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Chapter Meeting

July 3, 2012 – Sokol Hall, Dallas

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

Where: Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas.

Program: National Convention Report, and Colorado Railroading video.

Directions: From Central Expressway go east on Walnut Hill Lane, Pass Greenville avenue. See the Sokol Dallas sign immediately on your right.

2012 “24 Hours @ Saginaw”

Welcome Rail Fans! 7th Annual “24 Hours @ Saginaw”

By Dale Wilken (and other contributors)

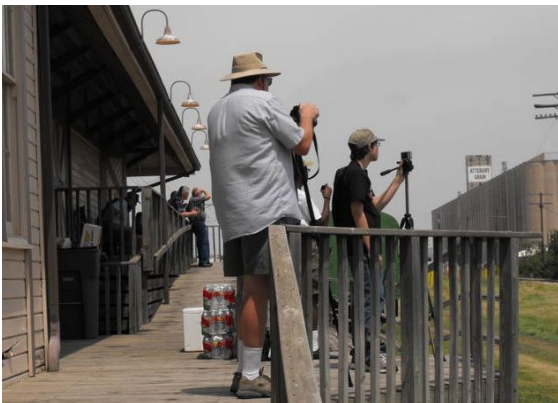
The North Texas Chapter once again hosted this year’s “24 Hours @ Saginaw” at the former Houston and Texas Central depot, now the office of the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce. This year the event was co-sponsored by the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce and Choo Choo Express Trackless Trains.



Above left: Saginaw depot. (Photo credit: Dale Wilken)



Above right: Tim Blackwell (publisher of Cowcatcher Magazine) and Skip Waters at the 7th Annual “24 Hours at Saginaw”. Tim donated 10 cases of water this year to the event. Sign made by the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce. (Photo credit: Charles Biel)



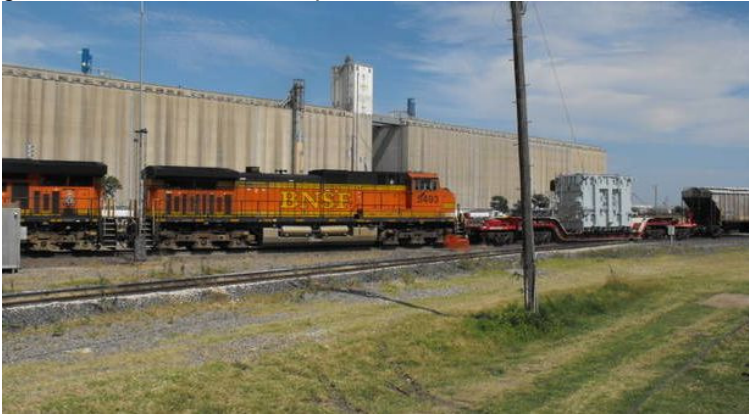
This location is a prime rail viewing spot located adjacent to the Saginaw Interlocker at the crossings of the BNSF Fort Worth, BNSF Wichita Falls, and UP Duncan Subs.

Approximately 130 rail fans from north, central and southern Texas braved the early summer heat from 7 p.m. May 25 to 7 p.m. May 26 to watch trains and enjoy the numerous programs organized by Chapter Vice President Skip Waters. There were also several individuals from Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana in attendance and two from the country of Hungary that heard about the event and paid a visit.

Left: Ready, Aim, Click! A train approaches! (Photo credit: Dale Wilken)



Nearly 50 trains passed through during the 24 hours ranging from unit grain, coal, and intermodal to a roadrailer with NS head end power, manifests, and the Amtrak Heartland Flyer. There were also a number of yard/industry jobs, in one case having four BNSF genset locomotives on the point.



Above left: Leaving Saginaw Yard on BNSF's Fort Worth Sub. (Photo credit: Dale Wilken)



Above right: President Wayne gives the high sign to Amtrak's Heartland Flyer. (Photo credit: Dale Wilken)

When trains were absent, we also had the opportunity to view the activities at the very large grain terminal adjacent to the interlocker where a constant stream of semi grain trucks delivered grain for future rail shipment. We also noted this year the amount of BNSF communication and signal construction underway at the interlocker as the company continues its system upgrades.

The hourly programs arranged by Skip included videos and slide presentations on old and new subjects such as Buster Keaton's "The General" and silent film "1924 Iron Horse" as well as "UP 844 New Mexico and Arizona Centennial Special" courtesy of Brian Flint and "Railroading the Last Frontier" presented by Jerry Nunn. At various times, a rail trivia game was played and several donated door prizes were awarded. For 2 hours on Saturday, Skip broadcast on the "Let's Talk Trains" Radio show live from the depot.

Many of the railfans spent a few hours at the event on Friday and/or Saturday. A few succeeded in viewing trains for the entire 24 hours and they are the ones who had the opportunity to experience the sounds of more than one train hammering across the 3 diamonds at the interlocker in the wee hours of the morning.

