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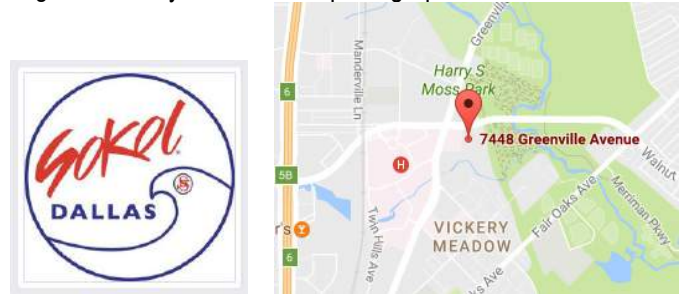
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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas.

When 7 pm meet 'n' greet. 7:30 pm meeting.
Where 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231
 Phone: (214) 368-5608
Program Jerry Nunn: Latest photographic works



More information: <http://www.sokoldallas.org/contact/>

Special Features

Come to 12th Annual “24 Hours @Saginaw” – Fri. May 26-Sat. May 27, 2017

by Skip Waters

IT'S TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS!!!

It is here and it is NOW!

Come join the North Texas Chapter and Saginaw Chamber for
 the 12th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2017!

7:00 p.m. Friday, May 26th through 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 27th, 2017.

Depot on Main Street in Saginaw, Texas.

- New items are being planned and a return of the silent auction for your favorite rail items, a good old fashioned Slide Auction (watch slides, enjoy a show and go home with your favorite subjects), plus much more. Also the usual great programs and fun activities to keep you busy for 24 Hours... and oh yeah.. TRAIN WATCHING!!!!
- Mark your calendars and get your lawn chairs ready (sleeping bags too) -- TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS... IT'S "SAGINAW TIME!!!"
- Join the "24 Hours @ Saginaw" Facebook page for the latest updates at <https://www.facebook.com/24hoursatSaginaw>
- PRESENTERS: We are now accepting presenters who would like to put on a program for this year's event. Please email me off list to: wgrush@swbell.net to be on the schedule. It can be slides, video, digital, live presentation, clinic, exhibits... it just has to be about railroads.

Skip Waters, 12th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2017.

NRHS & North Texas Rail News

Jon's History Corner

Finding a Home for Dallas' Railroads

Dallas Union Station - Then and now. *Legacies Magazine* (Spring 2017) is published by The Dallas Historical Society, Dallas Heritage Village and The Sixth Floor Museum. Used by Permission.

Dallas THEN & NOW

In the early years of the twentieth century, five separate railroad depots served Dallas. The busy and attractive depots were scattered all over the downtown area, from the Houston and Texas Central facility on the city's eastern fringes to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas depot and the Texas & Pacific depot on the western edge of town. The Santa Fe and Cotton Belt depots were arrayed along Commerce Street. The resulting myriad of street crossings created considerable traffic snarls, not to mention clouds of locomotive smoke and unhappy automobile and wagon drivers forced to bounce over a jumble of railroad tracks.

The solution to the problem was the \$6.5 million Union Station, a cooperative facility that would serve all of the city's railroads from a beautiful new facility on Houston Street. New routes would avoid the city's bustling downtown core and allow the eventual removal of several miles of troublesome tracks. Planning for the new facility began in 1913. Chicago architect Jarvis Hunt was chosen to design the gleaming new station, which opened in 1916. At its peak, Union Station could accommodate eighty trains daily.

Just over a century later, the historic facility still sparkles, serving as a regional transportation center and private meeting venue.

—Mark Rice



Galveston Rail Museum

The original mission and purpose of The Galveston Center for Transportation and Commerce was to depict the history of transportation in our State and especially in our community. Primarily this mission was the assembly of the largest collection of railroad artifacts and memorabilia (railroadiana), and what is still the largest and finest collection of railroad rolling stock in the southwestern United States. (Source: Galveston Rail Museum web site, "About Us" section at



<http://www.galvestonrrmuseum.com/about-us.html>. Last accessed May 17, 2017.



(Above left. Photo credit: Jon Shea.)
Interior of RPO Car, Galveston Railroad Museum.



(Above right. Photo credit: Jon Shea.)
Interior of Pullman car with upper berths on right side down for night use, Galveston Railroad Museum.

North Texas Chapter News

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2017.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: May 2, 2017.

Minutes of the May 2017 Meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS

The meeting was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Sokol Hall in Dallas TX. Dave Podrasky served as host. There were 12 attendees.



President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. Wayne recognized Claude Doane, who attended one last time before moving to East Otto, New York.

Wayne noted that the latest issue of "Trains" magazine covered the Saginaw depot in its monthly feature on "Railroad Hot Spots", and the "24 Hours at Saginaw" event was mentioned in the article. The author of the article, Hayley Enoch, will attend the upcoming "24 Hours" event. He also provided handouts, brochures, flyers, etc., for various rail-themed museums, programs, and events for give away.

