

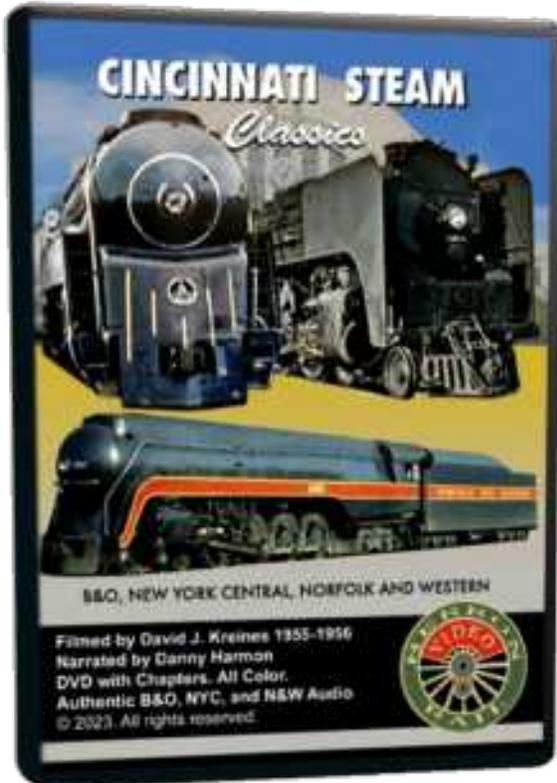
North Texas Chapter –
National Railway Historical Society



August Chapter Meeting:
*Cincinnati Steam Classics,
B&O, NYC, N&W, L&N in
1955 & 1956*

When: Tuesday, August 5th @ 7:30 PM
(Meet “N” Greet at 7:00 PM)

Where: Cotton Belt Room of the Chill Bar &
Grill at 814 S. Main St (NW corner of S.
Main St. & Dallas Rd), Grapevine, TX.
{Food will be available for purchase}



Link to Website:
<https://www.chillbardfw.com/>

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Cincinnati Steam Classics takes you to the Queen City when Norfolk & Western was 100% steam, with the New York Central and Baltimore and Ohio still running steam locomotives on some of their passenger trains.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!!

The countdown has started to attend the 3rd Annual "24 Hours @ BIG SANDY" 2025!!!

**IT'S
TIME
TO
WATCH
SOME
TRAINS...**

In BIG SANDY, TEXAS!!!

Dates are confirmed for the **3rd Annual "24 Hours @ BIG SANDY" 2025!**

**7:00pm Friday, September 5th through 7:00pm Saturday, September 6th,
at the Big Sandy Heritage Center on Gilmer Street in Big Sandy, Texas (East, Texas).
Heritage Center - 162 E Gilmer St, Big Sandy, TX 75755**

The BEST PART --- One of the main reasons for building this Heritage Center was to have it as a Railfan Park, where train enthusiasts can view trains... This is FOR REAL!!!

The Heritage Center is located next to a major rail crossing for the Union Pacific Railroad in East, Texas. The former Texas & Pacific and the Cotton Belt rail lines cross here. It is reported to have 50-60 trains pass per day including Amtrak's Texas Eagle. You can view this rail crossing via a live railcam linked below.

Plan to join us in Big Sandy in September for Rail Fun with Rail Friends doing what we love to do best and watch TRAINS from the back porch of the Big Sandy "Railfan Park" at the Heritage Center!!!

We are now accepting those who want to show a program or presentation that can be done inside the Heritage Center! Video programs, Show N Tell, speakers, demonstrations or what have you are welcome. The Heritage Center comes with a Big Screen, seating and restrooms....**YES, INDOOR RESTROOMS** (but don't get crazy).

POP UP TENTS -- YES, We can have pop up tents... BUT, IT'S LIMITED TO THE FIRST 10 TENTS. Sorry, City Rules.

Come Play the Great Locomotive Race Trivia Game with new questions, 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 September 5th & 6th, get your lawn chairs ready (sleeping bags too) because, it's **TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS... IN BIG SANDY!!!!**

Join the "24 Hours @ Big Sandy" Facebook page for the latest updates,
(NOTE: This is also the Saginaw page, but that's how it goes for now)
<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 me off list to: wgcrush@swbell.net to be on the schedule.

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

Whatever you do... It's time to come out, time to show it and **IT'S TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS - IN BIG SANDY!**

Skip
3rd Annual "24 Hours @ Big Sandy" 2025
Chairman
North Texas Chapter, NRHS
www.ntxnrhs.org

Waters

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

P.P.S. Big Sandy has a virtual railcam too! See a video about it here
<https://youtu.be/GaCHSrdV4ZE>

Ride Amtrak's Heartland Flyer and GVRR Trinity River Excursion on the "North Texas Rail Ramble II"

Join the members of the North Texas Chapter,

National Railway Historical Society and take a Ride on the Rails!

When: Saturday, November 8, 2025

**Time: Start at Grapevine Convention Center at 8:30am,
Arrive back by 5:30pm**

Our Trip:

8:30am: Meet group leader at Grapevine Convention Center and board Bus. Depart Convention Center at 9:00am to Gainesville. Depart on Amtrak's 821 Heartland Flyer to Fort Worth at 11:03am. Arrive at Fort Worth Central Station and board Bus again at 12:30pm, ride to Fort Worth Stockyards for fun and Lunch between 1:30-3:00pm. Depart GVRR Stockyard Station at 3:00pm on Trinity River Excursion. Board Bus at 4:00pm and return to Grapevine by 5:30pm to end the day.

