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Chapter Meeting

Tues. September 6, 2016 – Sokol Hall, Dallas.
 When 7 pm meet 'n' greet. 7:30 pm meeting.
 Where Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas. 7448 Greenville Ave,
 Dallas, TX 75231. Phone: (214) 368-5608
 Program: 2016 NRHS National Convention Report (cont'd)
 Location: <http://www.sokoldallas.org/>



Special Features & Announcements

New Canadian National Locomotives

by Jerry Nunn (all photo credit)

My Fellow Ferroequinologists,

Along the BNSF Madill Sub at MP 694 in Carrollton, Texas, I happened upon some interesting rail action on Thursday, July 27, 2016. I was outside with the dog and noticed a northbound manifest approaching.



It was just a routine manifest, except behind the two lead locomotives were 10 new CN ET44s, fresh out of the Ft. Worth GE plant, I assume.



Since I did not have time to retrieve my camera, I had to use the iPhone's camera. The above photos are what I was able to capture. *Source:* Jerry Nunn, email 8/1/16.

Jon's History Corner – Cisco and Northeastern Railway

The Cisco and Northeastern Railway - Another Historic North Texas Railroad

The Cisco and Northeastern Railway received its charter on December 4, 1918. It was to build 70 miles of track from the Eastland County town of Cisco to Graham which is in Young County. It was capitalized at half a million dollars and the headquarters was in Cisco. The original board members were all from Eastland County. Twenty eight miles of track were laid from Cisco to Breckinridge from August 1919 to October 1920. This was at the peak of the Ranger oil boom. The railroad paid a 7.15 percent dividend but all proceeds were reinvested in the railroad. A controlling interest in the railroad was purchased by the Texas and Pacific Railroad in January 1927 for \$160 a share, the book value of the stock. The Cisco and Northeastern continued to operate as a separate railroad and built another 28 miles of track from Breckinridge reaching Throckmorton in April 1928. The railroad continued in operation until 1942.

Source: The Handbook of Texas Online, last accessed August 23, 2016 at <https://tshaonline.org/handbook/online/articles/eqc12> .



“The Cisco & Northeastern Railroad reached Throckmorton, TX in 1928 and built this depot. It is now used as a library.” Source:

Source: Throckmorton depot photograph, last accessed August 23, 2016 at <https://el-camino-real.smugmug.com/Railroad-Depots/Texas-Depots/i-XMC5rNJ/A>

“The Cisco and Northeastern Railway constructed the line from Breckenridge to Throckmorton in 1928. The line was used primarily to haul cattle to Fort Worth from the nearby cattle ranches in the area. The line was discontinued in 1942. In 1990, a group of citizens formed to acquire a public library in Throckmorton; the town was one of 12 counties in Texas without a public library. The facility was renovated and the library opened in 1996. In 2008, the facility underwent another renovation during the Main Street revival project. Note the emblem for the Cisco and Northeastern (C & NE) on the base of the flagpole.”

Source: “Train Stations: Baird, Throckmorton, and Graham.” Last accessed August 23, 2016 at <https://suzassippi.wordpress.com/2011/12/31/train-stations-baird-throckmorton-and-graham/>

Chapter News

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, August 2, 2016.

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: August 2, 2016.

The August 2016 meeting was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at Sokol Hall in Dallas, TX. There were seven in attendance. President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM. The initial discussion centered on the club's sponsored slide shows that take place on the Saturday evening of the Plano Train Shows. Bob Kennedy noted that a new Fairfield Inn is being built in Plano, which might provide a suitable location for the slide shows. It was also noted that the previous location of the shows, the old Southfork Hotel, still exists, although it is now a part of the Quality Inn chain. No one knows about the status of the meeting rooms, however.



Skip Waters opened a discussion about the Quartz Mountain Flyer, a tourist train that operates in southwestern Oklahoma. There are three trips scheduled by the operator: one each in August, October, and November (19). A recent straw poll showed most members favored the November 19 excursion, which departs at 10 AM.

