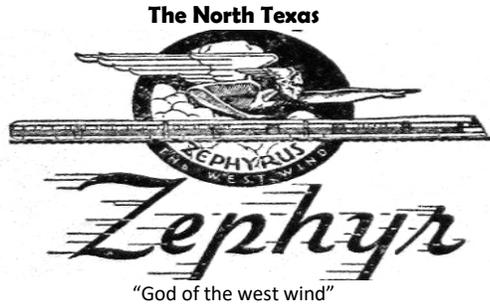


North Texas Chapter –  
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December Chapter Meeting:  
*Annual Christmas Dinner and  
White Elephant Exchange*

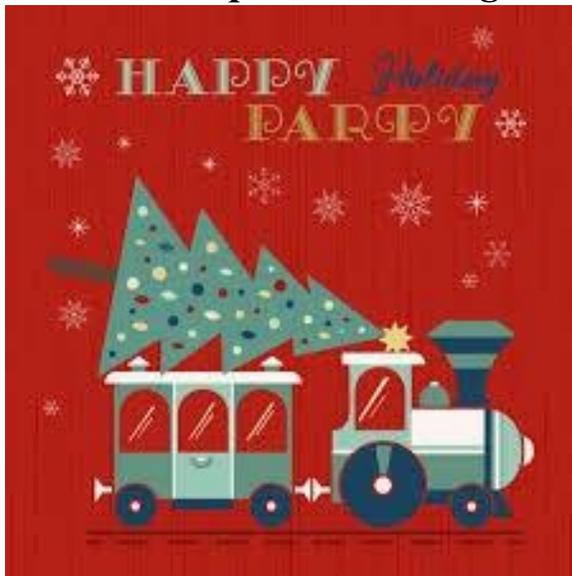
When: Tuesday, December 2nd @ 7:00 PM

Where: Babe’s Chicken, 6700 NE Loop 820,  
North Richland Hills, TX 76180

Phone: (817) 428-4298

Menu: [places.singleplatform.com](https://places.singleplatform.com)

**\*\*\*Please bring an individually wrapped gift per  
attendee valued at approximately \$10.00 - \$15.00**



Merry Christmas Y'all!

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## IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN TO RENEW YOUR **NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER DUES** FOR 2026

Annual renewal of your North Texas Chapter Membership is due by **January 1, 2026**. Your annual dues are paid directly to our Chapter either by check, online, or by cash.

**Membership dues are still \$16 for either a regular chapter membership or a chapter-only membership and still \$18 for a regular chapter family membership.**

### **1. TO PAY BY CHECK:**

Make your check payable to "**North Texas Chapter NRHS**" for \$16 (individual) or \$18 (family) and mail it to:

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

**1a.** Do not mail your membership renewal to the Chapter Mailing Address as it will delay processing your renewal.

**1b.** If you are submitting or renewing a Family Membership by check, be sure you identify all members of your Family on a note with your check.

### **2. TO PAY ON-LINE:**

Visit the Chapter's on-line store at:

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

or copy and paste this address into your browser.

**2a.** A small service charge (50 cents for individual, 75 cents for family) is added to your dues payment to help partially cover the processing fees for using a credit card. You do not need to be a PayPal member to pay on-line.

**2b.** If you are submitting or renewing a Family Membership on line, be sure you identify all members of your Family in the Orders Comments on your PayPal order form.

### **3. TO PAY BY CASH:**

**Your dues can be paid at any Chapter Meeting.** Please have the exact amount and pay the Treasurer or any Chapter Officer.

**If you have any questions about membership, please contact me directly at [rckennedy48@verizon.net](mailto:rckennedy48@verizon.net) or 214-497-7745.**

***Please note that this request is for your CHAPTER DUES only.***

***You will be billed separately for your National NRHS dues by the National. National dues are paid and sent directly to the National by each member.***

Thanks very much.

Bob Kennedy, Treasurer  
North Texas Chapter, NRHS

# Take Your Pick of the Pack!

World's greatest fleet of newly-equipped trains is ready now to speed you home for the holidays!



