

North Texas Chapter - National Railway Historical Society



Spring Announcements: February 2022 - April 2022

1) Don't forget about our meeting tonight!

The North Texas Chapter, NRHS Meeting is Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

When: 6:30 pm meet 'n' greet. 7:00 pm meeting.

Program: See the latest additions to the library collections and the new duplicate book sale at The DeGolyer Library SMU.

Where: The DeGolyer Library SMU, 6404 Robert S. Hyer Lane, Dallas, TX 75205

Phone: 214-768-3637

Parking: There are two places to park: There is non-SMU student or Faculty parking available at the Moody Parking Lot on SMU BLVD and Bush Ave, basically across from the BUSH Library. It is a 0.4 miles direct walk to DeGolyer Library through Campus or by following SMU Blvd to Airline to McFarlin to DeGolyer. This is free parking.

Visitors may also use the Binkley Parking Center at the corner of Binkley Avenue and Airline Road. The visitor entrance is on Binkley Avenue, and visitors may park anywhere on Level 2 or above. It is a 0.3 direct walk through Campus to DeGolyer Library. Payment is made before exiting the garage; the all-day parking is \$10, payable by credit card.

A map is available on the ntxnrhs.org News Page.

2) We are still in the need of a full-time editor for the newsletter. We apologize that you have not received *The Zephyr* in a few months. Please consider taking on this important role! Contact Skip or Wayne for more information.

3) January Meeting Minutes

The January 2022 monthly meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society was held on Tuesday the 4th at Sokol Hall in Dallas. The business meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM by Chapter President Wayne Smith with 13 members in attendance. Wayne wished everybody a Happy New Year and

encouraged everybody to pay their chapter dues for 2022. Chapter Treasurer Bob Kennedy was in attendance and was happy to accept the membership dues. Bob also shared the following: Chapter Membership dues are paid directly to the North Texas Chapter. National NRHS Membership dues are paid directly to National and are in addition to your North Texas Chapter Membership dues. You should have already received a 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.

Wayne announced that the Dallas Area Train Show in Plano, TX is coming up on January 15-16 and there were two volunteer slots that needed to be filled on Sunday, January 16th. Chapter Members and Show Organizers Dave Gramm and Dave P. joined the conversation and shared additional details about the show.

Wayne also announced the Grand Re-Opening of the Cleburne Railroad Museum, January 13-15, 2022. Some chapter members were planning to attend.

VP Jon Shea announced that there were no planned programs for the upcoming monthly meetings and requested assistance in coming up with ideas. Bob encouraged more meetings to be scheduled in the Fort Worth area. Jon passed around an expired Katy calendar with photos of local rolling stock photos.

VP Skip Waters announced that in conjunction with the Dallas Area Train Show (Plano, TX) on Jan. 15 & 16, 2022, The North Texas Chapter will host the 16th Annual Dallas Area Media-Slide Show and NRHS Open House at the Interurban Railway Museum 901 East 15th Street Plano, TX 75074. Show Time: 6:00pm until 9:00pm (the Train Show closes at 5:00pm). Attendance will be limited to the first 25 participants.

Skip also shared that there are no current updates on 24 Hours @ Saginaw other than we are planning to host it once again over Memorial Day weekend. Skip also announced that the chapter is still in need of a permanent newsletter editor.

Chapter Elections: William “Bill” Long, Chair of the Nominations Committee, announced the following slate of candidates to be voted upon and all were accepted by a unanimous vote.

President: Wayne Smith

Vice President/Programs: Jon Shea

Vice President/Trips and Events: Skip Waters

Vice President / Communications: OPEN

Secretary: Jerry Nunn

Treasurer: Bob Kennedy

National Representative: Bill Long

The program for the evening was our annual Show and Tell and included the following member presentations.

Bill Long showed the book, "Classic Railroad Scenes", that he got for Christmas. The book contained a photo of Dallas Railway & Terminal No. 190 parked at the DR & T Depot in Dallas. Bill also shared a snapshot of himself at a Five Rings Milwaukee yard shanty when he was employed by the Milwaukee Road in the 70's. There was also a yard map.

