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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2020. SOKOL Hall, Dallas TX..

Time: 7.30 p.m.
 Location: SOKOL Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave. Dallas TX 75231.
 Phone (214) 368-5608
 Program: Annual Chapter Election, Member show’n’tell.
 Parking: on-site.



Special Features

Al Coppinger Award Received by Dave Gramm

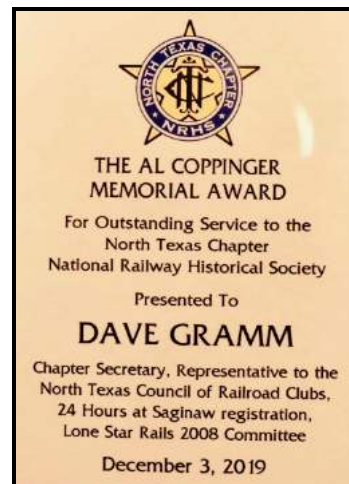
by Wayne Smith, President



The Al Coppinger Award was established by the North Texas Chapter to recognize and honor the member(s) for outstanding volunteer service to the chapter. This year (2019) the Chapter has selected Dave Gramm to receive the Award.

Left: Dave Gramm (left) and Wayne Smith (right) showing the Coppinger Award.

Right: Dave’s active roles in volunteer service are indicated on the award plaque.



North Texas Chapter Annual Holiday Dinner, 2019





Pat Coughlin Obituary

by Jon Shea, VP Programs

Pat Coughlin, a long time friend of our chapter passed away last July. He presented some great programs at our chapter meetings and he also provided some discs of his photos of KATY depots which we used for programs. Pat was a welcome presence at train shows for several years staffing the KATY Railroad Historical Society table. Pat had been in poor health for several years with complications from diabetes and a stroke. I still happily use the KATY keychain he sold me. Here is his obituary from the KATY Flyer September 2019.

"KRHS Board member Pat Coughlin, age 72, passed away on July 8, 2019 in Waxahachie, Texas. Graveside services were on July 16 at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery. Pat was a proud U.S. Marine and had been active in the operations of the KRHS since 1978. His collection of M-K-T photos and artifacts was legendary. At great personal effort and in a wheelchair, he attended our 2019 Round Rock, Texas annual convention. Pat also went to great trouble during the past five years to digitally publish on CDs his collection of KATY locomotive, caboose, depot, freight and passenger car photos which will continue to be seen in KRHS publications."

Fort Smith Trolley Decorated for Holidays

by Jon Shea, VP Programs



Left: Decorated for Christmas, November 30, 2019.



Right: Festively bedecked trolley is not a folly. November 30, 2019.

History of the Trolley Museum.

Dr. Art Bradley Martin, Sr., a physician and community leader, soon found himself drawn into the world of trolleys, trains, and buses. As it turned out, a local resident named Charles Winters had already done the research that the Historical Society wanted. The Society published his entire manuscript in "The Journal" Vol. 3, Number 2, September 1979, which was later republished in book form. A copy of this manuscript is available in our gift shop.

Just before publication, a relative of Mr. Winters called to inform him of an advertisement in an antique journal. A Fort Smith streetcar - the Fort Smith Light & Traction #224 - was still in existence and up for sale. This led to the formation of a Streetcar Committee, headed by Dr. Martin and working through the Fort Smith Heritage Foundation (the group which was responsible for restoring and maintaining the W.H.H. Clayton House), which eventually broke off to become a new non-profit organization - the Fort Smith Streetcar Restoration Association - and arranged to purchase the old streetcar.

Publicity following this acquisition led to the discovery of two other car bodies located in Mulberry, Arkansas. These were the Fort Smith Light & Traction #205 and #221. The better of the two (#205) was given to the Association by the family of Paul Alexander, who had purchased the bodies after Fort Smith's trolley service was discontinued on November 15, 1933.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1979, after 46 years of being inoperable, car #205 traveled once more through the streets of Fort Smith, proudly displaying its "Car Barn" destination sign, on its way to the original Fort Smith Light & Traction Car Barn, where it had spent so many nights in the past. Though aged and faded by time, and having to be hauled "piggy-back" on a flatbed truck, it was part of a dream for members of the committee and the people of Fort Smith. Car #224 arrived soon after, having travelled all the way from Shreveport, Louisiana.

