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Chapter Meeting

**Tues. December 6, 2016 – Babe’s Chicken
 Dinner House Frisco.**

Program: ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER.

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

Where Babe’s Chicken Dinner House Frisco. 6475
 Page St. Frisco, Texas 75034. (214) 387-9500.

Details: <http://www.babeschicken.com/our-kitchens/frisco/>

Menu includes Fried Chicken, Chicken Fried Steak, Fried
 Chicken Tenders, Fried Catfish, Hickory Smoked Chicken,
 and more. Cost is \$13.99 for all entrées, except for Fried
 catfish which is \$14.99. All vegetables are served family
 style and are included in the entrée cost. Drinks are extra.

Special Features & Announcements

President’s Roundhouse – Bits and Pieces

by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

1. Many thanks to those who participated in our annual auction held in November. For those who attended, the participants received some great deals on books, magazines, memorabilia, posters, calendars, a railroad related clock and other items. We raised \$115.00 that will be applied to our grant program.
2. Jerry Nunn is once again our Nominations Chair for our annual elections to be held in January. If you interested in running for office, please communicate your interest with Jerry to get your name on the ballot. Skip Waters has informed the chapter that he will not be seeking another term as Vice President of Trips and Events. He will continue to serve on the national board and as a member of our local chapter. Many thanks to Skip for his extensive years of service to our chapter. This is an important position to position to fill. Only serious members should run for this position.
3. Don’t forget about our trip on the Quartz Mountain train on November 19, 2016, with the North Texas Chapter! It is a two-hour narrated round trip from Lone Wolf, Oklahoma. The station is located on Trimble Ave, Lone Wolf, OK 73655. Travel to and from Lone Wolf, Oklahoma is on your own.
4. Our annual holiday party will be at Babe’s Restaurant in Frisco again this year. We will have lots of door prizes available for those who attend.
5. Please see announcements elsewhere in this newsletter for more details on all of these activities.

2017 Chapter Dues Update

by Jim King, Chapter Treasurer

First let me apologize to anyone receiving this email who is not a member of the North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) and/or who does not wish to be a member of the chapter. I'm working from our chapter email list (mostly but not exclusively used for the chapter newsletter), and some of the names on that list are not appropriate for chapter dues solicitation. For example, some names are there for newsletter exchange purposes with other chapters, groups and libraries. If this applies to you, please accept my apology (but you are welcome to join our chapter!) Last year was a transition year for the national dues payment system.



Some people paid national and local dues in one combined payment through our chapter, while others paid national dues directly to NRHS. Some of the individuals in this latter category also paid chapter dues separately while others failed to do so. At this point, I do not know whether such failure was an oversight or an intentional decision, and as a result, I did not prune our chapter email list last spring when 2016 dues collection ended. For the most part, anyone who paid chapter dues in 2015 but not in 2016 remained on our list as an active address.

So, with that introduction, for those of you who wish to remain (or become) members of the North Texas Chapter NRHS for 2017, the instructions for paying chapter dues are below. For anyone else receiving this email, I will remove you from our chapter email list in mid-January unless I get a response to this email indicating that you are an exchange or complimentary recipient and that you wish to remain on our list.

2017 Chapter Dues and Payment Options

For 2017, North Texas Chapter will only be accepting payments for "Chapter Dues". We will not be accepting national dues payments. NRHS has created a system for soliciting national dues and accepting payments, and chapter members should use that system. For more information, see the link on the NRHS website at nrhs.com.

The 2017 chapter dues amount is unchanged from 2016: Individual dues are \$16; family dues are \$18. There are two options for payment.

Option 1: On-Line Payment by Credit Card

Go to <https://northtexaschapternrhs.ecwid.com/> and follow the link for paying "Membership Dues". This process will require entering your full name and a suitable email address, and that information will be provided to me when payment is made. To cover the fee that the credit card processing company charges us, the individual and family dues are slightly higher, by 50 cents and 75 cents, respectively.

Option 2: Pay by Check

If you wish to pay by check, make it payable to "North Texas Chapter NRHS" and mail it to:
North Texas Chapter NRHS, PO Box 600304, Dallas TX 75360

Please be sure to include your email address on your check or on a note with the check so that I can update our email list. If you have any questions, please email me at northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com and I will answer your question, or find someone who can! Thank you for supporting the North Texas Chapter! Jim King, Treasurer.