So come ride the North Texas Rail Ramble II with fellow Rail-friends on a Saturday. Start your day at the Grapevine Convention Center. Begin a fun filled trip of North Texas sights via Heartland Flyer. Have lunch at the Fort Worth's Stockyards, then ride the GVRR Trinity River Excursion Train. You'll be back home via Motor Coach to Grapevine Convention Center in time for Dinner.



Limited to only 50 people!



Group trip pricing, photo ops along the way. Riding with old and new friends!

Cost:

\$69.00 per person for Amtrak trip, bus ride and GVRR Excursion trip.

Must pay for ticket by October 6, 2025. Trip may cancel if not enough tickets are sold.

North Texas Chapter members **discount price is \$64.00**. Lunch is On-Your-Own.

Purchase your ticket by going to: www.NTXNRHS.ORG/RailRamble

Y'all Come Ride and Have Fun Now, Ya Hear?

The 19th Annual Cotton Belt Regional Railroad Symposium
Friday, August 1, 2025 to Saturday, August 2, 2025

Sam Rayburn Student Center
East Texas A&M University
Commerce, Texas

The formal event will be held on Saturday, with a program consisting of railroad presentations, railroadianna displays, and other activities to be announced. Audience participation is encouraged.

If you have items of railroad interest you would like to display, please bring them. We have arranged for plenty of table and display space. Please note that this is NOT a swap-meet.

An informal dinner gathering will likely be planned for anyone who would like to visit casually on Friday evening.

Agenda:

Friday, August 1, 2025 – 6:00pm
Informal Social Dinner Gathering, details TBA

Saturday, August 2, 2025 – Sam Rayburn Student Center, Conference Rm. #213

Program: (Schedule subject to revision)

8:19am Registration/Displays Open
9:10am Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:15am Morning Presentations TBA
12:00pm Luncheon
1:00pm Afternoon Presentations TBA

Presenters:

Dennis Hogan, Frisco, TX
– Along the Central (H&TC)

Ken E. Stavinoha, Rosenberg, TX
– A Tale of Two Cities: The Effects of Railroads on Two Texas Communities

Gerald Hook, Russellville, AR
– topic(s) TBA

Randy Hees, Little Rock, AR
– Cotton Belt Business Cars

Steve A. Goen, Wichita Falls, TX
– tentative, topic TBD

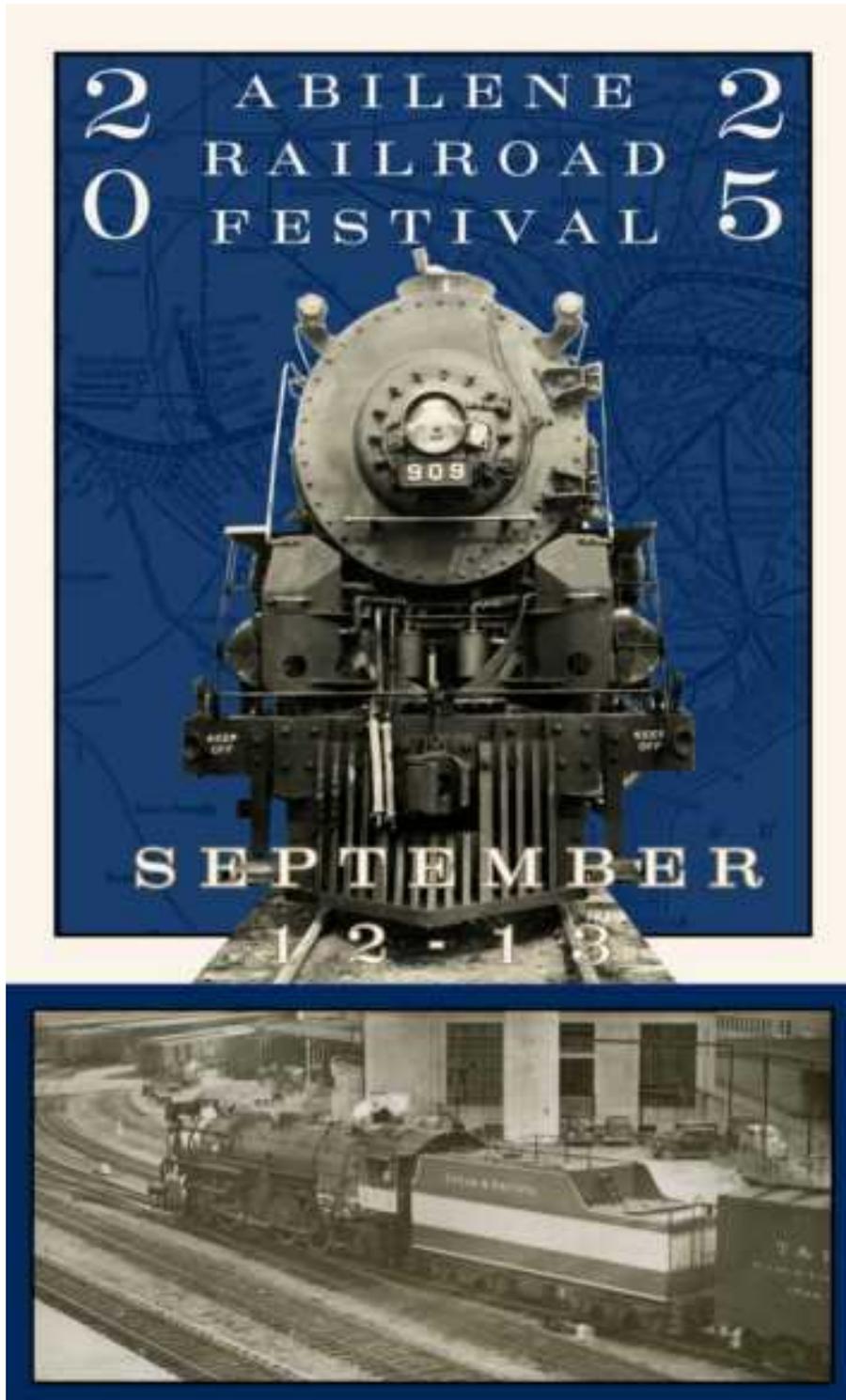
...others to be announced.

