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**Chapter Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Spring Creek BBQ, Grapevine TX. [2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in March]**

**Time:** 7 p.m.

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

**Program:** Video. The Battle Up Sherman Hill, part 2.

**Parking:** on-site



**NRHS Views and News**

***Rail Reinvention in Your Backyard***

by Valli Hoski, Editor, *NRHS News*

As we move into the 2020s, there is a surprising mix of optimistic growth along with the traditional gloom of expected cutbacks along the rails. The resurgence and reopening of historical rail lines and structures, along with expanded urban transit offer a hopeful contrast to shuttering of coal operations and lines.

Restoration of vintage railroad properties and continued growth in new urban systems are encouraging trends. The revitalization of city centers and urban living go hand in hand with increased demand for in-town transit options. Back in my home town of Detroit, the redevelopment of the Michigan Central train station (just west of downtown Detroit) demonstrates the value of restoration and reuse of legacy rail structures. Often hidden jewels, careful redevelopment of historical rail stations brings new life into the historical soul of an urban community.

The reemergence of the East Broad Top Railroad is a classic case study of rail success, decline and reinvention. With the support of a new foundation, EBT may be a new case study on how preservation and legacy industrial operations collaboration can bring mutual benefits and mutual successes.

In your community, neighborhood and state look for small or large renovation of urban railroad properties or railroad projects. Whether a fresh coat of paint on a long-retired commuter station, a new {or refurbished} train watching park, or new talk of exploring or expanding mass transit options, please share these local developments with the NRHS community. Your local news briefs, photographs with captions, press releases about transit development, preservation or restoration of properties – please share these with the *NRHS News*.

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## North Texas Chapter Views and News

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### **2020 Chapter Election Results**

The election of Chapter Officers was held at the January, 2020 meeting of the North Texas Chapter. 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. All incumbents are re-elected for 2020:

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

### **Zephyr News Board**

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

- *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.
- *June 2020 issue* - News deadline is Monday, May 18, 2020. Meeting is Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

### **Chapter Meeting Minutes, February, 2020**

The February 2020 meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS meeting was held on Tuesday, February 11, at the Spring Creek BBQ in Grapevine, TX. There were 13 attendees.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM. He brought along the current issue of Trains Magazine, which featured an article on the 50th birthday of the Burlington Northern. He also reminded those who haven't paid their dues to do so soon.

#### Announcements:

**VP Jon Shea:** Jon passed out for review handouts about UP history, DRGW history, and the Georgetown Loop. Jon was unable to get Steve Goen to speak at the DeGoyler library in March. He is arranging for Steve to speak at the library in May.

Jon has been having difficulties securing meeting places for the Chapter meetings. He has to reschedule some meetings at the Spring Creek BBQ because of scheduling conflicts (such as the February meeting, delayed one week). The Sokol Hall is available only in January and the summer months. He is soliciting recommendations for other meeting sites, so if anyone has any recommendations, please let him know.

**Secretary Jerry Nunn:** Jerry provided a summary of recent happenings at the Amtrak Ft. Worth station.

**President Wayne Smith:** There will be a Board Meeting at the Spring Creek BBQ in Lewisville, TX on Tuesday, February 18 to discuss the future of the Chapter's signature "24 Hours at Saginaw" event.

**VP Skip Waters:** There is nothing new to report regarding the "24 Hours" event. The Chapter still does not know the full situation at the Saginaw Depot, nor how to proceed from here. The scheduled Board Meeting will hopefully help us figure things out.

Planning for the National Convention is being completed. Trips available should be published within the next two weeks. The official hotel is at the Knotts Berry Farm. There will be some perks to guests who book their stay at the hotel. Refer to the NRHS website for details.

There will be a presentation on the "Crash at Crush" at the Wayborn Museum on the Baylor University campus in Waco, TX. The presentation will take place on Thursday, February 20 from 6 PM - 8 PM. Skip is organizing a convoy to Waco for those interested in attending. The convoy will meet at 4:30 PM at the TA (TravelCenters of America) fuel station and restaurant, 160 Texas Highway 77, Hillsboro, TX (I-35, Exit 370). Skip says the facility has a railroad theme to it; therefore, he recommends that the participants arrive early to view the murals, photos, and artifacts. Contact Skip if you have any questions.

**Member Sam Metzgar** and companion brought models of steam engine GVRR 2248 for the attendees to view.



**The program** for the evening was the video “*Battle Up Sherman Hill*”. Due to the limited remaining time for the meeting, the video had to be stopped after about 30 minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 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.

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**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.gogeocaching.com/gorailfanning/Home/northtexaszephyr.html>

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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 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

Note: Chapter meeting dates are subject to change, based on availability of meeting location.

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| March 10, 2020     | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting.</b> Location: Spring Creek Barbeque, 315 State Highway, 114W, Grapevine, Texas.<br>Program: Video. The Battle Up Sherman Hill, part 2.  |
| March 14-15, 2020. | <b>Parr Library Train Show.</b> Location: Parr Library, 6200 Windhaven Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093. Saturday, March 14, 10am – 6pm. Sunday, March 15, 1pm – 5pm. Details at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/820823511763652/">https://www.facebook.com/events/820823511763652/</a>   |
| March 21-22, 2020  | <b>2020 Cotton Belt Train Show.</b> Location: Harvey Convention Center, 2000 W. Front Street, Tyler, Texas. 75702. Saturday, March 21, 10am – 5pm. Sunday, March 22, 10am – 5pm. Details at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/2450375555080494/">https://www.facebook.com/events/2450375555080494/</a>                           |
| April 7, 2020      | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting.</b> Location: Spring Creek Barbeque, 315 State Highway, 114W, Grapevine, Texas.   |
| May 5, 2020        | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting.</b> Location: SMU DeGolyer Library, 6404 Robert S Hyer Ln, Dallas, TX 75205.<br>Program: Steve Goen, the Cotton Belt Railroad.  |
| May 16-17, 2020    | <b>Historic Jefferson Train Show 2020.</b> Location: Jefferson Visitors Center, 305 E. Austin Street, Jefferson, Texas 75657. Saturday, May 16, 10am – 4pm. Sunday, May 17, 11am – 4pm. Details at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/567925147110832/">https://www.facebook.com/events/567925147110832/</a>                      |
| June 2, 2020       | <b>North Texas Chapter meeting.</b>   |
| October 3, 2020    | <b>15<sup>th</sup> Annual Cotton Belt Regional Railroad Symposium.</b> Location: Sam Rayburn Student Center, 2200 W. Neal, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, Texas 75428. Details at <a href="http://faculty.tamuc.edu/jdavis/railroad/symposium/default.htm">http://faculty.tamuc.edu/jdavis/railroad/symposium/default.htm</a> |