

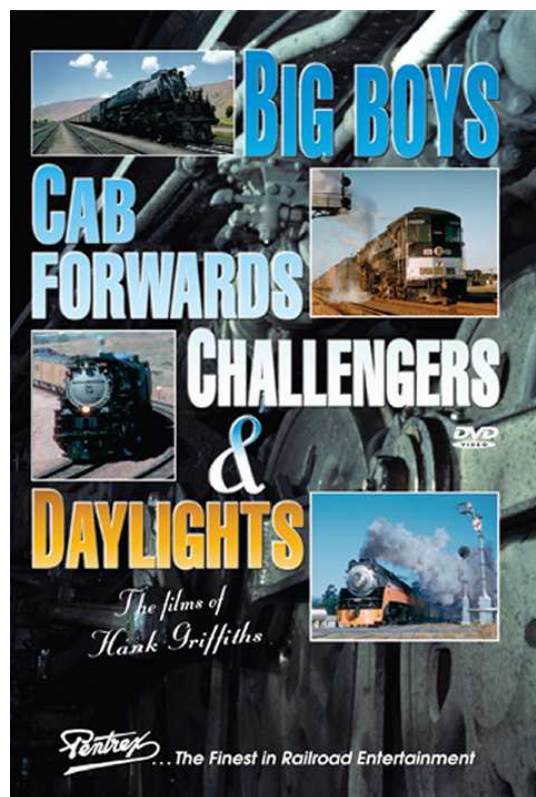
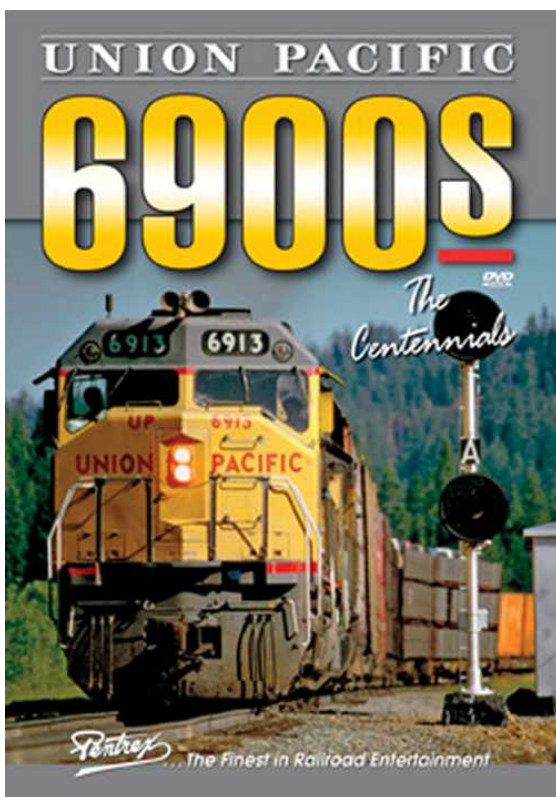


North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society



North Texas Zephyr

(Interim editor - Skip Waters)



Chapter News

August Chapter Meeting

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, August 3, 2021

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: SOKOL HALL

7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231

Program: Business meeting followed by viewing of two DVD's

1. Union Pacific 6900s, The Centennials - 30 min.
2. Big Boys, Cab Forwards, Challengers & Daylights - 1 hr 25 min.



NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NRHS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The North Texas Chapter is celebrating our 25th Anniversary as a National Railway Historical Society Chapter in 2021. We started our Chapter in 1996. The emphasis of the Chapter is on the activity, history and enjoyment of railroading past and present specifically focusing on North Texas and the DFW Metroplex.

In order to commemorate our 25th Anniversary, the Chapter will be hosting a banquet dinner on Saturday evening October 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the old Frisco Railroad Depot at the Frisco Heritage Center (Page St & Railroad Ave). We will be offering a New York Strip Steak dinner or Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner.

