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Chapter Meeting

July 2, 2013 – Founders Building, Grapevine

When **Tues. July 2, 2013, 7:00 pm** meet ‘n greet, 7:30 mtg.

Where Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas.

Program The first 25 years of Burlington N,orthern 1970 to 1995, up to merger with the Santa Fe.

Bonus Program: Intermodal services on the Southern Pacific.

Special Features

President’s Roundhouse – Congrats on 2013 24 Hours @ Saginaw!

By Wayne Smith, Chapter President

As usual, we had a great time at "24 Hours at Saginaw" including great programs, great company, great attendance, great door prizes and for the first time, a silent auction with great success.

I am so pleased with the results of the first Silent Auction using items that were donated to the chapter. We had a bound set of "Trains" magazines that we have had in storage for a while that sold for a decent price. The best part is that the bound "Trains" magazines were bought by Tom Marsh for use in the library at the Houston Railroad Museum. We had several items that were donated by Dr. Robert Gillespie, a former member. Members Skip Waters and Jerry Nunn donated a few miscellaneous items to round out the list. Also, one gentleman (Larry King) spontaneously brought several boxes of "Trains" magazines to the event on Saturday to donate for the Saturday auction. Below is a list of auction items. We collected \$545.00 from the Silent Auction which will go into our grant fund.

- Bound Set of "Trains" Magazines - 37 Volumes, 1940 through 1977. Sold for \$250.00
- Framed Print "Sunset Limited #1 & #2 at San Antonio" signed by John Winfield. Sold for \$50.00
- Book: Trains and How to Draw Them, 1953. Sold for \$15.00
- Print "Sunbeam and Semaphores" by John Winfield. Sold for \$20.00
- Reproduced Saginaw Interlocker Photo. Sold for \$10.00
- Second Reproduced Saginaw Interlocker Photo. Sold for \$10.00
- Advertising Waybill Clip. Sold for \$5.00
- Generic Adlake Railroad Lantern. Sold for \$40.00
- Reproduced Set of Santa Fe China, 5 pieces. Sold for \$55.00
- The Railway Fuel and Operating Officers Association Booklet, 1971. Sold for \$5.00
- Rock Island Trouble Shooting Guide for Diesel Locomotives. Sold for \$5.00
- Generic battery operated Lantern. Sold for \$15.00
- Miscellaneous "Trains" Magazines sold in lots by multiple years, Sold for \$65.00

Thanks to Skip Waters for another awesome event. Thanks also to Bob Kennedy for working the door and collecting donations to cover insurance and other event expenses. We had 104 official attendees and many more that did not sign in and collected \$494.00 in donations. We had attendees from all over Texas as well as attendees from Oklahoma, Missouri, New Mexico and South Dakota. Thanks also to Jerry Nunn and Dave Gramm for their assistance. Also, thanks to Jerry Nunn for presenting one of the programs. Our official train counter, Richard Whitenight, recorded 56 trains that passed the depot in "24 hours", the best in 2 years.



2013 24 hours @ Saginaw – Favorite Trains and Famous Faces

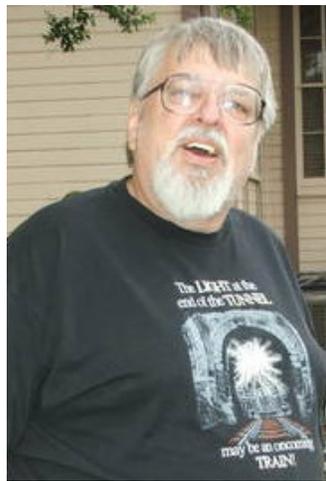
By John Morris (with a few words from your editor)

Enjoy more of everyone's famous faces and favorite trains trackside from 2013 24 Hours @ Saginaw" ! (cont'd from issue 4)



Left: Many thanks to the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce and friendly folks who roll out a warm welcome for us each year! (All photo credit: John Morris, Dallas)

Right: Norfolk and Southern stallion horsepower takes to the Texas rails with speed and ease.



Above: Several of many friendly visitors give broad, grateful smiles to the fine people and treats at Saginaw.



Above: "Name-dropping" some famous rail faces and livery from Fort Worth – John Winfield, well-known artist, and the renowned BNSF.



Above: Some of the many "rail" reasons that bring us to Saginaw each year!



Above: More friendly faces keep a watchful eye for trackside action, accompanied by air horns.



