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**Chapter Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Spring Creek BBQ, Grapevine TX. [2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in Feb.]**

**Time:** 7.30 p.m.

**Location:** Spring Creek Barbeque, 315 State Highway, 114W, Grapevine, Texas.

**Program:** Video. The Battle Up Sherman Hill.

**Parking:** on-site



**Special Features**

**NRHS 2019 Fall Conference – Dallas Memories**

by Wayne Smith, President

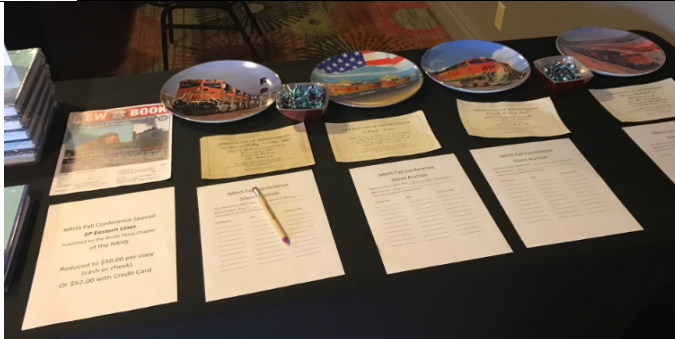
The North Texas Chapter hosted the NRHS 2019 Fall Conference during November 7-10, 2019. Many thanks to Skip Waters, all Chapter officers, directors, members and visitors who helped make the event a success. Below are some conference scenes.



*Left:* A pair of friendly North Texas Chapter members welcome everyone to Dallas.



*Right:* Elegant banquet ambience ready for convention members.



Above left: Enticing auction items attracted bidders.



Right: Railroad history books and artwork provided colorful memories for visitors to buy and take home.



Above: Grapevine rails on display.

## NRHS Views and News

### NRHS President's Update, January 2020

by Al Weber, NRHS President

Welcome to a new year and a new decade. I hope you had a very good 2019 and end of year holiday. The challenge of preserving railroad history will be harder and harder as time moves on. Personally, I have been organizing my photos, adding dates, times and locations as time permits. I should have documented them when I took the photographs. Now, with research I can get most labeled so future historians can use them. If you have collections, please document them and plan for their disposition. Museums, archives and preservation organizations want them. We recently heard that a member's family had pitched his railroad photos. This was a true loss; the collection included photos from the 1940s. Please document your collection to minimize this type of loss. Do not let this happen to your collection; remember, organizations seek and desire these materials.

We did get a few new members after I suggested that you give a NRHS membership as a Christmas gift. Remember a gift membership could also be a very nice birthday gift to some future railroad preservationist. Al Weber <[aweber@nrhs.com](mailto:aweber@nrhs.com)>  
(Source: NRHS Telegraph, Jan. 2020 issue.)



## **Register for Summer Convention Soon**

by John H. Goodman National Convention Chairman

Please be advised that the complete registration package for sign up for the 2020 NRHS Convention in Southern California is delayed until about March 1st, 2020. Some issues have occurred in the planning going forward. Members will be notified when registration is open. (Source: *NRHS Telegraph*, Jan. 2020 issue.)

## **North Texas Chapter Views and News**

### **Timely Tip - 2020 NTC Dues are Due**

Your 2020 membership dues payment for the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was due by January 1, 2020 and can be paid now. Chapter dues are \$16 per individual or \$18 per family and can be paid by check or at the Chapter's on-line store (a small service charge is added to on-line payments).

Please note that Chapter membership dues are paid directly to the Chapter and are in addition to and separate from your National membership dues payment. You will receive National membership dues payment information separately.

Please refer to the membership information located under **Chapter History** on the last page of The North Texas Zephyr Newsletter for all membership information. If you have any other questions about membership, please contact us at

[northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com](mailto:northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com)

### **Zephyr News Board**

The deadline for upcoming issues is the Monday that is 2 weeks before the Chapter meeting.

- *March 2020 issue* - News deadline is Monday, February 17, 2020. Meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2020.
- *April 2020 issue* - News deadline is Monday, March 23, 2020. Meeting is Tuesday, April 7, 2020.
- *May 2020 issue* - News deadline is Monday, April 20, 2020. Meeting is Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

### **Chapter Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2019**

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: December 3, 2019.

Chapter President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order about 7:50 PM. He passed out several handouts, calendars, and magazines for review.

The December 2019 meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was the annual Christmas dinner. The dinner was held on Tuesday, December 3, at the Babe's Chicken in Frisco, TX. There were approximately two dozen in attendance, including Chapter members, family, and guests.

Since this was the annual Christmas dinner, the meeting (if you want to call it that), was highly informal. Following the meal, the guests participated in the White Elephant Gift Exchange. At the conclusion of the gift exchange, the meeting informally adjourned about 9 PM.

Jerry M. Nunn, Secretary, North Texas Chapter NRHS

### **Chapter Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2020**

The January 2020 meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was the Annual Chapter Elections. The meeting was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the Sokol Hall in Dallas, TX. Nine were in attendance.

