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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2018. Forney TX.

When: 7:30 pm meeting.

Where: **Spellman Museum of Forney History**, 200 S Bois D Arc St, Forney, TX 75126 Forney, TX

Program: T&P and Texas Interurban.

More information at <http://spellmanmuseum.com/>

Parking and directions: see issue p.1 [below].

Special Features

Tuesday, Oct. 2 Chapter Meeting – Spellman Museum of Forney History

Founded in 2001, the Spellman Museum focuses on ‘the history of Forney and the surrounding area from pre-history to post-WWII. Originally on the 2nd floor of the City Hall building, the museum is home to a number of artifacts and photographs that reflect the history of Forney, TX. Topics include Native Americans, wildlife, early settlers, the agricultural industry, the Great Depression, and more. We renovated two downtown historic buildings, 200 and 202 S. Bois d’Arc Street, to house the collection and new exhibits plus provide additional space to host meetings and events.’

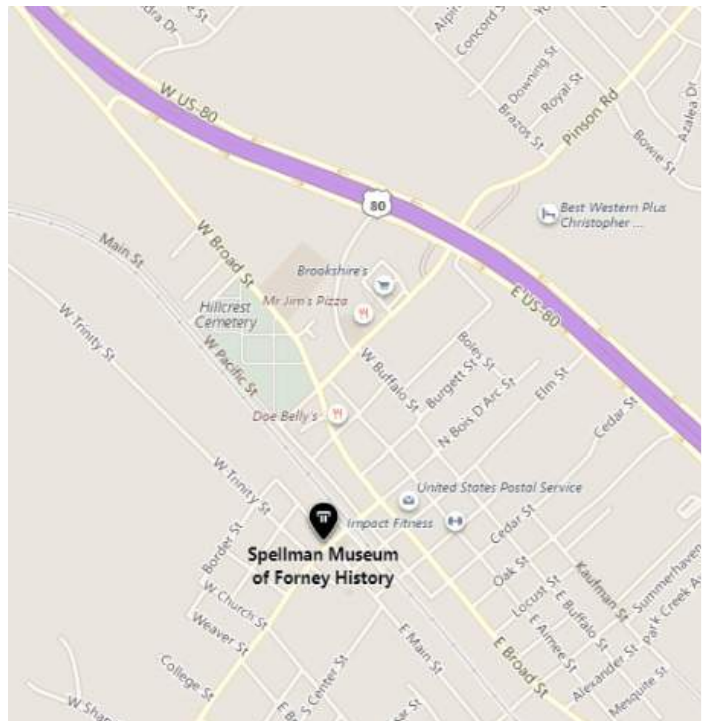
[Source: 9/29/2018. Museum home page at <http://spellmanmuseum.com/>]

Please pass this on to anyone that might be interested in this field trip.

Directions - From Dallas, take US-80 east to the Broad Street/FM688 exit. Turn right on S. Bois d’Arc which is the second light. The Spellman Museum is a red brick building on the right side at the corner of S. Bois d’Arc and Main Street (one block past the railroad tracks). Address is 200 S. Bois d’Arc.

Parking - When coming from the north (Broad St), turn right on Front St. to park behind the block of buildings or along W. Main St. You can also turn left on Front St. and park behind City Hall. When coming from the south, parking is available in the Forney Academic Center parking lot and adjacent Sub-Courthouse parking lots at Elm. Parking is also available on E. Main St., but pedestrians are encouraged to cross at either the Front or Trinity/Elm street intersections as Bois d’Arc is an active construction site and impassable at times. Sorry for the inconvenience. Please call the museum at 972-552-2400 if you have questions about how to get here or where to park.

[Map source: 9/29/2018. Bing Maps at maps.bing.com]





13th Annual Cotton Belt Symposium – Sat. October 6, 2018

The 13th Annual Cotton Belt Regional Railroad Symposium, Commerce TX

The Symposium is scheduled annually for the first Saturday in October.