Have an idea for a program? Contact [Jason](#).

After the activities at the student center, visit the [East Texas Model Railroad Club](#) Open House. (Directions available at the Symposium.)

Abilene Railroad Festival 2025

Friday, September 12, 2025 to Saturday, September 13, 2025



Related Links: [Registration](#)

ABILENE RAILROAD FESTIVAL
2 SEPTEMBER 2
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The 2nd annual Abilene Railroad Festival is nearly here!

Friday, September 12th

We'll kickoff the festival with a Public Reception at Frontier Texas! Learn about the Harvey Girls, their impact on railroads and how they set the standard for the service industry.

Saturday, September 13th

Festival day will be filled with the main activities, interactive booths, small exhibits from local non-profits, historical presentations, model railroads, live entertainment and much more.

Participating Venues

This years venues include but are not limited to Frontier Texas!, The Grace Museum, the T&P Depot, The Elks Arts Center, and the Abilene Public Library.

Tentative Programming

The ARF Committee is in the process of finalizing various programming and vendors including a Union Pacific locomotive, presentations on local railroads and museum exhibitors.

Look out for more information coming to our website at abilenepreservation.org and our social media pages @abilenepreservationleague



Houston and Texas Central Through Route to Texas

Lauding the reach of the Houston & Texas Central Railway through the Texas heartland, peppered with farms "equaling in fertility anything of the kind in any Northern State," makers of this timetable also stress the line's national reach, noting connections to railroad destinations including St. Louis and Chicago.

AGENTS AND OFFICERS
—OF THE—
Texas and St. Louis and Chicago
THROUGH LINE.

FROM WHOM ANY INFORMATION AS TO
ROUTES, RATES, ETC.

Can be readily obtained, are listed as follows:

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HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL
THROUGH ROUTE TO
TEXAS
THE FIELD OF
AGRICULTURE
AND
COMMERCE





HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY.

THROUGH TIME CARD Going North.

IN EFFECT APRIL, 1878.

