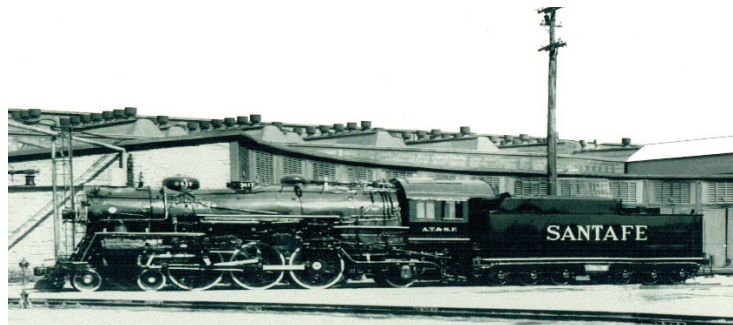


North Texas Chapter – National Railway Historical Society



The May 3rd Meeting is scheduled at the Cleburne Railroad Museum at 6:00-9:00. *Please note the earlier start time due to the distance, which allows time to get home at a decent hour. Here is a link for the address and more information. <https://cleburnerrmuseum.net/>

The Cleburne Railroad Museum will provide a local speaker. The chapter is also donating some items that were donated to the chapter and we thought they belonged in a museum.



April Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was held at the DeGolyer Library on the campus of SMU in Dallas on the 5th. The program portion of the evening was held first and we started promptly at 7:00 pm. There were 9 members and a repeat visitor with a total of ten in attendance. This did not include DeGolyer staff. We had access to the recent acquisition of Don Ross' photography collection. The photos were available for viewing only. Don kept meticulous records of his photograph collection. He was a member of the chapter until his recent passing.

The treat of the evening was access to duplicate copies of books, booklets, brochures, pamphlets, manuals and photographs of various sizes. The duplicates were sold at extremely discounted prices and bargains were had by all. Russell Martin, Director of the DeGolyer Library, also allowed purchase of duplicate materials at our Fall NRHS National Conference back in 2019. As a reminder, the DeGolyer Library now houses the National Railway Historical Society's vast collection of printed material. Mr. Martin reported that we are the only group that has been allowed to have access to the duplicate materials for purchase.



[Fort Worth & Denver City, "Texas Zephyr"](#), August 16, 1962, by Everett L. DeGolyer, Jr., DeGolyer Library, SMU.

The Business Meeting was called to order toward the end of the evening at approximately 8:30 pm by President Wayne Smith.

Wayne reported the he had recently attended the all-day symposium on Pullman sponsored by the Museum of the American Railroad. It was entitled, "Pullman Rising: A Pullman History Symposium." It was a very comprehensive symposium on the man, the town, the

manufacturing and leasing of rolling stock that was everything Pullman. Of course, the Historical Pullman Porters were included as well. Wayne brought several sets of brochures with information for distribution at the meeting. The brochures included information on the newly established Pullman National Monument in Illinois. Located in what is now the Pullman neighborhood of Chicago, the historic district includes the site of the former Pullman Palace Car Works shops and administration building, the Hotel Florence (named after George Pullman's eldest child), Arcade Park and the Greenstone Church (currently the Greenstone United Methodist Church). Also within the district is the A. Philip Randolph Pullman Porter Museum, named for the prominent leader A. Philip Randolph, which recognizes and explores African American labor history. All of this was covered in detail at the symposium.

Skip Waters suggested that based on the parking and entry challenges to attend the DeGolyer Library's meeting and to help facilitate others who want to recommend new meeting locations, we organize a standard form of Q&A for meeting submissions. It will be designed to know what critical questions need to be answered and inform the submitted what all is needed for a meeting location. Nothing was voted on, it will be discussed again at a future meeting. Wayne suggested that the topic be discussed at a board meeting first.

Skip also reported that 24 Hours at Saginaw is moving forward with a 20x40 tent being leased, no reservations for personal tents will be required this year. It will be on a first come, first served basis. Everything will be done outdoors this year, as there will be absolutely no access to the depot.

There is trouble with the 2022 National Convention registration in accepting online credit cards. It's a problem with PayPal. National is working on the problem. In the meantime, you can mail in your registration form with no extra cost.

Lastly, Skip reported that the May Meeting will be held at the Cleburne Railroad Museum with details to come.

Jon Shea reported that the June meeting will be back at Sokol Hall, program TBA. He brought and passed around several items including the latest Galveston RR Museum newsletter; postcards of the Mt. Auburn Incline Railroad Cincinnati, Ohio; FW&D business car Texland postcard at Age of Steam Railroad Museum; KATY-Frisco Texas Special envelope; Brochure - UP-C&NW Challenger passenger train - Chicago-Los Angeles.