- *Location:* Sam Rayburn Student Center, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas
- The formal event will be held on Saturday, with a program consisting of railroad presentations; a Luncheon; and other activities to be announced. Audience participation is encouraged. An informal dinner gathering may be planned at a local dining establishment for those who are interested in visiting Friday evening.
- If you have items of railroad interest you would like to display, please bring them. We have arranged for plenty of table and display space. Please note that this is NOT a swap-meet.

Luncheon

- The luncheon will be held at noon on Saturday. The meal will feature a deli-style buffet and include sides, desert, and drink, and live musical entertainment by the Roberts Family and Friends.
- Luncheon meal tickets may be requested through our on-line reservation system here or by contacting me directly, prior to the reservation deadline, noon on Tuesday, October 2.
- Reserve lunch at https://secure.touchnet.com/C20206_ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=41&CATID=107

If you requested tickets and later learn that will be unable to claim and use your requested ticket(s), please notify Jason so your meal ticket may be reallocated to someone else who may wish to dine at the luncheon.

Presented by

- TAMU-Commerce Department of Engineering & Technology
- TAMU-Commerce College of Science & Engineering
- James G. Gee Library Special Collections
- Commerce Public Library

North Texas Chapter Views and News

Reminder : 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

- *November 2018 issue* - News deadline is Saturday, October 27. Meeting is **Tuesday, November 13, 2018**. *NOTE* – rescheduled to 2nd Tuesday, since 1st Tuesday is Election Day.
- *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, September 4, 2018

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: September 4, 2018.

The meeting was held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the SOKOL Hall in Dallas, TX.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. On a follow-up from his recent visit to Albuquerque, Wayne reported that the Santa Fe steam locomotive 2926 has now been steamed up.



VP Skip Waters has arranged the Chapter sponsored slide show in conjunction with the Fall Plano Train Show. It will once again take place at the Taco Joint, 100 S Central Expy, Richardson, TX 75080. The show will begin at 6:00 PM. Bob Kennedy and Jerry Nunn will kick off the show until Skip's arrival. Those interested in presenting a slide show should contact Skip, who will publish a list of the presenters.

Dave Podransky has taken 10 of the 15 hours of the Chapter's assigned service for the Fall Train Show. Several members volunteered to take the remaining 5 hours. Dave has taken the entire 15 hours for the Winter Train Show in January 2019.

VP Jon Shea reminded everyone that the October Chapter meeting will take place on October 2 at the Spellman Museum in Forney, TX.

The **November meeting will be the Chapter auction**, and will likely take place in Sokol Hall. Since the normal date of the meeting (November 6) is also election day, a decision was made to postpone the meeting until **November 13**.

The **December meeting** is the Chapter's **annual Christmas dinner**, and will take place on December 4 at the Babe's Chicken Dinner House, 6475 Page St., Frisco, TX.

VP Skip Waters continues coordinating the November 2019 NRHS Board of Director's Meeting in November, 2019. It is estimated that 50-80 will attend the meeting, which will take place Thursday through Sunday. The selected hotel, the Magnolia Hotel, although somewhat expensive (\$149 per night), is conveniently located to the SMU DeGoyler Library, the Bush Presidential Library, the DART Mockingbird Station, and Northpark Mall. Transportation to remote events are expected to require only one or two buses. The cost estimates have been passed on to the Board.

The latest block of hotel rooms for NRHS Salt Lake City Convention has been sold out. The NRHS has asked for another block of rooms to be reserved. Those who call regarding hotel reservations should tell the hotel that they are with the NRHS. For additional details, access the National NRHS website.

The evening's program was a photographic essay and former employee interviews about the historic Albuquerque Santa Fe Railroad shops.

The meeting adjourned around 9:20 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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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

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- Tues. December 4, 2018 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* Babe’s Chicken restaurant, Frisco, TX. *Program:* Annual Holiday Dinner.
- Tues. January 8, 2019 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* to be confirmed. *Program:* Annual Chapter Election.
- Tues. February 5, 2019 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* to be confirmed. *Program:* to be confirmed.
- Tues. March 5, 2019 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* to be confirmed. *Program:* to be confirmed.

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