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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 – Ben Gill Park, Terrell, TX.

When: 7:30 pm meeting.
Where: Ben Gill Park, 1039 9th Street, Terrell, TX 75160.
Program: Tour historic rail passenger car restored by John Myers and hear about the restoration.
Parking: Free.
Directions: From Dallas, take I-635 (LBJ) southeast to Highway US 80. Go east on US 80 to Terrell. It is about 20 miles from the LBJ and US 80 to Terrell.
 Ben Gill Park is the large park on the left before you get to downtown Terrell. Go to the railroad car.



Map link <https://goo.gl/maps/zrQRyrbBJUu>

Special Features

Planning to Attend NRHS Convention, Cumberland MD?

Many events are filling up quickly for the 2018 NRHS Convention, August 7-12, 2018. For ticket availability as of June 3, 2018, please see NRHS News & Views section of this issue (p. 3).

Looking Back at "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2018!

IT'S TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS!!!
 13th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2018!
 Depot on Main Street in Saginaw, TX

7 PM, Friday, May 25th
 through
 7 PM, Saturday, May 26th

Friday, May 25th and Saturday, May 26th, 2018, 7:00 pm - 7:00 pm (24 Hours)

Official Schedule

Programs subject to change without notice.

Activities

- Train watching begins, Sign in and log your time, make a donation, get a button - Railroad videos, Safety rules displayed, Door Prizes
- Pass the hat for Pizza
- Official Train counting begins
- Silent Auction

Friday, May 25, 2018.

- 7:00 pm - Event Begins/Silent Auction Begins
- 7:05 pm - Operation Lifesaver Presentation by Roger West



- 8:00 pm - Hayley Enoch - *Trains Magazine* Correspondent - "Rail Travel and Experiences"
- 9:00 pm - Steve Allen Goen - "A Day at Snyder Depot", "Frisco's Finest Hour" & "Cisco & Northwestern"
- 10:00 pm - Chris Guenzler - Special Guest from Southern California - Stories Across America
- 11:00 pm - Video - Johnny Cash - "RIDIN' the RAILS - The Great American Train Story"
- 12:00 am - The Midnight Special - Danny Sisson

Saturday, May 26, 2018.

Train watching continues, More Railroad videos and silent auction

- 1:00 am - "Great Locomotive Race" Trivia Game - Skip Waters
- 2:00 am - DVD - "Weekend Railroaders"
- 3:00 am - DVD - "Toonerville"
- 4:30 am - Video - "AFT 610" Railfan Weekend program
- 5:00 - 9:00 am - North Texas T-Trak Model Railroad Club display
- 6:30 am - DVD - "End of the Line"
- 9:00 am - Video - "Ennis Texas" A Historic Perspective 1872-1994
- 10:00 am - TBA
- 11:00 am - TBA
- 12:00 pm - "Lets Talk Trains" Radio Show - Live broadcast with host Skip Waters
- 1:00 pm - Willie Melendez - Video
- 2:00 pm - Roger West - "Claborne and Polk Railroad" followed by Q&A
- 3:00 pm - "Great Locomotive Race" Trivia Game - Sam Metzgar
- 4:00 pm - Steve Grabman - The Saginaw Trifecta - Railfanning BNSF's Wichita Falls & Fort Worth Sub
- 5:00 pm - More Steve Grabman - And UP's Duncan Sub beyond the Interlocking and a bonus
- 6:00 pm - Chris Guenzler - More Stories Across America / Silent Auction Ends
- 7:00 pm - Event Ends - Post Slide Show Auction Begins (if we have interest)

"Lets Talk Trains" Radio Show was broadcast LIVE on Saturday 12:00 noon - 2:00pm.

Call in **646-716-7106** or listen at: <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/letstalktrains>

Follow us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/24HoursatSaginaw>

(Source: 4/27/2018, <https://www.facebook.com/24hoursatSaginaw/> .)

Video Remix "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2018!

Already miss Saginaw 2018 or can't wait until Saginaw 2019?

Catch some action that roared past at "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2018, from 7 pm (Central), Friday May 25 to 7 pm (Central), Saturday May 26. Many thanks to Skip who video logged Saginaw for rail enthusiasts everywhere!

