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Chapter Meeting

May 5, 2015 – Plano Interurban Museum, Plano, Texas.

When 7 pm meet 'n' greet, 7:30 pm meeting.

Where 901 E 15th St, Plano, Texas. 75074

Program: Chapter and club visit.

Location:



See details at <http://planoconservancy.org/explore-community-history/interurban-railway-museum>

Special Features

24 Hours @ Saginaw, 2015 Style

Come watch trains for 24 Hours with us on Friday, through Saturday, 7:00pm to 7:00pm over Memorial Day Weekend at the Saginaw Heritage Center (the depot) 301 S. Saginaw Blvd. in Saginaw, Teaxs.

10th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw", 2015

7:00 pm Friday, May 22 through 7:00 pm Saturday, May 23, at the Depot on Main Street in Saginaw, Texas.

Mark your calendars, get lawn chairs ready (sleeping bags too)! It's TIME TO WATCH TRAINS... IT'S "SAGINAW TIME!!!"

Come and join the excitement • a silent auction for some of your favorite rail items, • a good old fashion 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 TRAIN WATCHING!!!! Join the "24 Hours @ Saginaw" Facebook page for the latest updates, <https://www.facebook.com/24hoursatSaginaw>

Presenters: We are now accepting anyone who would like to put on a program for this year's event. Please email Skip (wgcrush@swbell.net). Whatever you have ... slides, video, digital, live presentation, clinic, exhibits... it just has to be about railroads. If you have door prizes to donate, we would appreciate them too (so would the winners!). Be sure to include who they are from so we can announce it at the event. Until then... Skip Waters 10th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" V.P of Events, NTC.

North Texas Chapter at NRHS Spring 2015 Meeting, York PA

The North Texas Chapter was well represented at the Spring 2015 meeting in York. Officers and members came from all points of the compass – north west (York Springs PA), south west (Dallas TX) and west (St. Louis MO).



Far left: Harry and Valli, Skip, Steve.

Far right: Steve Siegerist (Captain Transit, former Chapter Treasurer.), Valli Hoski (newsletter editor, Chapter VP), Skip Waters (Chapter VP). All are charter members of the Chapter (old in other words.).



PRR Cheery Blossom Time

by Valli Hoski

After attending a library conference in Philadelphia in late April, Harry and I explored a few historical districts. Hope you enjoy these views of the PRR Suburban Station, blossoming in the warm spring sun. (Photo credit: Valli Hoski)



Santa Fe Terminal Complex

by Jon Shea

This note from Preservation Dallas is about the Santa Buildings in downtown Dallas (*Legacies Magazine, Spring 2015*).

"The Mission Revival style Santa Fe Terminal Complex was constructed in 1924 as a series of four buildings containing the headquarters for the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway and the Southwest's largest merchandising center. Underground railroad tracks served the complex and goods could be unloaded and delivered to the various buildings by a system of small steam locomotives in tunnels. Building No. 1 served as office space and still does. A garment center was located in No. 2 and is now loft apartments. No. 3 and No. 4 were both warehouses. No. 3 was demolished while No. 4 was converted into a hotel. In 1926, J. M. Haggard started a clothing manufacturing company in the complex, later known as Haggard Clothing, and coined the term slacks for clothing intended to be worn during 'slack time'. Buildings No. 1, 2, and 4 are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and 1 and 2 are City of Dallas Landmarks."

Building #1 is located at 1114 Commerce Street. It is now part of the Federal Building complex. In this historic photo the area to the right is now occupied by the main building of the Federal Building. Santa Fe is carved on the front of the building.



NRHS & Chapter News / Views

News from Texas Western Club

First, congratulations on the exceptional book your club just published about the Southern Pacific Eastern Lines, 1946-1996! It is truly spectacular and a real tribute to your club!

Next, on behalf of the members of the Texas Western Model Railroad Club, I would like to thank the members of your club for



holding your meeting at our club last night. I can't tell you how much everyone appreciated your club allowing us to share our vision of modeling Tower 55 and railroading in the Fort Worth/North Texas surrounding area.

As Darrell Cowles, our CEO, mentioned last night, we are trying to model as historically accurate as possible. It is our sincere desire to get the job done RIGHT! Your club has already assisted us in developing new sources of information for this project. This has been greatly appreciated!

Finally, we are also sincerely committed to helping your club make the tenth anniversary of your flagship railfanning event, 24 Hours at Saginaw, a complete success!

Best - **Kimberly Ord Hinton**, NTC NRHS member and TWMRC CDO

P.S. If any of your members would like to become a "Friends of the Texas Western", they can easily do so online with a click of the button! After payment of a nominal \$25.00 annual membership fee, "Friends" will receive a distinctive membership certificate. They will also be signed up for our monthly club newsletter, the STAR, and they will be invited to a private Open House that is put on once a year just for our "Friends of the Texas Western". For more information and to complete the online signup process, go here <http://twmrc.org/WP/twmrc/membership/friends-of-the-texas-western-membership/> We would love to have new "Friends" to join us!

President's Roundhouse

by Wayne Smith

Texas Western

April 16, 2015. NTC Members, I just became a "Friends of the Texas Western" member. I encourage all of you to support this fine organization with either a regular membership or a "friends" membership if you are able to do so. Please see the link below. <http://twmrc.org/WP/twmrc/membership/friends-of-the-texas-western-membership/>

We want to continue to build a relationship with Texas Western and support them any way we can. Thanks again to the fine folks at Texas Western for opening their facility to us and showing us fine Texas hospitality. Wayne.

New NRHS National Address

by Al Weber, NRHS President

In preparation of ending the agreement with Fernley and Fernley on April 15th 2015 we have established a new mailing address. Please direct all correspondence and written inquires to our new address. From there they will be forwarded to the appropriate volunteer.

