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Chapter Meeting

October 7, 2014 – Sokol Hall, Dallas

When 7 pm meet’n’greet, 7:30 pm meeting.
Where Sokol Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, Texas 75231
 ** Front door pas code **2014#** and only good for this meeting.
Location and Map: <http://www.sokoldallas.org/contact/>



North Texas Rail Events

Reminder: The Annual Cotton Belt Railroad Symposium @ TAMU-Commerce . October 3-4, 2014



Greetings Fellow Railroad Enthusiasts,

The 9th Annual Cotton Belt Railroad Symposium will take place at the Sam Rayburn Student Center on the campus of Texas A&M University-Commerce (Commerce, Texas 75429) on Oct. 3 Friday, 5:00pm - 8:00pm, and Oct. 4, Saturday, 8:19am - mid-afternoon..

Featured speaker is Joe Strapac, renowned railroad author and historian. He is well known for his book, **Cotton Belt Locomotives**, the definitive guide to motive power on the St. Louis South-western Railway. This presentation is sponsored by the North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society.

- **Free, public event** to share, document, preserve, and celebrate the legacy and experiences of the employees and families connected to the railroads throughout the Ark-La-Tex-oma region.
- **Friday, 5:00pm-8:00pm**, features presentation by Mr. Strapac on Cotton Belt's Diesel Locomotives and traditional show & tell mixer.
- **Saturday, registration opens at 8:19am**, with the program beginning around 9:00am. Activities include a panel discussion; a luncheon featuring live musical entertainment; a NETEX/Blacklands Railroad (former Cotton Belt C-branch) update by Blacklands president, Wayne Defebaugh; the Keynote Address by Joe Strapac on Cotton Belt's Steam Locomotives; and other programs to be announced.

Program admission is free. For additional information, visit the Symposium website at <http://www.CottonBeltRoute.com/> or contact Jason Davis at Jason.Davis@tamuc.edu or 903-886-8066. See you in Commerce on the first weekend in October, Jason Lee Davis, PhD KB5YBP. [Jason.Davis@tamuc.edu | [Jason@JDavis.us](http://www.JDavis.us/) | <http://www.JDavis.us/>] Associate Professor of Technology Management | 903-468-8682. Department of Engineering & Technology | Texas A&M University-Commerce

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More information: <http://www.CottonBeltRoute.com/> Honoring the Legacy of the St.L.S-W. RY and area railroads.
 Cotton Belt Symposium on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/169986873071642/>



2nd Annual FW Media-Slide Show & NRHS Open House

First ...

Fort Worth Area Train Show -- November 8 & 9, 2014.

Hours: **Saturday**, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. **Sunday**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Amon Carter Exhibit Hall at the Will Rogers Colosseum complex in Fort Worth, Texas

Admission \$8.00 per person Children 12 and under are FREE.

More info at <http://www.dfwtrainshows.com>

Followed by ...

2nd Annual Ft. Worth Area Media-Slide Show and NRHS Open House!

Saturday 6 p.m.* – 10:00 p.m., November 8th, 2014, (*Train Show closes at 5:00pm).

Hosted by the *North Texas Chapter* at.

Saginaw Heritage Center (the depot), 301 S. Saginaw Blvd., Saginaw, Texas 76179

More info at: www.saginawtxchamber.org

Show Admission is FREE!

Please eat before you arrive. NO outside food allowed (house rules).

This is our second show to be hosted every year at this time by the North Texas Chapter, NRHS. We hope you plan to attend!

WE NEED Presenters!

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, October 26, 2014. 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.

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 October 27th. You'll still have about two weeks to finalize it after I make that announcement.

Please limit Videos or DVD's to 15 minutes. Slides will only be limited by the available time divided by the number of presenters. Remember, the DEADLINE for getting your name on the PRESENTATION LIST is 12:00 noon CST on Sunday, October 26th. Don't miss the train. Thanks for your interest! Please pass this on to anyone that might be interested in the show.

Best regards, Skip Waters,

Vice President, Trips & Events, North Texas Chapter (National Railway Historical Society)

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North Texas Chapter News & Views

National Society News Brief

by Skip Waters and Claude Doane

At the Sat. Sept. 20, 2014 NRHS meeting, the proposed new business model did not pass by a vote of 12-10. Al Weber took office at this meeting as President [For details, please see chapter office or board member.]