Source: 11/7/2016. Personal email from **NTX Chapter NRHS** <northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com>

North Texas Rail History & News

The Texas & Pacific Railroad Exhibit – 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition

by Jon Shea

I recently purchased a copy of the booklet - *Texas Centennial Exposition Dallas June 6 to November 29 Official Souvenir Guide*. The original cover cost was 25 cents. The section on the Transportation Building (now called The Centennial Building) had a description of the exhibits for each of the major railroads in Texas. The first exhibit described is the Texas and Pacific Railroad (see below). Stay tuned for features about other railroads in future editions of the newsletter.

"From the International Harvester exhibit it is but a short step to the display of the Texas & Pacific Railway and here you will realize, once more the close connection between the industrial and commercial life of Texas and its transportation systems. At the Texas & Pacific exhibit you start your tour of the several railroad displays which are located in this section of the Transportation Building.

The T&P exhibit is designed to give you an accurate picture of the territory the line serves. Cities and towns located along the line of the T&P are reproduced in miniature, and passenger and freight trains especially built for the purpose, operate between such points as in actual life. The operation of these miniature trains is protected with automatic switches, safety signal devices, controls and lights just as used for the trains which operate over the T&P system.

Oil wells actually flow; tractors automatically plow the fields. The sugar cane industry is recognized in the exhibit. Cotton fields are shown - cattle grazing is indicated - rivers flow, and insofar as is possible the territory served by the Texas & Pacific Railway will be laid before the people who visit the Exposition."

KATY Passenger Train at Highland Park Station

by Jon Shea

This item (see right) is from *Dallas Then and Now* by Peter Kurilecz and Andy Reisberg, published 1991, and used by kind permission of the Friends of the Dallas Public Library.

Our chapter has been invited by the Friends of the Dallas Public Library to meet in their meeting room and see some of the Library's railroad related collection. We can hopefully do that next year.

Source:
Kurilecz, Peter, and Andy Reisberg. *Dallas Then & Now*. Dallas: Friends of the Dallas Public Library, 1991. Print.

HIGHLAND PARK RAILROAD STATION C. 1954

On Abbott Avenue just north of Knox Street the Katy Railroad established the first suburban rail road station for Dallas in 1922. Many people from North Dallas and the Park Cities commuted daily to downtown from this station which was in continuous use until 1965. The station was demolished in 1968 and the land converted into a park.