Leaders of New York Central's Best Passenger Fleet

**Enjoy the New in New York Central!** Glide homeward in new luxury coaches or private-room sleeping cars, behind Diesel-electric power. Enjoy famous New York Central meals in new diners. Join in the holiday fun aboard new lounge cars. From end to end of New York Central, you'll find world's largest orders for new, streamlined equipment are filled at last!

**Leave Weather out of your Plans!** Let storms sweep the skyways. Let sleet snarl holiday traffic on the highways. Aboard your New York Central daylight streamliner or overnight Dreamliner, you can settle back with a free mind and enjoy every minute. For you're traveling the world's safest way. And you *know* you'll get there as planned... *weather or no!*

**This year, make a Holiday Homecoming your Gift!** There's no present like the presence of loved ones around the family Christmas tree. So send tickets for a trip home as *your* gift. Ask your New York Central ticket agent how to send tickets and reservations. Ask, too, about money-saving round-trip fares.

# NEW NEW YORK CENTRAL

The Water Level Route—You Can Sleep



TIME, NOVEMBER 21, 1949

*Oh what Fun it is to ride* — *♪*

... on a New York Central train!



**THIS IS AN ALL WEATHER MAP!**

**It's Fun to join** in the holiday good fellowship on New York Central's luxurious new observation or lounge cars . . . many of them for coach passengers, too.

**It's Fun to order** yourself a piping hot meal in New York Central's new streamlined dining cars . . . and enjoy every course with a big helping of scenery on the side!

**It's Fun to snuggle down** for a winter's nap in Central's comfortable sleeping car berths or private rooms . . . with never a care for the weather out there, as you sleep the miles away!

**It's Fun to relax** in a lean-back seat on Central's new fleet of cozily air-conditioned coaches . . . and watch the winter world roll past your wide, sightseeing window.



*Yes, it's fun to enjoy the NEW in*

**NEW NEW YORK CENTRAL**

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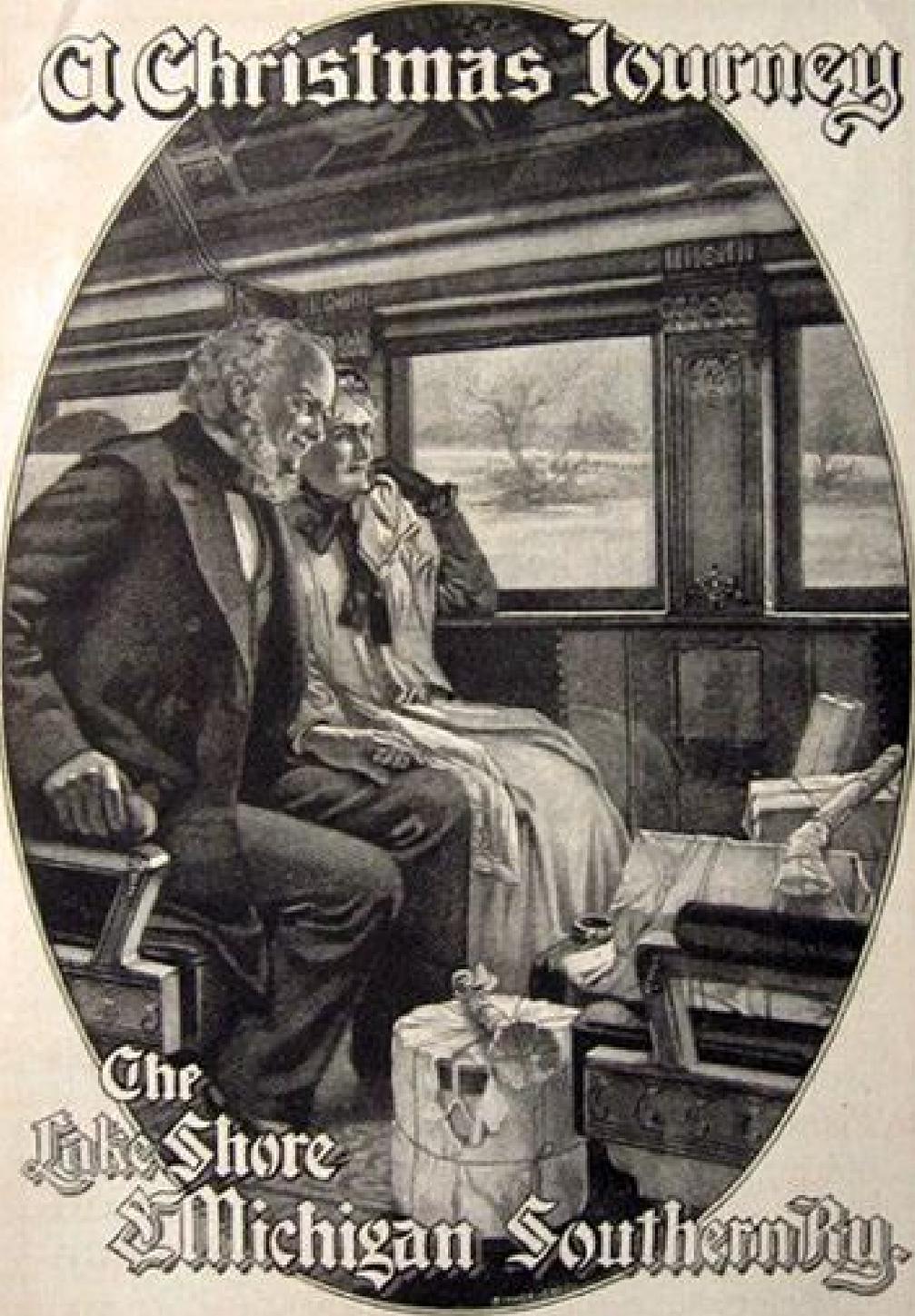


