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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 – Sokol Hall, Dallas TX.

When: 7:30 pm meeting.

Where: **SOKOL Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231.**

Program: Video - Louisville, KY streetcars and interurbans.

Parking: Free.

Location map: <http://www.sokoldallas.org/>



Special Features

NRHS 2019 Convention, May 8-12, 2019 – Salt Lake City, Utah

The 2019 NRHS Convention will be held in conjunction with the Union Pacific's celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Driving the Golden Spike at Promontory, Utah. Events for the convention are still in the planning stages and will include the ceremonies at Promontory to be held on May, 10, 2019.

The NRHS Convention will be headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. A very special rate of \$149.00 per night plus taxes has been arranged at the headquarter hotel, Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown. Reservations can be made by contacting the hotel and asking for the "National Railway Historical Society" rate.

Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown - 215 South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Phone: (801) 531-7500.

Nightly rate is \$149.00 + taxes. This is a special "National Railway Historical Society" rate.

NRHS members are encouraged to contact the hotel soon as room space is limited and a large attendance for the celebration is expected. Don't miss out on this special event. (Source: 6/30/18, NRHS email.)

24 Hours @ Saginaw, 2018 – Memories (part 1)

by Jerry Nunn (all photo credit: Jerry Nunn)

Enjoy these views of the 2018 "24 Hours @ Saginaw"!



Above: The 90221 Veterans Unit cab car on the northbound Heartland Flyer on Friday afternoon. It is bringing up the rear.



Left President Wayne Smith managed the silent auction.

Right: VP Skip Waters (in white T-shirt) coordinated the event, organized the presentations, and managed all the ancillary tasks necessary to make "24 Hours" happen. Here Skip and Dave Gramm enter into a conversation with some of the visitors.



Above left: Mike Murray, the "CEO of Railspot".



Above right: Bob Kennedy (and the lovely Mrs. Kennedy) maintained the guest register and took donations from the visitors to defer the cost of insurance



Above: Along "campers row". Several stayed overnight. A tent or umbrella was necessary to avoid the blistering sun. Lawn chairs and coolers were part of the required equipment to minimize discomfort from being outdoors in the heat.

Norfolk Southern, Lewistown PA

by Frank Mellott, Guest Feature Writer

Yesterday (Saturday, June 9) Tedd took Jerry Britton and me to a National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) meeting at the Lewistown Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) station. It is now owned by the PRR Historical and technical Society and houses their archives. Norfolk Station (NS) was fairly busy. Between 0845 and 1130, 6 trains and Amtrak passed. Being inside, I missed about half. PRR position lights will not last the summer, maybe not survive the month.

Right: Number 591 westbound empty headed to Lady Jane, Pennfield, PA to load.



Right: Eastbound 20K behind NS 7528



Left: As 20K was going east a westbound came. Couldn't make out which one. Union Pacific (UP) unit trailing.

Right: Note all the JBHU's (JB Hunt) on top! Where they belong!



Right: The *Pennsylvanian* came east. The Amtrak app does not show the train going west of Harrisburg. Instead, it brings up Amtrak bus connections to get you from Altoona and Lewistown to Harrisburg. I hope that is a glitch.



The *Pennsylvanian* consist included a single P42 (above), six coaches and a Private Varnish (PV) car the *Sugar Creek* (left).

Right: The *Sugar Creek* was occupied, looked like whole family going on vacation.



Left: Ex Conrail (CR) hopper passing the PRR signals and the new NS signals.

Right: Freight car America bathtub gondola. Odd thing is it is missing the NS car class



Left: another westbound COFC (Container on Flat Car) snuck on me with another UP trailing.

I may not have been in Lewistown since the 765 was out there in 2013.

Below is a replica PPR shed that replace the former storage sheds.

The actual station is shown at the *Right*.



Lewistown yard has some salt storage domes. They now seem to be run by FSGrowmark, an agriculture coop that is the result of 3-4 mergers. The yard had a long string of Agrium and Potash Corp (now merged together) cars I presume are theirs and they are storing fertilizer in the domes. Also, there were a handful of LEFC/GNWR boxcars. They were used to haul wheels from the Standard Steel in Burnham (the cast steel wheel maker in the US) to Mexico. From their condition I am not sure if these are still in service or awaiting repair or scrapping.