For five years, the association did restoration work on the cars in a series of borrowed buildings. The body of car #205 was restored first and - lacking the required trucks and motors - mounted on rubber-tired wheels. For many years, it was displayed in parades and used to sell ice cream at the annual Riverfest, raising both funds and awareness.

Then in 1985, the Association erected a car barn at 100 South Fourth Street, the former site of the Midland Valley Railroad yard. This became the Fort Smith Trolley Museum. The most notable architectural feature of the building is its three sets of towering front doors, which were taken from the old Frisco roundhouse before it was torn down."

Source: 11/30/2019. www.fstm.org

Dallas Area Train Show, January 18-19, 2020

Santa's green stuff burning a hole in your holiday stocking?

Come and share your holiday rewards Dallas Area Train Show at the Plano Center on January 18-19, 2020. Hours 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday. 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31).

Admission \$10.00 per person Children 12 and under are FREE. Sorry, we only accept cash at the door. Please contact Chris Atkins for more information.

There will be two full days of [clinics](#). Many home layouts will be on [tour](#). If you would like your layout added to the Dallas area tour contact Chris Atkins at chris@railroadmodelers.com

Source: DFW Train Shows web site at <http://dfwtrainshow.com/>.



NRHS Views and News

2020 NRHS National Convention, June 8-13, 2020

by John Goodman, National Convention Chairman NRHS

The 2020 NRHS Convention will be held June 8 to 13, 2020 near Fullerton, California. The Knott's Berry Farm Hotel is the confirmed hotel. The special convention rate of \$119.00 per night (plus tax) is available from June 8 through June 13, 2020. The hotel located at 7675 Crescent Ave, Buena Park, CA 90620. Hotel map, directions and more may be found at <https://www.knotts.com/stay> .

Reserve your room now. Call the hotel directly at 866-752-2444, and mention reservation block code NRHS. Or, book online at <https://reservations.knottshotel.com/knotts/?requesttype=invBlockCode&code=NRHS&start>.

Event reservation period opens on February 15, 2020. Below is the initial list of events and excursions; however, **these are tentative and subject to change.**

- *Monday, June 8, 2020* – On-site Registration opens in the afternoon.
- *Tuesday, June 9, 2020* – Meeting day at hotel. Starts with morning Council meeting, continues with Board of Directors meeting in early afternoon, followed by Membership meeting.
- *Wednesday June 10, 2020* – Orange Empire Museum trip (via bus). Ticket price includes a barbecue luncheon on the grounds.
- *Thursday, June 11, 2020* – Fillmore and Western Railroad trip (via bus) for special steam powered train over entire line. Ticket price includes box lunch.
- *Friday, June 12, 2020* – Rail Giant museum in nearby Pomona, CA (via bus). This museum is the location where UP Big Boy #4014 was stored for many years.
- *Friday, June 12, 2020* (evening) – Annual banquet dinner with cash bar, followed by after-dinner speaker.
- *Saturday, June 13, 2020* (day) – Griffith Park - Travel Town trip (via bus) to visit its extensive railroad collection. On return, visit Los Angeles Union Passenger Station for facility tour, and lunch on-your-own at the in-station eateries.
- *Saturday, June 13th, 2020* (evening) – Annual night photo session at the Rail Giant Museum.

Other events are planned, not confirmed, and **subject to change.**

NRHS President's Update, December 2019

by Al Weber, NRHS President

First, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continuing support of railway history preservation. In the spirit of the holiday why not give a gift membership to someone which may just be "the gift that keeps on giving" to railway preservation for year to come.

The NRHS Heritage Grants come from your donations, not out of your dues. So please consider giving a donation to the Heritage Grants.

The NRHS has had a very good 2019 and I expect a good 2020. Our programs and preservation efforts are all going well. We need more volunteers to help with the Society's business and if you are so inclined, please contact me. I am looking for volunteers to take on our advertising. A few hours per month are all it takes for advertising, and to write a few small reports to the board. Experience is helpful but not really needed.

I have heard from many of you about the Amtrak situation. In 2020, I will be going to Washington DC to talk to some of our Representatives and Senators about the need for Amtrak to be given a mandate to be a true nationwide train system. You also can help by contacting your Representative and Senators, ask them about their support for passenger railroads in the United States.