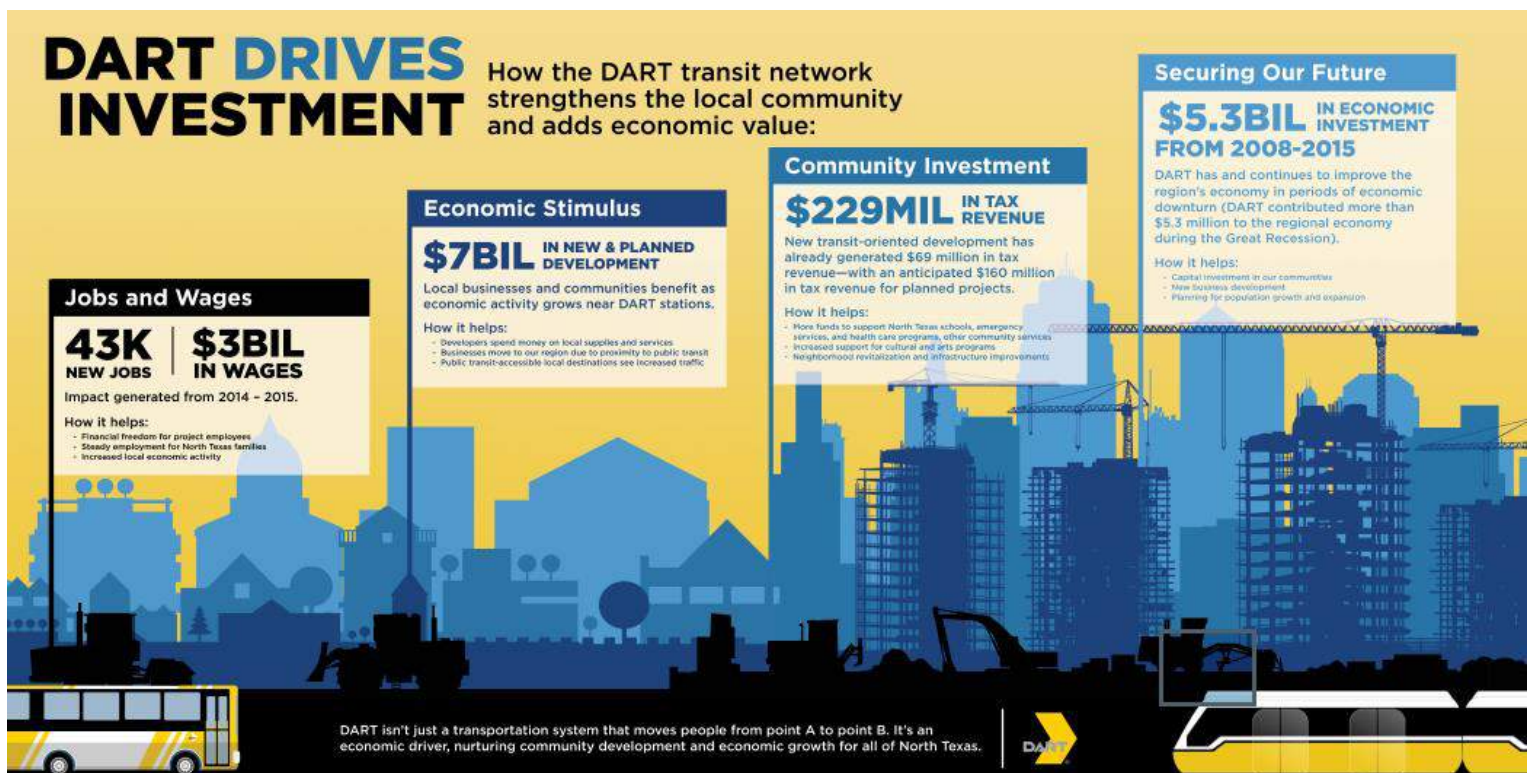
DART Investment Drove Dallas Economic Benefits in 2014-2015

by Dallas Area Rapid Transit

Transit Oriented Development near DART Rail, like CityLine and the continued growth in the Cedars south of downtown Dallas, is driving the North Texas economic boom with more than \$7 billion in economic impact from new or planned construction within a quarter mile of rail stations.

Researchers from the Economics Research Group at the University of North Texas, led by Michael Carroll, Ph.D., also determined this activity in 2014 and 2015 generated more than 43,000 jobs resulting in nearly \$3 billion in wages, salaries and benefits. A 2014 study from UNT identified \$5.3 billion in transit-oriented development near DART Rail stations between 1996 and 2013.

"DART, and the projects around it, will sustain our continued growth," Carroll says. "This very rapid increase in investment and development activity around DART stations reflects the improvement in our regional economy. More important, this proves the wisdom of regional leaders in building a regional transit network like DART."



The regional economic benefit takes many forms. Completed or under construction transit-oriented development near DART stations has already generated \$69 million in state and local tax revenue. The study also projects potential spending for planned or proposed developments could produce another \$160 million in state and local tax revenue.

"Increased property values and the revenues generated from that is another way Dallas and the other DART cities are benefitting from our investment," Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings says. "DART has created new connections to attract developers to fertile areas for investment. We see that transformation in all parts of our city and are excited to see what's next."

Investment paying dividends

The 93-mile light rail system, the nation's longest, was built at a cost of \$5.5 billion. The most recent extension, three miles, connecting a renewed Ledbetter Station to the campus of the University of North Texas Dallas, opened Oct. 24.

"This study reminds us transportation is more than a ride from one point to another," DART President/Executive Director Gary Thomas says. "Developers see the benefit. That's why they're putting their money into new live/work/play communities close to our stations. The value of those projects significantly exceeds the regional investment in rail and they are changing the face of our region."



A development magnet in good times and bad

Authors of the 2014 study found DART could make substantial contributions to regional economic health even when the area experienced an economic downturn not seen since the Great Depression of the 1930s. "Even through difficult economic times, DART has demonstrated its ability to boost the North Texas economy through its daily operations, capital spending and attracting private investment," said Terry L. Clower, Ph.D., principal author of the 2014 study and now director of the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University.