- **Official Train Count at 9pm** ! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dh4gCS8iiTc&feature=youtu.be>
- **Ring the BELL!!!** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxiGvitHrHY&feature=youtu.be>
- **It's Aaron's first time from Tyler, Texas!!** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRr-RNCEj50&feature=youtu.be>
- **Hayley Enoch is grilled about UP 844** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1x892KdhRI&feature=share>
- **The Great Locomotive Race!!!** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8u6no83F0I&feature=share>
- **Official Train Count at 2pm** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3931HY5wLj0&feature=share>

(Source: 6/3/2018. Official "24 Hours at Saginaw" Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/24hoursatSaginaw/> or the North Texas Chapter Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/409467244127/>)



History Corner: ATSF Railway System at Texas Centennial

by Jon Shea

The Santa Fe Railroad Exhibit is described in the *Official Guidebook* to the 1936 Texas Centennial Exposition. The next installment (of this series) will cover the exhibit of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

"The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway System's Exhibit at the Texas Centennial Exposition is housed in a modernized adobe building in the Transportation Hall. Inside the building, which is air-conditioned is a diorama of the territory covered by the Santa Fe between the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico. Through this diorama run the principal trains of the Santa Fe between these two points. There are two passenger trains, one of which is The Ranger, and two freight trains, The General Merchandise and The Stock Extra. Movement of the trains is under control of a centralized traffic control system, fully automatic, dispatching being in full view of the visitors. All locomotives and cars are built one quarter inch to a foot, making them one forty-eighth actual size, and are made from Santa Fe drawings, accurately named and lettered. The diorama itself is 110 feet long by 26 feet wide, remaining space in the building being given over to visitors and a grand-stand with seats for your convenience."

Left above: ATSF Railway System Exhibit description. Narrative original source *The Official Guide Book: Texas Centennial Exposition, June 6 Nov. 29, 1936*. Dallas, Tex.: Texas Centennial Central Exposition, 1936. Print.

ADVERTISING.

1836-1936
TEXAS
CENTENNIAL
Central Exposition
DALLAS, TEXAS
 June 6 to November 29, 1936

A living picture of Texas today and the romance of a century.

Color, romance, and grandeur have been preserved for Texas and the great Southwest. It is the land where the hospitality of the South blends with the color of the Golden West—a land of rolling farm lands, vast prairie lands, timber, mountains.

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Ask Santa Fe Agent about fares

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 THE CITY OF DALLAS AND THE SANTA FE RAILWAY INVITES YOU

The Santa Fe offers you
AIR-CONDITIONED COMFORT

Right above: Texas Centennial advertisement.
 Source: *Texas Almanac and State Industrial Guide* 1936, book, 1936; Dallas, Texas.
 (texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph117161/: accessed May 10, 2018), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, texashistory.unt.edu; crediting Texas State Historical Association



National News and Views

Ticket Availability, as of June 3, 2018 – NRHS Convention 2018, Cumberland MD

The 2018 NRHS Convention takes place August 7 - 12 in Cumberland, Maryland.

As of June 3, 2018, the trips below appear available, as shown on the online registration page [2018 NRHS Convention On-Line Registration](#) (regonline.com to order all convention tickets).

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

- We are sorry, but this event is sold out. Please check at the registration room during the convention to see if any spaces have become available.

Friday, August 10, 2018

- **Potomac Eagle Scenic RR Trip 1010** - Potomac Eagle Scenic, Coach Class: \$160.00. Date: Friday, August 10, 2018 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM (Eastern Time)
- **1065 - Night Photo Session Potomac Eagle Scenic**-Price: \$39.00. Date: Friday, August 10, 2018 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM (Eastern Time)

Saturday, August 11, 2018

- **1100 - Everett RR Steam Train Trip** - Price: \$149.00. Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 7:15 AM - 3:00 PM (Eastern Time)
- **1110 - 2018 Annual Banquet Buffet** - Price: \$56.00. Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM (Eastern Time)

Sunday, August 12, 2018

- **1201 - Western Maryland Scenic RR Lunch Train.** - Price: \$75.00. Date: Sunday, August 12, 2018 11:15 AM - 2:30 PM (Eastern Time)

Complete convention event details and registration can be found on the NRHS website at www.nrhs.com or by using the links below.

