

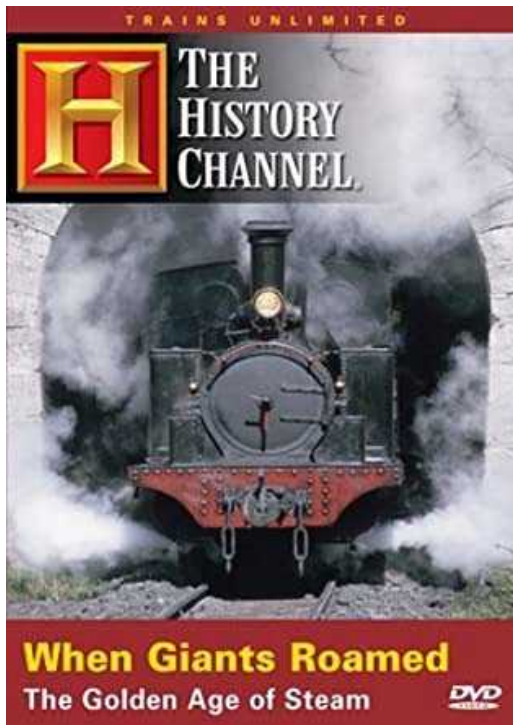
North Texas Chapter – National Railway Historical Society



The June 7th Meeting is scheduled at SOKOL Hall in Dallas @ 7:30 (Meet and Greet at 7:00).

Sokol Hall is located at 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, Texas 75231

Here is a link with a map and more information. <http://sokoldallasgymnastics.org/>



In the first half of the 20th century, America's railroads were radically transformed by the innovation of gargantuan steam locomotives. Pushed by the need to haul ever longer and heavier trains, the nation's locomotive works responded with the invention of awe-inspiring articulated engines. Delivering up to 7,500 horsepower, these steel behemoths could haul mile-long, 15,000-ton trains. In this riveting program, journey back to the golden age of steam for an up-close look at these legendary locomotives. See the Union Pacific's famed "Big Boy" in action and ride the rails of the Chesapeake & Ohio and Norfolk & Western railways. Meet the men who drove engines like the Allegheny and Yellowstone, and visit the museums and yards where the largest steamers ever built remain preserved in time. The History Channel(R) proudly presents this rollicking retrospective, sure to set any rail fan's heart pounding.

June Program: When Giants Roamed: The Golden Age of Steam (The History Channel)

The time is almost here to attend the 16th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2022!!!

IT'S TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS!!!

*****Continue Reading for more Information*****

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.

Photo by Wes Carr



The former SP (Houston & Texas Central) depot from Kosse, Texas is the location for 24 Hours @ Saginaw. Photo Source: <http://www.trainweb.org/southwestshorts/saginaw-depot.html>

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
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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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Cleburne Depots: Then and Now

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cleburne_Intermodal_Transportation_Depot



Trinity and Bravos Valley Railway and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway depots in 1910. This also included a Harvey House.



Built in 1999, The Cleburne Intermodal Transportation Depot serves as an Amtrak train station.

Scenes from Our Visit with the Cleburne Railroad Museum in May



Photo Credit: Elden Baker

Photos above and below: VP Skip Waters (above and below left) presented two items to the Cleburne Railroad Museum. These were given to the Chapter from the collection of Thomas Sandlin of Liberty Hill, TX. One was a framed employee notice from the Santa Fe treasurer regarding paycheck distribution (below), and the other was a Santa Fe bulletin board (above). **Our hosts were Stephanie Montero (pictured above & below), Nick Hefner (pictured above & below), and James Hefner (pictured top of next page with Skip Waters).**

Photo Credit: Jerry Nunn



Scenes from Our Visit with the Cleburne Railroad Museum in May - Continued



Various displays that can be found at the Cleburne Railroad Museum

All Photographs on this page by Jerry Nunn



Scenes from Our Visit with the Cleburne Railroad Museum in May - Continued



Above is one of many beautiful custom built display cases found in the Cleburne Railroad Museum

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Stephanie Montero - Manager:
Layland Museum and Cleburne
Railroad Museum



Bicentennial Memorabilia on
display at the Cleburne
Railroad Museum



There is a wide variety of
books, shirts, caps and other
souvenirs available at the
Cleburne Railroad Museum