Our convention in 2020 will be held in Southern California, headquartered at Knotts Berry Farm. I hope you will consider bringing your whole family (maybe grandchildren) to this convention. This area is very family friendly with Knotts and Disneyland along with many others.

Please get in your NRHS renewals as soon as possible. This will save the NRHS membership volunteers the cost of mailing you a reminder.

Again have a safe and happy holiday. Al Weber <aweber@nrhs.com> (Source: NRHS News, December 2019 issue.)



NRHS President's Update, November 2019

by Al Weber, NRHS President

Well, the end of the year is approaching and the NRHS renewal process is starting again. In the next few weeks your 2020 renewal letter will arrive in the mail. If possible, renew on our new NRHS.com web site. It saves our volunteers much time and work. If you have any problems with your renewal, please email Membership@NRHS.com. We will get you help to complete the renewal. Or, you may renew via the mail. Please use the enclosed envelope and return the data page with your payment.

The holiday gift giving season is also coming up. Please consider giving a membership to the NRHS as a gift. This is a way to get new people interested in helping in preserving railroad history.

The new NRHS.com web site is up and running. I am getting many new ideas from members on what we need to add or change. If you have a suggestion to change or improve the new web site, please email me. Some suggestions are already implemented and some are in the works. We do have limits on what we can do but we now have a site that we can update. Your ideas and comments are very welcome as the NRHS' online presence continues to evolve.

In the holiday season many chapters and groups have events. Consider getting a table and promoting NRHS railroad history preservation. We can send brochures and extra (older) NRHS Bulletins, just drop us a note.

Thank you very much for supporting railroad history preservation. Al Weber <aweber@nrhs.com>
 (Source: NRHS News, November 2019 issue.)

North Texas Chapter Views and News

2020 NTC Dues are Due Now !

Your 2020 membership dues payment for the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS is due by January 1, 2020 and can be paid now. Chapter dues are \$16 per individual or \$18 per family and can be paid by check or at the Chapter's on-line store (a small service charge is added to on-line payments).

Please note that Chapter membership dues are paid directly to the Chapter and are in addition to and separate from your National membership dues payment. You will receive National membership dues payment information separately.

Please refer to the membership information located under **Chapter History** on the last page of The North Texas Zephyr Newsletter for all membership information. If you have any other questions about membership, please contact us at

northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com

Zephyr News Board

Upcoming 2019 Zephyr deadlines are

- *January 2020 issue* - News deadline is Friday, December 27, 2019. Meeting is Tuesday, January 7, 2020.
- *February 2020 issue* - News deadline is Thursday, January 23, 2020. Meeting is Tuesday, February 4, 2020.

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2019.

- **President**, Wayne Smith, 940-300-4407.
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- **Treasurer**, Bob Kennedy.

Webmaster: Kim Hays, kimhays516@gmail.com

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

North Texas Zephyr, newsletter archive

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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

Jan. 7, 2020	North Texas Chapter meeting. Location SOKOL Hall, Dallas TX. Program: Annual Chapter Election, and member show'n'tell.
Jan. 18-19, 2020.	Dallas Area Train Show at the Plano Center on January 18-19, 2020. Hours 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday. 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31
Feb. 4, 2020	North Texas Chapter meeting.
March 3, 2020	North Texas Chapter meeting.
April 7, 2020	North Texas Chapter meeting.



Spring 2020 NRHS Conference Information



SPRING 2020 NRHS CONFERENCE
 March 26, 27 & 28 in Cincinnati, OH
 Host Hotel: Cincinnati Marriott North

(Hotel information on p. 24)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ NRHS Member Number _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (Home) (____) _____ (Cell) (____) _____ Email: _____

NAME TAG INFORMATION (Additional Names on back of this sheet)

Name (as preferred) _____

NRHS National or Chapter Office Title _____

Chapter Name & City/State _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

CONFERENCE EVENTS

REGISTRATION – Saturday Meetings (1 per household) ----- Registration: (1) \$ 5 0.00

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 - Registration Available 4 PM - 9 PM Marriott North

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 – Train Trip to White Water Valley all day trip - 8:00 am thru 5:30 pm

Friday Activities (including lunch and all gratuities) ----- Number of people (____) x \$ 95.00 = \$ _____ .00

- Trip to the White Water Valley Railroad Connorsville, IN: Train ride, tour of WVRR Shops and grounds

