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**Chapter Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 1, 2017 – SOKOL Hall, Dallas, Texas.**

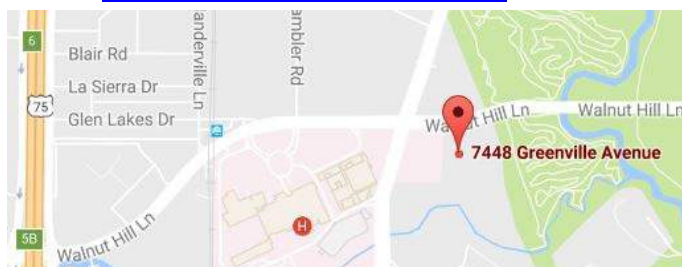
*When* 7 pm meet 'n' greet. 7:30 pm meeting.

*Where* SOKOL Hall, 7448 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75231. 214-368-5608.

*Parking:* Free, at SOKOL Hall.

*Program:* 145th anniversary of the railroad coming to Dallas. SP 4449 on a special Houston to Dallas run (video).

*Details:* <http://www.sokoldallas.org/contact/>



**Special Features**

**Colorado Rail Scenes**

*by Jon Shea*



Recent Colorado travels include stops in Canon City and Cripple Creek.

*Left:* EMD diesel engine on display by depot in Canon City, Colorado.



Left above: I took this short but very scenic train ride in Cripple Creek, CO.



Right. Shay steam engine on display in Canon City CO.

## President's Roundhouse

by Wayne Smith, President

### Railroad Trivia

- #5600, the George H. Emerson, was the first **4-4-4-4** locomotive ever built. It was built in 1937, but the design was never repeated.
- Fredric M. **Whyte** devised a classification system to identify locomotives by the arrangement of the wheels. His system was first reported in the American Engineer and Railroad Journal in December of 1900, adopted by the American Locomotive Company in 1903, and became the industry-wide system within the next few years.
- **Robert Todd Lincoln**, the only child of Abraham Lincoln to survive into adulthood, became acting-president of Pullman Palace Car Company in 1897, after George Pullman's death.
- A "**combine**" car is the colloquial term given to accommodate different purposes. For example, baggage-coach, baggage-mail, dining-kitchen, etc. Combines appeared in the early years of American railroading, but reached their peak in 1910 with 5,700 combines in operation on U.S. railroads.
- In the winter of 1852, the **Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad** laid temporary track across the frozen Susquehanna River in order to continue its freight movements. Roughly, 1,378 freight cars with 10,000 tons of freight were rolled over the ice bridge using teams of horses. The cars were hoisted up the river bank on the other side using locomotive power.
- History has recorded **William Henry Harrison** as the first presidential candidate to campaign by rail during his first unsuccessful run for president in 1836. After winning election to office in 1840, Harrison traveled from Frederick, Maryland to Washington on a B&O train, becoming the first president-elect to travel by rail to his inauguration.
- By 1855, **Norris Locomotive Works** in Philadelphia was the largest locomotive manufacturer in the country.
- In general terms, a **railroad truck** is the complete four wheel car assembly which supports the car body at each end. It is attached to the body by a pair of center plates, which function as a pivot.
- The rock that the ties sit on is called **ballast**. It absorbs the shock of traffic and helps drain away water.
- Introduced in 1901, **Pacific type locomotives** quickly came to dominate passenger traffic for their speed and stability.