- [2018 NRHS Convention Registration Booklet](#)
- [2018 NRHS Convention Mail-In Registration Order Form](#)
- [2018 NRHS Convention On-Line Registration](#) (regonline.com to order all convention tickets)

(Source: 6/3/2018, NRHS convention registration site.)

NRHS President's Corner, April 2018

by Al Weber, President, National Railway Historical Society

Recently, the NRHS was contacted about saving Louisiana & Arkansas steam locomotive No. 503 from imminent dismantling at Bryan Park in Port Arthur, Tex. We put out the information on the NRHS Facebook page and immediately got responses. Many NRHS members stepped forward and made donations to help save the engine.

We also need to thank Jason Sobczynski who conducted the project to save the engine and created the GoFundMe account and the YouTube videos. His work of getting the message out was the driving force in saving locomotive 503.

The first information was sent to me by a local NRHS member, who wanted the NRHS to get the word out, and we did. A day later, it was all over the Internet and on most train-oriented blogs.

I know that many NRHS members are not on Facebook but many are. More importantly, many non-NRHS members read our Facebook page for the best current information. If we had used the old method of waiting to mail something to each member, the engine would have been cut up for scrap long before you received the mailing. In this day and age, things sometimes move very fast and need to be worked on right away.

We need to get many of those non-NRHS members who read our Facebook page to join the NRHS. The way we do this is to have chapters put local events on the Facebook page and ask local people to attend. So PLEASE get items to Charles Williams for posting. All it takes is a few minutes and an email to Charles.

I also sent emails to the local NRHS members for their help and input. We need your email address in order to send out up to date information. Please check that your email is correct and, if not, send your correct email address to Hugh Harris so we can contact you about events in your area.



Last month, we mailed the printed March 2018 *NRHS News* to all regular members. There were 30 that did not pass the post office bulk mail program, and I put first class stamps on those. If you received the March 2018 *NRHS News* with a first class stamp on it, PLEASE make sure that we have your address spelled correctly. Check the city name and postal code and make sure they match what your local post office says they should be. If there are corrections, email Hugh Harris with the old and correct mailing addresses.

The NRHS does not sell or give membership data to anyone.

I just attended the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) 2018 "Railroad Day" on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. At this event, we meet with Congressional staffers and, once in a while, members of Congress on matters that affect the railroad industry. At one meeting I had, the congressman knew of the local NRHS chapter in his district and all that they did for the preservation at the local train station. He was impressed enough that he gave a donation to the chapter to help. So you are making a difference and people are noticing.

Most of the meetings were with five or six ASLRRA attendees and Congressional staffers. Meetings were short, but I always tried to get in a plug for railroad history preservation and how we are trying to preserve it for future generations. At one of the meetings, a staffer had heard about RailCamp and wanted more information to give to the senator. I, of course, left them with a stack of RailCamp brochures.

I get emails and letters and I try to answer them. A recent one had an idea that if a chapter has a particularly good program; it should be videoed and offered to other chapters for their meeting programs. It is a very good idea. Do I have any volunteers who want to run a program like this? If so email me at Al Weber <aweber@nrhs.com> please.

(Source: 5/23/18, *NRHS News*, April 2018 issue.)

NRHS President's Corner, May 2018

We are still working on convincing Amtrak to change its new policy on private car and special passenger train movements. Hopefully you have contacted your Representative and your two Senators. This is a major change and I need all of you to write them and tell them how important passenger trains to you and America. We do have one success. The C.P. Huntington Chapter's New River Train is going to run in 2018 but we have many other trips that have been either canceled or put on hold waiting developments with Amtrak. Also Amtrak is removing dining cars on many long distance trains. I for one think that this is not the way to get more passengers on the long distance trains. Again make your voice heard with your elected officials. I get the question of YOU meaning the NRHS can not lobby congress on any matter that affects your organization. That is incorrect; anyone can petition the government. What we cannot do is support a candidate or political party. So make your concerns known, write a letter now! The 2018 convention in Cumberland, Md. is now open for registration. As I write this on May 5, we already have over 120 registered. For several events, we have had to go back and ask to get more seats. Convention Chairman John Goodman and his committee have a very good program planned, so please attend. The NRHS national election is coming up. Expect a ballot in the mail the first week of June or so. Please vote.

