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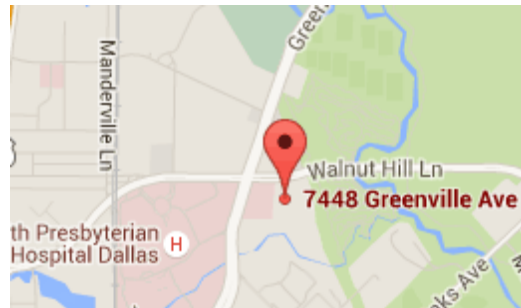
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Chapter Meeting

Tues. August 2, 2016 – Sokol Hall, Dallas.

When 7 pm meet 'n' greet. 7:30 pm meeting.
Where Sokol Hall, 7448 Greenville, Dallas, Texas 75231
Program: 2016 NRHS National Convention in Denver



Location:

Special Features & Announcements

Another Short Lived Historic North Texas Railroad

by Jon Shea

The Gulf and Brazos Valley Railway received its charter on December 29, 1897. It was formed by citizens living in Mineral Wells and Henrietta, Texas. The purpose was to connect those cities with the Chicago, Rock Island and Texas Railway (the Texas Subsidiary of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad) near the town of Red River or Red River Station in Montague County, Texas. The length of the track would be 110 miles. The capital raised was \$110,000 and the business office was at Peck City which was 17 miles west of Weatherford on the Texas and Pacific Railroad. Directors were from Jacksboro, Waxahachie, Henrietta, and Mineral Wells. By 1900 eleven miles of track were in service from Peck City to Mineral Wells but the railroad never built any farther. In January 1902, the railroad was sold by the Sheriff of Parker County to pay the construction crew who had sued the railroad. The company was reorganized in 1902 with the same name. The new company was also unsuccessful and the line was abandoned in 1903. The railroad owned two locomotives and one combination passenger car. Source: *Handbook of Texas Online*, Chris Cravens, "Gulf and Brazos Valley Railway," accessed July 16, 2016, <http://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/eggdu>.

NRHS Voting Closes Aug. 1, 2016

The ballot mailing to the membership is complete. The ballots went out as scheduled around June 1st and you should have received it by now. We urge ALL members to return a completed ballot. You can return your ballot now as the NRHS is accepting ballots. Just remember that all ballots must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2016 to be counted. Ballots will be counted and the results reported to the NRHS. The results will be certified by the General Counsel of the NRHS in late August, 2016. After the vote certification and notification to the candidates, results will be available on the NRHS website, published in the *NRHS News* and the *NRHS Telegraph*.

Below is a complete list of candidates in the NRHS 2016 Election. All NRHS members whom receive a ballot will vote for Vice President, three Global Directors and one District Director. The District Director who a member votes for will be dependent on the member's assigned District. Candidate biographies can be found in the public folder at <https://admin.nrhs.com>.

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| Vice President: Joseph C. Maloney, Jr. | District 1 Director: Tony White | District 6 Director: Duane Durr |
| Global Director: William Brotherton | District 2 Director: Charles Webb | District 7 Director: Skip Waters |
| Global Director: Robert Ernst | District 3 Director: Ralph Robert Bitzer | District A Director: Wesley Weis |
| Global Director: Walter Zullig | District 4 Director: Charles S. Williams | District B Director: Ricky Durrant |
| | District 5 Director: Wesley Ross | |

Source: NRHS email, July 8, 2016.

GE Produces 1000th Locomotive at Fort Worth

GE Manufacturing Solutions, a wholly-owned entity of GE (NYSE: GE), marked a milestone July 7 by celebrating the 1,000th locomotive built at the Fort Worth site.



The 1,000th locomotive is a GE Transportation Evolution® Series Tier 4 model for CN. GE Manufacturing Solutions completed assembly of its first locomotive, a Tier 3 Evolution® Series model for Fort Worth-based BNSF Railway, in early 2013. Source: *GE Transportation press release*, July 7, 2016 at <http://www.getransportation.com/news/ge-manufacturing-solutions-celebrates-its-1000th-locomotive>

The company's Manufacturing Solutions facility recently completed building Canadian National ET44AC No. 3087. The locomotive is the 1,000th locomotive to be built at the Fort Worth plant and is part of an order of 50 locomotives by Canadian National. Since opening in late 2012, the plant has built locomotives for BNSF Railway, Canadian National, CSX Transportation, among other railroads. Source: *Trains Magazine News Wire*, July 11, 2016 at <http://trn.trains.com/news/news-wire/2016/07/11-ge-completes-1000th-locomotive-at-fort-worth-plant>

NRHS National & Chapter News

Membership Update

by Al Weber, NRHS President

Recently, I read an editorial in one of my many railroad subject publications. The author described that the size of each issue is less than issues of 10 years ago.

