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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2020. SOKOL Hall, Dallas, Texas.

Time: 7.30 p.m.

Location: SOKOL Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231

Phone: (214) 368-5608.

Program: National Geographic video: Love Those Trains. Provided by Sam Metzgar.

North Texas News & Features

Rambling with Rosie and the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority

by Wayne Smith, North Texas Chapter NRHS (Photo credit Wayne Smith, unless noted otherwise)



"Rosie"

On Friday July 31, 2020, Skip and I attended the unveiling of the restoration of the trolley car "Rosie" at the offices and car barn of the M Line Trolley in uptown Dallas.

(Photo courtesy of: McKinney Avenue Transit Authority)



Above : "Rosie" was restored with funds from the Hunt Foundation, was named after "Rosie" Hunt. (Photo credit: Skip Waters)





Above: Motorman's view.



Above: Passenger's view.



Skip's Very Rosie Day

by Skip Waters, North Texas Chapter NRHS (Photo credit Skip Waters, unless noted otherwise)





Built in 1909 - J.G. Brill Company

O'Porto, Portugal - Car #122

I was shipped overseas as a kit to the city of O'Porto, Portugal where I was assembled and worked every day for 70 years. Gales Creek Enterprises purchased me and brought me back to the United States where I was leased for 5 years to the Market Street Railway of San Francisco (they have trolley cars as well as cable cars there you know!). I was purchased in 1984 by the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority and came to live in Dallas where I enjoy rolling through the beautiful streets of Uptown. I have been working for over 100 years now and plan to continue for many more. Thanks for riding and coming to see me again!

Rosie







Above: Mr. Victor Cervantes, MATA President, gave Wayne and Skip the royal tour of the MATA car barn. He also spoke of various on-going projects.





Above: This gracious gentleman shared free ice cream for the attendees. Skip had two servings.



Above: MATA Conductor James, a friend of the NTC. Wayne and Skip were his guests for the event.



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has entered the digital age.

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Railroad Station Old Town Spring, Texas

by Jon Shea, VP Programs



The building (at left) was moved from Lovelady, Texas. Both towns were on the International and Great Northern Railroad. There is still a small UP yard across the street.

Rusted KATY Railroad sign on Old Town Spring railroad station.





North Texas Chapter Views and News

Zephyr News Board

The deadline for upcoming issues is usually the Monday that is 2 weeks before the Chapter meeting.

- *October 2020 issue* - News deadline is Monday, September 21, 2020.
- *November 2020 issue* - News deadline is Monday, October 19, 2020.
- *December 2020* – No issue. Chapter’s annual Holiday Dinner.
- *January 2021 issue* – News deadline is Monday, December 21, 2020.

North Texas Chapter Meeting Minutes – August 4, 2020

The August meeting was held at Spring Creek BBQ in Grapevine with 5 members in attendance. We had our regular private room. As usual, we all arrived early to eat and fellowship.

Wayne called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15pm. Wayne announced that Skip and Wayne were at the unveiling of the restored Trolley Car, “The Crescent Rose” or “Rosie” on July 31st at the M-Line Trolley car barn and offices in Uptown Dallas. It is the oldest operating car in the United States. “Rosie” was built in 1909 and spent the first 70 years of her life in Portugal. Wayne gave out post cards to everybody of a print of “Rosie” by local artist Eric Hansen. Wayne also shared an update of the Cleburne Railroad Museum’s REA baggage cart that our chapter is restoring through our grant program. The new wooden bed of the cart has been reassembled according to original specifications. The metal frame, wheels, etc., has not yet been restored.

Sam passed around some new brochures published by Grapevine Vintage Railroad that includes the newly painted EMD FL9 recently put into service (2019).

Bill passed around a book, “All Aboard!” (The story of Joshua Lionel Cowen & his Lionel Train Company).

Jon passed around an article with a picture of “The Pagoda Bath House” that once existed in Galveston with a huge sign that read, “The Katy Flyer For Comfort and Speed.” Jon also passed around a commemorative civil war calendar with a picture of the “Dictator”, a 13-inch siege mortar used by the north that was so big that they had to transport the weapon and it’s ammunition by rail.

The evening program was the viewing of a DVD entitled, “America & the Passenger Train: Travel by rail, from the 1830’s to the 21st century”. Meeting adjourned at 9:00. Minutes submitted by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

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. Sept. 1, 2020 *	Monthly Chapter meeting. 7.30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> SOKOL Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231 <i>Program:</i> National Geographic video: Love Those Trains. Provided by Sam Metzgar.
Tues. Oct. 6, 2020 *	Monthly Chapter meeting. 7 p.m. <i>Location:</i> Spring Creek Barbecue, 315 W State Hwy 114, Grapevine, Texas 76051. Phone (817) 416-6250.
Tues. Nov. 3, 2020 *	Monthly Chapter meeting. 7.30 p.m.
December, 2020 *	Monthly Chapter meeting. 7.30 p.m. Annual holiday dinner.

* Dates are subject to change.