Elden Baker reported that the Anna Depot and Museum will observe National Train Day on May 14 from 10 am to 2 pm. The Anna Depot and Museum is located in Sherley Heritage Park at 101 S. Sherley Rd. in historic downtown Anna, Texas. On March 5, Elden and a group from the City of Anna went to Reader, Arkansas to check-in on the restoration efforts of MCSA 201. For a full

and interesting report from Elden Baker, please see below. The detailed report was submitted to the chapter president after the meeting. Please see the attached photographs as well.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

Report (with nice photographs) from Elden Baker - Director of the Anna Depot and Museum and Member of the City of Anna Parks Board.

The Anna Depot and Museum will observe National Train Day on May 14 from 10 am to 2 pm. As you may know, National Train Day is celebrated on the Saturday closest to May 10 (to commemorate the completion of the transcontinental railroad). We will have special activities for visitors of all ages to emphasize the importance of the history and traditions of railroads in America. Everyone is invited to join us. The Anna Depot and Museum is located in Sherley Heritage Park at 101 S. Sherley Rd. in historic downtown Anna, Texas.

We have recently entered into a partnership with Operation Lifesaver and, Jessica Devorsky, our Texas state coordinator, will set up an information table in the Depot for the event. She will also give a few age appropriate presentations throughout the day. By the way, 2022 is the 50th Anniversary of Operation Lifesaver and, OLI will have special giveaways for this event. We have also invited a couple of the local model railroad clubs to set up their portable layouts (I'll announce which clubs once we get confirmation from them).

Additionally, the City of Anna will be hosting various fun activities for kids to enjoy in the park.

On another subject: On March 5, a group of us from the City of Anna (two council members, the former city manager and myself) went to Reader, Arkansas to check-in on the restoration efforts of MCSA 201. The City of Anna has contracted with Reader Industries to bring the 2-6-0 Mogul to Sherley Heritage Park for permanent display "arriving" at the Anna Depot.

NOTE: As a point of clarification, I serve as both the Director of the Anna Depot and Museum and also on the City of Anna Parks Board. The Anna Depot and Museum is a part of the Anna Area Historical Preservation Society, a 501(c) 3 organization and completely separate from Sherley Heritage Park, which is a City of Anna municipal park. It can be confusing but I want to be perfectly clear that the Anna Depot and Museum has nothing to do with obtaining Mogul 201 for display in the park.

Anyway, here is a little background on the Mogul 201 project: when we were in the process of getting the Anna Depot restored, we began looking for an authentic locomotive to display. Houston and Texas Central #119 (aka Elizabeth) was (and still is) rusting away in a barren field outside of Atlanta, Georgia. Elizabeth would have been perfect for us because, it is quite likely that she operated through Anna at some point in time. But, since the current owner had

absolutely no intention to sell, we began looking for another locomotive with a Texas connection.

We were informed that Eureka Springs and North Arkansas #201 had been taken out of service in 1999 due to boiler issues and would likely never operate again. ESNA 201 is the former Moscow Camden and St. Augustine #201, which was initially built by ALCo in 1906 for the Isthmian Canal Commission (the Government agency created to build the Panama Canal). MC&SA operated from Camden to make connection with the H&TC at Moscow. So, to make a long story short, the City of Anna Parks Department has contracted to buy #201. Reader Industries (Richard Grigsby's organization) agreed to cosmetically restore the locomotive and deliver it to Anna for permanent display. The restoration work is nearing completion and will be delivered to Anna when the display track is eventually installed. Details will be announced when information is known.



Photo 1

Photo 1: Mogul 201 as ESNA 201 on display at Eureka Springs February 2020. The tender seen here is not the correct tender. ESNA used this tender to provide a larger water capacity so, when Mogul 201 arrives in Anna, it will have its correct (shorter) tender.



Photo 2

Photo 2: Richard is pointing out that the boiler has been completely cleaned and painted in primer. The boiler jacket will soon be reinstalled and painted black. The smoke box will be painted gray. Due to very heavy deterioration, the smoke box had to be completely rebuilt. It was duplicated rivet for rivet. However, they are six rivets on each side that, for various reasons, were not able to be replicated. Once the locomotive arrives in Anna, if you can identify the missing rivets, you will get a “special” surprise. Much of the interior tubes and piping have been removed to greatly reduce weight (probably nearly a couple of tons).



Photo 3

Photo 3: The frame has also been completely cleaned and all traces of contaminants (grime, petroleum, paint... anything that could possibly present an environmental hazard) have been removed. It may look like there is a lot of work left to do, but it is actually very close to being complete. When everything is ready for the move of Mogul to Anna, Grigsby's team will lift the boiler up, pull the frame under the boiler, and then lower it down onto the frame. Then the cab (photo 4) will be put into place and the doors (photo 5) and windows (not shown) will be reinstalled.



Photo 4

Photo 4: The cab is completely repainted in its original black with red roof and green interior. When it is lifted onto the locomotive, it will flex quite a lot so, the windows and doors will be reinstalled after it is in place.

