

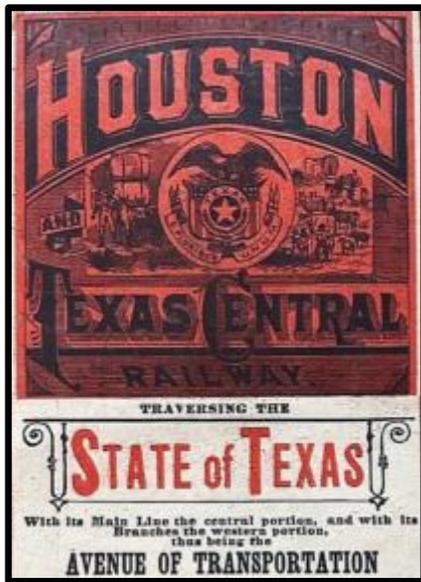
North Texas Chapter –  
National Railway Historical Society



March Chapter Meeting:  
Presentation on the *Houston and Texas Central* by Dennis Hogan

When: Tuesday, March 3rd @ 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/>

Railroad historian Dennis Hogan will present a novel look at the Houston & Texas Central Railroad. His PowerPoint presentation will examine the history of the railroad, highlight some special topics, and reveal some vestiges of the railroad that one can see today. Emphasis will be on the H&TC mainline north of Dallas to the Red River.

Dennis Hogan, a native Texan, is a retired second-career high school teacher who is a longstanding student of Texas railroad history. He has traveled by rail on four continents and is a member of the Railroad & Locomotive Historical Society. Dennis has presented facets of North Texas railroad history to audiences in Allen, Commerce, Greenville, Teague, and Terrell.

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## Minutes of the February 2026 Meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS

The February 2026 meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was held on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Cotton Belt Room of the Chill Bar and Grill in Grapevine, TX. There were 19 attendees.

In the absence of President Wayne Smith, VP Jon Shea called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dave Podrahsy: Large crowds were present at the January Plano Train Show. The halls were often packed, particularly on Saturday morning. Attendance for the last two train shows was the best in 16 years. Preliminary attendance estimate for the Fall show was 2387.

Jerry Nunn: Jerry passed around a recent issue of the City of Allen's magazine, which featured an article on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Allen, and discussed the role of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad's role in the city's development.

Jerry and Don Novak had only light sales at the Train show...only about \$30. We sold no SP books, but we did sell two Tower 55 bricks for \$1 each. The table was in the main hallway near the east door, and at times the hallways were packed from one side to another, potentially inhibiting onlookers from visiting the table.

Bob Kennedy: Chapter membership is running a little behind last year – 42 paid members and 7 unpaid. Regarding the treasury, "we have money".

The Train Collectors Association (TCA) will hold its convention at the Hyatt Regency DFW June 21-27.

The Reading T-1 4-8-4 #2101 was cosmetically restored and unveiled at the B&O Railroad Museum on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The locomotive had been damaged in a roundhouse fire in 1979.

Bill Long: The Trips and Events Committee is considering an early Fall to late October time frame for the next Chapter trip. No details have been determined.

Jon Shea: Jon has copies of the 2026 Katy RR calendar for sale. He passed around a card from the Gunnison Pioneer Museum in Gunnison, CO, which he had obtained.

There are some leftover magazines and books from the Plano Train Show. The magazines are free, and the books are \$1 or \$5.

The Chapter will get 2 shares for the Fall Train Show.

Skip Waters: While table sales inside were nothing to brag about, Skip's trackless trains recorded a record number of ticket sales. He even ran out of souvenir whistles. At least someone from the Chapter had good sales.

No news at the National level. Skip will run for the Board again this year. The President's chair is vacant, so we will elect a new President this year.

The Great Train Show is coming to Dallas in 2026. It will take place at the Dallas Market Hall on March 28<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Evening's Program: Steve Goen video of the T&P 610, its restoration, and its participation in the American Freedom Train excursion through Texas.

Next Month's Program: Dennis Hogan will present his program on the Houston and Texas Central Railroad.

July Program: Michael Ross will present his collection of bicentennial locomotives in their red, white, and blue colors.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

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

## 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

**The City of Katy Railroad Park**  
**Photos by Dennis Hogan**



Katy Railroad Park.



Katy Depot and Museum in Katy, TX.