The cost will be:

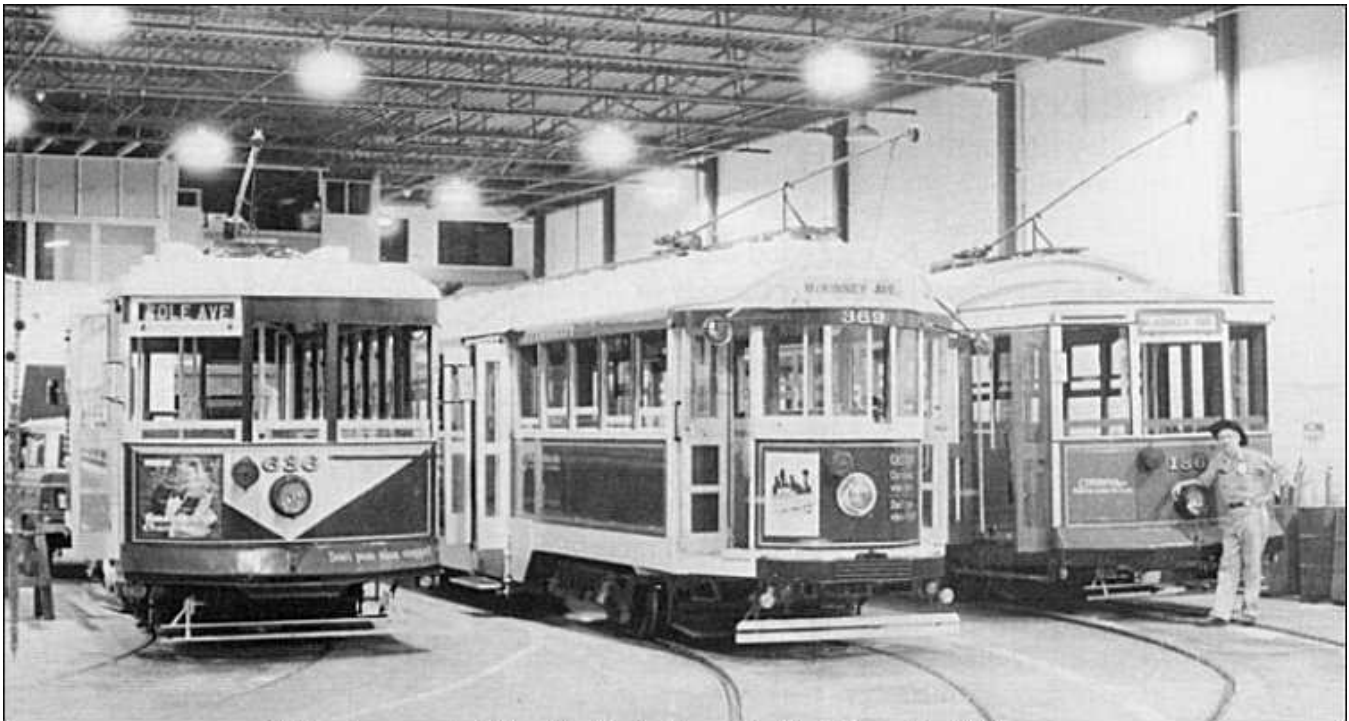
New York Strip Steak:	\$22.00 for Paid Chapter Members & Spouses \$32.00 for Non-Members or Unpaid Members
Chicken Cordon Bleu:	\$18.00 for Paid Chapter Members & Spouses \$28.00 for Non-Members or Unpaid Members

(Due to Frisco City Regulations, all meals must be paid for in advance and the maximum number of guests in attendance is 50. We cannot sell any dinners at the door, so there are no walkups.)

We will be having a speaker (TBD) and plan to have door prizes to give away. A special gift will be given to all Paid Chapter members in attendance to commemorate this event. We also plan to have some special 25th Anniversary apparel available later this year.

This Chapter event will be held on the evening of the Plano Train Show. You can also visit the Frisco Heritage Center Museum or the Museum of the American Railroad / TrainTopia which are nearby. Plan ahead and join us after the train show for dinner and to commemorate our Anniversary.

For more information, check the Chapter Website, the Chapter Facebook page and watch for e-mail blasts. If you need to confirm your paid Chapter membership for 2021, please contact our Treasurer, Bob Kennedy at rckennedy48@verizon.net or 214-497-7745.



Ed Landrum and a trio of terrific trolleys - *Trolley Stop* - July 1990

M-Line Trolley Celebrates 32 Years of Service to Dallas

Gordon Shattles, DART

Paula Cain, MATA

On Thursday, July 22, the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority (MATA) will celebrate 32 years of streetcar service to Dallas residents, businesses, and visitors.

In 1983, MATA was founded to return heritage streetcars to the urban fabric of Dallas. Two Dallas residents, Phil Cobb and Ed Landrum, began championing the idea after discovering tracks on McKinney Avenue that had been paved over and forgotten. On July 22, 1989, the McKinney Avenue Trolley celebrated the grand opening of its 2.8-mile route.