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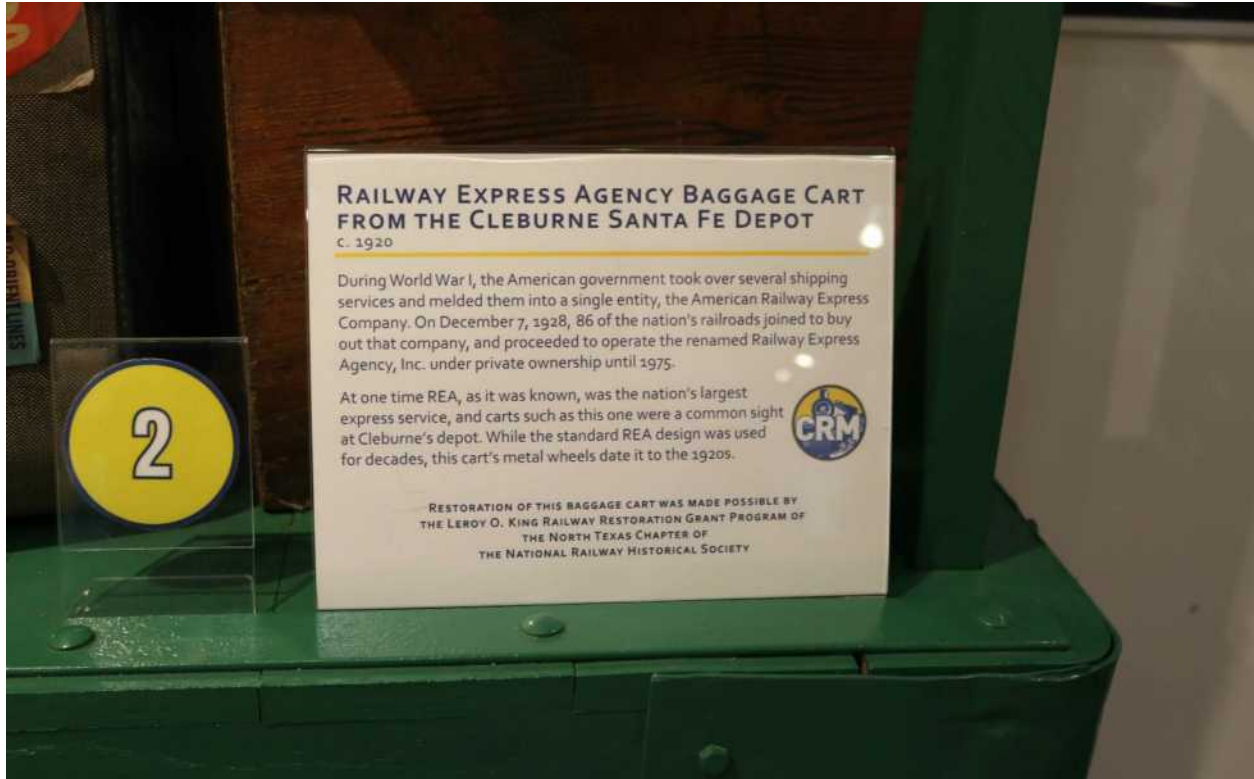


HO Scale Layout found at the Cleburne Railroad Museum

Both Photo Credits: Jerry Nunn



REA Baggage Cart on display that was a restored through a grant from the North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society



Plaque displayed on the Railway Express Agency baggage cart giving credit to the LeRoy O. King Grant



The Famous Cleburne Shops at its Grandest during its Heyday!

Minutes of the May 2022 Meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS

The May 2022 meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS meeting was held on Tuesday, May 3 at the Cleburne Railroad Museum in Cleburne, TX. Our hosts were Stephanie Montero, Nick Hefner, and James Hefner. There were 18 attendees, including the hosts.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Elden Baker of the Anna Railroad Museum announced that the Anna Museum is working with the City of Anna to sponsor a National Train Day program on Saturday, May 14. The program is expected to include model railroad layouts, Operation Lifesaver presentations, and special displays.

The Museum at the Allen Train Depot will be unveiling their steam locomotive on Thursday, May 12. A flyer announcing the unveiling was made available to the members.

VP Skip Waters announced that he has passed on the Chapter's Zephyr newsletter duties to President Wayne Smith.

The NRHS National Convention in Fullerton, CA is rapidly approaching. If the Convention's hotel is unavailable, reasonably priced nearby hotels should be available. Visit the national website, NRHS.com for more details.

The 24 Hours at Saginaw event will take place at the Saginaw Depot from 7 PM Friday, May 27 until 7 PM Saturday, May 28. Volunteers are needed to help Skip. There will be no access to the Depot building; furthermore, one of the outside restrooms is out of service. Attendees will be able to use the platform on the east side of the building to view railroad operations.

There is one electric outlet in the outside bathrooms, but there is a question of its adequacy to support the event's requirements. The Chapter is renting a tent, tables, chairs, portable toilets, and (perhaps) a generator.

VP Jon Shea is now the new Texas Division Superintendent of the Katy Railroad Historical Society. He has some Katy publications for sale.

Member James Delano showed a Santa Fe conductor's badge and member Sam Metzgar showed an O scale Santa Fe F3 locomotive, number 2243. Sam said that the FWWR's steam locomotive 2248 is expected to soon be ready for service.

