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Chapter Meeting

Nov. 5, 2013 – Founders Bldg. Grapevine.

When Tues. Nov. 5, 2013, 7:00 pm meet ‘n greet, 7:30 mtg.

Where Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas.

Program Annual Chapter Auction



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2014 Chapter Election & NRHS Dues Update

Interested in running for Chapter office? Please tell Jerry Nunn, who is Nominations head. Chapter Election is at January 2014 meeting.

The **2014 NRHS National dues increase to \$50.** Chapter 2014 dues same as 2013 - individual \$16; add family member \$7. Total 2014 NRHS and NTC dues are \$66, plus any family member(s).

Special Features

Reminder: 1st Annual FW Media Slide Show – Nov. 9, 2013

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Announcing: A NEW MEDIA/SLIDE SHOW event for Fort Worth! but first...

THE FORT WORTH AREA TRAIN SHOW IS NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2013.

- *Location:* Amon Carter Exhibit Hall at the Will Rogers Coliseum complex in Fort Worth, TX.
- *Hours:* 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday. More info at:<http://www.dfwtrainshows.com>

AND NOW... 1ST ANNUAL FT. WORTH AREA MEDIA/SLIDE SHOW AND NRHS OPEN HOUSE!

- *When:* Saturday evening, November 9th, 2013, hosted by the North Texas Chapter, NRHS.
- *Hours:* 6:00pm until 10:00pm. (the Train Show closes at 5:00pm).
- *Location:* Saginaw Heritage Center (the depot), 301 S. Saginaw Blvd., Saginaw, Texas 76179
www.saginawtxchamber.org
- Show Admission is **FREE!**
- *Please eat before you arrive.* NO outside food allowed (house rules).
- *This is a NEW show* to be hosted every year at this time by the North Texas Chapter, NRHS. We hope you plan to attend!

Best regards,
 Skip Waters

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Leroy O. King Preservation Grant Awarded to Interurban Railway Museum

On October 12, 2013, the North Texas Chapter proudly recognized the Interurban Railway Museum (Plano, Texas) for its contributions to railway history. The Museum is the 2013 recipient of the Leroy O. King Preservation Grant. The Grant honors a former Chapter member, Leroy O. King, a well-regarded streetcar and railway history author who is remembered with much affection by his many friends and rail historians across the country.



Above: Robert Haynes, Museum Curator (left) receives grant award from Wayne Smith, North Texas Chapter President (right).



Above: Chapter members and rail history enthusiasts share smiles during Leroy O. Grant Preservation award presentation.

As reported by the Chapter and City of Plano,

“A check in the amount of \$500 was presented to Mr. Robert Haynes, Interurban Railway Museum Curator, at the chapter’s monthly meeting in Grapevine, TX on October 1, 2013. The grant from the chapter in conjunction with funding from the City of Plano will complete the project of printing photographs from historical glass plates currently stored in the museum’s archives.”

Photo credit: Skip Waters. *Sources:* North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society email, and City of Plano Parks and Recreation announcement at <http://www.plano.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=210>



