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Chapter Meeting

April 3, 2012 – Plano Interurban Museum.

When: Tues. April 3, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

Where: **Plano Interurban Museum.**

Program: Update from museum staff on their latest exhibits and projects.
 Tour the museum and Texas Electric.

Special Features

LeRoy O. King Railway Preservation Grants for 2012

by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

The North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society will award a limited number of grants in the areas of railway history and the preservation of railway heritage including publications, research and educational projects. Grant requests for basic software and computer equipment are discouraged. The maximum individual award will be \$1,000. Applicants are restricted to one application annually and may be either individuals or organizations knowledgeable in railway history and operations.

Grant awards will be based upon the following criteria:

- The proposed project contributes to the preservation of, increases the general knowledge and understanding of, or promotes public interest in railway history.
- The proposed project does not duplicate work already underway or completed elsewhere.
- Grants are made only for specific work not yet undertaken at the time of the award.
- The applicant is able to complete the scope of the project as proposed within a reasonable time. Urgency of the project, if any, should be clearly stated.
- The applicant has a plan to provide matching contributions of at least 50 percent of the total cost of the project.
- Routine maintenance of already-restored assets is not eligible for LeRoy O. King Railway Preservation Grant funding. Also not eligible for funding is maintenance or repair of an already-restored artifact that has deteriorated due to wear and tear through use, has not been adequately protected, or has reached the end of its service life. Any proposal for restoration should be accompanied by a statement of plans to maintain the restored item or building.
- Applicants must be a 501(c) (3) entities or public bodies.
- A previous award of a LeRoy O. King Railway Preservation Grant to the same applicant is not a consideration. However, an individual or organization which has received a LeRoy O. King Railway Preservation Grant in two (2) consecutive years is disqualified from applying for a period of one year following the second award.

Grant requests **MUST** be submitted using the Application Form. Failure to do so will **DISQUALIFY** your application. Applications are available by contacting: North Texas Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 600304, Dallas, Texas 75360 Or NTC-NRHS Chapter President Wayne Smith at 940-300-4407

Applicants for and recipients of LeRoy O. King Railway Preservation Grants are required to adhere to the Terms and Conditions enclosed with the application form.

Grant applications must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on July 31, 2012.

Annual “24 Hours @ Saginaw” Announced, May 25 - 26, 2012

Dates are confirmed with the Saginaw Chamber for the 7th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2012!

7:00pm Friday, May 25th through 7:00pm Saturday, May 26th, at the **Depot on Main Street in Saginaw, Texas.**

New items are being planned this year including LIVE train monitoring using ATCS! That's right, it will be like shooting fish in a barrel...we will know what trains are coming before they arrive. This new addition will be brought to us via Mr. Leonard Ruback of College Station. Thanks Leonard!

So **mark your calendars** and get your lawn chairs ready (sleeping bags too), it's **TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS... IT'S "SAGINAW TIME!!"**

Join the **"24 Hours @ Saginaw" Facebook page** for the latest updates at <https://www.facebook.com/24hoursatSaginaw>



Presenters: We are now accepting anyone whom would like to put on a program for this year's event. Please email me off list. It can be slides, video, digital, live presentation, clinic, exhibits... it just has to be about railroads.

If you have **door prizes** to donate, we would appreciate them too (so would the winners!) be sure to include whom they are from so we can announce it at the event. Official event announcement to be made soon. Until then... Skip Waters, 7th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2012, V.P. Events, North Texas Chapter, NRHS.

North Texas & NRHS News

7th Annual Dallas Area Slide Show & NRHS Open House

by Skip Waters, V.P. Events (photos) and Dale Wilken, V.P. Communications (report)



Above: Word is getting around! Fifty to sixty rail enthusiasts spent the evening viewing the work of 10 presenters.

Once again this year the North Texas Chapter hosted the Dallas Area Slide Show and NRHS Open House in connection with the annual Dallas Area Train Show in Plano. This year's 2012 edition, the 7th annual was again held at the Southfork Hotel in Plano and Chapter V.P., Skip Waters arranged and hosted the event.



Above: Topics ranged from Thailand in 1967 to BNSF in North Texas to Rail Adventure in Alaska and Canada.

Many thanks to this year's record-breaking number of presenters!

From Jimmy Barlow - Below is a summary of who showed what at Saturday night's get-together at the Southfork Hotel in Plano TX. Best I could count, 52 attended although not quite all at the same time. Corrections welcome.

1. Devin Jackson - digital photos, "Chasing Trains: Cumbres & Toltec Scenic".
2. Bryan Flint - digital photos, "2011 in 22 minutes".
3. Steve Grabman - digital photos, "Chasin' Trains & Storms," "Back East," "Trains of Texoma," "Gone But Not Forgotten," "Make a Wish".
4. Bradley Linda - digital photos, "Route of the San Juan Express".
5. Charles Allen - digital video, "Thailand 1967," "Rio Grande Scenic RR 2010".
6. Jimmy Barlow - analog photos, "Detour - Photo Enforced".
7. Patrick Phelan - digital photos, "Action Railfanning".
8. Jerry Nunn - digital photos, "Rail Adventure: Alaska and Canada".
9. Clint Phillips - digital photos, "Wyoming/Nebraska trip last summer," "Chicago".
10. Randy Nelson - digital photos, "Randy's Texas Shorts - BNSF in North Texas," "Winter 2009-10".
11. Bill Hemb - digital photos, "Fallen Flags";
12. Marc Montray - digital photos, "KCS Holiday Express 2010" (Marc and wife Vikkie were elves on the train).