Bob Kennedy shared a Penn Central "swift moving" Metroliner promotional paper weight and a "Metroliner, The Smarter Shuttle" key chain. Bob also shared an Amtrak "Trainman" Hat Badge and a Long Island Railroad "Conductor" Hat Badge.

Jon Shea shared an MKT 1947 Annual Report with a detailed map showing subsidiaries. He also had an 8x10 framed photo of the UP "Challenger" on one of its visits in Dallas. Last, Jon brought a much larger framed photo of the "Steamboat Landing, Natchez under the Hill, Natchez, Mississippi."

Skip Waters brought his custom made "Sunbeam" jacket. He brought a "Southern Pacific Lines" drum head that he plugged in and lit up for the group. Skip also brought a reproduction of a beautiful neon "Daylight" sign that he also plugged in. With the lights off, it lit up the room. Of course, Skip shared some very whimsical stories about how he obtained the drum head and neon sign.

Sam Metzger brought some recent HO locomotive purchases that included a scale model of the UP "Big Boy" 4018, 2 BNSF diesels and an SP "Black Widow" loco. All the locomotives were DCC and Sam gave a demonstration with all the sights, sounds and movements that DCC locomotives are capable of performing.

James Dolande brought his set of O Scale street/trolley cars that are reproductions of the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority's current fleet of cars. As a conductor for MATA, James was able to share stories and current status of each car. James passed around his vintage Dallas Railway & Terminal Company Conductors hat.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Wayne Smith, Chapter President.

4) February Meeting Minutes

The North Texas Chapter of the NRHS held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 1st at Spring Creek BBQ in Lewisville. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Wayne Smith. There were 13 people in attendance with 11 members and two visitors that drove up from Burleson to Lewisville to attend.

Wayne thanked members that volunteered at the Dallas Area Train Show in Plano, whether they worked the Ticket Booth, Guarded Secondary Doors or assisted Wayne at the Chapter Table. The Chapter also had a Successful Open House at the Interurban Museum in Plano.

Jon Shea announced that the March meeting would be at Sokol Hall in Dallas. He brought the new Katy Historical Society calendar with historic photos of local sites and passed it around.

Skip Waters brought and shared older flyers, trip guides and programs from events such as the 100th Anniversary of the Great Texas “Train Wreck” (Crash at Crush), September 14, 1996; Dallas’ Historic Railroad Treasure Hunt, March 20, 2004, Sponsored by the NTC; and Mid-Summer’s Train Ride on Amtrak, July 22-23, 1995, Sponsored by the defunct Southwest Railroad Historical Society and the Sunbeam Fan Club. There was also a booklet on the Southern Pacific Sunbeam. Skip also reported that the NRHS National Convention is coming along and warned that some events and venues will have mask and vaccine restrictions. Skip shared a mortgage document for The Dallas & Waco Railway Company from November 1st, 1890.

Bill Long announced that The Museum of the American Railroad will hold a Pullman Symposium on Saturday, April 2nd in celebration of the recent designation and opening of the Pullman National Monument.

The program for the evening was a video on the Historic Tower 55 in downtown Fort Worth.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

5) **March Meeting Minutes**

The March meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was held on Tuesday, March first 1st at Sokol Hall. The business meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chapter President Wayne Smith with 11 members and 1 visitor in attendance.

Wayne requested a moment of silence in memory of the recent loss of two North Texas members including Don Ross and Sam Walls. Wayne recently visited the new and improved Cleburne Railroad Museum and brought copies of the Grand Re-Opening Program for all that were in attendance at the meeting.

Skip Waters reported that the National Railway History Society should be opening registration for all events in the very near future for the National Convention being held in southern California this summer.

Jon Shea reported that April's meeting is scheduled for the DeGolyer Library at SMU with access to newly acquired railroad related materials and more duplicate books that will be offered for sale.

The program for the evening was a Pentrex video entitled, "Union Pacific's Elegant E-9's".

Meeting Minutes submitted by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

Happy Railroading!

Wayne