Winter or summer, storm or fair, New York Central's new daylight streamliners and overnight "Dreamliners" get you there in comfort . . . via this dependable 11,000-mile network.



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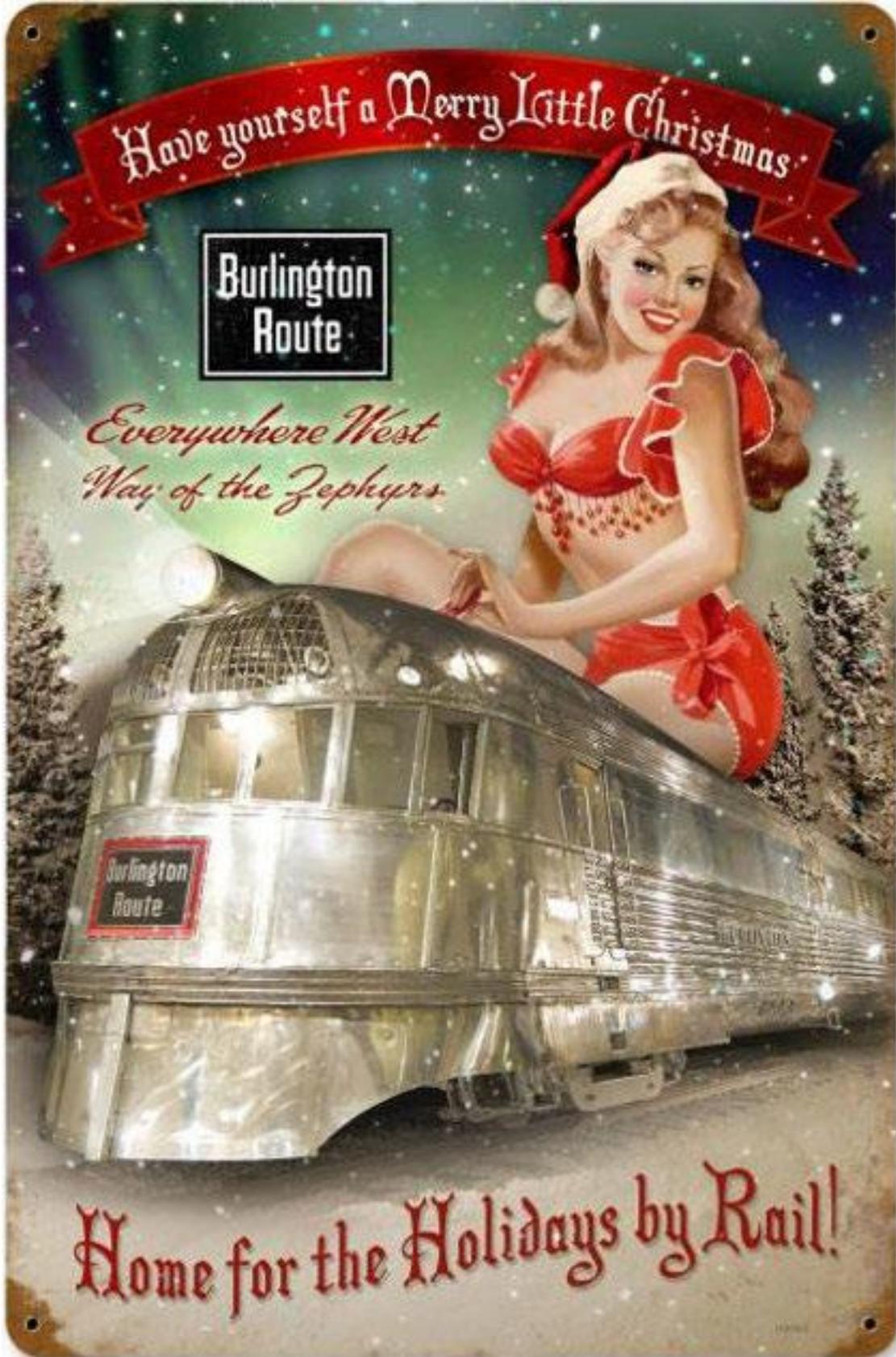
# A Christmas Journey



The  
Lake Shore  
& Michigan Southern Ry.

"Recognized to be the finest in the United States, in point of roadbed, equipment and service."

Vintage magazine ad for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway.  
*A Christmas Journey*, published 1897.



Highlights of the NTC Rail Ramble II on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Photographs by Wayne Smith



Above: Boarding our Private Bus in Grapevine



Above: Arriving at the depot in Gainesville.



Above and Below: Amtrak currently uses the former Santa Fe depot in Gainesville, TX





The GC&SF depot was also a Harvey House until 1931. Below RT: BNSF Freight train passes in Gainesville.



**The North Texas Rail Ramble II (By Bill Long)** took place Saturday, November 8, 2025 by the group being bussed from Grapevine to Gainesville; riding Amtrak from Gainesville to Fort Worth; getting a tour of the Interurban Car at Fort Worth Central Station; bussing to the Fort Worth stockyards; lunch on you own at the stockyards; riding the Grapevine Vintage Railroad Trinity River Excursion; riding the bus back to Grapevine.

It was an involved trip. It was a successful trip.

We had 30 paid tickets, of which 24 people attended.

Things went well and smoothly. People had a good time.

