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**Chapter Meeting**

**March 3, 2015 – Trains in Hollywood Films**

*When* 7 pm meet 'n' greet, 7:30 pm meeting.  
*Where* Founders Building, 701 South. Main Street,  
 Grapevine, Texas 76051  
*Program* The History of Trains in Hollywood Films

*Directions:* Map at <http://go.dallasnews.com/places/founders-building/>



**Features**

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dallas Area Slide Show**

by Skip Waters, VP, Trips & Events



*Left:* Dave Gramm helping new North Texas chapter member Bryan Flint of Houston with his presentation at the 10th Dallas Area Media Slide Show.

*Below:* Group shot of 10th Dallas Area Media Slide Show.



## Jon's Boston Subway Rail Romp

by Jon Shea, VP Programs

Last Fall I took a trip to Boston and rode the subway.



Above left: Green Line.



Above right: Red Line.



Above: The Broadway Station.

This mosaic sign is similar to those in New York City subway stations. This station had old pictures and advertisements of factories which were once in the area 100 or more years ago.

## North Texas Chapter News & Views

### President's Roundhouse

by Wayne Smith, President

The Tenth Anniversary of "24 Hours at Saginaw" will be upon us shortly. It is an award winning event that is one of our chapter's flagship events of the year. The results are in for Cowcatcher Magazine's 6th Annual Gold Rail Awards. "24 Hours at Saginaw" won first place for "Best Rail Special Event" and our location (Saginaw Depot) for the event also won first place for "Best Railfanning Spot." We have won either first or second place every year in both of these categories. "24 Hours at Saginaw" is a very special event for the DFW Metroplex, the State of Texas and the entire 9 state reading audience of Cowcatcher Magazine held every Memorial Day weekend. You can't miss the 10th Anniversary Edition!

For the third year in a row, we will also conduct a silent auction during "24 Hours at Saginaw" which has proven to be a popular event. We are able to raise funds for the purpose of supporting railroad and historical preservation. Please call Wayne Smith, chapter president, at 940-300-4407 if you are wanting to make a donation. You can also contact him by e-mail at [kwsmith@nctc.edu](mailto:kwsmith@nctc.edu). Within reason, we accept just about anything that is railroad related. If you are at a point in your life that you are wanting to "down-size" your collection, or if you have multiples of an item, we will gladly accept them and provide you with a receipt for tax purposes. We are looking forward to seeing you at "24 Hours at Saginaw".



**Jon's History Corner**

by Jon Shea, VP Programs

This KATY Railroad freight service ad comes from the November 1, 1934 M-K-T passenger timetable which I picked up at the Plano Train show on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015..

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Southbound	Overnight Service	Northbound
7:00 pm	LA - Dallas	6:00 am
7:30 pm	LA - Fort Worth	7:00 am
8:00 pm	LA - Waco	8:00 am
8:30 pm	LA - Austin	9:00 am
9:00 pm	LA - San Antonio	10:00 am
9:30 pm	LA - Houston	11:00 am
10:00 pm	LA - Galveston	12:00 pm
10:30 pm	LA - Dallas	1:00 pm
11:00 pm	LA - Fort Worth	2:00 pm
11:30 pm	LA - Waco	3:00 pm
12:00 am	LA - Austin	4:00 pm
12:30 am	LA - San Antonio	5:00 pm
1:00 am	LA - Houston	6:00 pm
1:30 am	LA - Galveston	7:00 pm

**Save delays - USE KATY FAST FREIGHT - It pays!**

**Another Byte of History**

submitted by Claude Doane

This month we have some editorial comments from March, 1958. These were all quoted in the May 1958 issue of *Railway Digest* published by the Association of American Railroads.

Since all transportation has become highly competitive, the forces of free enterprise should be allowed to operate, and archaic regulation should be revised radically in the public interest. Otherwise, government regulation will lead to government ownership of all public transportation....

Ft. Worth (Tex.) *Evening Star-Telegram*, March 17, 1958

So far, government ownership has only happened on the passenger side.

The important consideration is that the public interest is involved in the railroads' predicament and that the public will pay dearly for neglect and evasion of the problem.

Ft. Worth (Tex.) *Evening Star-Telegram*, March 25, 1958

One Thing is certain: When any governmental regulatory agency – state or federal – tries to compel a public utility to give service which it cannot give profitably, the results cumulatively can be destructive to economy even on a national basis.

Shreveport (La.) *Times*, March 27, 1958

I guess that is why Amtrak passenger service is operated by the government.

