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Chapter Meeting

August 5, 2014 – Sokol Hall, Dallas

When 7 pm meet’n’greet, 7:30 pm meeting.
Where Sokol Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, Texas 75231
Program **Big Boy 4014 Move from California to Wyoming**
Location and Map: <http://www.sokoldallas.org/contact/>



Special Features / Announcements

President’s Column

by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

On July 13, 2014, the North Texas Chapter’s Board of Directors gave final approval to a contract with noted Southern Pacific Railroad historian David M. Bernstein.. We are excited about this partnership. The new book will include the transition from steam to diesel with a multitude of color and black & white photographs. Mr. Bernstein is a Fort Worth resident and will present a briefing on the book at a future chapter meeting.

Right: Wayne Smith (NTC President) and Mr. Bernstein work out the details.



North Texas Rail News

DART Flies Into DFW International Airport



Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport are making final preparations on the last segment of the Orange Line, which arrives at the new DFW Airport Station on Monday, Aug. 18. Soon, the country’s longest light rail system will connect to the country’s fourth-busiest airport, providing more transportation options for travelers from across North Texas and around the world.

Left: **New DART light rail station at DFW Airport.** (Photo credit: Dallas Area Rapid Transit at <http://www.dart.org/newsroom/imagelibrary.asp#orange>)



DFW Airport built the station as part of its construction at Terminal A, the first of the legacy terminals to be renovated. According to DART President/Executive Director Gary Thomas, the partnership will allow DART to open the rail expansion four months sooner than scheduled. "We could not have achieved this rail opening early and under budget without the incredible partnership with DFW Airport," Thomas said. "Construction of the station and the Orange Line extension has been a true collaboration."



Right: Passenger platform at new DART DFW station, (Photo credit; DART)

The 5-mile segment links newly renovated Terminal A and Belt Line Station, with continuing service to major regional destinations including Irving-Las Colinas, Dallas Market Center and downtown Dallas. With this opening, DFW Airport becomes the third-largest American airport with a direct rail connection to the city center.

Creating Worldwide Connections

North Texas residents and visitors gain improved transit access to the airport and its growing roster of international and domestic destinations. Globe-trotting travelers have come to expect convenient public transportation to their destinations. –

Source: DART News Release at <http://www.dart.org/news/news.asp?ID=1144>



North Texas Chapter News & Views

NRHS at a Crossroads

by National Railway Historical Society

Nearly 80 years after its founding, the NRHS stands at a crossroads. Just as the railroad industry transformed itself to adapt to changing times, so too must the NRHS form a new identity to survive. The society can no longer sustain itself with the same financial and membership model that has been used since 1935. Cost-cutting alone is not enough.

As a result, we have formed a New Business Model Committee that will design a concrete vision for our future, including a new financial model that provides long-term stability while strengthening our core mission of rail preservation. In September, this new model will be presented to the NRHS Board of Directors. The board will then make their final decision to approve or reject the new business model.

If successful, the new model that emerges will radically transform our organization. Substantial changes will come to our governing structure, our membership model, our financial model and our chapter relationships.

What will *not* change is the society's primary mission: to preserve and promote America's railroad heritage so it can be enjoyed by future generations. We're also fully committed to our 2015 convention to be held next June in Rutland, Vermont.

At this time we can't say which programs will be appropriate or affordable in the new business model, but we intend to continue the following:

- Our annual Railway Heritage Grants program, which has awarded nearly \$650,000 to restore and preserve historic equipment, structures, and collections.
- Our successful RailCamp summer program, which filled to capacity in 2014, and provides hands-on railroading experience to young people.
- Our national advocacy of railroad preservation, including our Most At-Risk list of endangered railroad landmarks.
- The *NRHS News* and *Bulletin*, although the frequency and format may change during the transition period.

The new business model committee is made up of experts in finance, the preservation field, the railroad industry, marketing, and management. We'll be introducing them to you in the next update. They are devoting their summer to transform an 80-year old society into a focused, stable and successful organization that's driven by passionate supporters of railroad history and preservation.

We realize that swift changes and uncertainty are a great concern for our membership; however, this is a crucial time for NRHS that will shape our survival and future success. The committee's September deadline was chosen so we can share future plans with our members prior to the 2015 dues renewal period.

