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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 – Grapevine Vintage Railroad Museum, Texas.

When: 7:30 pm meeting.
Where 705 South Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051
 817.410.3185
Program: Program: Video: Streamliners. America's Lost Trains.
Parking: Free.
Information and Location:
<https://www.grapevinetexasusa.com/grapevine-vintage-railroad/>

****NOTICE****

Next month’s **March meeting** is Thursday, March 8, 6:30 pm with the Texas Northern Model RR Club, at the Collin Creek Mall, Plano, Texas. See details below.

Special Features

North Texas Chapter Rail Scenes to be Seen

by Jerry Nunn, Secretary, North Texas Chapter (all photo credit)

My Fellow Ferroequinologists, Here are some photos taken within the last couple of months that I would like to share with you. They were taken at the Fort Worth Amtrak station or near my home.

Editor’s note: Enjoy these trackside views of what and who is to be seen around DFW area’s recent rail action.





Chapter Holiday Dinner – Good Times Had by All

by Robert Haynes (all photo credit)

Smiles were shared all around at the Chapter's 2017 Holiday dinner, Babe's Restaurant, Frisco, Texas.



Above left: Everett (Guest of Robert Haynes) and Jon Shea



Above right: Jerry Nunn, Jerry's daughter (guest), Jon Shea's wife, Dave Gramm, AJ Roquevert.



Above left: Bob Kennedy.



Above right: Wayne Smith, Jerry Nunn

January Railfan Report – South Central PA

by Frank Mellott, guest writer (all photo credit: Frank Mellott)

January 14, 2018 was a great day to be out railfanning in south central Pennsylvania. Here's what was sighted along the way.



(Left) PRR/Amtrak passenger station Elizabethtown, PA.



(Right) The same building in August, 1992.



(Left) One of the 2 GE 45 tonners on the MDIH roster.



(Right) This might be the Reading freight station, but more likely it's the Middletown Yard office.



(Left) A C&O style hopper at the Middletown & Hummelstown in Middletown, PA.



(Right) Yes, this is an Ex WM Alco S6.



Above left and right are two Steelton and Highspire SW1200's. Usually, it is very hard to find them out of the mill complex. These look to be stored dead, but even so, odd that they are not buried in the bowels of the mill. The Steelton and Highspire is a former Bethlehem Steel railroad (not sure who ended up with it) that did the intra-plant switching in Steelton, PA.

News From NRHS National

NRHS President's Update – January 2018

Submitted by Al Weber, President, National Railway Historical Society (NRHS Telegraph, January 2018 issue)

The annual membership renewal cycle is underway. Many have already renewed for 2018. Many renewals are arriving from the new website, which is very cost-effective for the NRHS. Renewals are also arriving in the mail.

Our volunteers are processing the data as fast as possible. Many thanks to them for diligent efforts. Please be patient as the batches of renewals are worked through.

Your membership card will arrive in the next month or so. Please let us know if there is an error in the data. Please send both the existing incorrect information and the corrected data in the mail or via email.

A very good year is planned for 2018, with an abundance of publications, convention and conferences, East and West RailCamps. You can look forward to four issues of the *NRHS Bulletin*, nine issues of the *NRHS News*, to six issues of the *NRHS Telegraph*. Conventions and conferences are coming up too, from the 2018 Spring Conference in St. Louis, Missouri to the 2018 National Convention in Cumberland, Maryland and the Fall Conference in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The NRHS discount program offers many benefits, but is overlooked by many members.



Volunteers are working on getting the 2018 Historical Grants requests out. If you or your chapter has a project in mind, please apply. If not, please consider a donation so more rail preservation requests can be fulfilled. Thanks to each of you for renewing your membership. Every renewal helps to support rail history preservation. Al Weber <aweber@nrhs.com>

2018 NRHS Convention Update – August 7-12, 2018



Rail activities are planned each day Wednesday through Saturday of the convention. The Advisory Council and NRHS Board meetings will be held on Thursday. The Annual Membership meeting will be held on Friday. The Convention Committee is very close to finalizing the hotel contract. (Source: 1/17/2018, John Goodman, NRHS National Convention Chairman.)

North Texas Chapter Views and News

Important – March Meeting is Thursday, March 8 (not a Tuesday!).

The Chapter’s March meeting will be Thursday, March 8 at **6:30 p.m.** This is a change to our traditional day and time. This will be a unique meeting, full of fellowship, sharing of the railroad hobby, and enjoying a trackside seat of railroad action in all scales.

Location: Texas Northern Model RR Club. Collin Creek Mall, Suite 1105, 811 North Central Expressway, Plano, Texas. Enter into JC Penny's (Alma Street) go out into the Mall on the first floor we will be on the left side a little ways down.