It appears the most viable transportation to the excursion would be by privately owned vehicle. A bus trip from the DFW area would require a 5 AM departure to Quartz Mountain, and a trip back. Total time on the bus could be as much as 12 hours. While a trip on the Heartland Flyer sounds attractive, it would still require a bus connection from Oklahoma City to the excursion. There is a nice lodge at Quartz Mountain, and a 10% meal discount is available. Thus, a Friday afternoon trip to Quartz Mountain (located north of Wichita Falls) by personal vehicle and a Saturday train ride might be the preferred Transportation option. Skip will inquire about room rates and availabilities, and form us of the response.

It was also mentioned that if one wanted to make a visit to Oklahoma City a part of their trip, the Oklahoma Railroad Museum is open from 9 AM to 5 PM on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Sales for the North Texas Chapter NRHS-sponsored book "Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines 1946-1996" have been slow. However, there will be an article about the book in the upcoming issue of the "NRHS News", due out in September. This article will hopefully generate a spike in sales. In addition, we are approaching the fall and winter train show season, with shows scheduled in Temple, Plano, Oklahoma City, and the Texas Western show in Ft. Worth (Forest Hill), among others. These shows would provide an opportunity for additional sales.

Skip shared items from the recent NRHS Board Meeting. First, a corporation now has the opportunity to affiliate with the NRHS for a \$250 fee. The second item concerned membership. The on-line membership registration and renewal software, Amilia, should be ready for use in September. Members are encouraged to use Amilia to renew their membership, as it is the most cost effective method of renewal.

The recent NRHS Convention, "Rails to the Rockies", held in the Denver, CO area, had almost 300 attendees. Next year's convention is slated for Nashville, TN, with a tentative location at the Holiday Inn Airport.

Skip Waters conducted the evening's program, which featured a collection of photographs and videos of activities at the NRHS Convention. Documented were visits to the Georgetown Loop Tourist Railroad, the Colorado Railroad Museum, and an automobile-motor coach coordinated chase of the UP 844 as it traveled from Denver, CO to Cheyenne, WY.

The meeting adjourned about 9:40 PM. Minutes submitted by Jerry Nunn.

Chapter Directory

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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, usually (but not always) at the Grapevine "Founders Building" at Main St. and the FWWR railroad tracks. Visitors and newcomers are welcome. Chapter membership includes our monthly chapter newsletter, the *North Texas Zephyr*. As of October 2014, chapter dues (\$16, plus \$2 per additional family member) should be sent to the Chapter. 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 If you change your email address on file with the NRHS, please send the old and new email addresses to info@nrhs.com.



North Texas Calendar

Tues. Sept. 6, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: SOKOL HALL, Dallas, Texas. Program: Continuation of NRHS National Convention Report
Tues. Oct. 4, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Garland Santa Fe Depot, 393 N. 6 th Street, Garland, Texas. (972) 205-2996. Program: to be confirmed.
Tues. Nov. 1, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas. Program: Annual Chapter auction.
Tues. Dec. 6, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Babe's Chicken Dinner House Frisco. 6475 Page St. Frisco, Texas 75034. Program: Annual Holiday Dinner.
Tues. Jan. 3, 2016.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Program: to be confirmed.
Tues. Feb. 7, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Program: to be confirmed.
Tues. Mar. 7, 2017.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, Program: to be confirmed.

*** Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Location is confirmed in newsletter issue(s) prior to meeting month.*



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Announcing a new book published by the North Texas Chapter, NRHS
 written by David M. Bernstein!

Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines 1946-1996

Written by David M. Bernstein, former Southern Pacific train dispatcher and officer, this 400 page book is illustrated with color and black & white photographs and numerous maps. It is the definitive guide to the operation and history of S.P. Lines in Texas and Louisiana from the end of World War II until the Union Pacific merger.

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