Wooden Katy Caboose (originally Copper Range)

**Rosenberg Railroad Museum**  
**Photos by Dennis Hogan**



Tower 17 and a nice collection of railroad signals.



Santa Fe Railroad Post Office (RPO).



Helium Car



Houston, Belt and Terminal locomotive.



One of seven layouts at the Rosenberg Railroad Museum.



Garden Railroad at Rosenberg Railroad Museum.



Prototypical water tower watching over the garden railroad.



A gorgeous red Missouri Pacific caboose in all its glory.

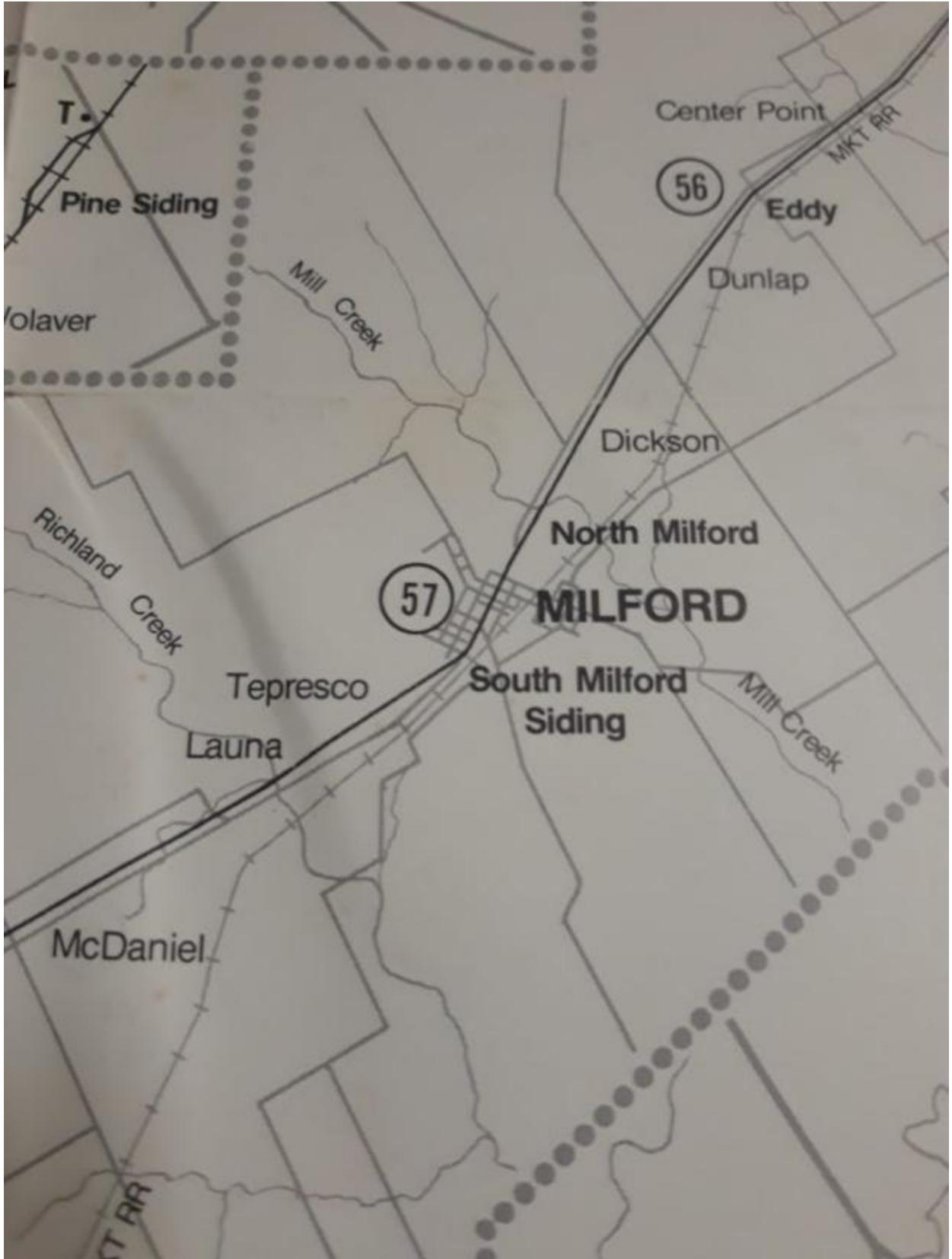
**Texas Electric Railroad Depot, Milford, TX**  
**Photos by Jon Shea**

