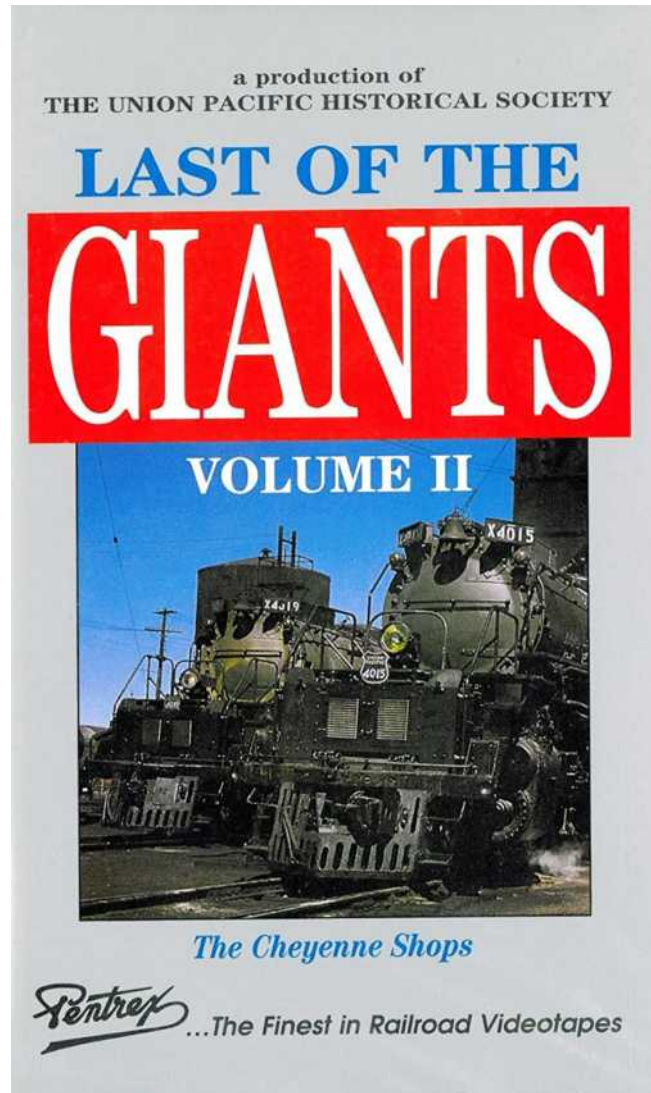




# North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

## *North Texas Zephyr*

*(Interim editor - Skip Waters)*



### Chapter News

**Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021

**Time:** 7:30 PM

**Location:** SOKOL HALL

**7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231**

**Program:** Business meeting followed by viewing of "Last of the Giants" Vol. II

## Reminder — **NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER NRHS MEMBERSHIP DUES**

If you have not already done so, please consider paying your 2021 Chapter dues this month. Chapter dues are \$16 per member per year plus \$2 for a family membership. Payment may be made in person by check or cash, by mail with a check or paid online with a credit card. Chapter membership includes our monthly newsletter, the Zephyr, and enables us to hold our monthly meetings at various locations throughout the DFW Metroplex.

To pay by check - Make your check payable to "North Texas Chapter NRHS" for \$16 (individual) or \$18 (family). **Either mail your check to North Texas Chapter NRHS, PO Box 600304, Dallas TX, 75360 or give it to a Chapter Officer at our monthly meeting.** If you are paying for a family membership, make sure to include your Family Member's name(s) in the memo section of the check.

To Pay 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 help offset processing fees.

To pay by cash, please have the correct amount and give it to a Chapter Officer at our monthly meeting. Please include a note with your cash indicating your name and any Family Members. Do not send cash by mail.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com](mailto:northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com) .

Bob Kennedy, Treasurer, North Texas Chapter, NRHS



**North Texas Chapter members, Sam Metzger (left) and Jon Shea (right), staff the chapter table at the Plano Train Show, January 17, 2021. (photo by Skip Waters)**

## April Chapter Meeting to be held in the 1885 Houston & Texas Central Railroad Depot, Anna, Texas!



Anna Depot Museum  
aahps.org



Prepared by: Elden Baker  
January 2020

The Anna Area Historical Preservation Society (AAHPS) would be honored to host the April 6 meeting of the North Texas Chapter NRHS.

The historic Anna Depot, built by the Houston & Texas Central Railroad in 1885, is the oldest extant railroad structure in the state of Texas. It has recently been restored and being set up as a local history museum - the Anna Depot and Museum.

