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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 2019. McKinney Ave. Trolley ride.
Time: 7:30 p.m. Start at McKinney Ave Trolley Uptown Station.
Program : Robert Haynes with latest project update.
Location: Meet at Uptown Station on the west side of US-75 North Central Expressway [not the CityPlace station], then ride the McKinney Avenue Trolley. See maps below.

Announcements & Special Features

Meet 'n' Ride – DART Rail Outing

by Jon Shea, Vice President, Programs

IT'S TIME TO MEET ON THE RAILS AGAIN!

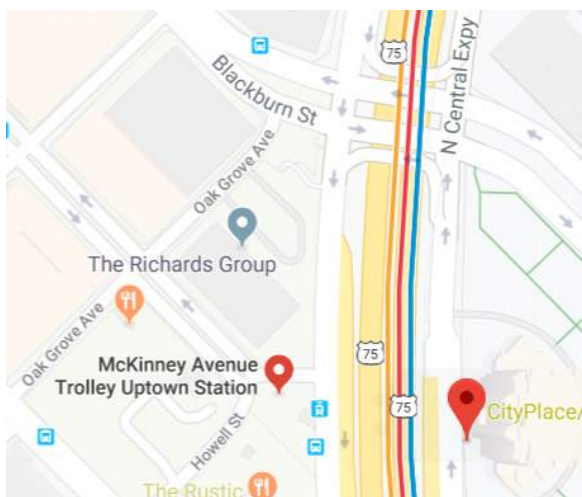
Tuesday, July 9, 7:30 p.m. until ???

McKinney Ave. Trolley Uptown Station

Meet at **Uptown Station** across Central Expressway from City Place DART station.

We will catch the McKinney Avenue Trolley and ride around.

Robert Haynes should be there to discuss his current project.



Location:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/McKinney+Avenue+Trolley+Uptown+Station/@32.805617,-96.7962957,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x864e9ed5392dcd1f:0xb3c082a42c44a766!8m2!3d32.8056125!4d-96.794107>

North Texas Views

Scenes Seen - Belton, Texas

By Jon Shea, all photo credit



Left: KATY passenger and freight station.
Belton, Texas.

Right: Cornerstone of Belton KATY
station. Belton, Texas



Left: KATY passenger station Belton, Texas.



North Texas Chapter News

Zephyr News Board

Upcoming 2019 Zephyr deadlines are

- *August 2019 issue* - News deadline is Thurs. July 25. Meeting is Tuesday, August 6, 2019.
- *September 2019 issue* - News deadline is Tuesday, August 20. Meeting is Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

Chapter Meeting Minutes, June 4, 2019

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: June 4, 2019.

The June 2019 meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was held on Tuesday, June 4 at the Spring Creek Barbeque in Grapevine, TX. Attendance was 13. Most attendees arrived early enough to enjoy a barbeque dinner.

North Texas Chapter President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.

The first item of discussion was the Chapter's recent "24 Hours at Saginaw" annual event, held on May 24-25. Treasurer Bob Kennedy reported 111 sign-ins at the table. As usual, there were several attendees who just camped out in the parking lot and never came inside to register. Nevertheless, the Chapter took in enough donations to cover expenses, and still have about \$160 left to place in the Chapter's account. The official train count was 57.

VP Skip Waters, the primary organizer of the "24 Hours" event, noted that this was the 14th year that it has been held. Skip also reported that the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce is under new management, and he had to meet with the new management and explain and "re-sell" the event. The Chamber approved the continuation of the "24 Hours" event.

VP Jon Shea noted that the first Tuesday in July is just two days before the July 4th holiday. Attendees voted to have the meeting changed to the second Tuesday in July, which is July 9th. The meeting location is not yet determined, but Jon is going to ask if the McKinney Avenue Trolley Association is willing to host the July meeting. If so, the program will be a ride on the trolley.

Jon also passed around booklets about the story of the Golden Spike ceremony and a re-enactment of the ceremony itself. He also passed around another booklet "Dome Car Magic", and commemorative coins from the Colorado Railroad Museum.

The next Chapter event will be the Fall Plano Train Show, held at the Plano Event Center on Saturday October 12th, 2019. This year's Fall show will only be a one-day event, as a church will be meeting there Sunday. There will be no slide show.

On a related note, it is reported that the Taco Joint has moved from its Richardson location to a new location in Lake Highlands. There was some discussion about distance and accommodations of the new location. (Secretary's note: Looking at a map, it appears that Lake Highlands is not that far from Richardson, and should be just about as easy to reach. An accommodation to conduct a slide show is another issue.