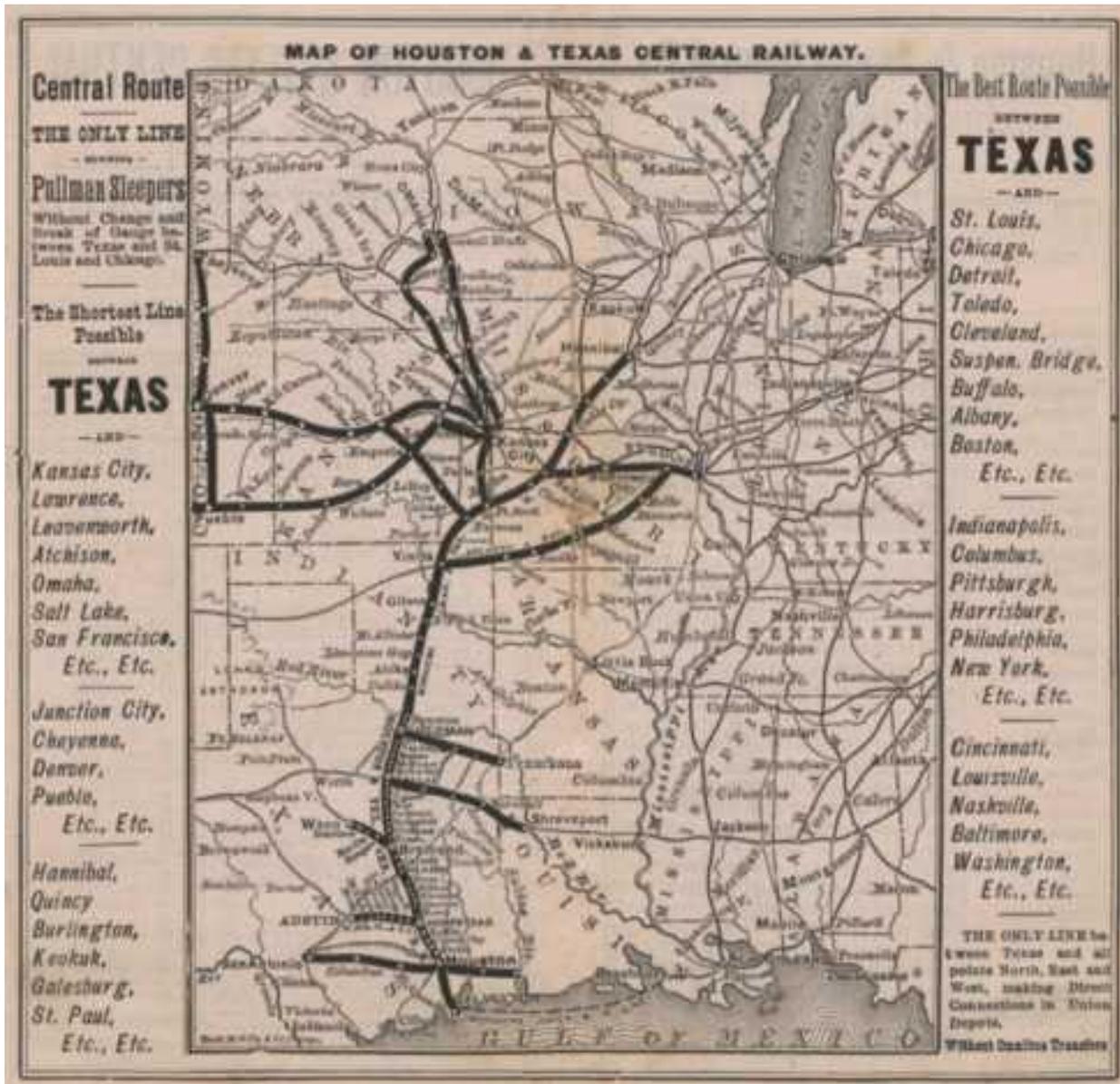
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Levs. San Antonio, G., H. & H.	...	8.20 a. m.
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" Houston, H. & T. C.	...	9. 6. 00 p. m.	7.30 a. m.
" Austin, "	108	12.30 "	7.00 p. m.
" Hempstead, "	51	8.50 "	10.00 a. m.
" Courtney, "	62	9.20 "	10.32 "
" Narrows, "	71	9.45 "	10.55 "
" Bryan, "	105	11.00 "	12.10 p. m.
" Hearne, "	121	12.10 a. m.	1.20 "
" Galvest, "	129	12.35 "	1.52 "
" Waco, " (H. & T. C.)	186	8.45 p. m.	10.00 a. m.
" Marlin, " (H. & T. C.)	160	11.10 "	12.05 p. m.
" Bremond, " (H. & T. C.)	145	1.17 a. m.	2.50 "
" Mexia, H. & T. C.	181	8.05 a. m.	4.15 "
" Corsicana, "	211	4.35 "	5.35 "
" Hico, "	222	5.10 "	6.05 "
" Etoile, "	251	5.38 "	6.32 "
" Hutchins, "	252	6.48 "	7.38 "
" Ft. Worth, T. & P.	.....	8.20 "	.....
" Dallas, H. & T. C.	265	7.40 "	8.30 "
" McKinney, "	296	9.05 "	10.00 "
" Van Alstyne, "	311	9.50 "	10.45 "
" Sherman, "	329	10.35 "	11.35 "
" Denison, "	341	11.00 "	12.01 a. m.
" Vinita, M., K. & T.	...	10.18 p. m.	10.45 "
" Fort Scott, "	...	3.15 a. m.	4.00 p. m.
Arr. Kansas City, H. & T. C.	...	8.45 "	.....
" Sedalia, M., K. & T.	...	9.05 "	9.50 p. m.
" St. Louis, Mo. Pac.	...	6.05 p. m.	8.30 a. m.
" Mohrly, M., K. & T.	...	1.20 "	1.55 "
" Hannibal, "	...	4.45 "	5.30 a. m.
" Chicago, C., H. & Q.	...	8.55 a. m.	7.30 p. m.

HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY.

THROUGH TIME CARD Going South.

IN EFFECT APRIL, 1878.