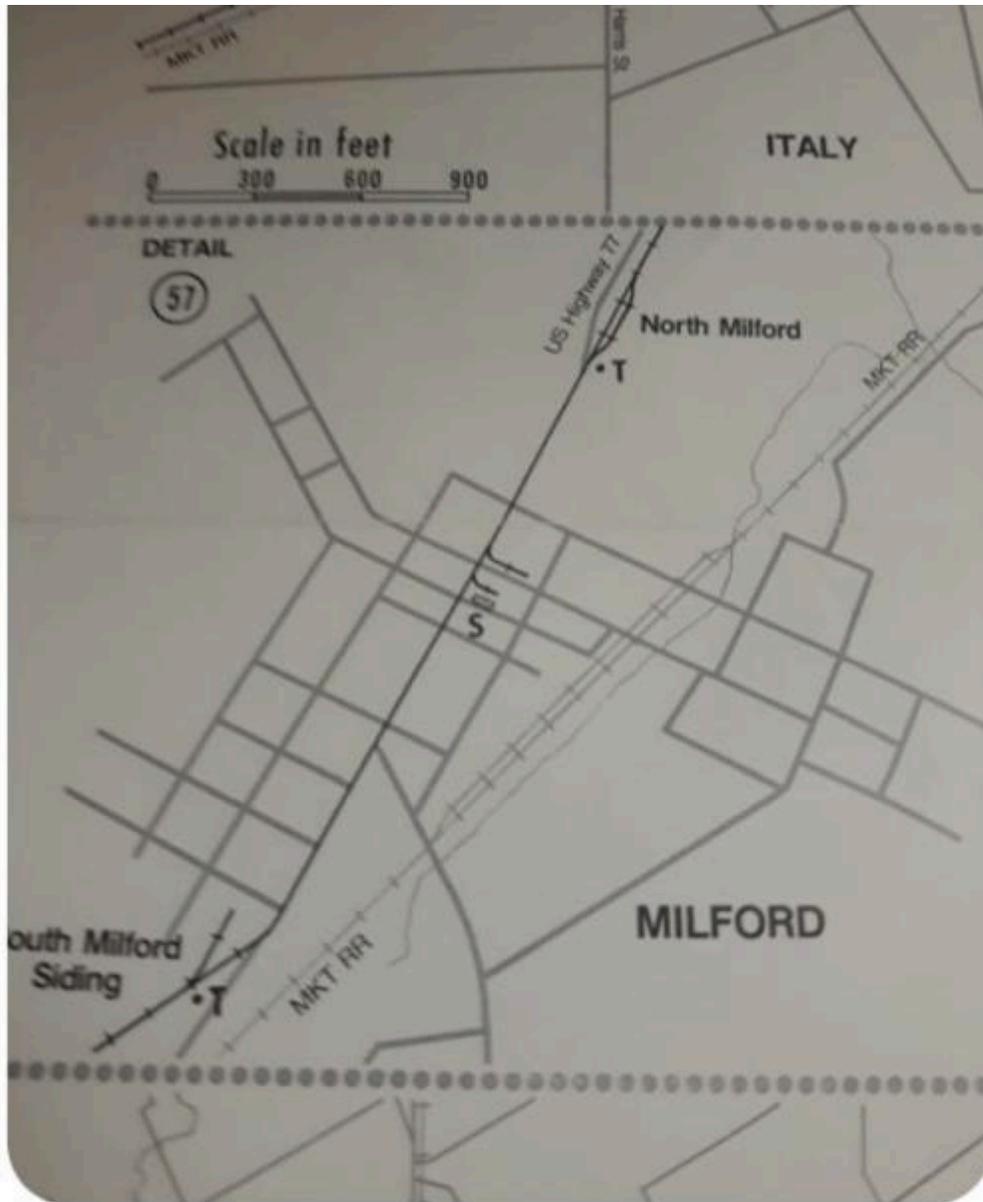


At one time, the depot was scheduled to become a restaurant. Now it is furnished and floored in front and appears to be a special events venue.



Another view. Note the rails in the street which once led to the freight door.