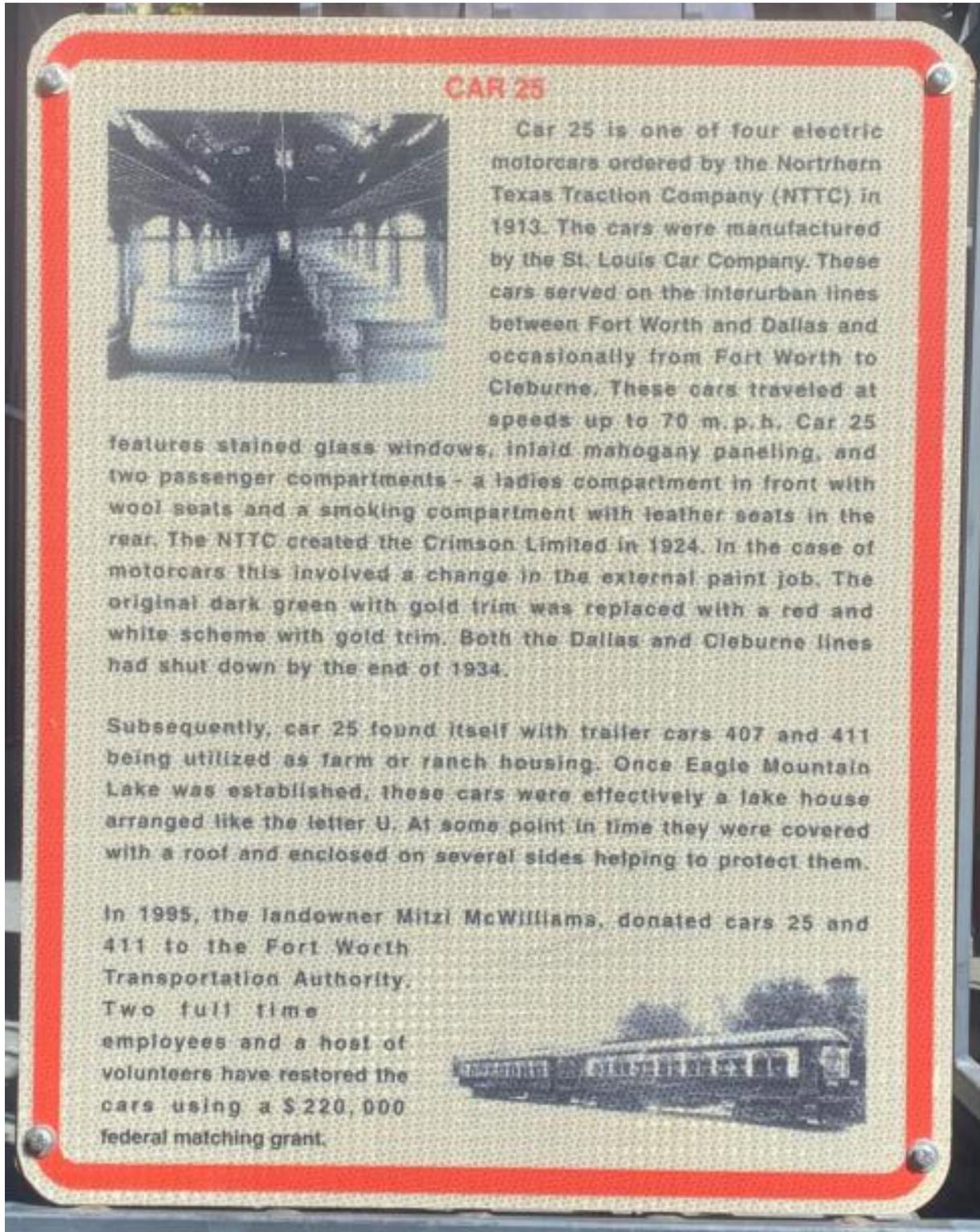
Some good things that happened that we did not expect were: at Gainesville there was an old gas station that is like an outside museum. Several people were able to visit it. At Gainesville a 4-unit BNSF 100+ car grain train came through while we were standing on the platform. At Fort Worth, Jamie Terrell gave a short talk and opened up the Interurban car for us.



Heartland Flyer after arriving in Fort Worth.



Chapter member Jamie Terrell (left) leads a tour through NTTC Interurban Car #25.



Car 25 is one of four electric motorcars order by the Northern Texas Traction Company (NTTC) in 1913.



NTTC Car #25 sits at the Fort Worth Central Station for viewing. However, the interior is usually kept locked and not available for the general public.



Above Left: Preparing to ride the Grapevine Vintage Railroad Trinity River Excursion after it arrived at the Stockyards Station. Above Right: The GVRR had already started decorating the coaches for Christmas. We also had an entertainer that led the group in songs.



