



North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society



North Texas Zephyr

(Interim editor - Skip Waters)



Chapter News

November Chapter Meeting

Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Texas Western Model Railroad Club
6808 Forest Hill Drive, Forest Hill, Texas 76140

Phone: (682) 587-2092

Program: Annual Chapter Members Auction

Donate your unwanted and unloved railroad items for new owners and rail lovers. Proceeds to benefit chapter heritage grants.

The Northern name – How many names did the 4-8-4 have?

Timken Roller Bearing Co. 1111

Don Ross Collection



The Timken Roller Bearing 4-8-4 #1111, the "Four Aces", built by Alco-Schenctady in 1930, Builders #68056. After demonstrating the use of roller bearings on steam locomotives, the Four Aces was purchased by the Northern Pacific and renumbered #2626 in 1933.

Since the 4-8-4 was first used by the Northern Pacific Railway, the type was named "Northern". Most North American railroads used this name, but some adopted different names.

- "Heavy Mountain" or "New Mountain" on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe (ATSF). Original blueprints of class 3751 designate the 4-8-4 as a "Mountain" or "Heavy Mountain". The index to the blueprints reference the 3751 class as "Mountain, 4-Wheel Trailer". Early correspondence of the ATSF refer to this type as "New Mountains".
- "Big Apple" on the Central of Georgia Railway (CG).
- "Confederation" on the Canadian National Railway (CN), named because they were purchased in 1927, the 60th anniversary of Canada's confederation in 1867. The "Confederation" 4-8-4s were later renamed by the CN to the generic "Northern" name in later years.
- "Dixie" on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway (NC&StL).
- "Golden State" on the Southern Pacific Railroad (SP), temporarily renamed "General Service" during the Second World War and also referred to as "GS" by Western Pacific for those GSs which were diverted to the WP from SP's order by the War Production Board.
- "Greenbrier" on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway (C&O).
- "J" on the Norfolk and Western Railway (N&W).
- "FEF" (Four-Eight-Four) on the Union Pacific Railroad (UP).

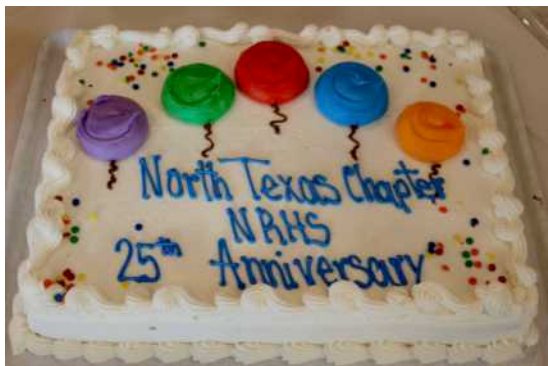
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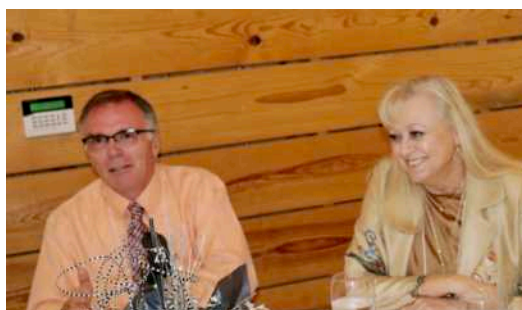
- "Niagara" on the New York Central Railroad (NYC).
- "Niágara" on the Ferrocarriles Nacionales de México (N de M) and in Brazil.
- "Pocono" on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad (Lackawanna).
- "Potomac" on the Western Maryland Railway (WM).
- "Western" on the Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad (Rio Grande).
- "Wyoming" on the Lehigh Valley Railroad (LV).
- The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad (RFP) gave each of its three 4-8-4 classes a separate name, the "General" of 1937, the "Governor" of 1938 and the "Statesman" of 1944.

Submitted by Bob Kennedy

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Did you attend the Chapter's 25th Anniversary???





WHAT IS IT? Only 2 were ever built.



Illinois & Midland 31 at Powerton, IL, 27 May 2002, by Joe Ferguson

Don Ross Collection

Photo by Joe Ferguson from the Don Ross Collection



Chicago & Illinois Midland 30 at Springfield, IL, 4 May 1986, by Karl C. Henkels

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WHAT IS IT? Illinois & Midland #31 at Powerton, IL on May 27, 2002 and Chicago & Illinois Midland #30 at Springfield, IL on May 4, 1986 are the only two EMD Model RS1325 units ever built by EMD. Built in September 1960 for the Chicago & Illinois Midland Railway as C&IM #30 & #31, the RS1325 was a combination diesel having characteristics of both a switcher and a roadswitcher (RS) with 1325 horsepower. The RS1325's are 4-axle, B-B diesels looking similar to SW7, SW9 or SW1200 on the long end and cab but also similar to an NW5 having a short hood for passenger auxiliary equipment. Although EMD intended these units to be purchased as passenger switchers, the only two units ever built were for freight service only.

The original green C&IM paint scheme with a thin red stripe (as shown on C&IM #30) remained on the units until the C&IM was purchased by Genesee & Wyoming Inc. and renamed the Illinois & Midland Railroad. #30 was transferred to the Atlantic and Western Railway in 2016 and #31 was acquired by the Monticello Railway Museum in 2020.

For more railroad photos, please visit North Texas Chapter Member Don Ross' extensive collection of railroad photos at Don's Depot at <http://donsdepot.donrossgroup.net>

Submitted by Bob Kennedy

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

The September meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was held at Spring Creek BBQ in Lewisville on Tuesday, September 7th.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with 13 people in attendance, including 12 members and the guest speaker for the evening. We always start 30 minutes earlier when our meetings are at Spring Creek BBQ because they close at 9:00. Wayne reminded members to reserve spots for the 25th Anniversary Banquet to be held at Frisco Heritage Center on October 2nd. Treasurer Bob Kennedy reported that 31 members and their guests had registered for the banquet with 19 seats still available. We will open up ticket sales to the public. Wayne announced that the October meeting will be at Sokol Hall in Dallas.