This is one more facet to the ongoing 'numbers' discussions among the NRHS, as well as other railroad, historical and professional organizations. Today there are fewer subscriptions, a lower readership base, but, more significantly, fewer railroads. With ongoing mergers and consolidation, railroad employment has declined much more than subscription levels. The NRHS has likewise experienced some rough years, and recovery is ongoing. Looking at the 'numbers', we are fewer in number and need to grow new memberships. Members who have fallen by the wayside also need our particular attention. Chapters are essential to grow the membership, increase interest and pursue projects to preserve and protect railroad history. In response to the emails, letters, phone calls on 'how do we get new members', take a new look at chapter outreach. At what age did you become really interested in railroading and railroad history? Today's potential members are those 27 to 45 years old. They are active on the web and their smart phones. How can a chapter reach out and engage with these potential members? How about through Facebook, other social media, the web? Those are the new places to 'meet up', 'hang out' and engage with others of similar interests.

Does your chapter use these new spaces and places to meet, reach and engage with people who have interests in railroad history and preservation? An easy first step is to share your chapter's news and programs through the NRHS Facebook page. The NRHS has about 2,600 followers on Facebook – readers ready to engage with your chapter and its events. This is outreach at its simplest, ready for your chapter to use.

Send your information to Charles S. Williams, email <nrhsnews@charter.net> . Include chapter contact, web site, meeting location, calendar of events, key photos. That's a great first step to reach out, find and engage with potential new member(s). Remember, info@nrhs.com is out there so you can get questions answered; also, feel free to email me at aweber@nrhs.com . Source: *NRHS Telegraph* (July, 2016), Al Weber. "Membership Update".



NRHS Friends on Facebook

The number of people who "like" the NRHS page on Facebook reached the 2,500 milestone over the Memorial Day weekend. The 2,500 who "like" Facebook are from: United States of America, 2,298; Canada, 27; United Kingdom, 16; India, 14; Australia, 13; Brazil, 12; Argentina and Mexico, eight each; Kenya, seven.

Indonesia, Japan, and Germany, six each; Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Netherlands, and New Zealand, four each; Italy, Turkey, and Portugal, three each. Costa Rica, Poland, Puerto Rico, Belgium, Spain, Switzerland, Hungary, and South Korea, two each. Peru, Romania, Russia, Austria, Ireland, Jordan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Nigeria, Gabon, Croatia, Greece, Ecuador, Isle of Man, Morocco, Colombia, Vietnam, Ghana, Hong Kong, Chile, Bangladesh, Jordan, Morocco, Iraq, Denmark, Gabon, Taiwan, Venezuela, Israel, and others (not listed on chart), one each.

The cities in America with the most people who "like" the NRHS Facebook page are: Philadelphia, PA, 28; New York, NY, 16; Chicago, IL, 12; Rochester, NY and St. Louis, MO, 11 each; Milwaukee, WI 10; Indianapolis, IN, Minneapolis, MN, Atlanta, GA, and Portland, OR, nine each; Altoona, PA, and Baltimore, MD, Jacksonville, FL, eight each. Newark, DE, San Francisco, CA, Anchorage, AK, Colorado Springs, CO, seven each. Lehigh, PA, Los Angeles, CA, Columbus, OH, Greensboro, NC, Scranton, PA, Salt Lake City, UT, Reading, PA, Washington, DC, San Jose, CA, Seattle, WA, Suffolk County, NT, Fort Wayne, IN, Rutland (city), VT, and Fort Worth, TX, six each; and Las Vegas, NV, Wichita, Kan., Sacramento, CA, Pittsburgh, PA, Richmond, VA; Cleveland, OH; Heber Springs, AR; Barnstable, MA, Des Moines, IO, Chattanooga, TN; Memphis, TN, Catonsville, MD; and Phoenix, AZ, five each. Nairobi, Kenya also has five. Source: *NRHS Telegraph (July, 2016)*, "Membership Update".

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, July 5, 2016.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: July 5, 2016.