(Source: 5/23/18, *NRHS News*, May 2018 issue.)

North Texas Chapter Views and News

Zephyr Hot Spots: New Short Lines and Summer Deadlines

Short Lines – YOUR story for your Chapter's newsletter

Have a new grandchild? New child? New pet? New plant? Something else to brag about? Got a 'real deal' on vintage railroiana or a train set? Looking for a deal on a used track layer, ballast mover or crew car for that 'vacation home'? Short Lines – that is YOUR news space. Email your editor with the brief news item, and be featured in the NEW "short lines" member news section!

Zephyr Summer Deadlines

Summer's almost here, but an editor (or a farmer) still has work aplenty to get done.

- **July 2018 issue** – Chapter Meeting is *July 10*. **News deadline is June 26**. Late news goes into August issue. More Saginaw news, photos as available. NRHS Cumberland meeting advance news as available.
- **August 2018 issue - News deadline is Wed. July 25**. Late news goes into September issue. Will add Jerry's photos, as available NRHS Cumberland convention news - Your editor (VH) will be at the Cumberland meetings, but not excursions. Plus, NRHS Fall Conference details as available.



- **September 2018 issue - News deadline is Wed. August 22.** Meeting is Tues. Sept. 4 (estimated). Fall meeting locations to be confirmed - Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Holiday location is Babe's Frisco. Plus minutes, President's update, Skip's news, Jerry's photos. Guest writers are always welcome.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: May 1, 2018.

The meeting was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the Founder's Building in Grapevine, TX. Twelve were in attendance, including James, a guest of member Sam Metzgar.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. Wayne reminded all that the date for the annual 24 Hours at Saginaw event (May 25 and 26) is fast approaching, and the Chapter is in need of donations for the silent auction. Those who have items for the auction should let Wayne know.

VP Skip Waters followed up on President Smith's comments by noting that the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce and Depot building has been reserved for the event, and that insurance will be purchased next week. Among the programs planned will be the "Let's Talk Trains" webcast. Slide show presentations are being lined up also. Long time presenter Steve Goen continues his recovery, and hopes to be at Saginaw to present one of his videos. If any sellers can participate, there will also be a slide show auction on Saturday evening following the conclusion of the event.

The saga of steam locomotive 503 in Port Arthur continues. So far it has avoided being sold or scrapped, and has been moved to a new location. However its owner, the City of Port Arthur, has divided opinions on its eventual disposition. The decision is up to the seven City Council members. Some members want to sell it, while others wish to keep it because of its historical significance.

The week after the Saginaw event, there will be a NRHS Spring Conference and Railway and Locomotive Historical Society (R&LHS) convention in St. Louis, MO. Cost to attend the R&LHS is \$395, and registration for the NRHS Spring Conference is \$40.

Regarding this year's NRHS National Convention being held in Cumberland, MD, Skip reports the dinner train is almost sold out. Other activities are also nearly sold out. The host hotel for the Convention is sold out, but those wishing to secure accommodations are encouraged to call the hotel from time to time, as there might be last minute cancellations. The Fairfield Inn is close to the Convention, although rates are higher than the convention rate.

The word from the planners for the 2019 Ogden-Salt Lake City NRHS Convention is that the Union Pacific has announced that the 844 and 4014 steam engines will not participate in any public excursions. While they will likely be on display, they will not pull an excursion train.

VP Jon Shea is still working on a location for the June meeting. A location in Terrell, TX is being considered. The July meeting, which would normally take place on Tuesday, July 3 was changed to July 10 by vote of the Chapter (location TBD).

The August meeting will be held in Grapevine, TX.

The Chapter held and impromptu auction and book sale. VP Skip Waters auctioned three railroad books. VP Jon Shea sold (for \$10 each) three copies of "Legacy books" of the Dallas Historical Society, which featured articles on Dallas railroads. The remaining two copies of the Legacy Books will be available at the 24 Hours at Saginaw silent auction.