President Wayne Smith and VP Jon Shea were unable to attend. VP Skip Waters served as the presiding officer and called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM.

The program for the meeting was: (1) election of officers for 2020, and (2) show and tell.

Elections Chair Bill Long reported that the incumbent officers were willing to serve another term if no-one else was interested in filling their post. Those incumbents are:

- Wayne Smith, President
- Jon Shea, VP Programs
- Skip Waters, VP Trips and Events
- Valli Hoski, VP Communications
- Jerry Nunn, Secretary
- Bob Kennedy, Treasurer.



The meeting began with announcements and updates.

#### Dave Podrahsy:

- Plano Train Shows: Dave is taking all the Chapter's shares for the January Plano Train Show. The Chapter has no additional shares (work slots to fill). We will staff an information table to pass out informational material and sell the SP book.
- There are two shares to fill for the Fall Plano Train Show in October 2020. This will be a one-day show, on Saturday.
- Dave reported that VP Jon Shea would like for input on possible locations for future Chapter meetings, so we might have more choices for venues.

#### VP Skip Waters:

- Slideshow: There will be a slideshow on Saturday evening January 18 from 6 PM until 10 PM. The location is at the Comfort Inn and Suites on Central Expressway in Plano. Six presenters have signed up. We will take a collection for pizza during the show.
- 24 Hours at Saginaw: The future of the 2020 event is, at best, uncertain. The Saginaw Chamber of Commerce, which occupied the depot, and with whom the Chapter has coordinated the previous years' events, has disbanded. Efforts to contact someone from the City of Saginaw who might have knowledge of the situation at the depot have thus far been unsuccessful. Added to the uncertainty is a BNSF major track improvement project planned for the tracks in front of the depot. There are reports of some construction materials and equipment already being deployed at the depot. Even if the Chapter was able to secure the depot, the BNSF project would severely compromise rail traffic volume and viewing opportunities. There are no other known locations in the DFW area that could provide the railfan friendly viewing locations and traffic frequency of the Saginaw depot. If and when additional details are available, the Chapter will make them known.
- Louisiana Steam Train Association: Skip was elected to the Board of the Association. One of their current projects is restoration of the Southern Pacific 2-8-2 #745 built in the Algiers, LA shops.
- On a related note, word is that the UP steam locomotive 3985 will not be restored, and is evidently being used for parts for other steam locomotives.

#### Treasurer Bob Kennedy:

- Treasurers Report and Membership Dues: The treasurer's report shows the Chapter is financially OK. Bob also reminded anyone who has not yet paid the 2020 dues that they should do so.
- Election of Officers for 2020: Elections Chair Bill Long presented the list of incumbent officers for election (listed previously), and asked if anyone else was interested in running for any of the elective offices. After a few moments of silence, a motion was made and seconded that the 2019 slate of officers be re-elected by acclamation. The motion was approved by voice vote, and the 2019 officers are re-elected for the 2020 term.
- Show and Tell: Several members brought historical photographs, publications. Bill Long brought his railroad lantern from his days as a railroad employee. Presenters provided a brief sketch of the significance and history of their items for show.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM. Jerry M. Nunn. Secretary, North Texas Chapter NRHS

#### Chapter Directory

##### **North Texas Chapter Officers, 2020.**

- **President**, Wayne Smith, 940-300-4407.
- **Vice President/Programs**, Jon Shea, 972-948-2413.
- **Vice President/Trips and Events**, Skip Waters, wgcrush@swbell.net.
- **Vice President/Communications, and NTZ editor**, Valli Hoski, [ntx.news@yahoo.com](mailto:ntx.news@yahoo.com).
- **Secretary**, Jerry Nunn.
- **Treasurer**, Bob Kennedy.

**Webmaster**: Kim Hays, [kimhays516@gmail.com](mailto:kimhays516@gmail.com)

##### **Chapter Business Address**

North Texas Chapter, NRHS, P.O. Box 600304, Dallas, Texas 75360

**Chapter Email**: [northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com](mailto:northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com)

**North Texas Chapter site**: <https://ntxnrhs.org/>

**Facebook Page**: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/409467244127/>

**North Texas Zephyr** (current issues): <https://ntxnrhs.org/>

**North Texas Zephyr, newsletter archive**

<https://ntxnrhs.org/>

<http://www.gogeoaching.com/gorailfanning/Home/northtexaszephyr.html>

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## North Texas Chapter History

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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 held 7:30-10:00 PM, 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://northtexaschapternrhs.ecwid.com/> 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. Chapter mailing address: North Texas Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 600304, Dallas, Texas 75360. Learn about the National Railway Historical Society at

[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

## Chapter Calendar

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| <b>Feb. 11, 2020</b><br><b>2d Tues in Feb.</b> | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting.</b> <i>Location:</i> Spring Creek Barbeque, 315 State Highway, 114W, Grapevine, Texas. <i>Program:</i> Video. The Battle Up Sherman Hill. |
| March 3, 2020                                  | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting.</b>   |
| April 7, 2020                                  | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting.</b>   |
| May 5, 2020                                    | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting.</b>   |