Anna is located in north Colin County, 12 miles north of McKinney. From SH-75 exit at "Anna-Weston Rd" (exit 48A). Go east for two miles then turn left (north) on Powell Parkway (Hwy 5). Go 3 blocks (about a 1/4 mile) then turn Right (east) onto W. 4th St. When you cross the railroad tracks, the depot will be on your right. Parking is available on 4th St and S. Sherley Rd. Call the Anna Depot & Museum at 469-982-6396 if you need assistance with directions.

Feel free to arrive early if you want to look around historic downtown Anna. There are a number of historic buildings such as the A. Sherley & Bro. Hardware and the First Christian Church (both built in 1894). Our WPA water tower, built in the early-mid 1930s by the Chicago Bridge and Ironworks still stands. An interesting note about Chicago Bridge and Ironworks is they were not from Chicago, they did not build bridges, and what they did build (mostly water towers) were not built using iron - go figure.

Anyway, we look forward to seeing y'all in Anna for the April meeting!

Elden Baker, Director  
Anna Depot & Museum, 101 S. Sherley Rd., Anna, TX 75409

## January Chapter Meeting “Show N Tell” Items



Among items made available by members at the January meeting at SOKOL HALL were, (left) Texas Special dinner place mat presented by Jon Shea. A depot print featuring “KATY Texas Special in a field of Texas Bluebonnets” and a display board of Southern Pacific’s “Sunbeam” presented by Skip Waters (right). *(photos by Skip Waters)*

## February Chapter Meeting at Fort Worth Military Museum









*(All Fort Worth Military Museum photos by Elden Baker, except first photo by Skip Waters)*

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## February Chapter Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was held at Ridgmar Mall on Tuesday, February 2, 2021. This was a special event held at the **Fort Worth Military Museum** inside Ridgmar Mall in west Fort Worth. Those that came early got to ride the mall's **Choo Choo Express** trackless train. After taking turns riding the train and informally viewing the Military Museum, the meeting was called to order by president Wayne Smith at 7:24 pm with 10 people present including a guest of Skip Waters. In addition to the 9 members and one guest, the Executive Director (Tyler Alberts) of the museum was present, as well as the engineer of the Choo Choo Express.

Wayne Smith thanked Tyler Alberts, Executive Director of the museum and Skip Waters for making this event happen at the museum.

Bill Long stated his disappointment that last names were not included in published meeting minutes and expressed a desire to have last names included. There was no disagreements to his request. Moving forward, if a member does not want his/her full name mentioned in the meeting minutes, they must make that request during the course of the meeting.

Jon Shea stated that the location and program for the March meeting has not been determined. \*Note from President - Elden Baker contacted Wayne Smith after the meeting and invited the chapter to conduct a monthly meeting at the new Depot Museum in Anna. Plans are in the works for April or May.

Skip Waters reported that there were some recent changes with National - Ellen Scott has taken the secretary position; Bob Ernst is now the president of the NRHS Fund, Inc; Bob Hevenrich has resigned as the NRHS Comptroller and National is looking for a new volunteer comptroller; updates are being made to the [NRHS.com](http://NRHS.com) web page. If you have any items that are appropriate please send to their webmaster Dawn Holmberg [Dawn@dholmberg.com](mailto:Dawn@dholmberg.com); please contribute to the NRHS News at [news@nrhs.com](mailto:news@nrhs.com); please contribute to the The NRHS FaceBook > <https://www.facebook.com/RailPreservation/>; membership, renewals as of this writing are at 2,868 out of about 4,900 2020 members.

***(February Chapter meeting minutes continue...)***

Not really good renewal rate, even for the NRHS. A 2021 Convention is in the works, National is checking out a different hotel at the end of February. So as of now we are going to Milwaukee. National needs to update the chapter officer and chapter information on [NRHS.com](http://NRHS.com). This information needs to go to Dawn so she can update the web page.

As mentioned above, the program of the evening was a visit to the **Military Museum of Fort Worth**. After a formal welcome from Tyler Alberts, Executive Director, members were allowed to view the museum on their own. Mr. Alberts was always available to answer questions regarding any of the exhibits. Here is information from their website found here. <https://www.militarymuseumfortworth.org/> *“Walk through a life size replica of a WWI trench and imagine trench life and warfare from that era. Around the corner, see how a bombed French farmhouse serves as an American field headquarters During WWII. These exhibits and more help tell the stories of men and women of the US military from WWI through Desert Storm. The Military Museum of Fort Worth is dedicated to Honor, Preserve and Educate by keeping alive stories told through uniforms, weapons and equipment used in the field.”*

Minutes submitted by President Wayne Smith

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**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.

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