Railroad bridge abutments and 1870 suspension bridge. (Photo credit: Jon Shea)

News from NRHS National

NRHS President's Corner – August 2017

Submitted by Al Weber, President, National Railway (NRHS News, August 2017 issue)

Well, we just finished a very good 2017 NRHS convention in Nashville, Tenn. The trips went very well, and I have received many compliments on how well the volunteers ran the convention. We all need to thank them for all the hard work they did.

We had several NRHS members bring their families to the convention. This is a way to have a family vacation and ride trains at the same time. I also noted that we had several children, who had to be grandchildren, attending with their grandparents. Many of you did not attend. This is one of the major events that the NRHS puts on each year. This event is held for YOU, and your participation is one of the benefits of your membership.

Next year we will have our convention in Cumberland, Md. The convention committee is working on the dates and events. Please plan on attending. The Fall 2017 NRHS conference will be hosted by the Kansas City Chapter Oct. 19-21. The chapter members have a very nice program set up for all attendees. You do not have to be a board member, officer or chapter representative to attend, so please think about attending. Registration is now open.

At the Board of Directors' meeting, the Roanoke Chapter NRHS made a challenge grant request to support the Railway Heritage Grants program. Every year we start the Heritage Grants fund from zero dollars and give all the donations dedicated



to that program in that year. The Roanoke Chapter will match 10 percent of donations over \$500, up to a limit from the chapter of \$3,000. Please contact the Roanoke Chapter, or see the articles on page eight, for details on their challenge program.

The NRHS Bulletin, NRHS News and the NRHS Telegraph are all now being published on a regular schedule. All need articles from you, the membership. I have read many fine articles in many newsletters. Why not send them to the editors for national distribution? Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Al Weber, email: aweber@nrhs.com

North Texas Chapter News

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, August 1, 2017.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: August 1, 2017.

The August 2017 meeting was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at SOKOL Hall in Dallas, TX. President Wayne Smith was unable to attend so VP-Programs Jon Shea called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. There were 10 members in attendance plus guests Rick & Suzanne Metzgar, parents of member Sam Metzgar. Jon thanked all in attendance for their hospitality shown to our guests.

Jon reported on the current status of upcoming meetings. The DeGolyer library visit had to be postponed until the October 3 meeting, so the September 5 meeting will most likely be here at SOKOL Hall. November's meeting will be the annual member's auction, location TBD and December's meeting will be the annual Christmas party at Babe's Restaurant in Frisco, TX. Watch the online version of the newsletter for updated info.

Skip Waters commented that one of our members, Don, works for BNSF and could get the use of one of the BNSF office cars at the NOC for a meeting. We will pursue this with Don.

Jon brought some Show & Tell items, several brochures on Colorado Narrow gauge lines including the Molly Kathleen Gold Mine and the Cripple Creek & Victor RR. He also showed a Katy booklet he picked up for \$15 and an article from the Cincinnati RR Club about a man who overdosed on drugs and laid down on the tracks. Twenty six cars of a train passed over him before the train could be stopped.

Council Rep Dave Gramm reported on the June council meeting. There will not be a July meeting, with meetings resuming on August 15. The fall train show is a month away, setup starting on September 29 and the show on September 30-October 1.

Jon reported that Russell Kissick, director of the Plano Interurban Museum has passed away after several strokes both in and out of the hospital where he had gone for treatment.

Skip reported he had purchased a parade float built to resemble a steam locomotive on a Ford F-150 chassis. An American Legion hall had built it and several 40N8 boxcars (replicas of wartime boxcars that could carry 40 men or 8 horses) to haul passengers. The AL had sold it off several years ago and Skip found it for sale again on E-bay in New Jersey. The current owner had paid \$10K for the loco only and Skip got a deal for \$4k. After a comical rendition of the trials and tribulations he went through to purchase the unit, he is now the proud owner of a loco parade float, parked in Pennsylvania for now until he can get it back here. The storyline Skip gave of the purchase trip had us all in stitches and most would say unbelievable except for it happening to Skip. Ask him to tell you the story sometime.

Member Sam Metzgar produced 120 new questions for use at our next '24 Hours @ Saginaw' railroad trivia game. He also passed around some pictures and documents he received from the Grapevine Vintage RR on the Tarantula RR history.

Skip reported that longtime chapter member Paul Mengelsdorf had passed away with his funeral later in the week. Paul had worked at the Age of Steam museum.

T & P engine 610 @ Will Rogers Complex has been sold for \$1 by the owner, Ft. Worth Stock Show, to David E. Pearson's 610 Foundation with plans to refurbish the engine.

Nationally, the 2018 convention will be in mid-August in Cumberland, MD and the 2019 convention in July in Austin, TX.

Program for the evening was a video on 140 years ago when trains came to Dallas and another on a historical perspective on Ennis, TX from 1872-1994 starting with the arrival of the railroad and the downtown restoration in the 1980's. Jon also had several books he has acquired on the Houston & Texas Central, the first RR to reach Dallas and the founder of Richardson, TX. Submitted by Dave Gramm, for Secretary Jerry Nunn.



Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2017.

- **President, Wayne Smith**, 940-300-4407.
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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.

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Tues. Oct 3, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: DeGolyer Library, SMU. Program: Russell Martin speaks about the early Dallas Railroad history collection, and library update. Sale of duplicate brochures, books, magazines and other railroadiana, Current exhibit at the Library is Jackie Robinson, The Brooklyn Dodgers and Baseball's Golden Age, 1947-1957. Parking: lot is east of the library, free after 5 pm, bounded by University, Airline, McFarlin streets. Information: https://www.smu.edu/CUL/DeGolyer/Visit
Tues. Nov., 7 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: to be confirmed. Program: Chapter auction.
December, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:00 p.m. Date, Location: Babe's Restaurant, Frisco, Texas. Program: Chapter Holiday Dinner.
January, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Date, Location: to be confirmed. Program: annual Chapter election
	** Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Location is confirmed in newsletter issue(s) prior to meeting month.




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