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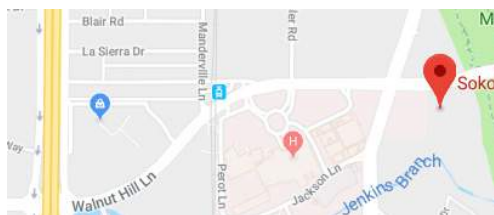
**Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018. Sokol Hall, Dallas.**

*When:* 7:30 pm meeting.

*Where:* Sokol Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231

*Program:* Albuquerque's Historic Santa Fe Railroad Shops (DVD)

*Location:* Map below. Free parking.



**Fall Plano Media-Slide Show & NRHS Open House**

**September 29 - 30, 2018 - The Fall Plano Train Show (Plano, TX)**

- Plano Centre. 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31)  
 Hours 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday.  
 More info at: <http://www.dfwtrainshows.com>

**Saturday Night, September 29, 2018 - Fall Plano Area Media-Slide Show and NRHS Open House.**

Hosted by the North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society

- **Admission: free!**
- **Show Time:** 6:00pm until 9:00pm (maybe longer). (the Train Show closes at 5:00pm).
- **Location:** TACO JOINT, Back room. 100 S. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080  
<http://thetacojoint.com> . COME EAT AT THE TACO JOINT! Each purchased meal helps to recover our \$200 deposit. Please buy a meal or drink.

**Would you like to present or show your program?**

By noon CST, Sunday, September 23rd, 2018, **please reply directly to Skip Waters** [wqcrush@swbell.net](mailto:wqcrush@swbell.net).

- If you know the subject of your presentation, please tell me (having a subject is not mandatory).
- List type of media you plan to show: 1) Slides, 2) Digital photos, 3) Video tape or 4) DVD.
- After all presenters have identified themselves, I'll let them know A.S.A.P. how much time each will have at the show. You can go ahead and start putting your material together now, but keep it adjustable so you can make it fit the time allotted when I announce it after September 24rd. You'll still have about one week to finalize it after I make that announcement.
- One program note: Please limit Videos or DVD's to 15 minutes. Slides will only be limited by the available time divided by the number of presenters.
- **Remember, 12:00 noon CST on Sunday, September 23rd is the DEADLINE** for getting your name on the PRESENTATION LIST. Don't miss the train, let me know today! Thanks for your interest!
- Please pass this on to anyone that might be interested in this show.

Best regards,

Skip Waters, Show Chairman. North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society  
 214-987-2888 office. <http://ntxnrhs.org>



## 250th Anniversary of Anthracite & 2018 Steamtown Railfest

by Valli Hoski, North Texas Zephyr editor



ANTHRACITE IS THE ONLY COAL WHICH EVOLVED BEYOND GEOLOGY ~ HERE, IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA IT BECAME THE SYMBOL AND IDENTITY OF A UNIQUE AND HISTORIC REGION AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

WE, "THE PEOPLE OF THE BLACK DIAMOND", ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE ON EARTH TO TAKE OUR CULTURAL NAME FROM COAL MINING, IRON-MAKING, AND RAILROADING

IN 2018, WE CELEBRATE THE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF OUR ANTHRACITE FAMILY ORIGIN AND DESTINY

~ SCOTT D. HERRING  
 ANTHRACITE 250<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY, CHMN.

### 2018 Celebratory Events include

- July 7-8. No. 9 Mine Tour and Museum, Lansford PA
- July 14-15. Kids Fun Weekend on the Kempton Train, Kempton PA.
- July 14-22. Carbon Model Railroad Society Open House and Tour. Bowmanstown PA.
- July 31. No. 9 Mine – Unique Underground Photographic Safari.
- August 11. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Miners Memorial Picnic, Hegins PA.
- August 25. 250<sup>th</sup> Anthracite Anniversary Celebration, Shenandoah National Heritage Day. Shenandoah PA.
- September 1-2. Steamfest 2018. Steamtown National Historic Site. Scranton PA.

### Railroading and Coal: A Labor of Love

Railfest 2018 (September 1-2) at Steamtown National Historic Site (NHS) in downtown Scranton is a celebration of railroading's past, present and future. The Railfest theme is "Railroading and Coal: A Labor of Love," recognizing the 250th anniversary of anthracite coal's importance to the region and nation.