National News and Views

NRHS President's Corner, June 2018

by Al Weber, President, National Railway Historical Society

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 by mailing the ballot back in the pre-addressed envelope.

(Source: 6/30/18, *NRHS News*, June 2018 issue.)

North Texas Chapter Views and News

Zephyr News Board

Updated Zephyr 2018 Deadlines

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

- **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; plus, NRHS Fall Conference details as available. Your editor (VH) will be at the Cumberland NRHS meetings, but not excursions
- **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 dinner location is Babe's Frisco. Plus minutes, President's update, Skip's news, Jerry's photos. Guest writers are always welcome.

Invitation: 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 railroading 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!

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, June 2018

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: June 6, 2018.

The meeting was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2018 at the Terrell Heritage Museum restored SPT/T&NO railcar (Louisiana & Texas 993) in Terrell, TX. There were eleven attendees: seven Chapter members; four museum representatives: John Meyers, Phil Meyers, Jim McCord, and Nancy Feaster; and Roseanne Kennedy, wife of Bob Kennedy.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. Wayne reported that the recent 24 Hours at Saginaw event raised \$1154 for the Chapter. He recognized those who contributed items to the silent auction, and provided ice and water.

A brief discussion regarding the need to fill Jim King's treasurer position for 2019 followed. Member Bob Kennedy will let us know if he can assume the Chapter's treasurer position next year. The treasurer has also managed the membership roster, but that duty will be split off next year.

VP Jon Shea spoke about the status of future meetings. Next month's meeting will be held in Sokol Hall. The meeting will be delayed until July 10, as the normal meeting day (July 3) will be the day before Independence Day. The program was undecided as of this meeting. The Christmas Dinner will take place at the Babe's in Frisco.



Jon had been looking at having the September meeting back at Sokol Hall, but some suggested that the meeting take place at a location closer to Ft. Worth, such as the T&P Tavern or the Burleson Interurban Museum.

VP Skip Waters reported on the NRHS national level status. Funds are in good shape. The National Board meeting in St. Louis, MO has been fully funded, and the organization is in the black. The national fund has \$350K, but much of that is earmarked for existing commitments. Members are encouraged to make donations to fund the Heritage Grant program. There also needs to be more participation in the request for grants. This past year, only one NRHS Chapter applied for a grant. The national leaders need to ensure that local Chapters are educated on how to apply for a grant.

The 2018 National Convention in Cumberland, MD is at hand. Most programs and excursions are sold out, and area hotels are booked, although it might be possible to secure rooms due to last minute cancellations.

Plans are moving forward for the 2019 convention in Salt Lake City – Ogden. Since this also coincides with the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad, this is a one-time special event and there is an extremely large interest in this convention. Anyone considering attending is STRONGLY encouraged to make hotel and tour reservations the minute they become available. Check periodically with the national website. Also, Skip will make an effort to keep all informed about the latest developments.

Skip has received additional information on the 2019 National Board Meeting, which the North Texas Chapter will host. Total attendees will be only about 50, instead of the 130-200 originally reported.

Following the meeting, John Myers took the group on a short tour of the Texas Midland freight house. The meeting adjourned about 9:05 PM.

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

Chapter Directory

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<http://www.gogecaching.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

DATE CHANGE!

Tues. July 10, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> SOKOL Hall, Dallas, Texas. <i>Program:-</i> Louisville, Kentucky streetcars and interurbans.
Tues. August 7, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location</i> Grapevine Founders Building, 705 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tues. September 4, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tues. October 2, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tues. November 6, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tues. December 4, 2018	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> Babe's Chicken restaurant, Frisco. <i>Program:</i> Annual Holiday Dinner.
Tues. January 8, 2019	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> Annual Chapter Election.
Tues. February 5, 2019	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tues. March 5, 2019	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 pm. Location is usually confirmed in newsletter issue(s) prior to meeting month.