	Miles.	Chicago and Texas.	St. Louis and Texas.
Lev. Chicago, C., H. & Q.	7.00 p. m.	10.30 a. m.
" Hannibal, M., K. & T.	10.30 a. m.	10.50 p. m.
" Mohrly, "	1.40 p. m.	1.55 a. m.
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" Sedalia, M., K. & T.	9.15 p. m.	9.10 a. m.
Lev. Kansas City, M., H., F. & Q.	8.25 "
Arr. Ft. Scott, M., K. & T.	11.20 "	12.15 p. m.
" Vinita, "	.....	4.20 a. m.	5.10 "
Lev. Denison, H. & T. C.	.....	4.20 p. m.	4.20 a. m.
Arr. Sherman, "	52	4.25 "	4.40 "
" Van Alstyne, "	59	5.07 "	5.21 "
" McKinney, "	67	5.35 "	5.49 "
" Dallas, "	74	7.30 "	7.40 "
Arr. Fort Worth, T. & P.	108	1.20 a. m.	5.20 p. m.
" Hutchins, H. & T. C.	101	8.10 p. m.	8.20 a. m.
" Etoile, "	110	8.15 "	8.40 "
" Hico, "	120	8.22 "	8.28 "
" Corsicana, "	150	10.10 "	10.40 "
" Mexia, "	154	11.25 "	12.05 p. m.
" Bremond, "	159	1.21 a. m.	1.38 "
" Marlin, (Waco) H. & T. C.	201	2.25 "	3.22 "
" Waco, (Bremond) "	211	3.30 "	4.20 "
" Colvert, H. & T. C.	212	3.30 "	4.20 "
" Hearne, "	220	3.35 "	4.25 "
" Bryan, "	241	5.40 "	6.17 "
" Narrows, "	270	5.25 "	6.45 "
" Courtney, "	278	5.31 "	6.37 "
" Hempstead, "	300	6.15 "	6.40 "
" Sherman, (H. & T. C.)	311	11.15 "	10.38 "
" Ladlesbar, (H. & T. C.)	327	12.34 p. m.	1.20 a. m.
" Cle Elum, (H. & T. C.)	340	1.00 "	4.20 "
" McAdoo, (H. & T. C.)	362	3.25 "	6.10 "
" Mason, (H. & T. C.)	390	3.25 "	6.10 "
" Austin, (H. & T. C.)	404	4.20 "	7.20 "
" Houston, H. & T. C.	541	9.30 a. m.	8.20 p. m.
" Galveston, G., H. & H.	11.10 "	10.30 a. m.
" San Antonio, G., H. & H.	8.30 p. m.



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Houston & Texas Central Ry.

THROUGH RATES OF FARE.

September 1st, 1878. Subject to Change.

DESTINATION.	FROM		FROM		FROM		FROM	
	1st Class	2nd Class						
Austin	27.10	21.00	26.10	21.70	24.70	20.70	23.40	20.00
Boston	25.20	19.50	23.20	18.70	22.20	18.20	21.30	18.00
Brownsville	23.50	18.00	22.50	18.40	21.50	18.40	20.10	18.00
Brownwood	23.40	18.00	22.40	18.40	21.40	18.40	20.10	18.00
Bryan	23.50	18.00	22.50	18.40	21.50	18.40	20.10	18.00
Calvert	22.30	16.50	21.00	18.40	20.20	16.40	20.00	18.00
Clarksville	22.50	18.00	21.50	18.40	20.50	18.40	20.00	18.00
Colombus	22.50	18.00	21.50	18.40	20.50	18.40	20.00	18.00
Commerce	21.10	16.40	20.10	16.40	19.40	16.40	19.70	16.40
Dallas	21.00	17.20	20.00	18.00	19.70	17.00	19.00	17.20
Eagle Lake	20.10	16.20	19.10	16.20	18.70	16.20	18.20	16.20
Flordia	21.00	16.50	20.00	16.50	19.40	16.50	19.00	16.50
Fort Worth	20.80	16.40	19.80	16.40	19.20	16.40	18.80	16.40
Galveston	20.20	16.00	19.20	16.00	18.70	16.00	18.20	16.00
Harwood	21.00	16.70	20.00	16.70	19.20	16.70	18.70	16.70
Hearts	22.50	18.00	21.50	18.40	20.50	18.40	20.00	18.00
Hempstead	21.00	16.20	20.00	16.20	19.40	16.20	18.70	16.20
Houston	20.50	16.00	19.50	16.00	19.00	16.00	18.50	16.00
Jefferson	20.80	16.20	19.80	16.20	19.20	16.20	18.70	16.20
Keapthury	21.00	16.50	20.00	16.50	19.40	16.50	18.70	16.50
Luling	21.20	16.00	20.20	16.00	19.60	16.00	19.00	16.00
Marion	21.10	16.00	20.10	16.00	19.50	16.00	18.70	16.00
Marshall	20.00	16.00	19.00	16.00	18.70	16.00	18.20	16.00
Merla	21.00	16.20	20.00	16.20	19.40	16.20	18.70	16.20
McKinney	20.20	16.20	19.20	16.20	18.80	16.20	18.20	16.20
Navasota	22.40	18.00	21.40	18.00	20.80	18.00	20.20	18.00
Pace	20.20	16.00	19.20	16.00	18.70	16.00	18.20	16.00
Ruskdale	21.00	16.20	20.00	16.20	19.40	16.20	18.70	16.20
Round Rock	20.20	16.00	19.20	16.00	18.70	16.00	18.20	16.00
San Antonio	20.40	16.20	19.40	16.20	18.80	16.20	18.20	16.20
Shulenburg	21.10	16.00	20.10	16.00	19.50	16.00	18.70	16.00
Smyth	21.00	16.00	20.00	16.00	19.40	16.00	18.70	16.00
Sherman	21.00	16.00	20.00	16.00	19.40	16.00	18.70	16.00
Texasboro	20.00	16.00	19.00	16.00	18.70	16.00	18.20	16.00
Waco	21.00	16.00	20.00	16.00	19.40	16.00	18.70	16.00
Wesmar	20.70	16.00	19.70	16.00	19.20	16.00	18.70	16.00

ABOUT THE PROMINENT CITIES

ON THE LINE OF THE

HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL RY.