We barely got back in time to fight the crowd to kind of see the Longhorn cattle drive at the Stockyards.

More Depot Hopping with Dennis Hogan



Rock Island depot in Grinnell, Iowa



Frisco Depot at Augusta, Kansas



Missouri Pacific depot in Eldorado, Kansas



Rock Island depot in Newton, Iowa



Rock Island depot in Rock Island, Illinois



Rock Island Memorial at Rock Island, Illinois



Rock Island Memorial at Rock Island, Illinois



Missionary Ridge Local leaving Chattanooga operated by the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (11/1/25). The following day, Dennis would be riding the steam doubleheader to Summerville Georgia behind Southern 630 and Southern 4501.



Always Stop, Look and Listen for Trains!



Clover Colony Pullman operated on the T&NO Owl between Dallas and Houston.

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The DART SILVER LINE Brings NEW RAIL ACCESS to Grapevine -

Visitors now have another convenient way to reach Grapevine as the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Silver Line commuter rail opened service. The 26-mile line connects Grapevine with Plano, Richardson, Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, and Dallas, with stops at DFW North and DFW Airport Terminal B stations at [DFW Airport](#).

Riders on the Silver Line will enjoy European-style comfort in quiet coaches with luggage racks, USB chargers, bicycle storage, and comfortable seating.

The addition of the Silver Line gives Grapevine visitors approaching from the east a direct rail connection to Grapevine. Coupled with the TEXRail service from Fort Worth and the complimentary Grapevine Visitors Shuttle, travelers can now easily reach Historic Main Street, hotels, attractions, and shopping without having to drive. Learn more about the Silver Line by visiting [DART.org/SilverLine](#).



 **Joe Strollo** · Follow  
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After 6 years and many delays, yesterday, the DART SilverLine train commenced east-west operations between Plano, TX and DFW Airport, Terminal B. Today, I took the train home. I landed in Terminal C. I had to take the SkyLink to Terminal B and then walk to the train platform. Took maybe 20 minutes. The train was waiting at the station. You don't have to worry about what side runs east because the last stop west is the airport and the train then runs east. 32 minutes and 4 stops later I arrived in Addison and then a short walk home. No traffic, no Uber/Lyft, no tollbooth at the north end of the airport. The best part: Lyft: \$39.00, Uber: \$42.00, DART SilverLine: \$0.00 (until November 8th when the charge will be \$1.50 for seniors, \$3.00 for you youngsters, each way). I spend between \$150.00 & \$200.00 a month on Lyft and Uber charges. That expense will drop to about \$6.00 a month. All in all, a very positive experience.





TexRail and Silver Line trains at DFW Airport Station. Terminal B.  
Photograph by Raja Tiron Rhodes