President's Roundhouse

by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

Bits and Pieces

- The **North Texas Chapter Board is waiting to see what happens** to/with the national organization and its future direction. Rather than make an early statement, we will carefully consider the direction the North Texas Chapter Board and membership choose (by majority vote). We have a strong, great cohesive group and provide very popular annual events for our membership, friends and public. These will allow us to become a stand-alone entity, if needed in any worse case scenario. We are leaving all options open at this time.
- Jerry Nunn is the Nominations Chair for the **annual elections to be held in January** if anyone is interested in running for office. Any member (you must be a paid up-to-date member) may submit your name and position desired to Jerry via e-mail (he is the member that sends frequent photographs out by e-mail) or in person at any upcoming meeting before the end of 2014.
- Believe it or not – it is that time of year again and we are looking for **a site to hold our annual holiday** dinner and we are open for suggestions from any of the membership. We are also open to any member stepping forward to act as Chair for the Holiday event if they are inclined to do so. If interested, please contact Jon Shea or myself. Until next month, Happy Railroading!



Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, Sept. 2, 2014

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: September 2, 2014, Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas.

The membership meeting was held at the Founder's Building in Grapevine, TX. President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with 11 members in attendance.

Member Bill Franz brought several boxes of railroad related material for use as auction items. After reviewing the goodies brought by Bill, Wayne decided to hold the materials for the annual November auction meeting so more members could be involved. Wayne passed around the latest copy of Trains which included pictures by our guest speaker tonight, Ken Fitzgerald. Wayne reported on the chapter's book deal with author Dave Bernstein. Sales flyers have been completed and member Skip Waters will take them to the Big Train Show in Houston this weekend to promote pre-production sales. Dave cannot be in Houston due to other commitments but has tentatively agreed to attend the SP Cotton Belt Symposium in Commerce, TX in October for book promotion and photo ops with Joe Strapac.

Claude Doane reported on National news in Skip's absence. [For details, please see chapter office or board member.]

Jon reported that Skip requested all members to support the Cotton Belt Symposium next month in Commerce. The chapter is sponsoring the event's keynote speaker Joe Strapac.

The chapter will have a regular October meeting, probably at SOKOL Hall in Dallas, TX if Jon can get the hall. Watch the newsletter for an up-to-date location of the meeting. November's meeting will be the annual member auction at the Founder's Building in Grapevine.

December will be the annual Christmas party for the chapter. We have been to Babe's in Frisco the last two years and we are open to suggestions about alternative locations. January's meeting will feature the annual officer elections and will be at the Founder's Building in Grapevine, TX.

Jon showed a book 'Katy Southwest' showing a picture of the original train shed at Union Station in Dallas before it was demolished.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm with Ken Fitzgerald's program following.

Ken provided the members with several different presentations, including shots from this year's NRHS convention in Springdale, including runbys of the various train excursions and different shots of various trains working in the area during the 6 day convention including scheduled passenger trips. He also gave a presentation on the Tower 55 trackwork project including time lapse pictures of when the new diamonds were laid and interior shots of Tower 55 as it is now, with a picture of the original trackwork at Tower 55 as it was displayed for the towerman back when there were 3 original north/south rails. Dave Gramm, Secretary.

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2014.

- **President, Wayne Smith**, 940-300-4407.
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North Texas Zephyr Archive

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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), but are subject to change..** 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. Oct. 7, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas. Program: to be announced.
Tues. Nov. 4, 2014.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, : to be confirmed. Program: annual auction.
Tues. Dec. 2, 2014.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: to be confirmed. Program: annual dinner.
Tues. Jan. 6, 2015.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: to be confirmed. Program: annual election.

New Southern Pacific Book – Sponsored by North Texas Chapter!

The North Texas Chapter is proud to sponsor David Bernstein's new work on the Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines!

Coming to the Symposium in Commerce? The Chapter will be there- come meet the author for a meet and greet.

NEW



BOOK

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. Available December 1, 2014. "Order in time for Christmas!"

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