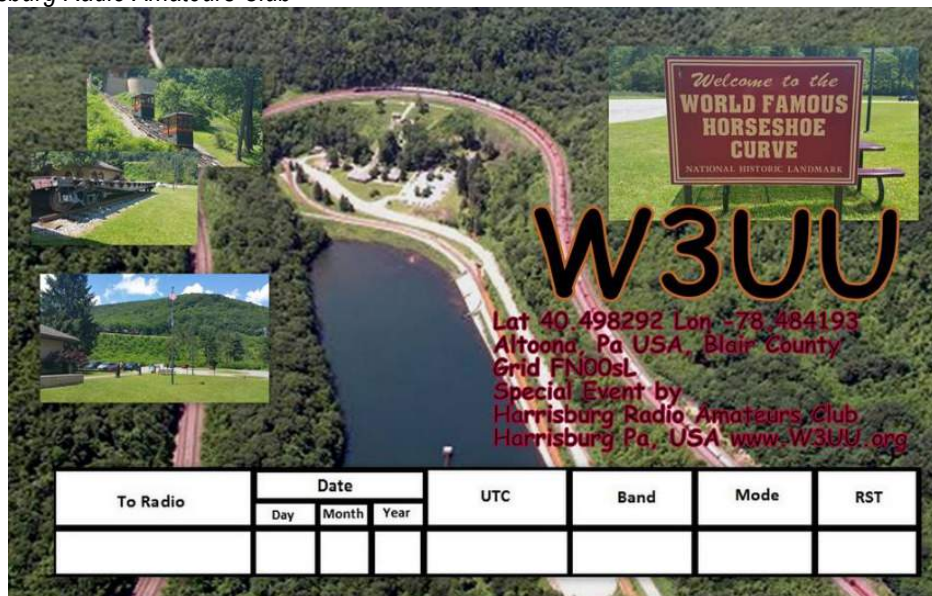


## ***Bending Ether at Horseshoe Curve***

***Heard Along the Radio Way*** by the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club

On Sunday, July 16, 2017, the Harrisburg Radio Amateur's Club (HRAC) club operated a special event at the Horseshoe Curve in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Ham radio operators worked 40 (7.265 MHz), 20 (14.265 MHz), 17 and 15 meters, 6 and 2 meters single sideband (ssb), and 2 meters FM. The most contacts were made on 40 meters ssb. There was a coronal mass ejection that really put a major damper on High Frequency (shortwave) signal propagation. We had a good time and great weather. Antennas included multi band dipole, buddy pole, High Sierra tunable vertical, buddy pole, and a 20 meter ham stick.



Source: HRAC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Harrisburg-Radio-Amateurs-Club-208171495915056/> last accessed July 20, 2017.

To Radio	Date			UTC	Band	Mode	RST
	Day	Month	Year				

***Seen Along the Right of Way*** by Frank Mellott (article and photo credit)

This weekend (July 15-16, 2017) I was in Breezewood (PA). The Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club (HRAC) was operating special event station W3UU today from the Horseshoe Curve national landmark in Altoona. So I came home that way. I got there by 1130, they arrived at 1230 and I left by 1430 (EDT).





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## News from NRHS National

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### ***NRHS Member Update – July 20, 2017***

*Submitted by Al Weber, President, National Railway*

NRHS National just mailed 8,274 copies of the July NRHS News, one to each member. If you know of anyone who did not get it in the mail PLEASE email me, and I will send them a copy. We mailed the July NRHS News to all members so we can clean up our mailing list in preparation for moving to a new database supplier. With this large of mailing, a few members will have moved and the new address is not yet in the database. This time, the post office returned about fifteen. I have been fixing those addresses. Volunteers are also cleaning up the email addresses and phone numbers in the database.

I did notice that we have family members who are not at the same address as the primary member. The NRHS family member definition is that all family members be at the same address. If you are one of those members, please join as a regular member so that you still get our mailings.

Now that our finances are back on firmer footing and our publications back on a fixed schedule, I want to work on building up the membership. We are offering back issues of the NRHS Bulletin and a new membership brochure to chapters. My chapter is producing an insert to go into the new brochure that talks about our local chapter and I hope other chapters will do that also. We are working on a revised Web page that will also promote chapters and chapter activities. We hope to have this working in mid Fall. (Source: NRHS Telegraph, July 2017 issue, p. 1.)

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## North Texas Chapter News

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### ***Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2017.***

**NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: July 11, 2017.**

The meeting was held on at the T&P Tavern in Ft. Worth, TX. There were 10 attendees. The meeting was postponed for one week due to the first Tuesday of the month falling on the July 4 holiday.

President Wayne Smith was unable to attend, so VP Jon Shea called the meeting to order about 7:50 PM.

