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Chapter Meeting

Feb. 4, 2014 – Sokol Hall, Dallas.

When Tues. Feb. 4, 2014, 7pm meet’n’greet, 7:30 pm meeting.
Where Sokol Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231. .
Program M-K-T and Texas Electric Railroad Photography

2014 Chapter Election Results

Chapter members re-elected all 2013 officers by acclamation at the January 2014 meeting

- **President**, Wayne Smith
- **Vice President/Programs**, Jon Shea
- **Vice President/Trips and Events**, Skip Waters
- **Vice President/Communications**, and NTZ editor, Valli Hoski
- **Secretary**, Dave Gramm
- **Treasurer**, Jim King

Special Features / Announcements

Dallas Area Train Show - Many Thanks & Memories

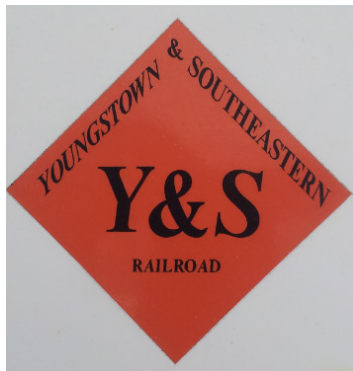
The Chapter extends heartfelt thanks to the members who volunteered at the 2014 Dallas Area Train Show. The Chapter was well represented by these friendly folks and more who shared their time, hospitality and fellowship. As Skip so graciously says - Major Thanks go out to: Jeff Phelps, Jerry Nunn, Jon Shea, Edwin Pegalow, Dave Gramm, Tom Cox and Tim Massey for taking one or more of the slots we had to cover for our show share.

9th Annual Dallas Area Media-Slide Show – Event Report

The Chapter thanks Skip for his excellent service in organizing and making this traditional, enjoyable event possible. We had a full house with about 60 in attendance at one point. All seats were full this year’s Presenters and programs included.

- **Jerry Nunn**, "Working on the Railroad" and "Vandalism or Art -You Decide" digital program
- **Steve Grabman**, "Trains Extravaganza 2014" digital program
- **Patrick Phelan**, "Semaphores to Steam: A Big Year" digital program
- **Michael Ellis**, "Indiana: Trains, The Heartland & Mellencamp" and "Too Far From Texas..." digital program
- **Jimmy Barlow**, "Nawth to Uhlasskuh" slides program
- **Roger Bee**, "Railfanning through the decades" slides
- **Bryan Flint**, "2014 from Sea Level to 10,022 feet" digital program
- **Randy Nelson**, "More Moldy Oldys" digital program.
- **Marc Montray**," Trip on the Wabash and Pacific" program.

Pastel Trains – A “True Value” (RM)



While traveling to Michigan for New Year’s, Harry and I discovered some wonderful railroad secrets, hidden away in North Lima, Ohio. (No Virginia, that is not near Lima, Ohio.) Our first surprise was the Youngstown and Southeastern (YSRR, or Y&S on its station logo) Railroad depot, with adjoining trackage and equipment. Being a rather snowy morning, there was little traffic on local roads, which provided a good photo opportunity. As noted in Wikipedia:

“The Youngstown and Southeastern Railroad (reporting mark YSRR) is a short-line railroad subsidiary of the Indiana Boxcar Corporation that operates freight trains between Youngstown, Ohio and Darlington, Pennsylvania, United States. The line is owned by the Columbiana County Port Authority, leased to the Eastern States Railroad, which is owned by the line’s primary shipper, and contracted out to the YSRR. Freight is interchanged with CSX Transportation and the Norfolk Southern Railway at the Youngstown end.”



Left above: Youngstown and Southern Railroad depot on a snowy day.
 The next surprise – take a look across the street from the YSSR depot.. What hardware store has attached rail cars? Welcome to *Crouse Mills Inc.* a “True Value” (RM) store - hardware and more, much more.