Skip and the chapter would like to thank all who made the 7th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2012 a success. They include, Tracy Sutton with the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce, City of Saginaw, BNSF Railway, Tim Blackwell of the Cowcatcher Magazine, North Texas Chapter NRHS members, Wayne Smith, Dale Wilken, Claude Doane, Tom Cox and Jerry Nunn among several others who stepped up and assisted where needed. And, to all the presenters who put on a program and the attendees who spent much of their holiday time with us, everyone makes this a success and we thank you!

North Texas & NRHS News

Chapter Meeting Minutes, June 5, 2012

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: June 5, 2012. Founder's Building, Grapevine, Texas.
Report submitted by Dave Graham.

President Wayne Smith called tonight's meeting to order at 7:40 pm with 11 members attending.

The theme of the meeting tonight is a look back on the NRHS national convention we hosted in 2008. Before starting the program, Wayne showed several magazines he brought to the meeting. Railfan & Railroad published a list of serviceable steam engines in the US. Among the entries were the engines at Six Flags and the engines at the Texas State Railroad. Not listed was the Grapevine train since 'Puffy' is non-operational.

VP Programs Jon Shea showed off his Peru Rail gimme cap he received from his son. Peru Rail runs a train to Machu Pichu in the Andes Mountains. Jon also showed an article in the Dallas 'Legacies' journal showing mule drawn trolley cars that predated the interurban, and several post cards depicting Dallas Union Station, a New Orleans streetcar, a DRGW train in the Royal Gorge, an inclined railway in Cincinnati, Ohio and a picture of Kirkland Park on the Texas Traction Co. interurban line from Sherman to Dallas.

Region VP Claude Doane was unable to attend, so Jon gave his report. Claude reminded everyone to remember to vote in this year's society elections and to make sure they return the ballot in the special envelope provided or the ballot won't be counted. He also mentioned that Carl Jenson has agreed to allow his name as a write in candidate for president, and if we wished to write in a second director from our district, we should consider Steve Siegerist.



Claude reported he would be attending the convention in Iowa with this being his last meeting as our chapter's National Director since the new Board will be seated at the Fall Conference. If you haven't registered yet there is still time. Convention registrations are lagging and all activities still have seats available except the ADM (Archer-Daniels-Midland) tour. This includes the inbound and outbound trips to/from Chicago.

VP Trips & Events Skip Waters reported on '24 Hours @ Saginaw'. BNSF stepped up and provided calendars including special New Mexico calendars that have the heritage logos printed on the back. Cowcatcher Magazine donated 10 cases of water and the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce provided silk-screened backpacks for the first 60 attendees. There were 128 signed in attendees with more who attended but didn't sign the register. Forty seven trains were counted and Leonard Rubek's Automated Train Control System (ATCS) dispatcher display was a big hit. VP Communications Dale Wilken reported he had written an article about the Saginaw event for the newsletter.

Treasurer Jim King was out of town and unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Council Rep Russ Covitt reported the contracts for this season's train shows in Ft. Worth and Plano had been mailed. He will reserve tables for the chapter at each show. He also showed a proof copy of the timetable for the Santa Fe convention in Temple and reminded members that they can attend single days of the convention for \$25/day.

Member Jeff Phelps reported that there was no new trackage installed yet at the Frisco museum site despite the end of May deadline expiration.

Wayne started off the evening's presentation showing off his scrapbook containing the original signup sheets of the volunteers, schedules, daily newsletters, speaker's lists, stickers from the American Freedom Train & Wichita Falls newspaper articles on the "AX MAN" who attacked a coal train during our excursion trip to Quanah. He also showed his collection of buttons for the different venues that we handed out to the attendees.

Skip showed a video of the convention shot by a Washington state attendee that showed highlights of many of the convention events including: 1) TRE runby, 2)BNSF NOC Visitor Gallery and the passenger cars out front, 3)Ft. Worth Intermodal facility, 4)Saginaw Depot BBQ, 5)Amtrak Heartland Flyer, 6) Ft. Worth Western RR, 7)Grapevine train ride to the stockyards, 8)TX State RR, 9)Quanah Zephyr excursion.

Members Ed Pegelow, Jon Shea, Wayne Smith and others reminisced about various tense moments each of them experienced during the convention that in retrospect were laughable events. Meeting ended at 10:00pm.

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.

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Sept. 15-16, 2012	30th Annual Temple Model Railroad Show . Temple, Texas. Info at http://www.centramod.com/show2012.htm
Oct. 12-13, 2012	Lockheed Martin Train Show . Fort Worth, Texas. Info at http://www.lmra.org/Activity.aspx?pageid=50
Nov. 10-11, 2013	Fort Worth Holiday Train Show . Will Rogers Center, Fort Worth, Texas. Info at http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/content/ft-worth-train-show-nov-10-11-2012
Dec. 2, 2012	OKC Train Show . Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City, OK. Info at http://www.okctrainshow.com/