But the authors of the 2016 study believe the regional environment has fully recovered noting, "The region is one of the fastest growing nationwide in terms of population and continues to be the destination for corporate relocations." To prove the point, they identified 11 projects in various stages of development, in all parts of the DART Service Area, with a total economic impact of \$5.1 billion for the region. The list of projects includes development of the Dallas High School site near Pearl Station, an expanded Southwest Airlines Training Facility, and Northshore and the Irving Entertainment District in Las Colinas.

DART's economic impact reports and more information are available at <http://www.dart.org/about/economicimpact.asp>

Source: 10/25/2016. DART News Release at <http://www.dart.org/news/news.asp?ID=1271>.

Chapter News & Views

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, November 1, 2016.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES. DATE: November 1, 2016.

President Wayne Smith started the meeting at 7:40pm with 11 members present. He reminded everyone the December 6 meeting will be held at Babe's Chicken House in Frisco, TX as our annual Christmas Party. He received board approval to purchase several door prizes for giveaways and Skip will have a trivia game to play.

Member Bill Long inquired as to the progress on the GE plant tour. Skip reported no new info but that he was asking other groups how they managed to do the tour. Bill reported the KCS Holiday Train will be in Wylie along with the KCS business cars. It will be open at 4 pm on November 25 (day after Thanksgiving) and will go to Greenville on the 26th.

Member Jerry Nunn was introduced as the Nominations chair for the upcoming officer elections in January. He reported that Skip Waters will NOT be running for his current VP-Trips & Events position this year due to job constraints. He will continue as our Regional Director at National and will help with "24 Hours @ Saginaw" for now. He will also keep doing the Plano slide show programs at the train shows. The elections will be held at the January meeting. Anyone interested in serving on the Chapter board in any position should contact Jerry to get on the slate.

VP-Programs Jon Shea reported the January meeting will NOT be held at Grapevine due to the building being used for the Polar Express Train Event at that time. He is going to check with SOKOL Hall and the Garland museum if we can't find a meeting location farther west. He will check with the Texas Western club in Forest Hill thru Kim, our webmaster, to see if their building would be available and also any other suitable meeting place between Arlington and Ft. Worth. Jon passed around an article from the Wall Street Journal on railroad regulation and the current issue of the Galveston RR Museum newsletter, 'Railroad Ties'.

VP-Trips & Events Skip Waters reported he now runs a 364 day operation -Trackless train @ Ridgemar Mall. Due to his work schedule, he will not be able to ride the Quartz Mountain train trip on the 19th, but will make sure our tickets are available. The train trip will depart from the platform in Lone Wolf, OK at 10am, travel south to the Quartz Mountain Park and the North Fork of the Red River before returning to Lone Wolf. Parking in Lone Wolf will be at a nearby church lot with a shuttle to the platform. Author Steve Goen will host a before and after depot tour of the area and there will be dinner at Bill's Catfish Restaurant outside Waurika, OK at the end of the tour.

Skip reported the annual dues statements were sent out with errors. It would be best to renew on-line via Amelia. Membership cards will arrive in the mail, check for errors and correct on-line via Amelia. Chapter dues should not be sent to National but direct to the chapter mailbox.

Secretary Dave Gramm reported on the preliminary results of the Plano Fall Train Show. There were 2185 attendees (+200 over last year); the gate revenue was over \$13,000. We are in good shape going into the January Winter Show.

After a 5 minute break, the annual member auction took place. Almost everything sold and the chapter netted \$115 from the sales. Dave Gramm, Secretary



Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2016.

- **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 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. 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.
Tues. Jan. 3, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Sokol Dallas, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, Texas 75231. 214-368-5608. Program: Annual election of Chapter Officers.
Tues. Feb. 7, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Program: to be confirmed.
Tues. Mar. 7, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Program: to be confirmed.

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




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.

To order, contact the North Texas Chapter at northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com

or see North Texas Chapter store (<http://ntxnrhs.org/store/>)

NEW  **BOOK**

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

Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines 1946 - 1996

Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines 1946-1996

Written by David M. Bernstein, former Southern Pacific train dispatcher and officer, this 400 page book is illustrated with color and black & white photographs and numerous maps. It is the definitive guide to the operation and history of S.P. Lines in Texas and Louisiana from the end of World War II until the Union Pacific merger.

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