Among the many Railfest events, the special entrance pass affords visitors of all ages the opportunity to enjoy a short train ride through the park, to hop aboard the caboose for a quick jaunt, watch locomotive shop staff operate giant-sized equipment used to repair engines, power a hand-pump maintenance car, take a ride on a maintenance motor car, and have photos taken with "Miss Phoebe Snow" or "Tux," our minor league hockey team's mascot! Other activities include 1/8-scale steam train rides, O- and N-gauge model train layouts, themed displays, special shop demonstrations, and much more! Adults (ages 16 and above) may purchase a special \$10 one-day or a \$15 two-day Railfest pass at Steamtown NHS upon arrival. Visitors can also enjoy our museums and two very special photo exhibitions: *The Call of Trains* is a sampling of legendary railroad photographer Jim Shaughnessy's more than 50 years of masterful railroad photography, while Scott Herring, the local *Last Anthracite Photographer*, will help visitors celebrate anthracite coal's 250th anniversary as the fuel that helped spur the American industrial revolution and railroad expansion. We run the Scranton Limited trains later in the day during Railfest (ending around 4:00 PM) This year, your Event pass covers your admission to ride. Times for operation on September 2 are 11:00 AM-Noon and 1:00-4:00 PM. Then, stick around to see the steam locomotive on the turntable.

### Railfest Exhibits & Scranton Limited train

Railfest is one of the events making up part of the celebration of 250 years since the founding of the first four cities in the Anthracite Region of Pennsylvania. Scott Herring the "Last Anthracite Photographer," will present some of his photos in our Office and Storage Building during the weekend of September 1 and 2.



The Scranton Limited train during Railfest will make two stops. Stop 1 is at the east end of the yard, provides easy access to the live steam trains, the 250th Anniversary of Anthracite exhibit, Lego trains exhibit and track speeders. Stop 2 returns to the starting point in the roundhouse area.

The event ticket for Railfest includes the Caboose Experience train ride, which runs 10 am – noon, then 1-4 pm. Event ticket price is \$10 per adult (aged 16 and up); \$7.00 per child (aged 6-16); children 5 and under no charge. Sources: 8/22/2018. Steamtown PR at <https://www.nps.gov/stea/learn/news/railfest-2018-announcement.htm>. The 250th Anthracite Anniversary information at <https://www.250thanthraciteanniversary.org/>.

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## NRHS Views and News

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### **2019 NRHS Convention Hotel Update**

by John Goodman, National Convention Coordinator

The NRHS has added 400 room nights for our 2019 Utah convention (May 7-11, 2019). Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown is located at 215 W South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. The rate is \$149.00 per night + taxes. This rate is also available from August 4 through August 14, 2019 (3 days before and 3 days after the close of the convention). Haven't booked yet? Reserve quickly, as the first 500 nights booked out quickly.

### **2018 / 2019 NRHS Conferences and Convention**

At the NRHS 2018 Annual Convention in Cumberland, the future schedule for 2018 and 2019 meetings was discussed:

**2018 Fall Conference** – October 11-14, 2018.

- Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel, 700 Lackawanna Ave. Scranton, Pennsylvania. Also, this fall marks the 45th anniversary of the Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter NRHS and this conference is part of the celebration.
- Registration information: <https://admin.nrhs.com/public/Fall2018/Fall-2018-Conference-Outline-of-Events.pdf>

**2019 Spring Conference** – Birmingham, Alabama.

**2019 Annual Convention** – May 7-11, 2019.

- Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown, 215 W South Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. Includes celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad completion and driving of the Golden Spike at Promontory Summit.

**2019 Fall Conference** – November 7-10, 2019. Dallas, Texas.

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## North Texas Chapter Views and News

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### **2018 / 2019 Changes in Officers' Responsibilities**

In preparation for the 2019 election, a few responsibilities of the chapter's officers have been re-assigned. Jim King has been a loyal treasurer for 10 years, but is not running for re-election. The Chapter thanks him for his loyal, helpful, and skilled service. Bob Kennedy has graciously agreed (with lots of poking, prodding, and encouragement) to run for Treasurer in the January chapter election. By then, Jim will transition the chapter treasury records and process to Bob. In a similar change for 2019, Jerry Nunn agreed to handle the membership process and files. Jim will introduce Jerry to the membership process and records. Also, Skip Waters now checks and manages the chapter's post office mailbox. The Chapter appreciates these loyal members for stepping up to these new responsibilities, and thanks those who are willing to run for office in 2019.