Above: A long look down the track before heading out for home.

Chapter and Texas Rail News

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2013

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: May 8, 2013. Sokol Hall, Dallas. NRHS North Texas Chapter Business Meeting May 8, 2013

President Wayne Smith was unable to attend tonight, so the meeting was called to order by our National Board of Directors member Claude Doane. There were 11 members present.

Claude reported on the recent past national board meeting. Sales for the Alaska Convention have been steady. Most potential attendees are paying their deposit but haven't paid the remainder. The board decided they would probably not be able to obtain a



quorum of the 25 directors in Alaska, so they have decided to hold a late spring board meeting. Our own VP of Trips & Events Skip Waters has been asked to consider filling the open position on the board from District 7. If Skip takes the offer, past chapter member Steve Siegerist will probably move to the Advisory Board.

Claude reported the board has reviewed a potential site for the 2014 convention in NW Arkansas, centered around the Missouri-Arkansas RR with possible side trips to the Branson Scenic RR.

Claude also reported long time National Board member Don Marwell has resigned from the board citing personal reasons. He had been very involved in many activities throughout the years at National and will be missed.

VP-Programs Jon Shea reported on the recent Dallas Interurban field trip and passed around a handbook created just for the tour. The highlight of the trip occurred as the group was inspecting the interurban Trinity River viaduct where it crosses over the Santa Fe. The engineer on a passing Santa Fe train called for a security team, believing there were trespassers on the property and shortly thereafter a DART Security officer arrived. The group's tour leader, Johnnie Meyers, VP of DART's bus division, talked to the officer and smoothed over the problem and then the group got an unexpected extra tour of the DART Security building. Jon also passed around pictures of early interurban lines in the area, an issue of the Dallas Historical Society's 'Legacy' magazine, showing train services to a factory and another issue with an ad calling for immigrants to come settle Texas.

ED Note: (Jon spoke about the programs for the June and July meetings while I was preoccupied so I don't know what the programs will be. Jon will tell you, I'm sure. He had earlier announced in April a visit to the Plano Interurban Museum in June, to recap the field trip and have attendees show their pictures and tell their stories about the tour.)

Treasurer Jim King reported we are solvent and the 2013 dues collections have ended. Any renewals received now will be treated as a new member. Our chapter lost a few older renewals and gained a few new members to start the year with membership in the low 60's. He also made a suggestion to visit the Texas Land Trust Office in Dallas, the official repository of original maps of the area to gain insight to the locations of the early railroads of the area.

VP Trips & Events Skip Waters reported on his first train council meeting as chapter representative. The Lockheed Train Club has announced that they will not have a train show this fall due to lack of space. Ft. Worth has decided to start charging for electrical use at the train show and council members are working to balance costs between Ft. Worth and Plano. Our annual club information form was turned in by chapter Secretary Dave Gramm, who doubles as council Secretary.

Skip reported on attending the National Advisory Council meeting, held before the Board meeting, and he talked to the Advisory Board about a convention in New Orleans. After the Advisory meeting, he attended the Board meeting where he learned that dues will be raised \$10 this year. They were brought up, discussed and approved at the same meeting. He can't say where the additional money is going since there is no approved budget yet and the budget can't be discussed until it is approved. He read several reports he received that purport to outline the reasons for the increase, one being that '\$28 of the dues provide for 4 "Beautiful, Professionally produced" magazines yearly'. New dues rate will be \$50/yr. for the primary member, whether a chapter member or at-large. Family member dues will rise from \$5 to \$7 each, but student dues will remain the same.

He reported the "24 Hours @ Saginaw" event is ready to go and it has received two write-ups in the newspapers already. There will be a silent auction on Friday from 7-10 PM and a second one on Saturday from Noon-5 PM. Gerald Hook will be a quest on Skip's "Let's Talk Trains" internet webcast during the event and there will be a Slide Auction on Saturday after the official 7 PM end of the event lasting until 10 PM or the slides run out. The slides will auction starting at 25 cents minimum and increase in 25 cent increments. The chapter will receive 20% of all slide auction income.

