

North Texas Chapter – National Railway Historical Society



January Chapter Meeting

When: Tuesday, January 3rd, NT Chapter Meeting @ 7:00 PM (Not 7:30)
 Where: Spring Creek Barbeque In Irving
 Program: Annual Election/Annual Show and Tell
 Location: 3514 W Airport Fwy, Irving, TX 75062

January is our annual elections. If interested in running for office, please talk to Bill Long, as he is the Elections Chair again this year. **After the election, we will hold our annual “Show and Tell”.** Please bring one or more of your favorite railroadiana pieces to share with the group. See attached link for directions, menu and phone number: <https://www.springcreekbarbeque.com/irving>

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! North Texas Chapter Dues Renewal

It's that time again to renew your North Texas Chapter dues. Annual renewal for your North Texas Chapter Membership is due by January 1, 2023.

Please note this renewal is for your North Texas Chapter Membership only. Your Chapter 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 may have already received a separate National Membership renewal notice and payment information 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. Chapter membership includes all our Chapter activities and our chapter newsletter, the North Texas Zephyr.

Make your Renewal Dues Payment by check, online or cash.

1. **TO PAY BY CHECK**, make your check payable to "North Texas Chapter NRHS" for \$16 (individual) or \$18 (family) and mail it to the Bob Kennedy, Chapter Treasurer, at:

**Bob Kennedy
North Texas Chapter NRHS
3304 Cross Bend Road
Plano, Texas 75023**

Please note the new mailing address for membership renewals.

Do not mail your membership renewal to the Chapter Mailing Address as it will delay processing your renewal. 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.

2. **TO PAY ON-LINE**, visit the Chapter's on-line store at:

<https://ntxnrhs.org/store/#!/Membership-Dues/c/15877014>

Copy and paste the address into your browser. 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. You do not need to be a PayPal member to pay on-line.

3. **CASH PAYMENT** for your dues can be made at any Chapter Meeting. Please have the exact amount and pay the Treasurer or any Chapter Officer.

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

We Had A Merry Christmas! Photos By Wayne Smith

In December, the chapter held its annual Christmas Party and Dinner at Babe's Chicken House in North Richland Hills. We enjoyed yummy food and each other's company. There were 24 folks in attendance including members, family and friends. New Chapter members David Kohler and JV Prater were introduced. All attendees participated in the white elephant gift exchange. Please enjoy pictures of our event below. Please go to page 5 to read about a special gift that was distributed to chapter members.







Yes, what you are seeing is a brick! But, it is a very special brick. It is from the former **Tower 55**. Due to our connection with Ken Fitzgerald, your president/editor was able to obtain several (14) **Tower 55** bricks from Ken. Those members that attended the Chapter Christmas Party were each given a souvenir brick from **Tower 55**, along with a commemorative 8x10 photograph (pictured above). The photo also had a brief summary about the history of **Tower 55**. 12 bricks were distributed to current members (one per family) and the remaining 2 bricks were donated to two local museums via members in attendance. Ken plans to provide additional bricks in the future.

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A Message From National About RailCamp

RailCamp 2023 is now up and running. RailCamp East operates in Wilmington, DE and RailCamp Northwest in Tacoma, WA. The application will be available January 1, 2023 on the NRHS web page.

This is a very unique opportunity for young people to get hands-on, up-close and behind the scenes experiences with many aspects of railroading. From looking back at the part railroading has played in the development of our country to what it takes to work not only for a tourist line but a Class 1 operating railroad, every day is an adventure. A week of sharing these experiences with teens having the same interest's turns into; "The best week of my life!"

Talk to the young people in your chapter or reach out to area model groups, Scout programs and anywhere teens gather. Financial assistance can help with the tuition. No applicant has ever been turned away due to his/her ability to pay. While Wilmington and Tacoma may seem like far off places, the last camp had kids from 21 different states.