National Railway Historical Society
c/o John K. Fiorilla, Esq
Capehart & Scatchard PA
P.O. Box 5016
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

News to Non-Members

by Jim King, Treasurer

"Note to Non-Members: If you are not a chapter member, you are likely receiving this newsletter because we know you are interested in railroad history, we know that you live in the North Texas area, and best of all, we know how to reach you! Please take a moment to consider joining our chapter and contributing to our rail history preservation efforts. Chapter memberships are only \$16 annually. Contact Chapter Treasurer Jim King (jgking@swbell.net) if you would like more information."

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2015.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: April 7, 2015. Texas Western Model Railroad Club, 6808 Forest Hill Drive, Forest Hill, Texas 76140. About 25 people were in attendance.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45pm and thanked TWMRRC member Kim Hinton for the invitation to visit the club's new layout and hold our chapter meeting there. He welcomed the 12 chapter members and the dozen or so TWMRRC club members present.

VP – Programs Jon Shea was unable to attend and Skip Waters gave a report in his behalf. The May chapter meeting will be at the Plano Interurban Museum where Robert Haynes will give a presentation on 'Dallas Street Cars'. June's program will be on the rebuilding of Engine #3, location TBA, Also in Mid-June, the NRHS National Convention will take place in Vermont. Member Jeff Phelps gave a preview on the June program regarding the rebuilding of engine #3 and its storied life. Left to rust away, it was rescued and rebuilt to operational mode. The program will be a video detailing the rebuilding process.



VP- Trips & Events Skip Waters reported on the upcoming '24 Hours at Saginaw' event taking place May 22-23 at the Saginaw Depot. This is the 10th anniversary of the event and Skip has presenters from out of the local area signed up to give presentations. Kim's son will bring his portable model railroad for display and the Texas Western Club will have a presence in various events as well.

Skip will give a presentation on the 'Crash at Crush' during the Katy Association convention and will repeat the show at Saginaw. He also reported that the Temple RR Museum is hosting a 12 hour train watch from 9am-9pm on May 9. Skip gave a long awaited announcement, 'Our Book Is Finished!' The publication of the chapter's book on the SP Eastern Lines, 1946-1996 is done and he had copies available for purchase. Books that were preordered will be shipped this week and dealer orders will be shipped next week. Author Dave Bernstein has produced an excellent effort and we thank him.

In National news, Skip reported the Spring National Board meeting will be held in York, PA in a few weeks. As of April 15, we will be free of the contract with Fernley & Fernley and headquarters has hired a new vendor to handle the database at a considerable savings. Membership cards for this year are a priority right now.

The chapter meeting ended at 8:15pm and Texas Western president Darrell Cowles picked up with the program. He gave a Power Point overview of the club's history starting in 1997. The club had built a layout depicting the Dallas/Fort Worth area that was in operation for 17 years until it was forced to be torn down in 2013 due to their building being sold. After working out a deal with the city of Forest Hills, the club signed a long term lease on the city's old community center and they are actively rebuilding their layout. They are attempting to accurately portray the Tower 55 area and surrounding trackage and businesses as it was in the 1960's. The club members have asked if the chapter can offer any assistance in providing accurate information on the trackage location, trains that passed through the junction, local businesses that utilized the trains for shipments, and any other details that will make their reproduction more authentic. Their goal is to build a history learning tool that will be ADA compliant with 4' aisles and 5' turning radii and ADA compliant restroom facilities. The program finished around 8:45pm and members then toured the facility to inspect the progress the club has made in their construction and to comment on additions they could incorporate to make it more authentic. Respectfully submitted, 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. National organization 2015 dues are paid to the NRHS directly. Learn about the National Railway Historical Society at

www.nrhs.com

North Texas Calendar

Tues. May 5, 2015.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Plano Interurban Museum. Program: Robert Haynes - what's new at the museum, and a talk on Dallas Streetcars in Oak Cliff.
Friday May 22 & Sat. May 23,	24 Hours @ Saginaw, 2015 – Location, Saginaw, Texas. . Come watch trains for 24 Hours with us on Friday, through Saturday, 7:00pm to 7:00pm over Memorial Day Weekend at the Saginaw Heritage Center



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2015.	(the depot) 301 S. Saginaw Blvd. in Saginaw, Texas. Interested in presenting a media program, please contact Skip Waters, wgcrush@swbell.net
Tues. June 2 , 2015.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Sokol Hall. 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231 Program: The Restoration of Engine Sierra #3. Map: http://www.sokoldallas.org/contact/
June 14-20, 2015.	2015 NRHS Convention – Location: Rutland, VT. “The convention will feature seven days of rare train rides, one-of-a-kind photo opportunities and historic tours, followed by a public rail excursion on June 21.” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convention information http://www.nrhs.com/2015_Convention• Registration package available at http://www.nrhs.com/sites/default/files/2015_Convention_Registration_Package.pdf• Ticket information at https://www.regonline.com/Register/Checkin.aspx?EventID=161971
Tues. July 7, 2015.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: <i>to be confirmed.</i> Program: <i>to be confirmed.</i>
Tues. Aug. 4, 2015.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: <i>to be confirmed.</i> Program: <i>to be confirmed.</i>
Tues. Sept. 1, 2015.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: <i>to be confirmed.</i> Program: <i>to be confirmed.</i>



New Southern Pacific Book – Sponsored by North Texas Chapter!

The North Texas Chapter is proud to sponsor David Bernstein's new work on the Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines. See order form below, or contact the Chapter for orders..

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Announcing a new book published by the North Texas Chapter, NRHS written by David M. Bernstein!

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