The [M-Line](#) has expanded several times over the years, eventually reaching a total of 4.6 miles in length. The first expansion opened in 2002, extending the route north to connect to DART's Cityplace/Uptown Station, followed by the construction of a turntable in 2011. The second expansion opened in 2015, creating the southern loop in downtown Dallas that connects riders to DART's St. Paul Station.

Currently served by seven vintage cars, the M-Line trolley provides more than 600,000 rides every year within Uptown and Downtown Dallas.

DART News Release

Media Relations Contact: **Gordon Shattles** June 11, 2021

DART Celebrates 25 Years of Rail Service in North Texas

On Monday, June 14, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) will celebrate 25 years of providing light rail service to the residents of North Texas.

The DART light rail system debuted on June 14, 1996. The original starter system was 11.2 miles long, with Blue Line service between Illinois Station and Pearl/Arts District Station, and Red Line service between Westmoreland Station and Pearl/Arts District Station.

Over the last 25 years, the DART light rail system has grown into a 93-mile, 65 station network - the longest light rail system in the country - improving the quality of life for all North Texas residents, and providing access to greater mobility options to jobs, health care and even educational opportunities.

As part of the celebration, DART is offering riders the opportunity to win 25 days of free rides. Participants who share a photo on social media of themselves riding DART rail or explaining how DART rail benefits them are entered to win. Be sure to include #DARTRail25 to be included in the drawings. (CONTEST RULES: <https://www.dart.org/DARTRail25/>)



KEY DATES:

Starter Line

Blue: Illinois to Pearl/Arts District: June 1996

Red: Westmoreland to Pearl/Arts District: June 1996

Red Line

Pearl/Arts District to Park Lane: January 1997

Cityplace/Uptown Station: December 2000

Park Lane to Galatyn Park: July 2002

Galatyn Park to Parker Road: December 2002

Blue Line

Illinois to Ledbetter: May 1997

Pearl/Arts District to White Rock: September 2001
2012

White Rock to Downtown Garland: November 2002
2012

Lake Highlands Station: December 2010

Downtown Garland to Downtown Rowlett: December 2012

Ledbetter to UNT Dallas: October 2016

Green Line

Victory to MLK, Jr.: September 2009

Victory to Frankford: December 2010

MLK, Jr. to Buckner: December 2010

Orange Line

LBJ/Central to Bachman: December 2010

Bachman to Irving Convention Center: July

Irving Convention Center to Belt Line: Dec

Belt Line to DFW Airport: August 2014

Hidden Ridge Station: April 2021

(For 25th Anniversary Photos: <https://www.dart.org/news/dartrail25anniversaryphotos.asp>)

THE DENTON COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DCTA) A-TRAIN IS TURNING 10.



A-TRAIN FUN FACTS

The A-Train Commuter line is 21 miles long with 5 Stations - Denton (2), Highland Village, Lewisville, Hebron & Trinity Mills.

The A-Train began operations with 10 Budd Rail Diesel Cars previously used on the Trinity Rail Express in June 2011.

The A-Train currently operates 11 Stadler GTW2/6 Hybrid Diesel Electric trains with 104 seats per train.

WHAT IS IT?



The description of these 2 unique units can be found latter in this issue of the Zephyr. If you know of a unique railroad locomotive, passenger car or other piece of railroad equipment, e-mail a photo or information to

norhttexaschapternrhs@gmail.com

We'll see what we can find out about your unique piece of railroad equipment.

The Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad BULLDOGS

The Milwaukee Road built these 2 unique units at their Milwaukee Shops in mid-1948. These home-built units were classified as Diesel Electric Motor Cars. The units earned their nickname from their distinctive “Bulldog” nose.

These cars had a 1000 HP GM Diesel Model 12-567-A engine installed in the front half of a baggage car. An engineer’s cab similar in design to the cabs of the diesel units of the 1940’s era was also installed. The units rode on a front powered A-1-A truck and were capable of 75 mph with 24,000 lbs. TE. The rear truck under the baggage compartment appears to be a heavyweight 3-axle passenger truck (not visible in these photos).