Jon began the meeting by passing around some old railroad post cards and a brochure from the Cripple Creek and Victor Narrow Gauge tourist rail line in Colorado.

Edwin Pegelow discussed the recent NRHS National Convention in Nashville, TN. The 4-day convention's excursions featured trips on the Kentucky Dinner Train, and trips to Georgia, and Chattanooga, TN to Somerville, GA on the Tennessee Valley Railroad. Edwin rated it a "great convention".

Skip Waters reported on the Tennessee Valley excursion. It featured a double-headed steam engine excursion that had the Southern Railway 4501 leading the Southern Railway 630. This was unique because the 630 most often leads the 4501 on double-headed excursions. As an added bonus for Skip, he was able to get a cab ride on the 4501.

Skip also rode the Kentucky Dinner Train that featured a 4-course meal which Skip said was "classy". The other trip on this day was to the Bowling Green Railroad Park and Museum which had a full train display featuring an E-8 on the head. The second part was a visit to the Kentucky Railroad Museum and train ride with a BL2 and ex-Santa Fe CF7. [Editor's note: 7/21/17, paragraph correction by Skip Waters]

There is nothing major to report on the national meeting. The financial situation is in good shape; there is more than adequate cash on hand to meet obligations. There continue to be discussions about possibly moving some of the cash into a financial instrument that would yield higher dividends, such as a money market mutual fund.

Steve Siegerist, who currently holds the NRHS District 7 seat, will not be running for re-election next year. If interested in the seat, please contact Steve or Skip Waters through the NRHS national chapter's website. The office carries a 4-year term.

The North Texas Chapter has submitted a bid to host a 3-day mid-winter Board of Directors meeting in November 2019. If the bid is accepted, the Chapter will need to secure hotel accommodations, and plan events such as a dinner and possible excursions or tours.

There has been a change in plans regarding the location of the 2018 National Convention. Lack of sufficient hotel accommodations has precluded having the convention at Cassville, WV. The convention is now scheduled to take place in Cumberland, Maryland. The timing, agenda, and associated activities have yet to be determined. There will likely be pre-convention and post-convention activities scheduled. Check the national NRHS website periodically for updates.





The 2019 National Convention is still scheduled to take place in the Ogden-Salt Lake City area. Skip also reported that Steve Goen, who has produced numerous videos of special rail activities over the years, is having significant health issues, and no longer gets around well. It is hoped that some new medications that he is taking can result in an improvement. Skip and others are in contact with Steve and will provide updates. The evening program was a video (featuring much footage taken by Steve Goen) of T&P 610's excursion through Texas on the American Freedom Train. The meeting adjourned about 9:15 PM. The August meeting will be held Tuesday, August 1 at Sokol Hall in Dallas, Texas. The program is to be determined. Jerry M. Nunn, Secretary, North Texas Chapter, NRHS

## Chapter Directory

### North Texas Chapter Officers, 2017.

- **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](http://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](mailto:info@nrhs.com).

## North Texas Calendar

Tues. August 1, 2017	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> Location: SOKOL Hall, 7448 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75231. 214-368-5608. <a href="http://www.sokoldallas.org/contact/">http://www.sokoldallas.org/contact/</a> Program: 145th anniversary of the railroad coming to Dallas. SP 4449 on a special Houston to Dallas run (video).
Tues. Sept. 5, 2017.	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> Location: DeGolyer Library, SMU. Program: Russell Martin early Dallas Railroad history collection, and library update. Sale of duplicate brochures, books, magazines and other railroadingiana, Current exhibit at the Library is Jackie Robinson, The Brooklyn Dodgers and Baseball's Golden Age, 1947-1957. Parking: lot is east of the library, free after 5 pm, bounded by University, Airline, McFarlin streets. Information: <a href="https://www.smu.edu/CUL/DeGolyer/Visit">https://www.smu.edu/CUL/DeGolyer/Visit</a>
Tues. Oct 3, 2017.	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> Location, Program: to be confirmed.
	** Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Location is confirmed in newsletter issue(s) prior to meeting month.




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