Treasurer Bob Kennedy provided to the officers a summary of cash inflows and outflows for the year to date. Our Saginaw Area Chamber of Commerce dues will be paid in June. There is a semi-annual royalty payment to the Southern Pacific book author due on October 1.

Bob and Skip were primary leaders in the next item of discussion, which is the upcoming 2019 NRHS Fall Conference scheduled November 7-10, 2019. An official announcement has been issued. Conference registration is \$50. The host hotel is the Magnolia Dallas Park Cities Hotel. Room rate is \$149 per night. Rooms can be booked at the website <https://book.passkey.com/e/49897156>.

Two more payments to the hotel are scheduled. A third payment is due September 1, and a final payment is due prior to the start of the conference.

The menu for the Banquet is finalized. Attendees have a choice of beef, chicken, or fish as the main entrée. Cost is \$59.

Current schedule of events is as follows:

- *Thursday, November 7* - Registration. Evening Reception at DeGoyler Library, SMU. NOTE: Out-of-town attendees will require transportation between hotel and library.
- *Friday, November 8* - Rail tour of DFW. Tentative plans (subject to timing) include rides on Dart, TRE, TexRail, Denton A-Train and Dallas Street Car.



- Saturday daytime, November 9: Meetings.
- Saturday evening, November 9 - Banquet (See above paragraph). Steve Allen Goen will be the speaker for the Banquet presentation.
- Sunday, November 10 - Optional activates TBD for those who wish to stay on Sunday.

The chapter meeting's program was a slide show and video of Skip Waters' trip and attendance at the NRHS Convention in Salt Lake City-Ogden, Utah. Time precluded showing the full program.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM. The next meeting will take place Tuesday, July 9.

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

[Editor's note: Meeting location is on the McKinney Ave. Trolley, program by Robert Haynes. Meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Uptown Station of the McKinney Avenue Trolley.]

Chapter Directory

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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

Chapter Calendar

Tues. July 9, 2019 [2d Tues / mo]

North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. *Location:* McKinney Ave. Trolley.

Tues. Aug. 6, 2019

North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Tues. Sept. 3, 2019

North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Tues. Oct. 2, 2019

North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 7-10, 2019

NRHS 2019 Fall Conference – *Location:* Magnolia Hotel, Dallas, Texas. *Program:* excursions, NRHS meetings, Banquet.

Dec. 3, 2019

North Texas Chapter holiday dinner – *Location:* Babe's Chicken, 6475 Page Street, Frisco, Texas 75034 Tel. (214) 387-9500. <http://www.babeschicken.com/our-kitchens/frisco/>



Fall 2019 NRHS Conference, Dallas – Save the Dates!

North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

Invites you to attend

Fall 2019 Conference of the NRHS Board of Directors and Advisory Council

November 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2019

Dallas, Texas

Host hotel is the **Magnolia Dallas Park Cities**
6070 N Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75206

Group room rate is \$149 per night, S/D. For 3 or 4 guests - add \$10 per person.
Mention the “**National Railway Historical Society**” when booking a room.

To book a reservation, call (888) 915-1110 or book online at

<https://book.passkey.com/e/49897156>

Scheduled Events

Thursday, November 7

Guests arrive, First event is an evening reception at the DeGolyer Library and Special Collections on the SMU Campus. This library holds the NRHS National Archives which we will learn about the collection and the future plans for it. Cost pending.

Friday, November 8

A group tour of the DFW transit rail lines to include, DART, Dallas Streetcar, TRE, TEXRail and DCTA. It will be a full day of riding the rails. Depending when we return, we may have an evening program at the hotel and/or host the NRHS Fund meeting. Cost pending.

Saturday, November 9

Meetings of the Advisory Council and Board of Directors. In the evening, the Banquet features an entertaining speaker/presentation. Banquet cost is \$59.

Sunday, November 10

Optional field trip to Museum of the American Railroad, Train Topia Model Railroad Exhibit or other entertaining venue. Details to be confirmed. Cost pending.

Transportation - Dallas is served by two major airports, DFW International and Love Field.

Both have access to DART light rail to the hotel. Amtrak's Texas Eagle arrives daily and also can transfer to DART light rail to the hotel. Unless you plan to venture out on your own, you will not need personal transportation should you arrive by air or rail. We also have Uber and Lyft among other cab services available on demand.

Registration for the conference is \$50.