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**Chapter Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018 –Interurban Railway Museum, Plano.**

*When:* 7:30 pm meeting.  
*Where* 901 E 15th St, Plano, TX 75074. (972) 941-2117  
*Program:* Museum update by Robert Haynes followed by a talk on the Northern Texas Traction Company and the Tarrant County Traction Company.  
*Parking:* Free.  
*Information and Map:* <http://www.interurbanrailwaymuseum.org/>



**Special Features**

**Fort Worth – Cleburne Interurban**

*Submitted by Jon Shea (Image credit: original source)*  
**The beginning ...**

**FORT WORTH-CLEBURNE INTERURBAN  
OPENS TODAY AT 6:30 A. M.**

Cars will leave both cities on an hourly schedule from 6:30 a. m. to 8:30 p. m. inclusive. Late car leaves Fort Worth at 11 p. m.  
Take a ride over the new road. The beautiful country will interest you. Your Cleburne friends will welcome you.  
**DIRECT CONNECTIONS** with N. T. T. Co.'s Limited Cars between Fort Worth and Dallas. Through tickets on sale at all stations.  
Plan your trips via



Phone Lamar 100 for Any Information.

**INTERURBAN LINES**

"The Live Wire Way"

Between

**CLEBURNE, FORT WORTH AND DALLAS,  
TULLY BOŠTICK, G. P. A.**

**Then, the end ...**

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1931.

**Cleburne  
Interurban  
Service**

Will Be Discontinued Thursday  
Night, April 30.

Beginning Friday morning street car service  
will be furnished to Forest Hill and  
intermediate points.

**Week Day Schedule**

<b>Southbound</b>	<b>Northbound</b>
Lv. Front and Main Sts.	Leave Forest Hill
6:28 a. m.	6:00 a. m.
7:28 a. m.	7:00 a. m.
Leave Court House	7:55 a. m.
3:30 p. m.	4:10 p. m.
5:15 p. m.	5:55 p. m.
6:30 p. m.	7:10 p. m.

**Saturday Schedule**

<b>Southbound</b>	<b>Northbound</b>
Lv. Front and Main Sts.	Leave Forest Hill
6:28 a. m.	6:00 a. m.
7:28 a. m.	7:00 a. m.
Leave Court House	7:55 a. m.
1:30 p. m.	2:10 p. m.
5:30 p. m.	6:10 p. m.
9:30 p. m.	10:10 p. m.

No Service on Sundays

**NORTHERN TEXAS  
TRACTION CO.**

## Fort Worth Rail Scenery

by Jerry Nunn (Image credit: Jerry Nunn)



Above left: BNSF 7592 leads a train of baretables on a foggy afternoon. 02/23/18.



Above right: BNSF 7407 leading a SB intermodal at Ft. Worth.



Above left: A cook adorns the end of a UP covered hopper. 03/02/18.

## The Sunset Limited

by Norm Schultze, guest writer (Photo credit: Norm Schultze)



Amtrak Train 1, the *Sunset Limited* hustles west at Akela, New Mexico making every bit of the allowed speed. Today, the light would illuminate the prairie grasses making them glow. Just two or three seconds after this imaged was recorded, the *Sunset Limited* would pass under the I-10 freeway on its way westward.



## Joliet Rock Returns!



*"Baby, don't you want to go?"*

The time machine returns to Chicago! On September 15th and 16th, climb aboard for another trip on *The Joliet Rocket!* Following the success of 2017's excursions on Metra's Rock Island Line, the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society (FWRHS) is pleased to announce that world-famous steam locomotive No. 765 will once again operate a series of first-class, vintage passenger train trips between Joliet and Chicago, Illinois.

Source: 03/04/2018, Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society Inc. announcement at

<https://fortwaynerailroad.org/2018/03/joliet-rocket-returns-in-2018/>

See more at <https://youtu.be/CmoZfHJ6yhY>

## National News and Views

### **NRHS Election - Nominations Deadline is March 31, 2018**

This year the President and one director from each of the nine districts (1-7 plus A and B) and two Global Director seats are up for election. Some of the incumbents have decided not to seek reelection, specifically District 3 Director Frank Fowler, District 4 Director Sam Williamson, and District 7 Director Steven Siegerist. The Global Director seat formerly held by the late David Flinn will be temporarily filled by an appointment of the NRHS Board at the 2018 Spring Conference. That seat is up for election this year.

**The nomination period to run for office will expire on March 31, 2018.** All members are asked to advise the Election Committee if they wish to seek election to any of the districts (not only those which have no candidate) or for the President prior to that time.