- Tour Rushville Station and Dearborn Tower

- Lunch Laurel Inn Laurel, IN (Meal Choice Form must to be turned in with registration Form)

- Time permitting a Run-By at the Whitewater River Crossing.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 - Registration Available 5 PM - 9 PM Marriott North

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 – All Saturday meetings will be held at the Marriott North

SATURDAY EVENING Banquet - EnterTRAINment Junction –

BUFFET BANQUET at EnterTRAINment Junction ----- Number of People (____) x \$60.00 = \$ _____ .00

- Bus Transportation available starting 5:30 for trip to EnterTRAINment Junction and return included in Banquet Fee

Mail your completed Forms and payment by March 1, 2020

Mail To:

Cincinnati Chapter NRHS

PO Box 62023

Cincinnati, OH 45262-0023

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____ .00

Make check or MO payable to

Cincinnati Chapter NRHS

No Credit/Debit Cards



Cincinnati Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

The Cincinnati Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

Invites you to attend the

Spring 2020 Conference of the

NRHS Board of Directors and Advisory Council

March 26, 27, and 28, 2020

The Host hotel is the **Cincinnati Marriott North West Chester, OH**

6189 Muhlhauser Road, West Chester, OH 45069

Book your reservation directly with the hotel on or before March 1, 2020

Group room rate is \$115.00 (plus Tax) per night: You must contact the Marriott directly for the discount.

The NRHS Rate is effective starting Thursday March 26, 2020 thru Monday March 30, 2020.

By Phone: 1-800-MARRIOTT or 1-800-627-4688 - Use the code “NRHS at the Cincinnati North”

By internet: Paste the link below. It will take you directly to our special NRHS booking information.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1570108672104&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

List of Scheduled Events –

Thursday, March 26 – Welcome to Cincinnati, OH - Registration at the hotel 4 to 9 PM

Friday, March 27 Train Ride – Cost \$95.00 per person – All day event with food for lunch included

- Bus Trip to Connersville, Indiana to ride the Whitewater Valley RR to Metamora, IN
- We will stop at the yards of South Conn to view the new shop building and yards.
- We will then stop at the Restored Rushville Station and the Dearborn Tower
- The next stop will be at Laurel Inn for a lunch in the historic hotel restaurant – Advance Meal Choice
- Along the way to Metamora we will have a run by with weather and time permitting
- We will continue on to Metamora for boarding the bus back to the hotel

Friday, March 27 – Registration at the hotel 5 to 9 PM

Saturday, March 28

Meeting day for the Advisory Council and Board of Directors – all meetings at Marriott Hotel

Saturday, March 28 – Evening Banquet held at EnterTRAINment Junction - Cost is \$60.00 per person

Following the meeting in the evening will be a Banquet held at **EnterTRAINment Junction** the World’s Largest “G” gauge train layout with over 90 operating trains. We will have an entertaining speaker/presentation and a tour of the facilities on your own. The trains and gift shop will be open.

- Bus starts at the hotel at 5:30 PM to EnterTRAINment Junction
- Bus leaves EnterTRAINment Junction about 9:00 PM to return to the Marriott

Sunday, March 29 – Have a safe trip back home

Optional day, (On your own) suggestion would be to go to the Cincinnati Museum Center or the Dayton History at Carillion Park.

Caboose Trip on Whitewater see <http://queencityhtrailers.org/events/> scroll down to March 29, 2020 (Sign up before March 1, 2020)



The Menu must be filled out and mailed in along with your conference reservation.
 The meal will be served at the Laurel Inn in Laurel, IN during the train ride on Friday the 27th.
 Make as many copies as you need.
 Fill out One Menu per person. Food is included in the price of the Train Ride.

All menus are needed by March 1, Registration Deadline. The Inn needs the information to order the food.

Full Name: _____	Full Name: _____
Pick one item in each section <input type="checkbox"/> Pan Fried Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Piece Shrimp Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Catfish Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Icelandic Cod Dinner Baked Fried <input type="checkbox"/> Chopped Steak Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Rare <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Med Well <input type="checkbox"/> Well	Pick one item in each section <input type="checkbox"/> Pan Fried Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> 21 Piece Shrimp Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Catfish Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Icelandic Cod Dinner Baked Fried <input type="checkbox"/> Chopped Steak Dinner <input type="checkbox"/> Rare <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Med Well <input type="checkbox"/> Well
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