The first item of discussion was the Southern Pacific book (Volume 1) sales. The Chapter funded the printing of 1500 copies; about 700 have been sold so far. Volume 2 is ready to go to press. While the Chapter would be like to finance the Volume 2 printing, it is not financially in a position to do so. In an effort to revive book sales, President Smith appointed member Don Novak as Out of Town Sales Chair. Don will organize and lead efforts to ensure the Chapter has a presence at various venues out of the DFW area. Special emphasis should be given to securing a table at Austin, Houston, and San Antonio. Skip Waters and Don Novak will discuss these issues further.

VP Programs Jon Shea passed around a recent issue of "Civil War Monitor" magazine, which contained an article about one of the earliest "canteens" for soldiers that was in existence in Philadelphia, PA during the Civil War.

The discussion turned to future meeting locations. The Chapter has booked next month's meeting at Sokol Hall, but has not yet secured locations for the August through November meetings. Don Novak (who works for Amtrak) will see about the feasibility of scheduling a future meeting in an Amtrak Superliner car. Amtrak typically keeps a spare Superliner car and protection locomotive at Ft. Worth. The car would typically be available Monday through Thursday evenings, and the locomotive could supply HEP (Head End Power) for the car's air conditioning electricity, and lighting. Should the locomotive need to be used elsewhere, the meeting could take place at the Sheraton Hotel (also used by Amtrak train crews), or the Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) which is the train and bus station.

It was noted that July 4, 2017 is the first Tuesday in July. The July 2017 meeting will therefore take place on July 11.

Regarding the ITC, Mr. Reuben Salas is the contact for securing a meeting room. Jerry Nunn will obtain contact information from John Hatler, and pass the information to the other officers. Price to secure a meeting room is supposedly in the \$100.00 range.

It was also suggested that a future meeting might take place at the T&P Tavern, if it is feasible to conduct a meeting there.

The Grapevine Vintage RR Museum will begin taking reservations for 2018 in September. Jon will attempt to book meetings for February, May, August, and September. The months of January, March, April, and December will not be available. We must be careful that a meeting does not coincide with the annual Grapefest event, however.

Plans continue to progress for the upcoming "24 Hours at Saginaw" event scheduled for May 26-27. A group of presenters is lined up, including Steve Goen, Hayley Enoch, and Dave Weigand. Amtrak Assistant Conductor Angie Hicks will provide the Operation Lifesaver presentation. A slide auction has not yet been scheduled but might be, depending on the interest of anyone to sell their slides.

Chair, "24 Hours at Saginaw" Skip Waters stated that Matthew Liptek has produced commemorative T-shirts, mugs, and puzzles for the event. The Chapter will receive \$2.00 per T-shirt, and \$1.00 per mug, that is sold. Order through the appropriate website (listed below). Order by May 18 to be able to pick up your order at the Saginaw event. Otherwise, there will be a \$3.00 shipping charge. No merchandise will be sold at the meeting.

Orders for the items are to be placed via websites. Here are the links:

- For the Shirts: <http://bit.ly/2p5dMoP>
- For the Mugs: <http://bit.ly/2oxDvYg>
- For the Towels: <http://bit.ly/2oKIWQ4>
- For the Puzzles: <http://bit.ly/2pjoc2l>

PLEASE NOTE: **orders must be placed by June 1, 2017**. After that date the websites will shut down.

Bob Kennedy, who normally handles the registration, donations, lapel buttons, and the sign-in sheets, will not be able to attend this year. The Chapter needs someone to fill in for Bob. If interested, please contact Skip Waters, or one of s Chapter officers.



The 2017 National Convention will be held in Nashville June 20-24. Space is available for some programs, but space is limited. Hotel rooms are going fast, so anyone interested should complete their plans as soon as possible. The 2018 Convention is scheduled for Cass, WV, and the 2019 Convention for Ogden, UT.

The Chapter would like to host a 2019 Fall Director's Conference in the DFW area. The conference typically spans a three-day time frame, and has about 100 attendees. The Chapter needs someone to chair the logistics of the Conference, including hotel, tours, and dinner.

Dave Podrasky reported that for the Fall Plano Train Show, the Chapter needs to contribute 7 hours of volunteer service, typically at the admissions tables. Ticket prices will increase from \$8.00 to \$10.00. There continues to be a "Kitchen Sales Guarantee" that sponsors, including the Chapter, must support. That figure has increased from \$1700.00 to \$2500.00.

John Hatler reminded the attendees that the 50th Annual National Association of Rail Passengers (NARP) Convention (entitled "Railnation Chicago") will take place November 2-5, 2017 in Chicago, IL. Refer to the NARP website for additional details.

The evening's program was a video of a 1950s news program featuring the "20th Century Limited" as it departed New York City.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM. **Jerry M. Nunn**, Secretary, North Texas Chapter, NRHS

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

Fri. May 26 – Sat. May 27, 2017	12th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2017 – Annual rail watching fun fest, sponsored by North Texas Chapter and Saginaw Chamber of Commerce. Depot on Main Street in Saginaw, Texas. 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 26, 2017 through 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 27, 2017.
Tues. June 6, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> Sokol Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231 <i>Phone:</i> (214) 368-5608. <i>Program:</i> Latest Track-side Photography by Jerry Nunn.
Tues. July 11, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location, Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tues. Sept. 5, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location, Program:</i> to be confirmed.
	** Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Location is confirmed in newsletter issue(s) prior to meeting month.