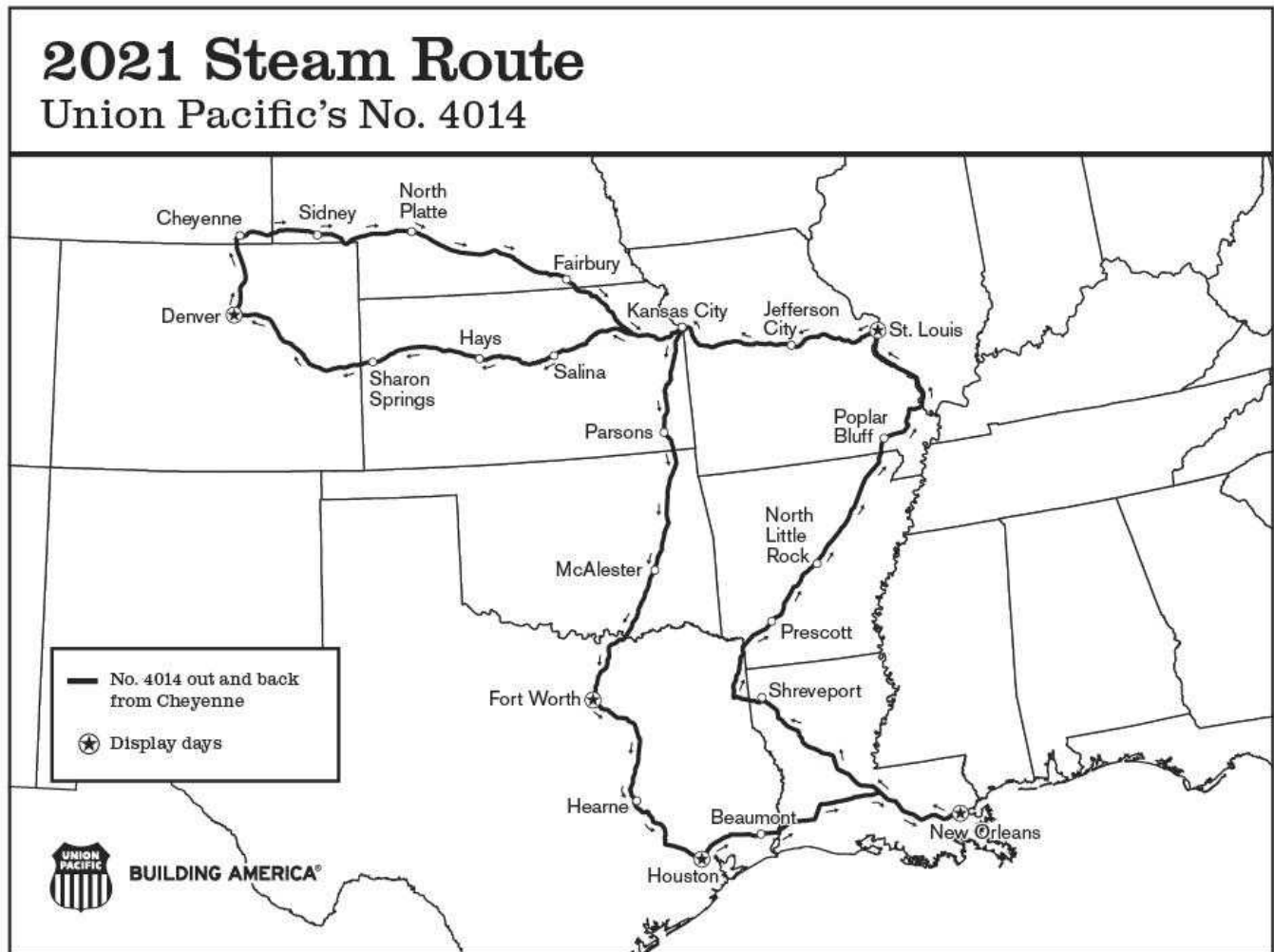
The “Bulldogs” were capable of pulling several passenger cars and were built to replace old steam locomotives on low volume passenger runs out of Milwaukee, WI and Austin, MN. Both units were scrapped in the mid to late 1950’s.

Photos & Data: Don Ross Photos (<http://donsdepot.donrossgroup.net/>) - Chapter Member

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**Union Pacific Big Boy 4014 is
coming to TEXAS!!!**



Coming out to see our steam locomotives in person? › Stand back **at least 25 feet** from all railroad tracks.