### **Zephyr News Board**

Updated Zephyr 2018 Deadlines

- *October 2018 issue* - News deadline is Saturday, September 22. Meeting is Tuesday, October 2, 2018.
- *November 2018 issue* - News deadline is Saturday, October 27. Meeting is Tuesday, November 6, 2018.
- *December 2018 issue* - News deadline is Tuesday, November 20. Meeting is Tuesday, December 4, 2018.
- *January 2019 issue* - News deadline is Thursday, December 27. Meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2019.
- *February 2019 issue* - News deadline is Tuesday, January 22. Meeting is Tuesday, February 5, 2019.



## **Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, August 2018**

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

The meeting was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the Founder's Building in Grapevine, TX.

- President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. Wayne had just returned from a trip to Albuquerque, where he had an opportunity to tour the local BNSF facilities. He reported that although the Santa Fe steam locomotive 2926 has been restored, it derailed over the inspection pit, and further tests have been delayed. Thus, it is not steamed up at this time.
- VP Skip Waters provided a status report by telephone on the 2018 NRHS National Convention in Cumberland, MD. This was the first day of the convention, so events had not yet begun.
- Bob Kennedy reported on the status of the Museum of the American Railroad (MARR) in Frisco, TX. Some restoration of the equipment is underway, but the decapod steam engine and the UP Centennial engine need more work. Bob noted that the facility desperately needs a roof to cover the equipment, or the museum must assume a perpetual cycle of deterioration and painting.
- VP Jon Shea announced plans for upcoming meetings: the September meeting will most likely take place at Sokol Hall in Dallas, TX; the October meeting will take place at the Spellman Museum of Forney History in Forney, TX, where T&P and Texas Interurban materials will be available for viewing. The November meeting location and program is TBD; and the December meeting will be the annual Christmas Banquet at the Babe's Chicken Dinner House in Frisco, TX.
- The discussion next turned to safety issues at the "24 Hours @ Saginaw" event. While almost everyone observes the photography limits, there are a very few that fail to observe and respect the boundaries. The Chapter has to purchase insurance to protect itself and the Saginaw Museum from some unfortunate circumstance, no matter how unlikely its occurrence. Trespassing on adjacent railroad property is the most concern. Some attendees, especially those at the far south end of the Museum property, fail to observe the property lines. The Chapter has been using small utility flags on wire stands to mark the "No Trespassing" zones; however, they are the most ideal markers. It is difficult, especially in dry weather, to plant the flags into ballasted ground so they remain upright. It was suggested the Chapter consider acquiring heavy metal stakes and caution tape to mark the boundaries.
- Bob Kennedy has donated to the Chapter several dozen VHS tapes – both in sets and individually. He passed out an inventory of the tapes and proposed price list. It was noted that member Sam Metzgar has asked to have three of the sets reserved for him.
- Regarding next year's officers, our current treasurer Jim King does not wish to run for that office in 2019. President Wayne Smith asked Bob Kennedy if he would be willing to assume the office of the treasurer in 2019. After some consideration, Bob agreed to do so. Jim had also been handling the membership duties, which Bob did not wish to, take on. Secretary Jerry Nunn stated that he could handle the membership, and let Bob just assume the treasurer duties.
- The possibility of future book publications by the Chapter was discussed, but no action was taken.
- The evening's program was "Steam Treasures: Tarantula", hosted by Sam Metzgar.

The meeting adjourned around 9:20 PM. Jerry M. Nunn, Secretary, North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society



## Chapter Directory

### North Texas Chapter Officers, 2018.

- **President, Wayne Smith**, 940-300-4407.
- **Vice President/Programs, Jon Shea**, 972-948-2413.
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- **Secretary, Jerry Nunn**
- **Treasurer, Jim King**, [jgking@swbell.net](mailto:jgking@swbell.net)

**Webmaster:** Kim Hays, [kimhays516@gmail.com](mailto:kimhays516@gmail.com)

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**North Texas Chapter site:** <https://ntxnrhs.org/>

**Facebook Page:** <http://www.facebook.com/groups/409467244127/>

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

**North Texas Zephyr, newsletter archive**

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

## North Texas Calendar

Tues. September 4, 2018	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> Sokol Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231. <i>Program:</i> Albuquerque's Historic Santa Fe Railroad Shops (DVD)
Tues. October 2, 2018	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> Spellman Museum of Forney History, Forney, TX. <i>Program:</i> T&P and Texas Interurban materials available for viewing.
Tues. 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.
Tues. December 4, 2018	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> Babe's Chicken restaurant, Frisco, TX. <i>Program:</i> Annual Holiday Dinner.
Tues. January 8, 2019	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> Annual Chapter Election.
Tues. February 5, 2019	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <i>Location:</i> to be confirmed. <i>Program:</i> to be confirmed.
Tues. March 5, 2019	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> <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.