If your chapter would like to sponsor a camper I would be happy to send you sponsorship guidelines. Any questions you may have about the programs at either camp should be directed to nrhsrailcamp@yahoo.com. Available space fills up quickly, so begin to think about this and look for a candidate.

There is an article with photos in the December issue of the NEWS.

Becky Gerstung
RailCamp Program Director

Former Missouri Pacific #2522

Photos Submitted by Jon Shea



Above: Front Three-Quarter View of Missouri Pacific #2522 seen in Paris, Arkansas



Above: Rear Three-Quarter View of Missouri Pacific #2522 seen in Paris, Arkansas



Above: Another angle of MP #2522, Paris, AR



Right: Partial view of the inside of cab #2522

The Trolleys At Fort Smith, Arkansas

By James Dolande

Here are some pictures of the trolleys at Fort Smith, Arkansas. The car I [James] operated [James was in training as a Motorman] was Fort Smith Power and Light Co 224, originally built in 1919. The green car [bottom left] is from Kansas City and is a parts car for 224. And pictured below [bottom right] is me [James] pulling the pole down and putting 224 away for the day.





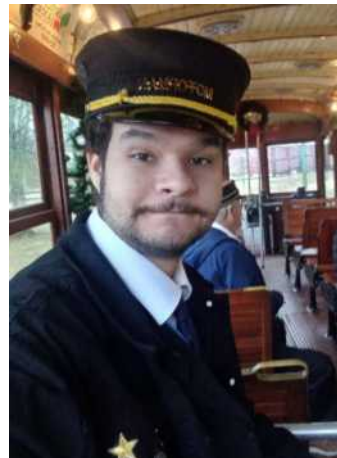
The big car is Hot Springs 50, a double truck Saint Louis deck roof car.



The open air brill from 1908 is Veracruz #9



Above/below: James in Training as a Motorman



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A Crossing of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad and the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway

Some of you may be aware that your president/editor’s father worked for the Fort Worth and Denver in various locations including Lubbock (FWD South Plains Depot), Amarillo (Depot) and Fort Worth (Fort Worth Club Building/North Yard); and his grandfather worked as a Roadmaster for the Rock Island (Worked out of Peach Yard). For various reasons, your president/editor has been to Bowie for both business and pleasure (believe it or not). On a recent work related trip, photos were taken of remnants of these two famous railroads northwest of town, reminiscent of their glory days. Please see the editor’s photos on the next page with photos of railroad bridges after the two roads crossed in an industrial area of Bowie, which was also the site of **Tower 1 in Texas**. The photos are on FM 174, NW side of Bowie.

Here is a blurb about Tower #1 from <http://txrrhistory.com/towers/001/001.htm> - “Bowie was originally the site of a construction camp for the Ft. Worth and Denver City (FW&DC) Railroad as it built northward from Ft. Worth toward Wichita Falls in 1882. Local residents began to establish businesses to serve the railroad and eventually voted to incorporate the town in 1884. In 1893, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific (CRI&P) Railway built through town, heading south from El Reno, Oklahoma to Ft. Worth. With two railroads, Bowie quickly became a market and financial center for the region, and had some 2,600

residents by 1900. In 1902, the crossing at Bowie became the site of Tower 1, the first interlocking plant commissioned by the Railroad Commission of Texas (RCT). Tower 1 was a manned two-story structure authorized for operation on April 17, 1902. Today, the crossing continues to see frequent traffic; the former FW&DC line is operated by Burlington Northern Santa Fe, and the former Rock Island line is operated by Union Pacific.”



The “FW&D” Bridge is seen below and beyond the “Bowie City Limit” sign. The “Rock Island” Bridge is just barely seen cutting through the top (behind) of the “Right Curve” sign in the distance on the right side of the photo between the pier and the bridge abutment.



The photos above show both sides of the bridge that is now property of BNSF. “FW&DRy” is still seen on both sides of the bridge and bookended by the “Burlington Route” logo. On one side of the bridge (top photo), the “Burlington Route” logo is very faded in the center and, with fresher looking paint, “FW&DRy” is painted over the “Burlington Route” logo. The FW&D and Burlington are predecessors of the BNSF.



