



North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society



North Texas Zephyr

(Interim editor - Skip Waters)



Chapter News

December Chapter Meeting

Monthly Meeting: Friday, December 3, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: The Depot Cafe (depotcafe-frisco.com)

6733 Main Street (3rd and Main), Frisco, Texas 75034

Program: Annual Chapter Holiday Dinner

We are having a white elephant gift exchange and ask that all members and guests bring a wrapped gift valued between \$10.00 - \$15.00, if they want to participate in the activity.

North Texas Chapter NRHS Membership Dues Renewal

Annual dues for North Texas Chapter Membership are due again by January 1, 2022.

Please note that your Chapter Membership dues are paid directly to the North Texas Chapter. National NRHS Membership dues are paid directly to the National and are in addition to your North Texas Chapter Membership dues. You should have already received National Membership renewal notice and payment information separately from the National NRHS. **Do not send your National NRHS Membership dues payment to the North Texas Chapter.**

North Texas Chapter Membership dues are \$16 for either an individual Regular Chapter Membership or an individual Chapter-only Membership and \$18 for a Regular Chapter Family Membership. All Chapter Members should be Members in good standing with the National NRHS. Chapter-only Members will be required to provide their NRHS Home Chapter in order to be a Chapter-only Member of the North Texas Chapter and cannot add Family Members to their membership. Payment may be made by check or paid online. Chapter membership includes all our Chapter activities and our chapter newsletter, the North Texas Zephyr.

To pay by check, make your check payable to “**North Texas Chapter NRHS**” for \$16 (individual) or \$18 (family) and mail it to the Chapter mailing address:

**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. Also, please include a list of any family member's names (if this has changed from 2021).

To pay on-line by credit card or PayPal, visit the Chapter's on-line store at:

<https://northtexaschapternrhs.ecwid.com/>

A small service charge (50 cents for individuals, 75 cents for families) is added to your dues payment to cover the processing fees for using a credit card.

Cash payment for your dues can be made at any Chapter Meeting. Please have the exact amount. To learn about the National Railway Historical Society including membership options, visit the National website at: www.nrhs.com

If you have any other questions about membership, please contact me directly at rckennedy48@verizon.net or 214-497-7745

Thanks very much.

Bob Kennedy, Treasurer
North Texas Chapter, NRHS

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

The November meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Texas Western Model Railroad Club in Forest Hill. President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm with 15 people in attendance including 11 members and 4 “visitors”. In reality, the visitors were the Texas Western club members that opened the doors for the chapter to hold a meeting. Wayne extended thanks to the kind folks at Texas Western for allowing us to once again use their facilities as a meeting location. Wayne also specifically thanked David Crumpton, CEO of Texas Western. Some of the chapter’s members are also members of the Texas Western Model Railroad Club. It was great to see Kim Hays at the meeting as well! With her on-going health issues, she has not been able to attend a meeting in more than a couple of years.

Wayne reminded members that 2022 dues are now due and should be paid by January 1, 2022. Wayne also reiterated that National NRHS Membership dues are paid directly to National and are in addition to North Texas Chapter Membership dues. Members should have already received their National Membership renewal notice and payment information separately from the National NRHS. Please do not send your National NRHS Membership dues payment to the North Texas Chapter. North Texas Chapter dues are still just \$16 for a single Chapter Membership and \$18 for a Family Membership. Wayne announced that Treasurer Bob Kennedy would be sending out an email with detailed information on renewing Chapter and National dues.

Wayne appointed Bill Long as Nominations Chair for the upcoming elections in January. Also, as our Representative on the National Advisory Council, Bill provided the following report:

Ronkonkoma, NY October 8, 2021 Advisory Council Meeting Report

NOTES: Meeting lasted 2 ½ hours. (attended via phone).

- 1) Issue of chairperson – no one wanted to be chair. Decided to have a “volunteer” do it one meeting at a time, however there is still no volunteer.
- 2) Discussed purpose of the Advisory Council: i.e. to provide guidance to the board, and take requests from the board. And also to communicate with the membership. The communication seems to be low. In general there is the issue of interest level, i.e. there are fewer excursions.
- 3) Ongoing programs the NRHS does:
 - a. Railcamp – next year 2022, in last week of June, and last week of July. If you know of any high school aged person, who is interested this program is available.
 - b. Grants – there were over a 100 requests, 17 were granted at approximately \$5,000.00 per grant.
 - c. There is a project to put a film library together. It is being worked on, but not available for viewing yet.
- 4) Membership renewal, it is being worked on, and should be coming up soon for annual membership renewals. There will be a slight change in the process, which should not be a problem for members. Note membership starting in 2022 for new members will be on a joining date basis, as opposed to an a year end renewal basis, i.e. each year the membership will be renewed on the date of the original membership.
- 5) Conventions
 - a. 2022 in May at Knott’s Berry Farm in Buena Vista, California (note construction at Knott’s Berry Farm was delayed).
 - b. 2023 Fort Lauderdale Florida (proposed)
 - c. 2024 Harrisburg PA (proposed)

Jon Shea reported that the annual Christmas party will be held at The Depot Café in old downtown Frisco on Friday, December 3rd at 6:30 PM. We will continue the tradition of the White Elephant gift exchange. In addition to our elections in January, the chapter will also have the annual “Show and Tell” by its members.

The program for the evening was our annual fall auction. Skip Waters once again served as Auctioneer Extraordinaire!! The chapter raised \$322.00 through our auction, which included multiple books; multiple VHS tapes; DVD’s; CD’s; a T-Shirt; a picture of an UP Executive Train with downtown Fort Worth in the background, donated by Ken Fitzgerald; and a small box of RR related hardware including date nails, glass insulators, spikes, etc. As always, the funds raised will be used for the Chapter’s Heritage Grant Program.

Minutes submitted by Chapter President Wayne Smith

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2021.

- President, Wayne Smith, 940-300-4407.
- Vice President/Programs, Jon Shea, 972-948-2413.
- Vice President/Trips and Events, Skip Waters, wgcrush@swbell.net.
- Vice President/Communications, Vacant
- Secretary, Jerry Nunn.
- Treasurer, Bob Kennedy.
- National Representative, Bill Long.

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Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/409467244127/>

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.

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