Three chapter members reported attending the National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin including members Bill Long, AJ Roquevert and Skip Waters. A good time was reported by all.

AJ Roquevert reported that he will Leave NRHS brochures and NTC-NRHS Applications at Discount Model Trains.

Dave Podhrasky brought a schedule for the Plano Train Show and requested volunteers from our chapter to fill several staff positions for the Plano Train Show. Three members volunteered with at least two positions remaining, which are comprised of ticket taker positions.

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Member Elden Baker (and Director of the Anna Depot and Museum) reported that the Anna Depot and Museum will have their Grand Opening on Saturday, September 18 @ noon and all in attendance were encouraged to attend.

As stated above, Bill Long attended the National Convention and he is the newly elected National Representative. He attended the business meeting and shared the following information.

- 1) Bill delivered some current NRHS membership brochures. The suggestion was made to add a North Texas Chapter insert for those. (Bob Kennedy is doing that.)
- 2) Bill delivered some NRHS RailCamp brochures, and read a few of the items that happen at RailCamp such as "Learn Railroad Safety Procedures", "Explore US railroad history", "Share the vision for US railroads in the future", etc. If members know of high-school aged students (in the North Texas area) who are interested, this is a great opportunity for students interested in trains and railroading. The North Texas Chapter also provides support.
- 3) For 2022 membership renewal the NRHS is going to a different system. Generally you should still be able to renew on-line, hopefully, without too much trouble.
- 4) Next year, 2022, NRHS is voting for a new president and 9 new board members. NOTE: to be able to vote in this upcoming election, your national NRHS membership dues must be paid by mid-March 2022. The ballots will be mailed out end of March or early April. The ballots will only be mailed to members who are paid up and current.
- 5) Next year's national convention will be in Anaheim, California in mid-May (2022). The program will be similar to the one planned (and then cancelled) for 2020. Any activities planned for Knott's Berry Farm will not be available because Knott's Berry Farm is undergoing renovation starting April first. (Note, the Advisory Council proposed several venues to the Board, which then chose Anaheim).
- 6) Point of interest: Pullman National Monument in Chicago opened this past Labor Day, 9/6/2021. This is significant for railroad fans since Pullman built sleeping cars and for many years in the 1920s-1940s ran the largest hotel chain in America; however the "rooms" were in railroad sleeping cars. Second the history of black porters who provided service to the sleeping car patrons is a significant story.

Sam Metzger bought a Souvenir UP Big Boy cap and gave it to Skip Waters at the meeting to thank him for his contributions to the chapter.

The program for the evening was local historian and author Robin Cole-Jett. Her presentation was on "The Great Raft of the Red River". Before its removal by the US Army Corps of Engineers in the 1800s, the Great Raft of the Red River had accumulated tens of millions of cubic feet of cedar, cypress and petrified wood. The logjam blocked navigation on the Red for a distance of nearly one hundred miles. The raft removal project, initiated by Captain Henry Shreve in the 1830s, opened new territory in Louisiana and East Texas for settlement and agriculture. Its engineering audacity inadvertently reshaped the geology of

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the Lower Mississippi River watershed. Robin presented an in depth look at the history and impact The Great Raft had on the Red River and the City of Natchitoches. Robin shared a wealth of knowledge about the Red River and the communities that look to it for their way of life. Robin also brought some of her books that were available for purchase.

The meeting/program was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Smith

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

The October meeting was held at SOKOL Hall in Dallas on Tuesday, October 5th. President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 7:42 with 8 members and 1 former member/officer in attendance. It was good to see Mike Bedford in attendance after being a long-time member/officer.

The group discussed the success of the 25th Anniversary Banquet. Eight of the nine attendees at the meeting also attended the banquet, including Mike. Attendees reported that they enjoyed the speakers, dinners, door prizes, commemorative mugs, atmosphere, etc. of the banquet. Treasurer Bob Kennedy reported our financial status after the banquet. Wayne reported that there are only three commemorative mugs remaining for anybody that wants to purchase one at cost for \$10.00.

Wayne reported that the North Texas Chapter filled our obligated volunteer slots at the recent Plano Train Show. Thanks to members Bob Kennedy, Jon Shea and Wayne Smith for volunteering at the NTC booth. We sold two SP books, 1 mug, and some miscellaneous books and DVD's at the show. Dave Gramm reported that the show had an increase in attendance compared to the January 2021 show with 1,475 paid adults in attendance. Including children (who are free), there was just under 2,000 people that attended the Plano Train Show.

Bill Long reported on his recent trip to Flatonia, TX. Flatonia is a well-known and scenic spot for train watchers. Bill passed around several related pamphlets and brochures.

Jon Shea brought and passed around an M-K-T Texas Centennial Fan with bluebonnets on one side and Katy advertising on the other. He also showed a large paper doily from a Cotton Belt Dining car.

Bob Kennedy reported that the Grand Reopening of the Cleburne Railroad museum is scheduled for January 6th, 2022.

The evening program was a DVD on the history of the California Zephyr including the three involved railroads: Western Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande, and the CB&Q.

Meeting Minutes submitted by President, Wayne Smith

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Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2021.

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

North Texas Zephyr, newsletter archive <https://ntxnrhs.org/> <http://www.gogeocaching.com/gorailfanning/Home/northtexaszephyr.html>

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

Next month...

Chapter Christmas Dinner
Depot Cafe in old Downtown Frisco
Friday, December 3, 2021
6:30pm