The monthly meeting was held at the Grapevine Founder's Building in Grapevine, TX. Due to a power line, that was hit by lightning, dropping across Highway 121 right at rush hour, there were only 6 members present, the remainder out of town or hopelessly stuck in traffic. The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Smith at 8:15pm after we waited for any stragglers. Wayne welcomed the diehards in attendance and recounted several stops he made over the holiday weekend, including riding the train at Kemah Boardwalk and visiting NASA. He also recently returned from a Class 5 whitewater rafting trip with the Scouts on the New river in West Virginia.

VP-Programs Jon Shea was not available for tonight's meeting but relayed to Wayne the current meeting schedule. The August meeting will be back at SOKOL Hall in Dallas. September's meeting location is unknown at this time as Grapevine is not available. October's meeting TBD, but November will be in Grapevine for the annual member auction. The December meeting will be the annual Christmas party to be held at Babe's in Frisco.

VP-Trips & Events and National Director Skip Waters reported he is awaiting a response from a YouTuber from Tampa, Florida named 'Millenium Force' who drove all the way to Saginaw to film the 24 Hrs @ Saginaw event. The gentleman has a large following on YouTube where he films trains, rollercoasters and other rides he is interested in. He had a few other stops to visit after Saginaw before returning home, so we are waiting to see what he decides to post on his channel. Skip also reminded everyone about the upcoming Denver National Convention. No more registration on line, only on-site. Some banquet tickets are still left but most all events and rides are sold out with over 300 attendees registered. Cab rides will be auctioned off for the Georgetown Loop, Leadville trip and Colorado Rail Museum to the highest bidder with proceeds to go into the grant treasury. The Board is looking for a chapter to host a board meeting in 2018-19, spring or fall.

For the chapter's 20th anniversary, Skip has arranged for 40 spaces to ride on the Quartz Mountain Flyer at a time to be determined, but soon, as the train sells out quickly. Train is located in Oklahoma, northwest of Lawton in the Quartz Mountain State Park, southwest of Clinton, OK. Tickets are \$15/person. Board train at 9:30am, leave at 10:00am and return at 12:15pm. Skip will poll the members to see how they might want to do this, whether rent a bus or carpool. May consider taking Heartland Flyer to OKC for overnight and bus to train next day. Keep tuned for more details.

New member John Hatler, who works for the 'T', reported TxRail has been approved to start studies on running trains down the old Cotton Belt from Ft Worth to Carrollton. This is currently the trackage the Grapevine Vintage railroad uses. Plans could call for first dirt to be turned by end of year. GVRP would still use the line during staggered runs of the TXRail.

Program for the evening was supplied by President Wayne. It was a DVD on the 'Pullman Palace Car' giving a history of the development of the Pullman cars from the first car, the 'Pioneer', built in 1864 for \$20,000. It slept 24 passengers and weighed 6 times a normal car. It was so big it couldn't fit next to most station platforms and sat idle until Pullman managed to offer it for



use on President Abe Lincoln's funeral train. This gave impetus to the railroads ahead of the train to modify their stations and introduced a larger audience to the Pullman car which increased business. At its height, there were over 8000 sleeper cars on the road and it was said over 100,000 people slept in a Pullman car every day. The end came in the 1960's after the Pullman Co. was split up due to anti-trust lawsuits and more passengers took to cars and airplanes for travel.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm. Dave Gramm, Secretary

Chapter Directory

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North Texas Chapter History

Founded and chartered in 1996, the North Texas 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 "Founders Building" at Main St. and the FWWR railroad tracks. Visitors and newcomers are welcome. Chapter membership includes our monthly chapter newsletter, the *North Texas Zephyr*. As of October 2014, chapter dues (\$16, plus \$2 per additional family member) should be sent to the Chapter. Chapter mailing address: North Texas Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 600304, Dallas, Texas 75360. Learn about the National Railway Historical Society at www.nrhs.com If you change your email address on file with the NRHS, please send the old and new email addresses to info@nrhs.com.

North Texas Calendar

Tues. Aug. 2, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas. Program: 2016 NRHS National Conference, Denver report.
Tues. Sept. 6, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: to be confirmed.. Program: to be confirmed.
Tues. Oct. 4, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas. Program: to be confirmed.
Tues. Nov. 1, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas. Program: Annual Chapter auction.
Tues. Dec. 6, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Babe's Chicken Dinner House Frisco. 6475 Page St. Frisco, Texas 75034. Program: Annual Holiday Dinner.

**** Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Location is confirmed in newsletter issue(s) prior to meeting month.**



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