President's Roundhouse – Nicknames Texans Gave Their Railroads

by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

ANGELINA & NECHES RIVER	A&NR	Ain't Nothin Right
BARTLETT & FLORENCE	BF	Bull Frog
BARTLETT & WESTERN	BW	Better Walk or The Gospel Road
EAST LINE & RED RIVER RAILROAD	EL&RR	Ever Late & Rarely Runs or Ever Lasting Rail Road
DALLAS WICHITA	DW	Descend & Walk
FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY	FW&D	Flat Wheels & Dirty Coaches or The Denver Road
GALVESTON, HOUSTON & HENDERSON	GH&H	Go Home Hungry
GULF, TEXAS & WESTERN	GT&W	Getcha Ticket and Walk or Getcha Tub and Wash
HOUSTON, EAST & WEST TEXAS	HE&WT	Hell Either Way Taken or The Rabbit
INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN	I&GN	Independent & Got Nothing
LUFKIN, HEMPHILL & GULF	LH&G	Left Hemphill & Gone
MARSHALL & EAST TEXAS	M&ET	Misery & Eternal Torment
MISSOURI, KANSAS & TEXAS	MKT	Katy
MISSOURI PACIFIC	MP	Mule Power, Mo Pac, The Mop, and Genie
MOSCOW, CAMDEN & SAN AUGUSTINE	MC&SA	Mr. Carter and Sid Adams
NACOGDOCHES & SOUTHEASTERN	N&SE	Never Say Early
PARIS & MOUNT PLEASANT	P&MP	The Pa & Ma
PECOS VALLEY SOUTHERN	PVS	Pulled Very Slowly
ROSCOE, SNYDER & PACIFIC	RS&P	Red Sow & Pigs
QUANAHA, ACME & PACIFIC	QA&P	Quit Achin' & Push
SAN ANTONIO & ARANSAS PASS	SA&AP	The Sap
SAN ANTONIO, UVALDE & GULF	SAU&G	The Sausage Line
SHREVEPORT, HOUSTON & GULF	SH&G	Shove Hard and Grunt
TEXAS CENTRAL	TC	Tin Can Railroad or Peanut Line
TEXAS & PACIFIC	TP	Time & Patience
TRINITY & BRAZOS VALLEY	T&BV	Turnip & Bean Vine, Try & Be Virtuous or Boll Weevil
TEXAS SOUTH-EASTERN	TSE	Take It Slow and Easy
WACO, BEAUMONT, TRINITY AND SABINE	WBT&S	Wobbly, Bobbly, Turnover & Stop
WEATHERFORD, MINERAL WELLS & NORTHWESTERN	WMW&N W	Water, More Water and No Whiskey or Whiskey, More Whiskey & No Water
WICHITA FALLS, RANGER & FT. WORTH	WFR&FW	Jake Hamon Line



North Texas Rail and Chapter News

New Timetable for Next Joy Ride is Forthcoming

The next Joy Ride timetable has been postponed until late Winter or early Spring. After the holidays, start getting your Joy Ride gear packed and ready for an exciting time! Questions or suggestions? Please see Skip.

Annual Railroad Program, College Station – Nov. 23, 2013

The George H.W. Bush Library announces its annual railroad program scheduled on Saturday, November 23rd from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The event is held at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. Speakers include Ken Stavinoha (Eagle Lake Depot), Patrick Phelan, Ken Fitzgerald and Matt Van Hattem, Senior Editor of Trains Magazine. Admission is \$15 per person payable at the door and includes lunch. RSVPs are not required but are appreciated so lunch can be planned. An official announcement with details of each talk will be posted to the Bush Library web site <http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/museum/visit.php> Best, Bob Holzweiss, Supervisory Archivist, George H.W. Bush Library. Robert.Holzweiss@gmail.com

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, October 1, 2013

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: September 3, 2013. Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas.

Meeting was called to order by President Wayne Smith at 7:30pm. There were 12 members present. We also had three guests in attendance; Robert Haynes, curator of the Plano Interurban Museum, Tim Matthews, a recent transplant from the St. Louis area and member of the St. Louis chapter, and Rob Parks who was back for his second meeting. Tim joined our chapter while at the meeting.

Wayne commented that the November meeting would feature our annual member auction and would be held at the Grapevine Founder's Building. January's meeting will be the annual officer election meeting. All chapter officer positions are open, from President down to Director. Member Jerry Nunn has volunteered to be the Nominations chair and anyone wishing to run for a chapter officer position should contact Jerry to be added to the ballot.

Skip Waters, VP Trips & Events and Region 7 Director, reported that the annual Ft. Worth Train Show will be held on Nov 9-10, 2013 at the Amon Carter Center. Treasurer Jim King is handling the hours we need to work for our show share. We will also be hosting our 1st (hopefully annual) Slide & Video presentation on Saturday night, November 9 at the Saginaw Depot from 6:00-10:00pm as part of our commitment to the train show. Volunteers are needed to help man the presentation. Skip also commented there was to be a NRHS board meeting this Saturday and another in Delaware in November. He will report back on the results at the November chapter meeting.