Agenda:

1. NRHS Meeting - 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
2. Texas Central Program - 7:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.
3. After the program, the Model Club will run trains on the layout.

Reminder – National and Chapter Dues

by Jim King, Treasurer, North Texas Chapter, NRHS

It is once again time to renew chapter dues for the North Texas Chapter NRHS. **The dues remain the same for 2018 -- \$16 for individuals, \$18 for families.** You are receiving this email because you are a member who paid dues for 2017 and/or 2016. Because of the roll-out of the national NRHS dues system, there was some confusion among members regarding dues payment in 2017 resulting in many non-renewals. More than 35% of our 2016 dues-paid members did not renew their chapter dues in 2017, a huge drop compared to all prior history. To add to the problem, some 2016 members who did not renew continued to receive chapter notices by email while others did not. Due to the dues system confusion, my intent was to retain all 2016 members in our master email list, but I failed to be consistent. If you are receiving this email after a long period of receiving nothing from the chapter, I apologize. The mistake was mine alone and unintentional.

So...regardless of whether you paid dues for 2017 or not, please consider this email an invitation to renew your chapter dues for 2018. Payment (or non-payment) of national NRHS dues does not affect your chapter dues. They are completely separate. Furthermore, the chapter can no longer accept and forward payment of NRHS national dues. Please do not send extra funds unless you are making a donation to the North Texas Chapter. My intent is to adjust the chapter membership email list based on renewals through the end of March, 2018. If you elect not to renew, we will not bother you with chapter email announcements after that.

There are two methods for paying 2018 dues:

- **Check Mail** a check payable to “North Texas Chapter NRHS” for \$16 (individual) or \$18 (family) and mail it to North Texas Chapter NRHS, PO Box 600304, Dallas TX, 75360. If your check does not clearly indicate who the member is, please add a note that effect.



- **On-line** Visit the chapter's on-line store at <https://northtexaschapternrhs.ecwid.com/> to pay by credit card or PayPal. A small service charge (50 cents for individuals, 75 cents for families) is added to your dues payment to cover processing fees.

Please give serious consideration to renewing your dues for 2018. It's a small amount, but it indicates your support of our mission to promote the preservation of North Texas railroad history.

For more information about the chapter, please visit our website at <http://ntxnrhs.org/> Jim King, Treasurer, North Texas Chapter NRHS

Special Thanks to Jim and Kim

by Valli Hoski, VP Communications, North Texas Chapter, NRHS

Special acknowledgement is long overdue for *Jim King, Chapter Treasurer* (going on 10 years) and *Kim Hinton, web manager* of the North Texas Chapter. Jim has managed the Chapter's funds well, even as we gave him a real "nickel, dime, quarter and occasionally real cash" time of it all. Thanks Jim, for all you have done and still continue to do in keeping the Chapter's funds well-banked and safe. Kim keeps the Chapter web presence hip, current and inviting, along with helping folks spend their money with use through the NTC's web sales portal. Please give Jim and Kim a big thanks for helping to keep the North Texas Chapter visible and successful.

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, January 2, 2018.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: January 7, 2018.

The meeting was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the Sokol Athletic Center in Dallas, TX. There were 6 attendees.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

The white elephant gift exchange at the December meeting was well received by the attendees, and considered successful.

The first order of business was the election of officers for the coming year. Dave Gramm, substituting for the absent nominations chair Bob Kennedy, presented the nominees: Wayne Smith, president; Jon Shea, Vice President for Programs; Jim King, Treasurer; Valli Hoski, Vice President, Communications and as editor for the North Texas Zephyr; and Jerry Nunn, Secretary. The Vice President for Trips and Events, formerly held by Skip Waters, remains open (see Postscript below). The floor was opened for additional nominations; there were no additions. A motion was made and seconded that the existing nominees be elected by acclamation. The vote was in favor of the motion. The nominees were re-elected to the 2018 officers. Although not an officer, the Chapter would like to recognize and express their appreciation to Kim Hinton, who serves as webmaster for the website. Thanks to her efforts, the Chapter has a presence on the world wide web.

President Wayne Smith offered condolences on behalf of the Chapter to Bob Kennedy, who was absent because he lost his mother. Wayne asked that we remember Bob in our thoughts and prayers.

The Plano Train Show will take place at the Plano Convention Center January 20-21. Member Dave Podransky will fill all of the duties assigned to the Chapter. Many thanks to Dave!

The question arose as to whether the Chapter should staff a table at the Train Show, primarily to advertise our Chapter, and sell some of the Southern Pacific books. Because of our support for the show, the Chapter is entitled to one free table. VP Jon Shea will contact Tim Cox to inquire about securing a table.