Photo 5: The doors have been carefully restored (retaining the original glass) and will soon go back on the cab.

When Mogul 201 is finally set up for display, she will have an operational bell and a compressor for the whistle so, kids of all ages can get their picture taken while they play engineer.



Photo 5

News from National www.nrhs.com

The 2022 National Convention is planned for Sunday, May 15th through Friday, May 20th in Buena Park in Southern California.

Registration is now open. Go to:

<https://nrhs.regfox.com/2022-convention>

to reserve your spot.

PLEASE NOTE:

We are still having some issues with credit card acceptance. If you receive an error message (such as card declined), please try a different credit card. If you are still not able to complete your registration, then select the payment by check option to complete your registration. You will need to mail a check. You will NOT be charged any additional fee. Mailing instructions for your check appear once you select the check option. You do NOT need to send a copy of your registration.

We are sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding.

If you have previously attempted to register and it did not work, please try again. Your selections will be honored based upon when you first attempted to register.

Click here to download the latest (Version 8 – updated April 4th) [Convention Booklet](#).

Click here to download the latest convention [Mail Order Form](#). (Version 4 – updated April 4th).

Please note: The California Department of Public Health has updated Its COVID-19 Travel Guidelines, dated March 2022.

This information has been updated in both the Convention Booklet and Mail Order Form.

Planned events include: Advisory Council, Board of Directors and Annual Membership meetings, visits to Balboa Park in San Diego, the Southern California Railroad Museum in Perris, and the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar.

Our host hotel will be the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park, CA 90620. The telephone number is: 1-866-752-2444.

All convention events will be leaving from the hotel.

The hotel is located adjacent to Knott's Berry Farm Amusement Park. Parking for hotel guests is included at no extra charge. If you are not staying at the hotel, parking is available for a \$20 charge per day. The hotel also includes a full-service restaurant, a fitness center, a pool with children's activity area, lighted sports courts and many other amenities. Please note: there is no hotel shuttle to the airport.

We have negotiated a room rate of \$119 per night for up to two people in a room, taxes extra. This rate is available starting two days before and running through two days after the end of the convention. Please use the discount code to receive the group rate: **NRHS2022**. Rooms must be booked by **April 14, 2022** to receive the special rate.

Updated: Rooms covered by the NRHS group rate include a Standard Two Queen and a Single King options. There are a very limited number of ADA Accessible rooms available. No smoking is allowed in the hotel.

The hotel has the Amber Waves full-service restaurant. The restaurant is open seven days a week and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Check-in time starts at 4:00pm; check-out time is at 12:00pm (Noon). The hotel front desk will hold a limited amount of luggage for those guests attending functions on the day of departure, so that they may check out by Noon to avoid late check-out charges. There will be a \$10 charge per person for this service; please check with the hotel front desk.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Here’s a quick look at the convention program highlights. The convention registration website is not open yet, but should be soon.

Seating is limited for some events and classes of service.

Sunday, May 15:

Registration room opens at 3pm until 8pm.

Monday, May 16:

- Morning event. NRHS Advisory Council Meeting.
- Lunch on your own.
- Afternoon event. NRHS Board of Directors Meeting.

Tuesday, May 17:

- All day event. Travel by motor coach to visit the famous San Diego Model Railroad Museum at Balboa Park. Return trip by motor coach to the San Diego Amtrak station, ride a Pacific

Surfliner train to the Fullerton station, then ride motor coaches back to the hotel. Lunch is included.

Wednesday, May 18:

- All day event. Travel by motor coach to the Southern California Railway Museum (formerly the Orange Empire Railway Museum). Barbecue lunch included. Diesel-powered train ride and streetcar/trolley rides throughout the park.

Thursday, May 19:

- All day event. Travel by motor coach to the Nethercutt Museum and Collections at Sylmar. Lunch is included.

Friday, May 20:

- Morning event. Travel by motor coach to Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park in Los Angeles, including visiting Walt Disney’s Carolwood Barn. Lunch is included.
- Afternoon event. Annual Membership meeting.
- Evening event. Annual NRHS Banquet at the Knott’s Berry Farm Hotel.

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What’s this location?

Texas Western Model Railroad Club

What's new in 2022?

Submitted by David Crumpton, CEO of the [Texas Western Model RR Club](#)

After setbacks from several months off from our flooded building in 2019 and several months of lockdown from COVID in 2020, the Texas Western is in high gear now.

There is an increased level of activity all over the layout that has not been seen in quite some time. It is very refreshing to see the club look like a beehive of activity again!

The centerpiece of our layout is the iconic structure in Ft. Worth, Tower 55 (see photos above and below). Tower 55 was the control tower and crossroads of all rail traffic going east-west and north-south in Ft. Worth for decades. With Tower 55 as our centerpiece, we focus on recognizable buildings and scenes from Ft. Worth to Dallas and on to East Texas and down to Houston and the Gulf Coast.