Member Jeff Phelps reported on his recent trip to Massachusetts and showed pictures of a bridge replacement in progress. He also reported the Museum of American Railroad's engine 4501, 'The Meteor' will move from Fair Park on May 19, 2013 and the Big Boy before the end of June. The 'Meteor' logo will be painted on the tender before the move, courtesy of our own Skip Waters providing a copy of the original logo prints to the museum for use by the painter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM. Entertainment was a video of Santa Fe trains running from the Galveston-Houston area to Temple, TX. Dave Gramm, North Texas Chapter Secretary

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2013

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: June 4, 2013. Plano Interurban Museum, Plano, Texas.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:41pm. There were 11 members and 1 guest present. 333

He reported that the "24 Hours @ Saginaw" event was a huge success with over \$545 raised over and above expenses. Train counter Richard reported an official count of 56 trains during the 24 hour period. In the silent auction, the set of 'Trains' magazines went for \$250 and will reside in the Houston RR Museum archives.



VP-Trips & Events Skip Waters added that many items were donated to the event. He had received bumper stickers and member forms from the 'Friends of the BNSF', water donated by the FWWR, and Blacklands RR rep Mark brought hats, brochures and other door prize goodies. Over 100 people signed up with 10-20 more attendees who stayed outside and didn't register. Mark Montrey brought down his air horn collection and demoed them during the event. There was even a restored 12 man speeder on display.

Wayne reported that there had been a snafu with the chapter's grant to the museum. The questionnaire we provided to the city asked for a list of all grants the city had previously received and Plano had balked at providing the list citing privacy issues. Wayne had modeled the questionnaire after the one used by National on their grant form. Museum director Robert Haynes will review the questionnaire and cross out the unneeded portions and Wayne will redo the grant application so the city is happy.

Member Ken Fitzgerald was honored as a runner-up in a recent picture contest in 'Trains' magazine and Wayne showed off Ken's entry to the members.

Secretary Dave Gramm reported the slide auction at "24 Hours @ Saginaw" netted the club \$41.00 after all payments were received. The auction brought in \$205.50 in sales and the chapter received 20% as commission.

Guest Paul Howard from Portland, OR visited the chapter meeting. He is a recent transplant to the area and has expressed an interest in arranging to have a webcam and ASCS receiver installed at the Saginaw Depot. Skip commented that he would like the chapter to consider helping out with this project.

VP-Programs Jon Shea reported attending a Doobie Brothers concert @ Windstar Casino. The tie in was evident when he showed off a concert T-shirt displaying a steam engine and the name of the Doobie's hit song 'Long Train Running' and the list of concert dates on the shirt back inlaid within a set of railroad tracks. He reported the July meeting will be on July 2nd at the Grapevine Founder's Building. He will not be available to host the program so Wayne will do the honors. The program for August will be the 140th anniversary of the T&P arriving in Dallas.

National VP Claude Doane reported he will attend the Bloomington (Minneapolis), MN national meeting June 28-30. Skip will most likely be elected as District 7 director of our area at that meeting. Claude reported riding several trains in the Denver, CO and Salt Lake City, UT areas and he attended an electric railroad convention held over Memorial Day weekend.

Member Jimmy Barlow reported he is going to the National convention in Alaska as part of a 40th anniversary celebration. He reported he will be riding trains and buses as part of the journey.

Skip reported he posted a video of the Frisco Meteor move on Facebook and Railspot. The Big Boy is scheduled to move in 2-3 weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Entertainment was a review of the April Texas Electric Railway Field Trip hosted by museum curator Robert Haynes. Robert commented the tour went extremely well even though the city staff didn't think it would pan out. In fact, the tour was sold out before the museum had a chance to produce a brochure advertising it and there was a waiting list for attendees. The museum did produce a tour book of the sites visited including pictures of original structures that used to occupy the sites. The group visited the Monroe car shops and took a tour of the DART Police Headquarters. They lunched at Lockhart's in the Bishop Arts District before heading home. The original plans were to lunch at the interurban building restaurant but the restaurant renovations were not completed and the restaurant was closed. Based on the feedback received, Robert believes the museum will do a repeat of the field trip and probably check out the southern end of the district that was toured several years ago.

Dave Gramm, Dave Gramm, North Texas Chapter Secretary

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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 2012, regular membership is \$55 a year (\$39 national dues + \$16 chapter dues). Additional family members are \$7 per individual. 214-987-2888. 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. July 2, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas. Program: The first 25 years of the Burlington Northern, 1970 to 1995, up to merger with Santa Fe. Bonus Program: Intermodal services on the SP.
Tues. August 6, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founders Building, Grapevine. Program: The 140th Anniversary of the Texas and Pacific Railroad coming to Dallas.