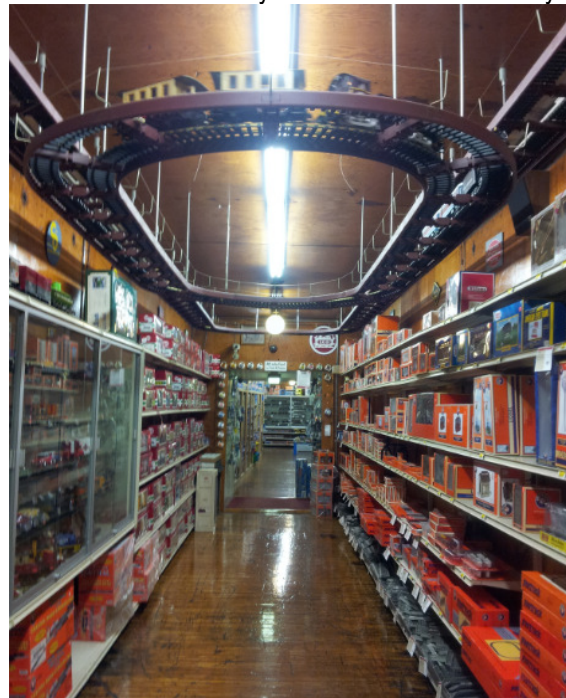


Above: Crouse Mills hardware and cars.

Tour the collection,, allow at least an hour to explore all the wonders. The first discovery is the beauty of the refinished rail cars that house the model train collections. Operating models pass overhead on two sets of suspended tracks. Glowing display cases abound, filled with vintage, gleaming Lionel train sets and more. Browse the aisles and displays, let the memories roll as your favorite lines and livery come to life.



Left above: Trainman points the way.
 Right: Model display area in rail cars.



But, what about the 'pastel trains'? In the vast variety of vintage collections, there is something for everyone who is a rail fan ...



Be it a pastel "girl's train"... PRR steam or GG1 electric motive power, complete with M-K-T boxcars!



...a Cleveland Transit Peter Witt car (Captain Transit, this one's for you!)



Just when you think you've seen it all, step on over to the OSU (that's Ohio State up here) fan room for a view of a gorgeously renovated Milwaukee Road speeder car, used to move crew along the tracks.



When your travels take you to northeastern Ohio, spend an afternoon with the collections. The owner is quite friendly, gladly shares stories of his collection favorites, the rail car refitting, visitors and how the collections grew over the years.

Regional Rail Views and Chapter News

Railroad Notes from Garland

by Claude Doane

The Santa Fe depot that is used by the Garland Landmark Society Museum of Local History was built by the GC&SF in 1901 and replaced an earlier wood depot that had become too small. It was located on the west side of the mainline approximately where 5th street now crosses the tracks. In about 1972, the City of Garland decided it wanted to extend 5th street and put in a grade crossing. At that time they traded the beige Brick building to the ATSF in exchange for the wood depot. The Depot was moved about 500 yards north and turned 180 degrees so the bay window no longer faced the tracks. At that time the Landmark Society was formed and the Museum was started.



The downtown area is now undergoing growth again as there is a developer doing an infill project that will surround City Hall. The parking structure for this project would have overshadowed the depot and essentially eliminated any access to the building. The city actually paid to remove and store the Museum collection and also to relocate the depot and refurbish it and improve ADA accessibility. That means the Santa Fe depot is now located on the Katy tracks adjacent to the site of the last (modern) Katy station that burned in the late 60's or early 70's. This site is behind the central library next to the new (as yet unopened) grade crossing on 6th Street. The Landmark Society is expected to reopen the Museum with some to do involving a city/downtown celebration in May.

As I said above, the brick and glass passenger station for the Katy burned about 4 decades ago. The passenger platform minus the shelters is still in place. The old wood Katy freight station with the cinder block addition has been razed within the last six months. The DGNO operation has been moved a mile or so east onto former city property. The DGNO rip track is still in place behind the main post office just west of the new Santa Fe depot location. The move did not affect the State of Texas Historic Structure Designation. [Editor's note: Claude is on the Board of the Landmark Society.]

Did You Know? ... Railroading Fun Facts

by Wayne Smith

Did you know that railroads are categorized by the United States Surface Transportation Board? In 1999, the STB established the following rules in classifying railroads:

- a. Class I: Operating Revenues of at least \$258.5 million.
- b. Regional: Non Class-I operating 350 or more miles of road and/or revenues of at least \$40 million.
- c. Local Railroad: A railroad which is neither a Class I nor a Regional Railroad, and is engaged primarily in line-haul service.
- d. Switching & Terminal Railroad: A non-Class I railroad engaged primarily in switching and/or terminal services for other railroads.

Everyone's Aboard! "Eastern Flyer" Rail Service Is Fully Booked!



"Eastern Flyer" service is fully booked, more than 2 weeks before its first day of service in Oklahoma! As reported in the Tulsa World on Jan. 9, 2014 :

"A spokeswoman for Iowa Pacific, a company sponsoring the train, said they had managed to sell out all 900 tickets for the three weekends in February.