- › Railroad tracks, trestles, yards and right of way are private property - **please do not trespass.**
- › Never assume tracks are abandoned or inactive - **ALWAYS expect a train.** Read more safety tips

Big Boy No. 4014 will depart Cheyenne, Wyoming, Thursday, Aug. 5, traveling through Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming. Along the way, the Big Boy will be on display in the following cities during the tour.

- › Saturday, Aug. 14: Fort Worth, Texas
- › Tuesday, Aug. 17: Houston, Texas
- › Saturday, Aug. 21: New Orleans, Louisiana › Sunday, Aug. 29: St. Louis, Missouri
- › Monday, Sept. 6: Denver, Colorado

Parking at overnight stops and display locations is limited. Please utilize available parking facilities surrounding these locations.

Following the Denver stop on Labor Day weekend, the Big Boy and its crew will return to Cheyenne. Join the Union Pacific Steam Club to be notified of future schedule updates!

Note: All schedule times and locations are subject to change.

Friday, August 13		
McAlester, Okla. 1 E. Krebs Ave.	Depart	9:00 a.m. CT
Atoka, Okla. E. Court St. & Main St.	Arrival Depart	10:45 a.m. CT 11:15 a.m. CT
Durant, Okla. W. Cedar St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	12:30 p.m. CT 12:45 p.m. CT
Pottsboro, Texas Grayson St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	1:45 p.m. CT 2:15 p.m. CT
Pilot Point, Texas Liberty St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	3:45 p.m. CT 4:00 p.m. CT
Denton, Texas E Prairie St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	4:45 p.m. CT 5:15 p.m. CT
Fort Worth, Texas One block east of 825 E. 9th St	Arrival	6:30 p.m. CT
Saturday, August 14		

Fort Worth, Texas One block east of 825 E. 9th St	On Display:	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CT
Sunday, August 15		
Fort Worth, Texas One block east of 825 E. 9th St	Depart	8:00 a.m. CT
Midlothian, Texas North 9th Street Crossing	Arrival Depart	9:15 a.m. CT 9:30 a.m. CT
Waxahachie, Texas Ferris St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	10:00 a.m. CT 10:15 a.m. CT
Ennis, Texas Ennis St & Main St.	Arrival Depart	10:45 a.m. CT 11:30 a.m. CT
Corsicana, Texas S. 12th Street Crossing	Arrival Depart	12:15 p.m. CT 12:30 p.m. CT
Mexia, Texas E. Commerce Street	Arrival Depart	1:30 p.m. CT 2:15 p.m. CT
Hearne, Texas S San Gabriel St. & Banks St.	Arrival	4:15 p.m. CT
Monday, August 16		
Hearne, Texas S San Gabriel St. & Banks St.	Depart	8:00 a.m. CT
Navasota, Texas Lee Street Crossing	Arrival Depart	10:25 a.m. CT 11:10 a.m. CT
Hempstead, Texas Wilkins St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	11:55 a.m. CT 12:40 p.m. CT

Houston, Texas 902 Washington Avenue	Arrival	3:00 p.m. CT
Tuesday, August 17		
Houston, Texas 902 Washington Avenue	On Display:	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CT
Wednesday, August 18		
Houston, Texas 902 Washington Avenue	Depart	8:00 a.m. CT
Huffman, Texas Spanish Cove Dr.	Arrival Depart	10:25 a.m. CT 10:55 a.m. CT
Hardin, Texas County Road 2009 Crossing	Arrival Depart	11:45 a.m. CT 12:30 p.m. CT
Beaumont, Texas I-10 Frontage Road & Hollywood Ave.	Arrival	2:30 p.m. CT
Thursday, August 19		
Beaumont, Texas I-10 Frontage Road & Hollywood Ave.	Depart	8:00 a.m. CT
Orange, Texas Holly Lane Crossing Along South Ave.	Arrival Depart	9:20 a.m. CT 9:35 a.m. CT
Lake Charles, La. 100 N. Ryan St.	Arrival Depart	11:00 a.m. CT 11:45 a.m. CT