In the history of the show going all the way back to when I started it privately in 2000, there had never been more than 11 individual presenters.

Thanks to all who presented and to all who watched!

From Skip Waters - Thank you Jimmy for posting the presenter's list with show titles.

I would also like to thank Jimmy Barlow for working the room lights and overall production assistance with the slide show. Even though the North Texas Chapter, NRHS is the official host of the show... it's not a show without Jimmy's support and involvement.

I too would like to thank this year's list of presenters for putting together some great programs... personally I think the shows are getting better in both quality and content. Way to go!

And thank you Railspotters for attending the show. The NRHS chapter and presenters appreciate your support.

Lastly, I have gotten some good feedback for future shows from a few of you... if you have input on how to make the show better, please let me know.

Chapter News & Views

Chapter Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2012

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: March 6, 2012. Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas.

Report submitted by Dave Graham.

President Wayne Smith called the chapter meeting to order at 7:34pm with 13 members present including our newsletter editor, Valli Hoski, and her spouse, Harry Fasick, who were in town for a visit from Pennsylvania. It was a treat to have them at the meeting to catch up on how they are doing. Valli asked if she could become an administrator on the chapter's Facebook account to help Skip update the pages and Skip agreed to add her. She thanked everyone for their past input and encouraged everyone to submit more articles. She talked a bit about their move to Pennsylvania via a 3-year detour in Chicago before settling down outside of Gettysburg to be near family.

Wayne reported that his son recently 'graduated' from Webelos to the Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts have several railroad related merit badges to earn and Wayne has signed on to help his son's scout troop to earn their badges.

VP Programs Jon Shea reported that April's meeting would be held at the Plano Interurban Museum. The museum has new displays, projects, acquisitions and a newly repainted trolley car to tour. The May meeting will return to the Founders Building in Grapevine where our guest speaker will be Dave Bartee



from the Fort Worth Western RR. Dave will talk about his experiences during his railroad career, including being a steam locomotive engineer. June's meeting will also be in Grapevine and will be a retrospective view on the 4th anniversary of 'Lone Star Rails' with pictures and videos from the convention. Jon is still working with the DeGolyer library on a possible July or August event.

Region VP Claude Doane reported on the upcoming national convention to be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Information is now available on the 'NRHS.com' web site. Nominations are currently open for new board candidates through the end of March. There are 14 regional positions and 5 at-large seats up for grabs.

VP Trips & Events Skip Waters has not been able to proceed with the interurban field trip due to member Johnny Meyer's unavailability at present time. Our annual '24 Hours @ Saginaw' train watch is on course for Memorial Day weekend and is our next event to be held.

Skip reported that he did not win the February contest \$1000 prize for best rendition of the UP song video on the 'UP150.com' web site. A Denison, TX college student who shaved the UP150 logo into his hair in addition to his song entry was the winner. Skip reported that the UP steam program will be going to San Antonio and New Orleans later this year. Routes are not available yet, but he suggested we watch the 'UPsteam.com' website for details. Skip also reported he had purchased an electric trackless train for his business and is going to repaint it in UP colors.

VP Communications Dale Wilken and Treasurer Jim King were out of town and unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Council Rep Russ Covitt reported on the upcoming 2012 Santa Fe convention that is featured in this month's Cowcatcher magazine. The convention will be held in Temple, TX, just south of Dallas and will have 14 speakers talking on 15 topics, a tour of the Ft. Hood railhead and a trip on the Austin Steam Train among the many events scheduled. Russ reported the Army has reconsidered its position and usage of the mess hall for a catered lunch by the Army is now back on the table. Tickets for the train rides are still available. Contact Russ for more information. Russ also reported the North TX Council set a new attendance record this year at the combined Ft. Worth and Plano train shows and the chapter's share check was received at the council's February meeting. Member Jeff Phelps reported he sold two Lionel switches for \$25 while attending the Plano train show.

He had received them at the November member auction as part of a grab bag of items he had bid on. He donated the money to the NRHS Rail Camp program and received a 'Thank You' letter from NRHS national president Greg Malloy for the donation.

Wayne adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm and after a short break, members viewed a Power Point presentation set to music by member Jerry Nunn. His topic covered his recent trip to Alaska where he rode on the Skagway RR, the White Pass & Yukon RR, and the 'Denali Star' on the Alaska RR.

Chapter Directory

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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.

Regular membership is \$52 a year (\$36 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

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| April 3, 2012 | North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Plano Interurban Museum, Plano, Texas. Program: Update from museum staff on their latest exhibits and projects. Tour the museum and Texas Electric. |
| May 1, 2012 | North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founders Building, Grapevine. Program: David Bartee, engineer for the Fort Worth and Western Railroad. |
| June 5, 2012 | North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founders Building, Grapevine. Program: Lone Star Rails 2008 – 4th anniversary. |
| June 19-24, 2012 | Santa Fe Railway Historical & Modeling Society - 32nd Annual Convention , Temple, Texas. NTC members can sign up and attend by going to the society web site: atsfrr.com and clicking on Society Conventions. |