THE CITY OF WACO, the view of which is on the frontispiece, ranks among the first cities of Texas. It is a depot and market for the valuable products of the country surrounding it, comprised of the following counties: McLennan, Hill, Bosque, Somerville, Hood, Johnson, Erath, Comanche, Eastland, Hamilton, Brown, Coryell, and Bell, and on that account is a rapidly growing, and destined to be always a progressive city. It has churches of all denominations, and schools of every grade, all in a prosperous condition.

Waco is the only distributing-point for people desiring to locate on lands in the territory above named, those to the north and west, for general farming purposes, equalling any in the State.

Waco is located on the Houston & Texas Central Railway, therefore ask for tickets via Denison and that line.

References at Waco who are entirely familiar with the surrounding territory are, Messrs. Jim T. Flint, G. W. Jackson, and F. H. Robertson.

AUSTIN, the capital of the State, is the western terminus of the Western Branch of the Houston & Texas Central Railway. It has a population of about 15,000, and is the centre of a very productive and highly cultivated region, being the market for Travis,

Submitted by Dennis Hogan

Heartland Flyer to stay on the tracks for another year after getting funding

GAINESVILLE, Texas (KXII) - It's not the end of the line yet for the [Heartland Flyer](#). The Amtrak train that runs from Oklahoma City to Fort Worth will stay on track for another year.

On Thursday, the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Regional Transportation Council voted to give \$3.5 million in regional toll revenue funds to the railway to keep the train running.

In June, Amtrak said service would end by October if funding from Texas was not secured. Oklahoma committed its cut, but funding was not included in the budget approved by the Texas legislature. Both states split the cost to run the train.

The train has stops in Pauls Valley, Ardmore and Gainesville.

Mammoth Cave Railroad Company

Photos by Jon Shea



On display at the park. It is a 9 mile railroad that went from Mammoth Cave Park headquarters and the historic cave entrance to a connection with the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. It does not run and part of it is a hike and bike trail in the park. Above and below: "Dummy" 04-2T-Type Steam Engine (made to look like a street car) and a wooden combination baggage/coach car.