The Board needs candidates who have the time to work on the many issues facing the Society and to attend meetings (held about three times a year) to work with management. **Please consider running and joining the board.** Contact me, Joe Maloney, at [vp@nrhs.com](mailto:vp@nrhs.com) for more information on the nomination process. The nomination form is available on the NRHS admin site or by using this link: <https://admin.nrhs.com/public/2018Election/2018NRHSNominationForm-Instructions20171201Draft.pdf>

(Source: 3/7/18, NRHS email from Joe Maloney, VP.)

## North Texas Chapter Views and News

### **Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, March 2018.**

#### **NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: March 6, 2018.**

The meeting was held on Thursday, March 6, 2018 in the Texas Northern Model RR Club facility at the Collin Creek Mall in Plano, TX. The meeting was delayed for two days to accommodate a visit to the model RR club's layout, and to attend a presentation on the Texas Central High Speed Rail project. Twenty were in attendance: nine North Texas Chapter members, and 11 Texas Northern members or visitors.

**President Wayne Smith** called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. Start time was moved up an hour to provide time for those interested to visit the Texas Northern layout.

**Secretary Jerry Nunn** noted that the bus substitute for the Amtrak Texas Eagles was still on schedule to terminate on March 11.

**VP Special Events Skip Waters** provided updates on this year's NRHS National Convention, scheduled to take place in Cumberland, MD. Reservations for NRHS members have been secured at the Ramada Inn in Cumberland, MD for a \$72



nightly rate, valid August 8-12. Members planning to attend should contact the Ramada Inn in Cumberland for reservations, and provide the code word "LOCOMOTIVE". Several events have been scheduled as part of the convention. Refer to the NRHS website (NRHS.com) for details.

The saga of steam engine 503 continues. The engine has now returned to the ownership of the City of Port Arthur, TX, with no plans to scrap the vintage locomotive. The NRHS meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

*The Texas Central presentation immediately followed the adjournment.*

Rebecca Cowle gave an extremely interesting presentation about the Texas Central Partners High Speed Rail Project.

There were at least 11 important points to take away from the program:

- This is a PRIVATELY funded project; thus, no government funds will be used;
- Construction is scheduled to begin in 2019, and be completed in 2024;
- Construction will generate about 10,000 jobs, and after construction is completed, the railroad will provide about 1500 high paying jobs;
- The trains, powered by electric locomotives and designed by Japan Railways, will operate on a grade separated right of way that makes extensive use of existing utility easements;
- The trains will use their version of Automatic Train Control, which meets or exceeds the FRA standards for Positive Train Control;
- The line will be double tracked, with dedicated northbound and southbound tracks; except at the seven planned intermediate maintenance facilities, no crossovers are planned;
- Trains are projected to depart the terminals every 30 minutes, with an 80 or 90 minute trip (depending on whether the train makes an intermediate stop);
- Three stations are planned: the northern terminus will be in the Cedars area of Dallas, just south of the Central Business District; the southern terminus will be in Houston near the Northwest Mall; and an intermediate station will be located in the Brazos Valley;
- The trains will consist of 8 permanently coupled cars, with locomotives at each end; There will be 400 seats in each train, arranged in a 2X2 configuration, with a middle aisle;
- Plans call for an initial deployment of 15 trainsets, with the capability to add more trainsets if needed;
- Ticket prices will follow the airlines pricing models, and they will be competitive with the airline fares;

At the conclusion of the presentation, some attendees toured the Texas Northern facilities and the model RR layout.

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

## Chapter Directory

### **North Texas Chapter Officers, 2018.**

- **President, Wayne Smith**, 940-300-4407.
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**Facebook Page:** <http://www.facebook.com/groups/409467244127/>

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

**North Texas Zephyr, newsletter Archive**

<http://www.gogeocaching.com/gorailfanning/Home/northtexaszephyr.html>

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## North Texas Chapter History

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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](http://www.nrhs.com)

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## North Texas Calendar

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| Tuesday, April 3, 2018     | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> Interurban Museum, Plano, Texas. <i>Program:</i> Museum update by Robert Haynes. Also, a talk on the Northern Texas Traction Company and the Tarrant County Traction Company.   |
| Tuesday, May 1, 2018       | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <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      | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.   |
| Tuesday, July 3, 2018      | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.   |
| Tuesday, August 7, 2018    | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <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 | <b>Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.   |
| Tuesday, October 2, 2018   | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.   |
| Tuesday, November 6, 2018  | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.   |
| Tuesday, December 4, 2018  | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.<br><i>** Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Location is confirmed in newsletter issue(s) prior to meeting month.</i>   |