Skip is also working on our latest Amtrak chapter joyride. It is planned to be a Saturday excursion on the Dallas Cowboys Bye weekend, November 16-17, tentatively starting in Denton, bussing to Gainesville to catch the Heartland Flyer, riding to Ft. Worth, bussing to Cleburne, riding the Texas Eagle back to Dallas, then riding Dart's Green line to Carrollton to catch the A-Train to Denton. The schedule is subject to change based on timing and availability of equipment. Skip will email details as soon as they are available. [Editor's note: see Joy Ride announcement in this issue for date change.]

Jon Shea, VP Programs, apologized for the change in program tonight as the presenter was not available. He will try to reschedule the convention review for the January meeting. In addition to the future chapter meetings mentioned by Wayne, Jon reported that the December Christmas party is still open to ideas for a location. Babe's in Frisco is the current fallback location if another location is not secured by the November meeting.

Jon brought a past issue of "Legacies", published by the Dallas Historical Society, that contained an article on a 'Chautauqua' pavilion that had been built in Waxahachie in the 1800's and used for training purposes in the Chautauqua movement. It was served by the local railroads for many years until the support for the movement waned. He also reported that the DeGolyer Library at SMU had sent word to him asking about becoming a future Leroy O. King grant recipient if possible.

President Wayne called up guest Robert Haynes to officially present him with our Leroy O. King Preservation grant check for \$500 payable to the Plano Interurban Museum to be used to offset the cost of having prints made from a large cache of glass plate negatives depicting the local interurban lines. The negatives had been purchased by Johnnie Meyers from the collection of Frank Rogers and donated to the museum. Until now, the museum had not had the funds to be able to have prints made, so the grant will cover that cost. The images will be digitized and added to the museum collection. Robert will plan to host a future chapter meeting and show off several of the prints. Pictures of the presentation were made and will be sent to National and to the newsletter editor.



One of the chapter members reported he had ridden a private Pullman car attached to the Amtrak train from New Orleans to Chicago and back. A company operates the cars twice a week each way and anyone can purchase tickets. Our member reported he had booked a roomette on the way north and was upgraded to a suite as he was the only passenger in the car. He had a full crew (porter, conductor, dining waiter, cook, etc.) at his disposal during the trip. On his return journey, he again had booked a roomette but was upgraded to a bedroom since there were more passengers in the car on the southbound leg. He reported the cost was reasonable given the attention to detail and staff available.

Member Jimmie Barlow commented on his trip to the 2013 National Convention and some highlights of his excursions while there. He rode on the White Pass & Yukon RR, and traveled from Anchorage to Seward on the Alaska RR. While in Seattle, he rode on the Seattle Light Rail monorail from downtown to Seattle's World's Fair Park and he reported that Seattle's King St. Station had just reopened after its restoration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. Program was a DVD from Trains Unlimited Tours, highlighting their 23 years of rail tours in South and Central America. Video clips from many of their tours were featured, including the Sugar Cane train in Cuba running narrow gauge steam engines, Copper Canyon in Mexico with 87 tunnels and 36 bridges, trains in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, steam & electric trains in Chile, the Argentina Patagonia Express 2-10-2 engines, Paraguay with the oldest operating railroad with steam engines, Peru running ALCOs on top of the Andes mountains through switchback after switchback to gain elevation and Bolivia with its meter gauge railcars.

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 FWRW 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. Nov. 5, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founders Building, Grapevine. Program: Annual Chapter Auction.
Sat. Nov. 9 – Sun. Nov. 10, 2013	Fort Worth Area Train Show, Fort Worth – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4.p.m. Location: Amon Carter Exhibit Hall at the Will Rogers Coliseum complex in Fort Worth, TX. More info at: http://www.dfwtrainshows.com
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Dec. 2013*	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Program: Annual Chapter Holiday Party. *Exact date and Location to be determined. Rumors abound that Babe's is a group favorite.
Tues. Jan. 7, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founders Building, Grapevine. Program: Annual Chapter Election
Sat. Jan. 18.– Sun. Jan. 19, 2014	Train Show, Plano – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4.p.m.