And last, but not least...

The railroads have a case when they point to advantages bestowed on competing modes of transportation. Truckers are subsidized through public highways, airlines benefit from federally-subsidized airports and communications systems, waterways are government maintained for the barge owners.

What is needed is a national transport policy which would enable all carriers to operate and to compete on an equitable basis.

Monessen (Pa.) *Independent*, March 1, 1958

Fifty-seven years later and we are still waiting for a national transportation policy. Some things really never change.

**Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, February 3, 2015.**

**NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: February 3, 2015, SOKOL Hall, Dallas, Texas.**

The February meeting was held at the Dallas SOKOL Athletic Building in Dallas, TX. President Wayne Smith was unable to attend, so **VP-Programs Jon Shea** called the meeting to order at 7:35pm and welcomed the 10 members and 1 guest present.

Jon introduced guest Brian Blanchard who was visiting the chapter tonight. Brian gave a talk to the chapter several years ago about being a railroad engineer and we hope he can return again as a member.

**Chapter secretary Dave Gramm** reported no news from the Train Council yet. The next council meeting will be on Feb 17, when we should receive our participation check.

Member Jeff Phelps reported the chapter made \$70 from magazine sales and sold a book at the train show. Brian Tyndall donated a 'G' scale train that we sold for \$40 also.



**VP-Trips & Entertainment and National Director Skip Waters** reported the slide show at Plano was a great success with 11 presenters. The chapter also sold 2 additional books at the slide show and the chapter gained 3 new members.

**Past Director Claude Doane** reported our chapter has volunteered to host the Jan 2016 winter NRHS conference, assuming they have one. Skip will chair the event along with Claude. We will need to locate a hotel and find out what else is required. St. Louis chapter member Steve Siegerist is also helping and is looking to provide some type of entertainment (rail excursion, etc.). We will need volunteers to help man the event as details are ironed out & released.

Skip reported about meeting with the board of the TX Western Model RR Club. Their club is building an authentic recreation of Ft. Worth on their layout and they have asked us to visit them and give them ideas on how to best recreate some authentic scenery. They are also willing to give a presentation at Saginaw in May during '24 Hours'. We, as a chapter, will visit their layout in lieu of the April meeting.

Details and directions will be forthcoming in the newsletter.

**Jon (VP Programs) informed** the attendees that the March meeting will be held at the Founder's Building in Grapevine, TX, across from the train depot, with the program to be decided on by the time the newsletter goes to press. The May meeting will be at the Plano Interurban Museum. Curator Robert Haynes contacted us about a talk he had recently given on streetcar running and informed us he has a similar talk prepared for us.

Skip reported the proof copy of our chapter's book had been received today (2-3-15) by Dave Bernstein, the author, and it will be reviewed during the next 48 hours before going to final print. We anticipate delivery of the finished book by April.

Skip also mentioned that over 5000 online renewals to National have been completed so far. Members can renew using PayPal or their own credit card if desired. When renewing online, after completing the obligatory fill-ins, check PayPal for payment and click through to the next page where you can select a credit card instead if you don't have a PayPal account. Physical membership cards are expected in April and will probably be printed on the end of an email or letter which the member can cut out. Skip fielded several questions on the current direction of National and he noted there was a decidedly different atmosphere in operations. He asked all members to give the new officers at least a year to resolve any problems before giving up. Program tonight was a slide show of Katy Passenger Cars and Engines from the 1950-60's era. Respectfully submitted, Dave Gramm, Secretary

## Chapter Directory

### *North Texas Chapter Officers, 2015.*

- **President, Wayne Smith**, 940-300-4407.
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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 FWR 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. National organization 2015 dues are paid to the NRHS directly. Learn about the National Railway Historical Society at [www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)


## North Texas Calendar

<b>Tues. March 3, 2015.</b>	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> Location: Founders Building, 701 South. Main Street, Grapevine, Texas. Map at <a href="http://go.dallasnews.com/places/founders-building/">http://go.dallasnews.com/places/founders-building/</a> Program: Trains in Hollywood Films.
<b>Tues. April 7, 2015.</b>	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> Location Texas Western Model Railroad Club., Program: See April issue. TWMRC website: <a href="http://twmrc.org/WP/">http://twmrc.org/WP/</a>
<b>Tues. May 5, 2015.</b>	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> Location, Plano Interurban Museum. Program: Robert Haynes - what's new at the museum, and a talk on Dallas Streetcars in Oak Cliff.



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