Kinder, La. 14th Street Crossing	Arrival Depart	1:00 p.m. CT 1:30 p.m. CT
Opelousas, La. North Court St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	3:15 p.m. CT 3:30 p.m. CT
Livonia, La. NO PUBLIC ACCESS	Arrival	4:45 p.m. CT
Friday, August 20		
Livonia, La. NO PUBLIC ACCESS	Depart	8:00 a.m. CT
Plaquemine, La. Main St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	9:00 a.m. CT 9:15 a.m. CT
Donaldsonville, La. Railroad Avenue	Arrival Depart	10:00 a.m. CT 10:30 a.m. CT
Luling, La. Gassen St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	11:45 a.m. CT Noon CT
New Orleans, La. Audubon Butterfly Riverview Park	Arrival	6:30 p.m. CT
Saturday, August 21		
New Orleans, La. Audubon Butterfly Riverview Park	On Displ ay:	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CT
Sunday, August 22 2021 Union Pacific Museum Special		

New Orleans, La. Ticket information available at uptraintix.com Audubon Butterfly Riverview Park	Depart	8:00 a.m. CT
Luling, La. Gassen St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	10:30 a.m. CT 10:45 a.m. CT
Donaldsonville, La. Railroad Avenue	Arrival Depart	12:15 p.m. CT 1:00 p.m. CT
Plaquemine, La. No Public Access; Passengers Disembarking	Arrival Depart	2:30 p.m. CT 3:00 p.m. CT
Livonia, La. NO PUBLIC ACCESS	Arrival	3:30 p.m. CT
Monday, August 23		
Livonia, La. NO PUBLIC ACCESS	Depart	8:00 a.m. CT
Bunkie, La. Oak Street Crossing	Arrival Depart	9:45 a.m. CT 10:30 a.m. CT
Natchitoches, La. Trudeau St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	1:30 p.m. CT 2:15 p.m. CT
Shreveport, La. 6215 E. Jewella Road	Arrival	4:45 p.m. CT
Tuesday, August 24		
Shreveport, La. 6215 E. Jewella Road	Viewing Only	

Wednesday, August 25

Shreveport, La. 6215 E. Jewella Road	Depart	8:00 a.m. CT
Jefferson, Texas North Alley St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	10:45 a.m. CT 11:15 a.m. CT
Atlanta, Texas W Tipton St. & S West St.	Arrival Depart	12:15 p.m. CT 12:30 p.m. CT
Texarkana, Ark. 100 E. Front St.	Arrival Depart	1:15 p.m. CT 1:45 p.m. CT
Hope, Ark. 100 E. Division St.	Arrival Depart	3:00 p.m. CT 3:15 p.m. CT
Prescott, Ark. 401 W. 1st St.	Arrival	3:45 p.m. CT

Thursday, August 26

Prescott, Ark. 401 W. 1st St.	Depart	8:00 a.m. CT
Gurdon, Ark. Main St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	8:45 a.m. CT 9:15 a.m. CT
Arkadelphia, Ark. Walnut St. Crossing	Arrival Depart	9:45 a.m. CT 10:30 a.m. CT
Malvern, Ark. 200 E. First St.	Arrival Depart	11:15 a.m. CT 11:45 a.m. CT
North Little Rock, Ark. 1000 West 4th Street.	Arrival	1:30 p.m. CT

Minutes of the July 2021 Meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS

The July 2021 meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS meeting was held on Tuesday, July 6 at the Spring Creek BBQ in Lewisville, TX. There were 16 attendees.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. The meeting began with each attendee introducing themselves.

Elden Baker of the Anna Railroad Museum passed around a “grate shaker” that was used to manage the fire in a coal-fired steam locomotive.

Dennis Killmer passed around a photo of PRR 962, an old steam engine, and a newspaper article about the accidental death of his great-grandfather in which the 962 was involved.

Sam Metzgar passed around a photo of GVRR 2248, “Puffy” and discussed the status of its restoration.

The restoration of the Railway Express cart by the Cleburne Railroad Museum is complete. The Chapter provided a grant to the museum to fund the restoration, which was completed under budget.

Plans are underway for the 25th Anniversary Banquet. The banquet will be held on Saturday, October 2, which is also during the Fall Plano Train Show. It will be held at the old Frisco Depot at the Frisco Heritage Center, and will have a maximum of 50 attendees. Further information will be provided in later announcements.

The UP 4014 “Big Boy” will be on display in Ft. Worth on August 14. The Chapter has volunteered to help the UP Steam group any assistance they may require. No reply has been received.

The Chapter has also been discussing a group trip to the Texas State Railroad. Plans are still in the discussion stage.

The program for the evening was a Trains Magazine video on Colorado Railroads.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The August meeting will take place August 3 at Sokol Hall.

Jerry M. Nunn
Secretary, North Texas Chapter, NRHS

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.

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