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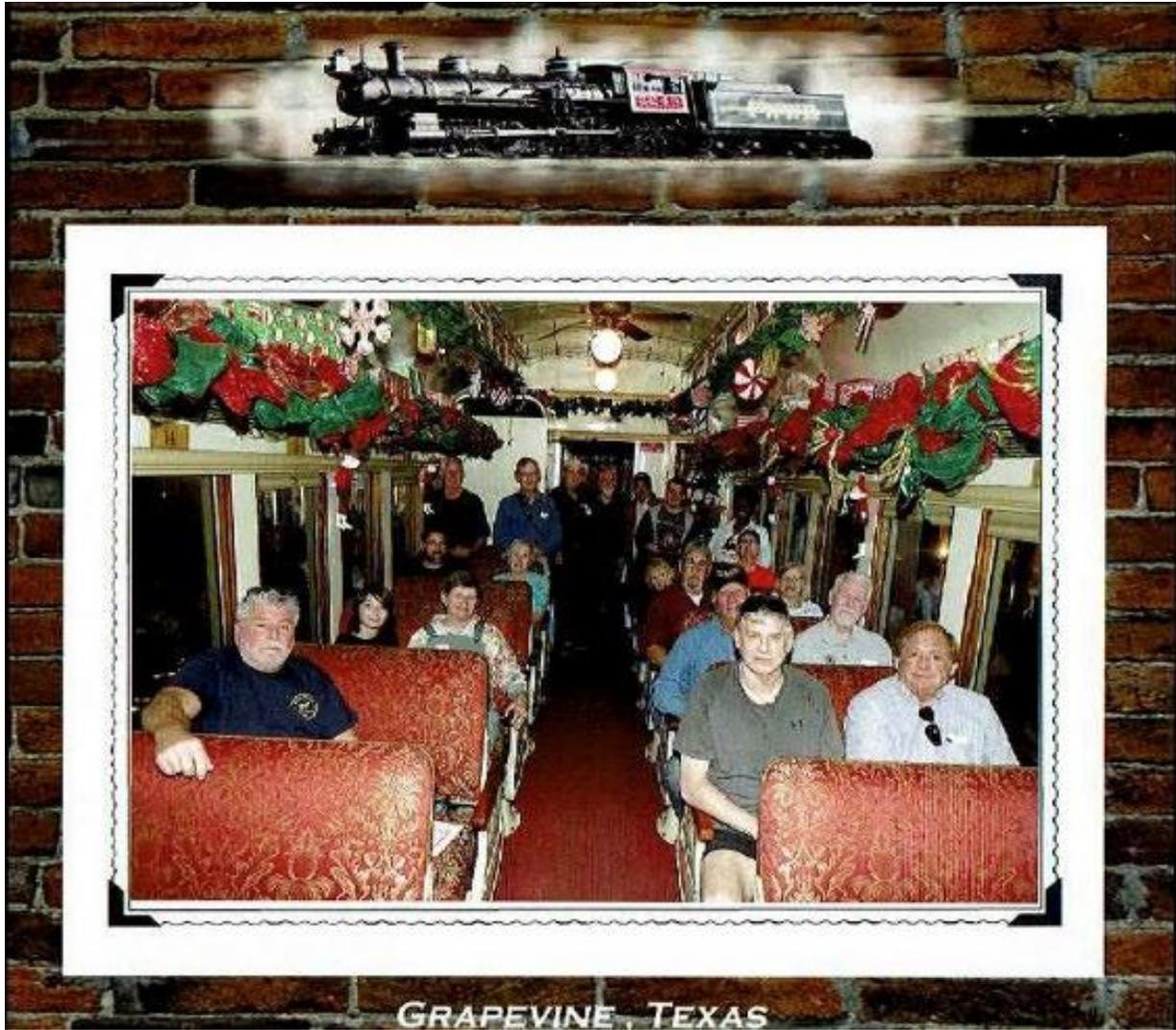
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## **North Texas Chapter's Annual Fall Auction**

**By Wayne Smith**

Our Annual Fall Auction to raise funds for our Heritage Grant Program was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the **Texas Western Model Railroad Club in Forest Hill, TX**. There were 19 folks in attendance including North Texas Chapter members and TWMRC members. We thank Texas Western CEO David Crumpton and his crew for the use of their facility for the auction and for their very generous donation of books, video tapes and DVD's! Thanks also to Chapter member Jamie Terrell for his donation of model trains and structures. Our auction motto is, We Guarantee a Bargain! It held true this time as well. Just ask those participants that got 5 railroad books for a mere buck! Many thanks to our auctioneer extraordinaire, Skip Waters. We ended up raising \$157.00 for our Heritage Grant Program.

Jon Shea announced that our Annual Christmas Dinner will be held at Babe's Chicken in North Richland Hills on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. There is no meet and greet. Our annual Elections and Show and Tell will be held back at the Chill Bar and Grill in Grapevine, TX on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.



Group Picture from Grapevine Vintage Railroad on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.



**Chapter Directory**

**North Texas Chapter Officers, 2025**

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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.

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*



MKT Doodlebug M10

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*Wayne Smith, North Texas News Editor*  
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