We pledge to keep you informed of our progress between now and September, as we work to remake the NRHS for the 21st century and beyond. If you have any questions, please email info@nrhs.org. Thank you for your support of rail preservation!

Source: NRHS Press Release, <http://www.nrhs.com/news/significant-changes-coming-nrhs-stands-crossroads>

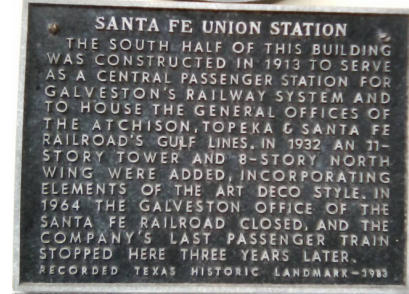


Jon's History Corner

by Jon Shea, VP Programs/

The Galveston Railroad Museum occupies the first floor as well as the train sheds behind the building.

Right: **Rail to the shore**, a little bit of Galveston history
 (Photo credit: Jon Shea, 7/5/2014.)



Railroad Fun Facts

by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

1. The cab of a steam locomotive was quite complex to novices. The training and expertise needed to operate a locomotive was one of the reasons railroads preferred the switch to more user-friendly diesel engines.
2. In the days when steam was the primary source of power, firemen were reprimanded if they produced black smoke. That meant the coal wasn't burning efficiently, and it was costing the company money.
3. A Hostler is a fireman who operated light engines in designated enginehouse territory and worked under the direction of the enginehouse foreman.
4. For such a mundane task, stenciling the side of a car was absolutely critical. It contained the vital maintenance and routing information which kept dispatchers apprised of the locations of shipments, and assisted crews in knowing how to handle each car.
5. Early railroad track beds did not utilize ballast (crushed stone). Railroads eventually incorporated using ballast to drain water from the tracks, therefore keeping the ties in place. Ballast also helped to keep the dust and dirt down, away from passenger coach windows.

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, July 1 2014

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: July 1, 2014, Founder's Building, Grapevine, Texas.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:36pm with about 8 members in attendance. President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Vice President John Shea announced that he would try to secure Sokol Hall to host the August meeting. The August program will feature member Edwin Pegelow, who will discuss the 2014 NRHS National Convention recently held in northwest Arkansas. Ken Fitzgerald is scheduled to speak at the September meeting. Details of the October meeting have not yet been worked out. John passed around a recent issue of "Classic Trains" magazine, which featured photographs of the MKT Depot in San Antonio, Texas, as well as photographs and a summary of the history of the UP steam locomotive 4014. Vice President Skip Waters, who recently returned from a National NRHS Board of Directors Meeting, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the NRHS Annual Report, and moderated a Q and A session of those items available for public discussion. Several members also provided comments. The basic message brought to the Chapter was that "dramatic" changes would be coming to the NRHS National Group. Skip was also scheduled to provide the same PowerPoint presentation to the NRHS Central Texas Chapter in Temple, Texas later this month. The evening's program featured a Steve Goen video of Arkansas & Missouri (A&M) Railroad operations during the time the railroad had an all Alco diesel locomotive roster. The meeting adjourned about 9:45 PM.

Chapter Directory

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North Texas Chapter @ Facebook

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North Texas Chapter History

Founded and chartered in 1996, the North Texas Chapter is one of the newest chapters of the National Railway Historical Society*. The 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 Tourist & Visitor Information Center at Main St. and the FWWR railroad tracks. Visitors and newcomers are welcome. **Effective October 2013, regular membership is \$66 a year (\$50 national dues + \$16 chapter dues)**. Additional family members are \$7 per individual. Regular membership includes a) subscription to the NRHS Bulletin (5 issues/year) and our monthly chapter newsletter, the North Texas Zephyr. Chapter mailing address: North Texas Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 600304, Dallas, Texas 75360. Reach the NRHS at National Railway Historical Society, 100 N 20th Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1443.

North Texas Calendar

Tues. Aug. 5, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Sokol Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, Texas 75231 Program: UP Big Boy Move from Southern California to Cheyenne, Wyoming.
Tues. Sept. 2, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founders Building, Grapevine. Texas. Program: Ken Fitzgerald's choice.
Future meetings	Tues. Oct. 7, 2014, Tues. Nov. 4, 2014.