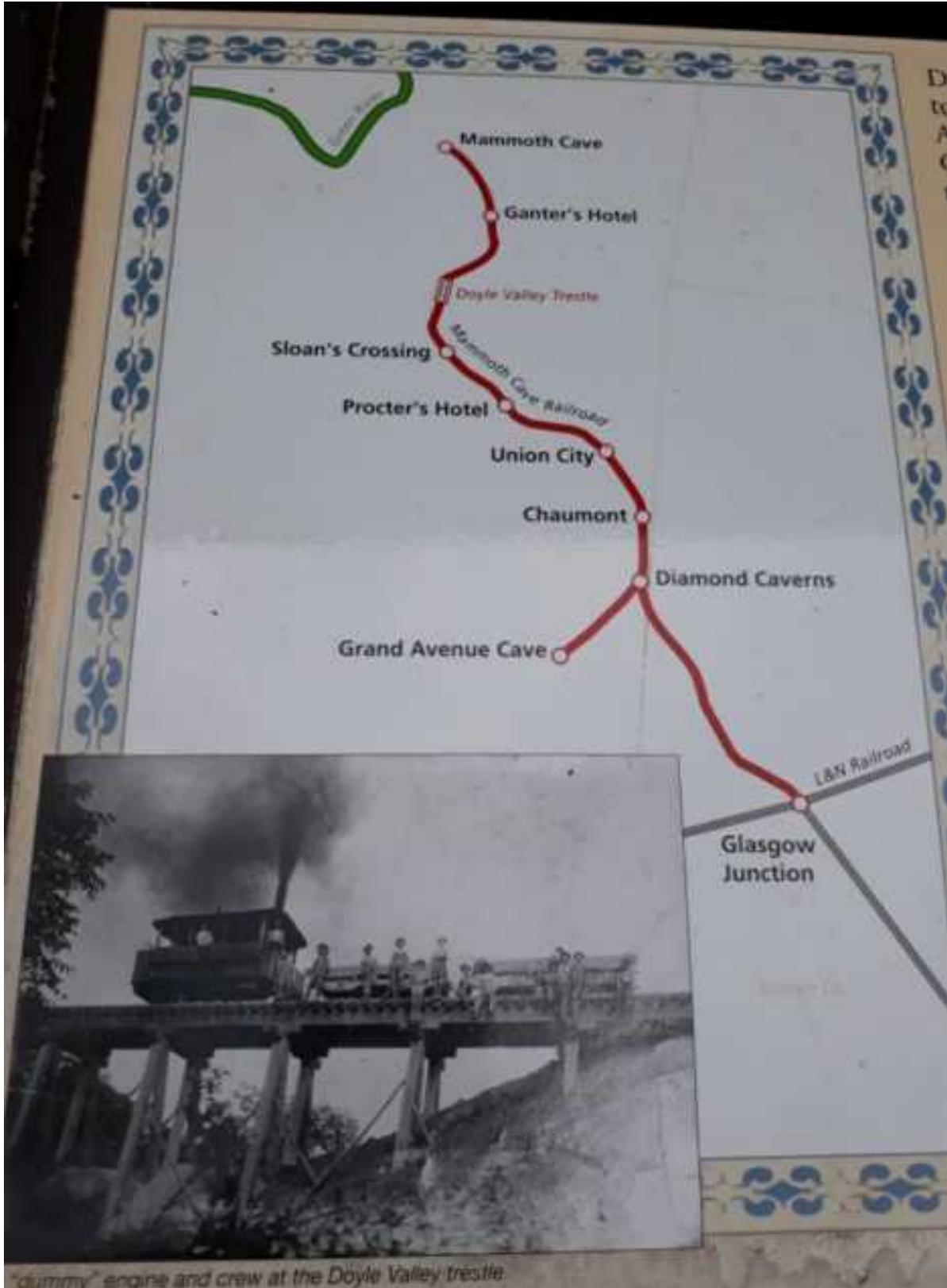


During the first 50 years of Mammoth Cave tourism, much of Kentucky was considered the American West. The road leading to Mammoth Cave was sometimes as rugged as the primitive trails within it.

In 1859, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad was established between those two cities; a spur line to the cave was completed in 1886. At \$3.00 per ticket, the Mammoth Cave Railroad brought visitors 8.7 miles from Glasgow Junction (now Park City) to the mysterious Mammoth Cave. Along the way, visitors were offered the chance to stop off at other local landmarks - Diamond Caverns, Grand Avenue Cave, and Procter Cave.

The landscape was dotted with rolling hills, sinkholes, patches of forest, wooden farmhouses, livestock, and cultivated fields. One of four "dummy" 04-2T-type steam engines pulled a wooden coach or wooden combination baggage/coach car up the Chester Escarpment, gaining 200 feet in elevation in less than one mile. A series of hills took the little train over a trestle at Doyle Valley and on up to the Mammoth Cave Estate and Hotel. Cave visitors, local families, and even wedding parties saw the sprawling Kentucky landscape from dusty glass windows adorning the cars of the Mammoth Cave Railroad.

A black and white historical photograph showing a large group of people, including men, women, and children, standing in front of a train car. The train car has "MAMMOTH CAVE R.R. CO." written on its side. The people are dressed in late 19th or early 20th-century attire, and the scene is set outdoors with trees in the background.



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6/19/2025

Rail News: Rail Industry Trends

B&O Museum launches website to prep for rail industry's bicentennial



The B&O will host its first anniversary event on July 4, 2026, when a time capsule, placed in the first stone of the railroad in 1827, will be opened. Photo – B&O Railroad Museum

The B&O Railroad Museum yesterday unveiled a new website — AmericanRail200.org — that individuals, communities and organizations can use to help announce celebratory events related to the 200th anniversary of American railroading in 2027.

The B&O will host its first anniversary event on July 4, 2026, when a time capsule, placed in the first stone of the railroad in 1827, will be opened, said B&O Museum officials in a press release. The museum is in Baltimore on the original grounds of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, which became the first commercially chartered railroad in the country in 1827.

Those planning anniversary events can use the website to submit information about those events to the website. News and updates related to 2027 celebrations can be shared, fostering a comprehensive resource for all, museum officials said.

"The 200th anniversary of American railroading is an opportunity for all Americans to celebrate an industry whose tracks form the DNA of American life," said Kris Hoellen, the museum's executive director. "Through americanrail200.org, everyone can participate in the bicentennial and plan their vacations by searching the website for events and activities to attend in 2027. We invite everyone to explore, connect and contribute."

Early partners in the anniversary celebration include CSX and Amtrak. CSX President and CEO Joe Hinrichs is chair of the B&O Railroad Museum's \$30 million capital campaign to transform its campus in preparation for the anniversary. To kick off the capital campaign, CSX donated \$5 million to build a CSX Bicentennial Garden, an amphitheater and multi-use space that can host community gatherings.

When completed, the revamped museum campus will become a "one-of-a-kind learning experience for generations to come," Hinrichs has said.

On Feb. 28, 1827, the B&O became the first common carrier railroad chartered in North America for the commercial transportation of freight and passengers. Today, the industry moves over 28 million passengers on Amtrak and facilitates over \$2 billion a day of economic commerce via freight railroads.

Minutes of the July 2025 Meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS

The July 2025 meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS meeting was held on Tuesday, July 1 in the Cotton Belt Room of the Chill Bar and Grill in Grapevine, TX. There were 13 attendees.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

PRESIDENT WAYNE SMITH

Wayne has been cataloging the slides the Chapter recently received from the Eagle Lake Depot Museum. This was not an easy task, since there were several thousand slides. Good job Wayne!

Digitizing the slides is a possibility, but that would require a slide digitizer. If a digitizer becomes available, the process would be a slow one.

Those who would like to have slides with a particular theme should let Wayne know.

Wayne had prizes to give to those who remembered the depots in last month's newsletter. Not too many of us did their homework.

Wayne recognized Dennis Hogan for his donation of HO models including locomotives and rolling stock; structures and other accessories including railroads such as SP, RI, ATSF, CB&Q, GN, NP, L&N and BN.

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE SKIP WATERS

Skip discussed the planned Chapter trip on November 8. He briefly discussed the itinerary: we get on a bus at the Ft. Worth Transit Center at 7 AM, go to Temple, visit the model RR club and museum, and catch the northbound Texas Eagle (train 22) back to Ft. Worth.

There will be an optional box lunch at Temple for those who wish to have one. Cost is \$49 each for the trip and \$13.50 for the box lunch. A dining car will also be available on the train. The trip announcement and tickets for purchase are to be posted to the Chapter website soon.