From Johnnie J. Myers book Texas Electric Railway. Bulletin 121. Central Electric Railfans Association.

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S = Station. T = Telephone.

**\*\*Facebook Favorites\*\***

*(Most of these Photographs are not posted on the Chapter's Facebook page)*

20. This is an image from the Montparnasse derailment in Paris, France, at the end of the 19th century. The train failed to stop at the station and crashed through the building's wall, falling into the street:



UtCon Collection

No one on board died. However, a woman at a newspaper stand below was **killed** from falling debris.

This picture was a very popular poster in the 1970's. However, the poster did not include the group of men in the picture. Your editor had one of those posters as a teen. In large letters at the top of the poster, it had an expletive expressing what someone's reaction to the situation may have been at the time.



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Santa Fe E8Am 80L with train 116 at Gainsville, TX in August, 1967. Tom Hoffmann photo, Rick Burn collection.

<https://www.american-rails.com/atsf.html>



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Santa Fe's train 16, the Texas Chief, at Fort Worth, TX; November, 1969. Rick Burn 🚂.

<https://www.american-rails.com/tex-chi.html>



 **North Texas Chapter, NRHS** ... X  
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New Year's Eve at Fort Worth and Western's Hodge Yard in Fort Worth: the Cresson Local's four SD60s are ready to go at 11 AM.



This was New Year's Eve 2025.

 **IRM Diesel Shop is at Illinois Railway Museum.** ... X  
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On this [#stainlessSunday](#), a torrential downpour is underway, with strong gusts propelling the rain sideways past the CB&Q 9911-A's headlight as it leads the Nebraska Zephyr through the east end of Johnson.

Image: September 20, 2025





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Garland

DGNO 3495 EMD SD40-2 seen in Garland, Texas in 2018. The Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad is a short-line railroad headquartered in Garland, Texas. The railroad operates over 170 miles of track in the North Texas region. It is a subsidiary of short-line operator Genesee & Wyoming.

The eastern segment connects Trenton, Greenville, and Garland.

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### Postcard – Texas and Pacific Railroad Bridge, Dallas (1908)

I've studied many railroad images, but this bridge stands out as a symbol of Dallas's industrial rise. By 1908, railroads were the lifeline of North Texas commerce. The Texas and Pacific line connected Dallas to regional and national markets. Freight cars carried cotton, cattle, and manufactured goods. Passenger trains brought new residents and investors. The bridge itself represented engineering progress of the era. Railroads helped transform Dallas from a frontier town into a major city. This postcard reflects confidence in Dallas's future. It captures transportation at the heart of growth.



Comment from Jerry Nunn: On May 26, 1908 the Trinity River crested at 52.6 feet, the highest stage ever recorded at Dallas. This followed 15 inches of rainfall. The flood caused widespread damage and resulted in 5 fatalities. The flood resulted in the construction of the Dallas levee system. I got this information from the U.S. Geological Survey website, which manages streamflow records across the U.S. BTW, current flood stage at Dallas is 30 feet.



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The Nebraska Zephyr and the Kansas City Zephyr, May 1967

CB&Q with quite a train, the Nebraska Zephyr and the Kansas City Zephyr, Train 11 - 35, at Wataga, IL in May 1967. A Rick Burn photo



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The Bluebonnet departing from Austin, (1954)





Even though it is eight miles away, the 561 ft Reunion Tower is clearly visible in the distance. The tower is located in the Reunion district of downtown Dallas. A free-standing structure until the construction of an addition to the Hyatt Regency Dallas and surrounding complex in 1998, the tower is the city’s 15th tallest occupiable structure.

This is the Union Pacific Mineola Subdivision looking from Mesquite, Texas towards Dallas. The former Missouri Pacific (MoPac) line through Mineola, Texas, was a crucial Texas & Pacific Railway (a MoPac subsidiary) route, originally connecting Dallas to Marshall. Established in 1873, it was a vital, busy, and historic east-west rail link in East Texas. The Missouri Pacific (including the T&P) was acquired by the Union Pacific in 1980 and merged into the system in 1997.

At SP Junction in Dallas, the UP Mineola Sub ends, and the line meets the UP Ennis Sub and the UP Dallas Sub. The Union Pacific Dallas Subdivision is a track from Dallas to Fort Worth, TX.



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Milwaukee Road's train #2, the "Afternoon Hiawatha," at St. Paul; September, 1962. Rick Burn 📷

<https://www.american-rails.com/afternoon.html>



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Burlington Northern 5383 (GE U-30C) leads the coach train past Burlington Northern 9976 (EMD E9AM, in the process of backdating to E8A) while it holds with the Nebraska Zephyr in Johnson siding.

Image: August 30, 2025





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Santa Fe train #75 (The California Special) speeds west near Muleshoe in the Texas South Plains on January 21st, 1964. The train originated at Houston the previous evening and is en route to Clovis, New Mexico, and a connection with the San Francisco Chief. This train was discontinued on July 18, 1968.

Photo Credit to Joe McMillan.

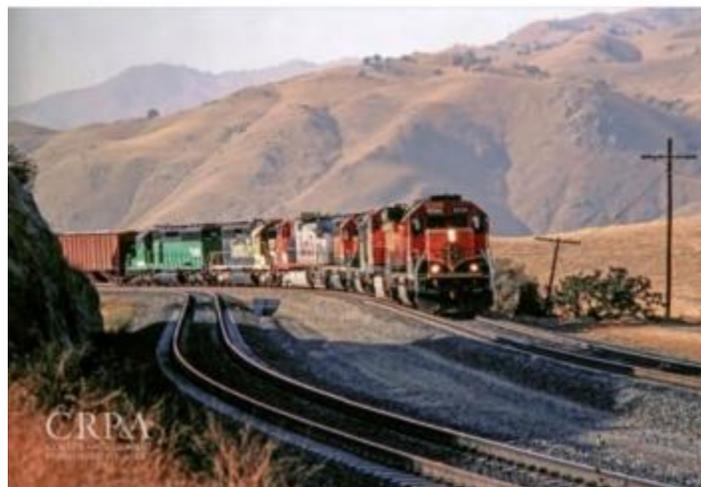


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Thirty years ago yesterday, September 22, the holding companies of Burlington Northern Railroad and Santa Fe Railway merged into BNSF Railway. In the early "rainbow" years of the merger, an eastbound freight approaches Bealville, California, in the Tehachapi Mountains, in October of 2001. Three locomotives wear versions of BNSF's early image, while other units still show the colors of Santa Fe and BN. Photo by J. Parker Lamb, Lamb-03-046-08.





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Dallas city council endorsed a new governance structure that would see the city give up majority control of the service's board. The resolution is designed to entice six North Texas cities into rescinding special elections on leaving the service in May. MORE BELOW ↓



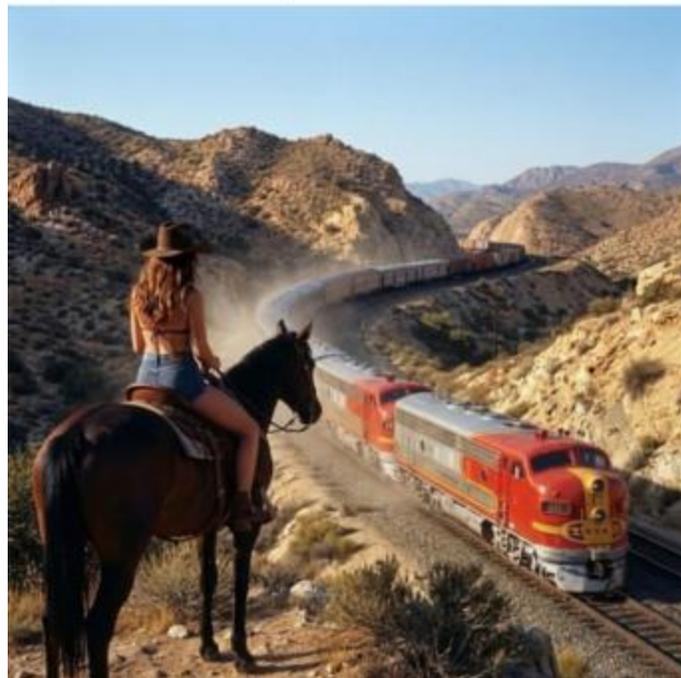
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"WATCHING THE MAIL" The Santa Fe Warbonnet image in the desert will always be for me an iconic image of railroading at its heyday when personality and service and reliability were more than just slogans. 🤠🌵🐎🌟😊

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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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