Skip Waters is organizing the slideshow on Saturday evening, January 20. It will once again be held at the Taco Joint in Richardson, TX from 6 PM – 9 PM. Those interested in presenting a slide show should contact Skip or one of the officers. There will also be a fundraiser (in the form of a silent auction) at the slideshow. This will be for the victims of the recent Amtrak 501 accident in Washington state. Two of the victims were NARP members, and two more were NRHS members.

Plans are moving forward at the national level for the 2018 and 2019 NRHS conventions. August 8-12, 2018, the convention is at Cumberland, Maryland, and located at the Ramada Inn. There are several excursions planned. Tickets should go on sale in the next month or two. Details will be available on the NRHS national website.

The 2019 NRHS Convention will be held in May in Ogden, UT. This will take place at the same time as the 150th anniversary of the Golden Spike ceremony, creating the United States' first transcontinental railroad. The Union Pacific Historical Society, R&LHS or Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, and NRHS will co-sponsor the convention and ancillary events. The hotel for the event is in Salt Lake City, UT with prices in the \$140 nightly range. There will be several excursions and events planned, including a reenactment of the Golden Spike ceremony. Details as they are available can be accessed on the NRHS national website.



VP Jon Shea announced that next month's meeting (Tuesday, February 6) will take place at the Grapevine Vintage Railroad Museum.

The host for the March meeting will be the Model RR Club at the Collin Creek Mall. This meeting will be on Thursday, March 8. There will be a presentation on the Texas High Speed Rail Project. [Editor's note: please note this is a different day (Thursday) and time (6:30 pm) than our usual meeting.]

Jon is trying to secure the DeGoyler library for a meeting this spring.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

POSTSCRIPT: Following the Chapter meeting, Skip Waters indicated (via email) that he would be willing to serve as the Vice President for Trips and Events.

Skip can no longer keep the Chapter AV equipment. He asks that someone else pick up that responsibility, which he feels will greatly help him serve the chapter better.

Jerry M. Nunn, Secretary, North Texas Chapter, NRHS

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2017.

- **President, Wayne Smith**, 940-300-4407.
- **Vice President/Programs, Jon Shea**, 972-948-2413.
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- **Secretary, Jerry Nunn**
- **Treasurer, Jim King**, jkking@swbell.net

Webmaster: Kim Hinton

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North Texas Zephyr (current issues): <https://ntxnrhs.org/>

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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. Visitors and newcomers are welcome. Chapter membership includes our monthly chapter newsletter, the *North Texas Zephyr*.

Currently, chapter dues are \$16, plus \$2 per additional family member. Payment may be made by check or paid online. By check - Mail a check payable to "North Texas Chapter NRHS" for \$16 (individual) or \$18 (family) and mail it to North Texas Chapter NRHS, PO Box 600304, Dallas TX, 75360. If your check does not clearly indicate who the member is, please add a note with the member's name. Online - Visit the chapter's on-line store at <https://northtexaschapternrhs.ecwid.com/> to pay by credit card or PayPal. A small service charge (50 cents for individuals, 75 cents for families) is added to your dues payment to cover processing fees. 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

North Texas Calendar

<p>Tuesday, February 6, 2018</p>	<p>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> Grapevine Heritage Railroad Museum, 705 South. Main Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051. 817.410.3185. <i>Directions</i> - Accessible from State Highway 114 or 121, exit on to Main Street and head north. The Depot will be on the right, at 705 S. Main, just north of Dallas Road. Parking is available next to the Cotton Belt Depot, along with additional lots located just a short walk from the Depot. . <i>Program:</i> Program: Video: Streamliners. America's Lost Trains.</p>
<p>Thursday, March 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m. (Not a</p>	<p>North Texas Chapter meeting – 6:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> North Texas Model Railroad Club, Collin Creek Mall, Plano, Texas. <i>Program:</i> Texas Central High Speed Rail Transit System.</p>



Tuesday)	
Tuesday, April 3, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tuesday, May 1, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> Grapevine Heritage Railroad Museum, 705 South. Main Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051. 817.410.3185. <i>Directions</i> - Accessible from State Highway 114 or 121, exit on to Main Street and head north. The Depot will be on the right, at 705 S. Main, just north of Dallas Road. Parking is available next to the Cotton Belt Depot, along with additional lots located just a short walk from the Depot. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tuesday, June 5, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tuesday, July 3, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tuesday, August 7, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> Grapevine Heritage Railroad Museum, 705 South. Main Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051. 817.410.3185. <i>Directions</i> - Accessible from State Highway 114 or 121, exit on to Main Street and head north. The Depot will be on the right, at 705 S. Main, just north of Dallas Road. Parking is available next to the Cotton Belt Depot, along with additional lots located just a short walk from the Depot. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tuesday, September 4, 2018	Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tuesday, October 2, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tuesday, November 6, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tuesday, December 4, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> 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/>)