Sam Metzgar provided the evening's program, which was a DVD of the first part of a History Channel series "Locomotion – The Amazing World of Trains".

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM. Jerry M. Nunn. Secretary, North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society.

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, April 2018.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: April 3, 2018.

The meeting was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at the Plano Interurban Museum in Plano, TX. Museum Curators Robert Haynes, Harold Larson, and Bill McCormack served as hosts.

President Wayne Smith was out sick, so VP Jon Shea called the meeting to order at 7:44 PM.

Dave Gramm reported on the February North Texas Council meeting. The January Plano Train show netted \$2,380 for the Chapter (\$2,400, less \$20 membership). In terms of revenue, this show was the best in 25 years. The Council discussed other financial issues regarding the future shows. The City of Plano is raising the rent about \$3,000 for the next show. Current rental fees are \$22,000. In addition, the minimum concession guarantee is being raised from \$5,000 to \$7,000. Participants will have to pay for any revenue shortfall.



A discussion followed Dave's report. Questions arose regarding concession guarantees. Who is responsible for the shortfall? The Chapter? The Council? Others? VP Skip Waters suggested that participants investigate replacing the concession with food trucks. This topic will be discussed at the May meeting in Grapevine.

Other announcements presented to the Chapter included: Secretary Jerry Nunn noted that National Train Day will be observed at the Temple, TX Amtrak station on May 12; VP Jon Shea passed out handouts, including a map of the interurban network in the Dallas – Ft. Worth area in the early 20th century; Bob Kennedy noted that the new Amtrak policy on private cars will greatly restrict or eliminate the ability to operate excursions.

VP Skip Waters has been recognized for his 25 years of membership and service to the NRHS. He will be awarded a pin at the Board Meeting in St. Louis.

The beginning of the 2018 NRHS Convention in Cumberland, MD is fast approaching. Some of the more popular hotels and tours may be sold out at this time. Anyone desiring to attend should make hotel and tour reservations ASAP.

Plans are moving forward for the 2019 Convention in the Salt Lake City – Ogden area. The convention will be a joint effort with the National R&LHS. Several excursions and tours (including UP facilities) are being planned.

The Chapter has volunteered to host the National NRHS Conference the second week in November 2019. We need to facilitate securing hotel location, reservations, activities and tours.

The subject of the *evening's program* was *interurban operations in the Dallas – Ft. Worth area* in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, presented by the Plano Interurban Museum Curator Robert Haynes.

- A large issue at the time was that in this area, there was much available land, but few funds. To pay for the construction, the interurban companies sold stocks to attract eastern investors, who had the funds. The investors had to go to the state legislature to secure construction permits.
- Lines were constructed from Ft. Worth to Cleburne, and from Ft. Worth to Dallas. The Dallas – Ft. Worth interurban line had a stop at a popular amusement park, known as Lake Erie. It was located in Handley on what is now the west shore of Lake Arlington, and featured various attractions and concerts.
- The presentation included discussions of the lines' histories, brochures, news releases, and a map of the two lines.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 PM at the Founders Building in Grapevine.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Jerry M. Nunn, Secretary, North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society

Chapter Directory

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

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

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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

- Tues. June 5, 2018 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location Ben Gill Park, 1039 9th Street, Terrell, TX 75160. Program:* Tour historic rail passenger car restored by John Myers and hear about the restoration.
- DATE CHANGE!**
Tues. **July 10**, 2018 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* SOKOL Hall, Dallas, Texas. *Program:* to be confirmed.
- Tues. August 7, 2018 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location* Grapevine Founders Building, 705 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas. *Program:* to be confirmed.
- Tues. September 4, 2018 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* to be confirmed. *Program:* to be confirmed.
- Tues. October 2, 2018 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* to be confirmed. *Program:* to be confirmed.
- Tues. November 6, 2018 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* to be confirmed. *Program:* to be confirmed.
- Tues. December 4, 2018 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* Babe's Chicken restaurant, Frisco. *Program:* Annual Holiday Dinner.

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