The train rides are some of the first passenger train excursions offered between Oklahoma City and Tulsa in 47 years.

The train actually leaves from downtown Sapulpa and arrives about three hours later in downtown Oklahoma City, using the state-owned Sooner Subdivision line. The track is leased by Stillwater Central Railroad, another partner of the Eastern Flyer. It was 1967 that regular rail service between Tulsa and Oklahoma City ended, also isolating Tulsa train passengers from the rest of the nation's rail infrastructure. Tickets on the Eastern Flyer ranged between \$64 for a standard ticket, up to \$249 for dining service in the luxury, glass-dome roof car."

Source: 1/9/2014, Tulsa World. News article by Kyle Arnold, World Business Writer. Further information on the Eastern Flyer is available at (877) 726-7245 or www.easternflyer.com

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, Jan. 7, 2014

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: January 7, 2014, Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:37pm. There were 11 members present and one guest, Ed Duane, brother of member Claude Duane. Wayne announced that our "24 Hours @ Saginaw" event in May 2013 had won a 2nd place Gold Rail Award from the Cowcatcher. We were beaten only by the move of the "Big Boy" to Frisco. He reviewed the Christmas party slide show given by Mr. Robert Haynes of the Plano Interurban Museum, which was enjoyed by the attendees and he reported the chapter had received a grant request from the Red River Museum for help in funding the cost of the re-paint of their F-7. The chapter board will take this grant under review and report back to the members.

VP-Programs Jon Shea reported that Classic Trains printed a picture of the Katy Komet in 1953 in Muskogee, OK, sporting an F-3 on the lead. The Komet was a fast freight train. He also reported that last year's Katy calendar had a picture reminiscent of John Winfield's Texas Special print and also a picture of the Dallas Katy yard in 1965. Jon reported he had requested a picture from the glass negatives from the Plano Interurban Museum collection that we helped fund the printing of, for inclusion in our newsletter and had received permission to reprint it. He reported the February meeting would be held at Sokol Hall with the program to be a viewing of several DVD discs of TX Electric pictures he purchased over the holidays. March and April meetings have not been determined yet.

Nominations chair Jerry Nunn read off the slate of candidates for the chapter officer election. The current officers have expressed an interest in continuing in their respective offices and nominations were opened from the floor. After receiving no additional nominations, Dave Gramm made a motion to close nominations and was seconded by Bob Kennedy with the motion carried. Bob Kennedy then made a motion to re-elect the slate of current officers by acclamation, seconded by Edwin Pegelow with the motion carried unanimously.



VP-Trips & Events and Regional Director Skip Waters reported on the recent National Board of Directors meeting in Delaware. A major vote on dues renewal process will take place at the board meeting in St. Louis this weekend. Two options will be voted on. One option is members will renew directly online with National and local chapters will have to bill members separately and the second option will be a partial digital upgrade of the current system, but neither truly considers any member not on the Internet. Members without Internet access will be marginalized and we may lose many of them come renewal time. Another problem noted was the timeliness of financial data of the National accounts. Several times money needed to be transferred between accounts to meet operational expenses due to cash flow issues that were not visible to the board. Skip also reported that board member VP Dr. Barry Smith had been removed from the board for cause and had been replaced.

The meeting ended at 8:15pm and member Show & Tell was the program for the evening. Member Edwin Pegelow showed a brass model and book article about a 1950's era diesel-hydraulic locomotive built by Krause-Maffei that was purchased by several U.S. railroads including the SP and Rio Grande. Jon Shea showed his scrapbook of Katy and T&P memorabilia. Skip Waters showed off his T&P jacket and a book, Texas & New Orleans Color Pictorial and commented about the funny things you find for sale on E-Bay. He also showed a matchbook cover purportedly depicting the 'Sunbeam' and an ink blotter with the same picture as the matchbook cover but in reality showing the train as the 'Hiawatha'. Wayne Smith displayed a book he recently acquired depicting Union Station in Kansas City.

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2014.

- **President, Wayne Smith**, 940-300-4407.
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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 \(\\$50 national dues + \\$16 chapter dues\)](#). 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. Feb. 4, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Sokol Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231. . Program: M-K-T and Texas Electric Railroad Photography
Tues. March 4, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Tues. April 1, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Tues. March 4, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Tues. April 1, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Tues. May 6, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Tues. June 3, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Tues. July 1, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Tues. August 5, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 2,, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 7, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Tues. Nov. 4,, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 2, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.