President Wayne Smith and member Ken Fitzgerald recently met with officials from Historic Fort Worth, Inc. and the Union Pacific Railroad. Word had leaked out that the Union Pacific was planning to dismantle Tower 55, as it is just a shell of its former self and is no longer of any use to the railroad. Even though the structure is considered historic, no entity took the time to have Tower 55 declared a Historic Designation. That might be the loophole for Union Pacific to demolish the tower without

due process. The tower is still the property of the Union Pacific, and there is no guarantee that the railroad cannot proceed with the demolition.

Representatives from Historic Fort Worth, Inc. and others discussed making Tower 55 site into a tourist attraction and railfan viewing platform. Of course, that would require safe access, a safe viewing site and a parking lot, at the minimum.

Meanwhile, Historic Fort Worth, Inc. is overseeing the process to ensure all the legal requirements are being met. Stay tuned.

At the close of the business meeting, VP Skip Waters presented two items to the Cleburne Railroad Museum. These were given to the Chapter from the collection of Thomas Sandlin of Liberty Hill, TX. One was a framed employee notice from the Santa Fe treasurer regarding paychecks, and the other was a Santa Fe bulletin board.

The museum stated that the caboose that was next to the museum is now by the Amtrak station. The museum wants to restore the caboose and place it in the park next to engine 3417.

The evening's program first presentation was a slide show from Stephanie Montero on the renovation of the building that houses the museum.

Following Stephanie's presentation, Nick Hefner conducted a tour of the museum's artifacts, often supplying an interesting history of how many of these items wound up in the museum.

James Hefner was at the large HO layout in the layout room to answer questions the attendees might have.

The meeting informally adjourned around 8:30 PM.

The June Chapter meeting will take place at Sokol Hall. The program is *Where Giants Roam*. The announcement will appear in the upcoming newsletter.

Many thanks to VP Skip Waters for arranging the meeting! The visit and the program were thoroughly enjoyable.

Jerry M. Nunn
Secretary, North Texas Chapter, NRHS

****Editor's Note** Several members met at the Chaf-In Restaurant (Railroad Themed) in Cleburne for dinner before heading to the museum and the start of the meeting.

Photographs by Ken Fitzgerald

Ken Fitzgerald - Railroad Historical Photography - Fort Worth, TX - 817-917-6936



Above: Wayne Smith, Chapter President (third from the left), recently attended a Save Tower 55 meeting that included officials from Union Pacific and Historic Fort Worth, Inc. **Ken Fitzgerald** is the photographer. Below: Historic Tower 55 Photo by **Ken Fitzgerald** (See more of 55 in July Zephyr).



**** Come see Ken's presentation on Tower 55 at our July 5th meeting at Fort Worth Central Station ****

Union Pacific Donates Steam Locomotives, Passenger Cars for Restoration

News Source: <https://www.up.com/media/releases/challenger-3985-donation-nr-220428.htm>

Omaha, Neb., April 28, 2022

Union Pacific Railroad today donated a small portion of its heritage fleet to non-profit [Railroading Heritage of Midwest America](#) (RRHMA). The donation allows Union Pacific to focus on its remaining fleet, which includes the world's largest steam locomotive, the Big Boy UP 4014, and the fastest, the Living Legend UP 844.

Union Pacific is proud to be the only Class I railroad with steam locomotives on its roster, part of the finest heritage fleet in the world, said Scott Moore, senior vice president Corporate Relations and chief administrative officer. We are pleased with RRHMA's plans to restore the donated equipment for the public to enjoy. Union Pacific remains dedicated to the maintenance and operation of our remaining heritage fleet, including hosting future tours and sharing UP 4014 and UP 844 with the rail community.

The donation includes the following equipment from Union Pacific's Steam Shop in Cheyenne, Wyoming:

- 4-6-6-4 [Challenger UP 3985](#)
- Class TTT 2-10-2 UP 5511
- The [Centennial UP 6936](#)
- E9B passenger locomotive shell
- Four 1950s coach cars
- Diner-Lounge car
- Baggage car
- Caboose
- Two business cars: the Selma, previously Western Pacific's Feather River, and the Stanford, originally the 1928 Southern Pacific Sunset

The RRHMA is a wonderful home for this historic equipment, said Ed Dickens, steam locomotive engineer and Steam Program manager. Railfans will look forward to seeing UP 3985 and UP 5511 return to the rails, as well as enjoy the opportunity to experience the various cars being donated.

Union Pacific will move the equipment to RRHMA's shop in Silvis, Illinois, later this year. RRHMA plans a multi-year, multi-million-dollar restoration of the equipment, including restoring the steam locomotives to operating condition.

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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://ntxnrhs.org/store> 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)

May 27th May 28th, 24 Hours @ Saginaw
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June 7th, NTC Chapter Meeting @ Sokol Hall in Dallas (see page One)

June 24th, Newsletter Article Submittal Date for July Zephyr (Submit to Wayne Smith)

July 5th, NTC Chapter Meeting History of Tower 55 by Ken Fitzgerald at Fort Worth Central Station.

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Plaque Displayed in Cleburne RR Museum Includes NRHS:

