



THE NORTH TEXAS ZEPHYR

Newsletter of the North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society

Chapter Meeting:

When: Tuesday, July 7th @ 7:00 PM (Meet "N" Greet at 6:30 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 after Wayne's Memorial}

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

Meeting Program:

7:00pm Kenneth Wayne Smith Memorial - Jon Shea

Followed by short business meeting

Featured Presentation by:

Michael Ross and an American Patriotic Slide Show

Minutes of the June 2026 Meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS

... MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER ...

A heavy thunderstorm rolled through Grapevine on the afternoon on Tuesday, June 6, 2026. The Chill Bar lost power and the parking lot was flooded. Therefore, the Chapter canceled the June 2026 meeting.

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



**You are Invited to:
A Memorial Remembrance of
KENNETH WAYNE SMITH**

**Please join us to remember our President
and friend, KENNETH WAYNE SMITH on
Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 7:00 pm**

**Cotton Belt Room – Chill Bar and Grill
814 S. Main Street, Grapevine, TX
(NW corner of S. Main St. and Dallas Rd)**

**For those who can not attend, please forward any comments or
remembrance you would like to be mentioned or included to
email: northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com**

**Note: NO FOOD will be allowed to be ordered until after the memorial. Our regular
July meeting will start with our meet n greet following the memorial tribute.**



Upcoming Chapter Outing:

Come join us at the **Ennis (TX) Railroad & Cultural Museum** at 1 pm on **Saturday July 18th.**

Location:

Ennis Railroad and Cultural Heritage Museum
105 NE Main St , Ennis, TX 75119

The Ennis Railroad Experience: All in the Family

Tour the museum dedicated mostly to SP history (T&NO and Texas Midland) and hear guest speaker Dane Williams talk about his SP career and those of conductor Sam Curry and photographer Ford Curry.





Chapter Directory

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North Texas Zephyr (current issues): [The Zephyr Newsletter - North Texas Chapter, NRHS \(ntxnrhs.org\)](#)

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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.

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

Tuesday, August 4th @ 7:30 PM (Meet “N” Greet at 7:00 PM), August Program: DVD, St. Louis Sojourn – Video of the St. Louis train station in the 40s and 50s. at the Cotton Belt Room of the Chill Bar & Grill at 814 S. Main St (NW corner of S. Main St. & Dallas Rd), Grapevine, TX.

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Skip Waters (temporary), North Texas News Editor

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Contributing to *The North Texas Zephyr*

We welcome all submissions! The deadline for submitting material to the editor is the 12th day of the month in the month prior to the respective cover date. Please contact President Wayne Smith for more information. Time- sensitive news items will be given priority over general interest subjects. The editor reserves the right to edit, hold or omit material at his discretion.

**WE NEED A NEW EDITOR FOR THE NEWSLETTER -
PLEASE CONSIDER DOING IT FOR THE CHAPTER -
WAYNE’S SHOES WILL BE HARD TO FILL, BUT WE WILL
ACCEPT SLIPPERS OR SANDALS - YOU CAN DO IT!**