Tower 55 – Model built by Ken Marcoux

Our upper level (53”) is fully operational and access to the lower level (28”) via our helix is working well.

Our main focus now is landscaping, fixing track issues when they are discovered.

We have a Scenery Gang and a Track Gang. Both Gangs are led by experienced modelers and mentors.

One of the highlights of the layout, so far, is the General Motors plant in Arlington. Other areas

that are moving forward are the Chaney Yard in Houston, new trackage under the city of Houston platform, Ney Yard (MKT) and an engine house with turntable, Frisco Yard and engine facilities for service, the T&P Depot in Ft. Worth, and one of the most developed areas that is a large steel mill. In addition, there is an extensive modification of the Santa Fe depot area. There is an enlarged footprint featuring new passenger and yard tracks with trackage and yard space for Rock Island and Ft. Worth & Denver Railroads.

We welcome visitors! Our scheduled work night on Thursday is from 6 pm to 9 pm and sometimes beyond. Due to schedules, we have also seen a large group working on Wednesday from 2 pm to 7 pm and beyond. Every Saturday is a work day from 2 pm to 9pm and beyond, depending on fatigue levels and individual schedules.

One of our special features is our open run night every Monday from 6 pm to 9 pm. In addition, the NMRA Division 1 meeting is held in our club every 2nd Saturday. After the meeting is concluded at 1 pm, we offer an open run for the rest of the day.

Our layout is HO --- DCC only and we welcome your visits. Come see us in person, or visit us on our website, [TWMRC.org](#) and on our Texas Western Model Railroad Facebook page.



Scene from Texas Western Model Railroad Club



Enlarged Photo from above depicting Tower 55 and the Texas & Pacific Depot in Forth Worth



Depiction of the General Motors plant in Arlington

The countdown has started to attend the 16th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2022!!!

IT'S TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS!!!

Dates are confirmed for the 16th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2022!

7:00pm Friday, May 27th through 7:00pm Saturday, May 28th, at the Depot on Main Street in Saginaw, Texas.

BIG CHANGES --- It's ALL OUTDOORS THIS YEAR!!! FOR REAL!!! We are not allowed in the Depot because the City of Saginaw PERMITS office space has taken over all of the available space, even the main room. And that's okay because they are still allowing us to use the grounds outside to watch trains! Instead, we will pitch a BIG 20x40 TENT to show our programs and get out of the sun or weather if need be.

We are now accepting those who want to show a program or presentation that can be done in the BIG TENT! Video programs, Show N Tell, speakers, demonstrations or what have you are welcome. We can still have Video or Slide programs in the tent too. A PA system will be available.

POP UP TENTS -- No reservations for POP UP tents on the grounds of 24 Hours at Saginaw. First come, first serve and space may be limited. Once we fill up, that will be it. Be mindful of your neighbor and remember, we'll have the BIG TENT to get under if you need shade.

Come Play the Great Locomotive Race Trivia Game, and expect the usual great fun, friends and activities to keep you busy for 24 Hours... and lots of TRAIN WATCHING!!!

So mark your calendars for May 27th & 28th and get your lawn chairs ready (sleeping bags too) because, it's **TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS... IT'S "SAGINAW TIME!!!"**

Join the "24 Hours @ Saginaw" Facebook page for the latest updates,

<https://www.facebook.com/24hoursatSaginaw>

PRESENTERS: We are now accepting presenters who would like to put on a program for this year's event. Please email Skip @: wgcrush@swbell.net to be on the schedule.

We love live presentations, clinics, exhibits... it just has to be about trains and railroads.

Whatever it is... It's time to show it and **IT'S TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS!**

Skip Waters
16th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2022
Chairman
North Texas Chapter, NRHS
www.ntxnrhs.org

P.S Also accepting gifts for door prizes! If you have some to offer, please contact Skip directly at wgcrush@swbell.net

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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, the 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.

Learn about the National Railway Historical Society at www.nrhs.com

Doodlebug News Briefs



FWD Doodlebug on one of its branch lines in west Texas (BNSF RR)

April 18th, DART Service Changes <https://www.dart.org/news/news.asp?ID=1638>

May 3rd, NTC Chapter Meeting @ the Cleburne RR Museum (see above)

May 14th, The Anna Depot and Museum will observe National Train Day (see above)

May 15th – 20th, NRHS National Convention in California (see above)

May 27th, Newsletter Article Submittal Date for June Zephyr (Submit to Wayne Smith)

May 27th – May 28th, 24 Hours @ Saginaw
"It's Time to Watch Some Trains"

June 7th, NTC Chapter Meeting @ SOKOL Hall, Program TBA

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Happy Railroading, Y'all!