The 24 Hours at Big Sandy will take place beginning Friday, September 5th at 7 PM and continuing thru Saturday, September 6th at 7 PM. More details will be provided as the time draws nearer.

The NRHS National Convention will begin in 3 weeks. Skip will not attend, as he no longer is on the National board. Refer to the NRHS website for details.

An acquaintance recently gave Skip two large notebooks with train photographs. The Chapter is not sure what to do with them. Don Novak offered to purchase the books, if the Chapter wants to. There was discussion of digitizing them, a long slow process.

The Wichita Falls Museum is having electrical and plumbing problems, and is not yet open. They will try to open this Fall. The museum received a \$3.6K grant from the National Chapter to restore an old troop sleeper and MOW car in their possession.

SECRETARY JERRY NUNN

Jerry wrote a “fact sheet” concerning parking, optional excursions, and points of interest in Ft. Worth. The Trips and Events will discuss the sheet at their next teleconference on July 2.

VP JON SHEA

Jon recently visited the Garland Museum, a former Santa Fe depot, and their Pullman car. The Chapter had some meetings there in the past.

Jon also passed out handouts, and had the latest issue of the Katy Flyer.

The evening program was a portion of the slides from the Eagle Lake museum.

The meeting adjourned about 9:30 PM.

Jerry M. Nunn, Secretary, North Texas Chapter, NRHS

BNSF Madill Sub in Carrollton, TX

By Jerry Nunn



The first photo is of BNSF 5478 in H2 livery leading a northbound string of gondolas past Hebron High School.



The second is a southbound loaded coal train, which has just crossed Plano Parkway. BNSF 6368 leads, with 9615 in Greinsten Green colors. The 3rd engine is BNSF 3801, one of the newer Tier 4 locomotives.

Historic Pullman Train Car in Fredericksburg, TX

Photos by Jon Shea



Want to experience what it was like to ride in a Pullman car while crossing this great country of ours? The 1894 Private Palace Pullman Car will give you that feeling and more! Theodore Roosevelt used this car on one of his trips to the 6666 Ranch in North Texas. It is believed that the Indian Chief Quanah Parker has

also ridden in this unique Pullman Car. History surrounds you in every nook and cranny. This wonderful antique train car was built in 1894 by Pullman for the Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railroad. Not only is the car historic, but it is very Romantic and perfect for a "Just the Two of You" Getaway. Come to Fredericksburg and enjoy this Historic Pullman car experience.



Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railroad Pullman Car #6666.





Various signs and signals around the Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railroad Pullman Car #6666.

Santa Fe (GC&SF) Depot in Justin, TX

Submitted by Wayne Smith



Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company photograph shows the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company train depot at Justin, Texas circa 1931. The depot had segregated waiting rooms for blacks and whites. The building was built in 1912 and measured 24' x 113'. Part of a wall with the ticket window still exists inside the Justin Discount Boots Store. Look for the Boot Room (back room next to kid's corral). Rumor has it that other parts of the building were sent down south to help restore another

100-year-old train depot in another Texas town. If you have further info on it, please contact the Justin Texas Area Historical Society.



Mural that currently exists in Justin, TX. Photos by Wayne Smith.



Sampling of Slides From July's Program

July's program included viewing of some of the donated slides (by Eagle Lake Depot Museum) from Fort Worth and the North Texas area in the early to mid-80's. Images were scanned by Eldon Baker!



The merger that never was!





We do miss the Santa Fe!





And the Missouri Pacific as well!





Missouri Pacific Locomotives in the Union Pacific paint scheme.





Union Pacific/Missouri Pacific Locomotives.



Santa Fe (GC&SF) Tower 19 was located south of Dallas Union Terminal and shared it with the MKT and Union Terminal Co. It now resides at the Museum of the American Railroad in Frisco.

Ginocchio Historic District, Marshall, Texas

Submitted by Dennis Hogan

The Ginocchio Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The district takes its name from the Ginocchio family who operated a hotel, The Ginocchio, in the district during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The district houses numerous historic buildings including: Allen House, The Ginocchio, T&P Depot, the Heflin-Thompson House and the Whaley House. The district is also home to two museums, the Harrison County Historical Museum in the Ginocchio and the T&P Railway Museum in the T&P Depot. On January 26, 2007, the Heflin-Thompson House caught fire and suffered much damage.

The museum was moved from the Ginocchio hotel to the rear of the Memorial City Hall located at the southeast corner of the town square, and the Ginocchio hotel is currently being renovated with the new Ginocchio Restaurant and Bar slated to open soon.

The T&P museum remains in the depot and is open according to their posted hours.



The Ginocchio and the T&P Depot in the background in 2017.

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

...and the Ginocchio Hotel has been renovated as the Ginocchio Restaurant and Bar. Website: <https://www.theginocchio.com/>

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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 usually held 7:30-9:30 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month. Visitors and newcomers are welcome.

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Doodlebug News Briefs



MKT Doodlebug M10

Tuesday, August 5th, Chapter Meeting @ 7:30 PM (Meet "N" Greet at 7:00 PM) – Program Presentation (DVD): Cincinnati Steam Classics at the Chill Grill, Grapevine.

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