# Spring 2020 NRHS Conference Information



SPRING 2020 NRHS CONFERENCE  
 March 26, 27 & 28 in Cincinnati, OH  
 Host Hotel: Cincinnati Marriott North

(Hotel information on p. 24)

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NRHS Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### NAME TAG INFORMATION (Additional Names on back of this sheet)

Name (as preferred) \_\_\_\_\_

NRHS National or Chapter Office Title \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name & City/State \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### CONFERENCE EVENTS

**REGISTRATION** – Saturday Meetings (1 per household) ----- Registration: ( 1 ) \$ 5 0.00

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26 - Registration Available 4 PM - 9 PM Marriott North**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27 – Train Trip to White Water Valley all day trip - 8:00 am thru 5:30 pm**

**Friday Activities (including lunch and all gratuities) ----- Number of people (\_\_\_\_) x \$ 95.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00**

- Trip to the White Water Valley Railroad Connorsville, IN: Train ride, tour of WVRR Shops and grounds

- Tour Rushville Station and Dearborn Tower

- Lunch Laurel Inn Laurel, IN (Meal Choice Form must to be turned in with registration Form)

- Time permitting a Run-By at the Whitewater River Crossing.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27 - Registration Available 5 PM - 9 PM Marriott North**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28 – All Saturday meetings will be held at the Marriott North**

**SATURDAY EVENING Banquet - EnterTRAINment Junction –**

**BUFFET BANQUET at EnterTRAINment Junction ----- Number of People (\_\_\_\_) x \$60.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00**

- Bus Transportation available starting 5:30 for trip to EnterTRAINment Junction and return included in Banquet Fee

Mail your completed Forms and payment by March 1, 2020

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

Mail To:

Cincinnati Chapter NRHS  
 PO Box 62023  
 Cincinnati, OH 45262-0023

Make check or MO payable to  
 Cincinnati Chapter NRHS  
 No Credit/Debit Cards



## Cincinnati Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

The Cincinnati Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

*Invites you to attend the*

**Spring 2020 Conference of the**

**NRHS Board of Directors and Advisory Council**

**March 26, 27, and 28, 2020**

The Host hotel is the **Cincinnati Marriott North West Chester, OH**

6189 Muhlhauser Road, West Chester, OH 45069

**Book your reservation directly with the hotel on or before March 1, 2020**

Group room rate is \$115.00 (plus Tax) per night: You must contact the Marriott directly for the discount.

The NRHS Rate is effective starting Thursday March 26, 2020 thru Monday March 30, 2020.

**By Phone: 1-800-MARRIOTT or 1-800-627-4688 - Use the code “NRHS at the Cincinnati North”**

**By internet: Paste the link below. It will take you directly to our special NRHS booking information.**

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1570108672104&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

### List of Scheduled Events –

**Thursday, March 26 – Welcome to Cincinnati, OH - Registration at the hotel 4 to 9 PM**

**Friday, March 27 Train Ride – Cost \$95.00 per person – All day event with food for lunch included**

- Bus Trip to Connersville, Indiana to ride the Whitewater Valley RR to Metamora, IN
- We will stop at the yards of South Conn to view the new shop building and yards.
- We will then stop at the Restored Rushville Station and the Dearborn Tower
- The next stop will be at Laurel Inn for a lunch in the historic hotel restaurant – Advance Meal Choice
- Along the way to Metamora we will have a run by with weather and time permitting
- We will continue on to Metamora for boarding the bus back to the hotel

**Friday, March 27 – Registration at the hotel 5 to 9 PM**

**Saturday, March 28**

Meeting day for the Advisory Council and Board of Directors – all meetings at Marriott Hotel

**Saturday, March 28 – Evening Banquet held at EnterTRAINment Junction - Cost is \$60.00 per person**

Following the meeting in the evening will be a Banquet held at **EnterTRAINment Junction** the World’s Largest “G” gauge train layout with over 90 operating trains. We will have an entertaining speaker/presentation and a tour of the facilities on your own. The trains and gift shop will be open.

- Bus starts at the hotel at 5:30 PM to EnterTRAINment Junction
- Bus leaves EnterTRAINment Junction about 9:00 PM to return to the Marriott

**Sunday, March 29 – Have a safe trip back home**

Optional day, (On your own) suggestion would be to go to the Cincinnati Museum Center or the Dayton History at Carillion Park.

Caboose Trip on Whitewater see <http://queencityhtrailers.org/events/> scroll down to March 29, 2020 (Sign up before March 1, 2020)



The Menu must be filled out and mailed in along with your conference reservation.  
 The meal will be served at the Laurel Inn in Laurel, IN during the train ride on Friday the 27th.  
 Make as many copies as you need.  
 Fill out One Menu per person. Food is included in the price of the Train Ride.

All menus are needed by March 1, Registration Deadline. The Inn needs the information to order the food.

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