Within one hundred yards of the FWD/Burlington/BNSF bridge on FM 174 is the Union Pacific/Rock Island Bridge. However, due to the camera angles, it is not obvious in the photos (See the first photo on Page 11). This photo of the “FW&D Bridge” (above) was taken near the “Rock Island Bridge”. That’s how close the two bridges are northwest of town after crossing in northwest Bowie.



The “Rock Island” bridge is now owned by the Union Pacific after the Rock Island filed for Bankruptcy.

201 Finally Arrived In Anna! Enjoy the Photos Submitted by Elden Baker

After multiple delays for multiple reasons, Mogul 201 finally left Arkansas, and arrived in Anna, TX on Thursday, December 22nd, 2022. The locomotive and tender were loaded on separate trailers and left Arkansas as a convoy. Even though the locomotive is shown being unloaded first in the series of photos below, the tender arrived first and was unloaded first. The tender was unloaded directly onto the permanent display track because it was on a tiltable rig. The locomotive was not on a tiltable rig due to its size. The plan was to use shoo fly track sections to leapfrog the locomotive from the lowboy to the permanent display track, but due to the extreme low temperature, the locomotive was unloaded on a temporary track due to concerns of something breaking in the process.



Mogul #201 was being prepped for its journey to the great state of Texas.



Above: Mogul 201 is shown here west bound on FM 445, White Street just east of downtown Anna.



Above: Mogul 201 passing First Christian Church.



Above: Mogul 201 is seen arriving in Anna in the series of pictures above. The bottom photo includes the historical First Christian Church in Anna.

Below are various scenes of 201 arriving and being prepared to be unloaded near the Anna Depot.



Above: Arriving at Anna Depot and Museum.



Above: Disconnecting the jeep (front set of load sharing wheels).



Above: Preparing to lower the front end of the trailer and begin off-loading the engine (notice the tender is already on the display track).

Below are photographs of Mogul 201 being set on a temporary track.



Above: Shoo fly tracks being shimmed so the engine can be rolled off the low boy.



Above (and Below): Rolling the engine off the trailer is a very slow, "easy does it" process.







Above: The engine is clear of the low boy and tied down on temporary track. Due to extreme cold and wind, it will remain here for a few days.



Above: Locomotive #201 is seen sitting on its temporary track after unloaded from the lowboy rig.



Above: This is the original number plate and will not be installed on the locomotive. The plan is to manufacture a replica for use on the locomotive to prevent souvenir collectors removing it.

ALCO #201's tender is seen being unloaded directly onto the permanent display track in the series of photographs below.







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******Invitation - Please join The City of Anna for the Anna Mogul 201 ribbon cutting ceremony at Sherley Heritage Park. All chapter members are invited to attend. Here is a link with information about the event! <https://www.annatexas.gov/calendar.aspx?EID=2736>**

Chapter Directory

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Zephyr Archives: [Rail History Newsletters \(gogeocaching.com\)](http://www.zephyrarchives.com/)

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 usually held 7:30-9:30 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.

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Doodlebug News Briefs



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January 3rd, Chapter Elections and Annual Show and Tell. Meeting at Spring Creek BBQ in Irving. Starts at 7:00 instead of 7:30 pm.

January 24th, Mogul 201 Ribbon cutting ceremony, Anna Depot and Museum. All chapter members are invited. Starts at 5:00 pm. <https://www.annatexas.gov/calendar.aspx?EID=2736>

February 7th, Chapter Meeting at Anna Depot and Museum to see Mogul 201. Elden will also present a program on #201. Time TBD.

May 13th, National Train Day Celebration at Anna Depot and Museum, Anna TX. Details TBA.



*Happy New Year
and
Best Wishes
for 2023!*

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*Wayne Smith, North Texas News Editor.
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