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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018. Holiday Dinner

When: 7:30 pm

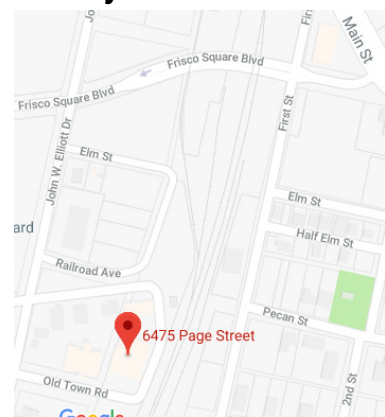
Program: Chapter Holiday Dinner and gift exchange.

Where: Babe's Chicken Dinner House Frisco.

6475 Page St. Frisco, TX
(214) 387-9500.

Details:

<http://www.babeschicken.com/our-kitchens/frisco/>



Chapter Announcement

2019 Chapter Election – Slate of Candidates

By Jeff Phelps, Nominations Chair

The North Texas Chapter, NRHS, announces this slate of candidates for the 2019 election at the January 8, 2019 meeting.

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

Holiday Features

DART to Holiday Lights and Parades

DART gets you to these fun family events. Stay jolly, smell holly, and skip the traffic congestion!

Nov. 9 - Dec. 31, 2018. THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS AT THE DALLAS ARBORETUM.

Presented by Reliant, this outdoor exhibit features an elaborate collection of gazebos filled with costumed characters, whimsical animals and holiday music. Dallasarboretum.org Fair Park Station, or Union Station, the bus route 60.

Dec. 1, 2018. DALLAS HOLIDAY PARADE.

Catch the Downtown Dallas parade as it winds down Commerce, Harwood and Young streets beginning at 10 a.m. The beloved event is an annual tradition for many North Texas families. Dallasholidayparade.com Convention Center Station, West End Station, Akard Station, St. Paul Station.

Dec. 1, 2018. FARMERS BRANCH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING.

Enjoy a visit from Santa, an amazing low-level fireworks show, fun activities for the kids, tours inside the historical structures and, hot chocolate and cookies to keep you warm. Discoverfarmersbranch.com Farmers Branch Station.

Dec. 1, 2018. RICHARDSON SANTA'S VILLAGE AND TREE LIGHTING

The annual tree lighting ceremony coincides with the opening of Santa's Village - a miniature town of 16 holiday dwellings, Richardson City Hall. COR.net Arapaho Center Station, then Bus Route 361.



Classics of the Holiday Season

Nov. 21 – Dec. 30, 2018.

Dallas Theater Center's *A Christmas Carol* has been a favorite for generations, and every year it's a little different. With spectacular sets and joyful musical numbers, it's must-see. The show runs through Dec. 30 at the Wylie Theatre, a short walk from Pearl/Arts District Station on all four DART Rail lines. It is also on the D-Link (Bus Route 722).

dallastheatercenter.org.

Nov. 29 – Dec. 16, 2018.

Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* is a heartwarming musical at The Firehouse Theatre. Based on the film, it follows two song-and-dance men, who met as soldiers. Along with a duo of beautiful singing sisters, they're en route to a Christmas show at a Vermont lodge. Performances are from Nov. 29-Dec. 16. The theatre is walking distance from Farmers Branch Station. thefirehousetheatre.com.

Dec. 7 – 9, 2018.

The Nutcracker at the Eisemann Center is a fast-paced production perfect for younger audiences. The Dallas Repertoire Ballet's production runs Dec. 7-9. (The 2 p.m. show on Dec. 8 is tailored for children with sensory processing disorders.) The venue will host other productions, as well. It is steps from Galatyn Park Station on the Red Line.

eisemanncenter.com.

Dec. 14 - 22, 2018.

White Christmas also gets a production by CORP at the Plaza Theatre, near the Blue Line's Downtown Garland Station. We follow Bob and Phil (the song-and-dance men), who romantically pursue Judy and Betty (the beautiful sisters). Once they get to the Columbia Inn (the Vermont lodge), they discover it's owned by their former commanding officer, and it's going broke. Can they save the lodge and find love? Find out Dec. 14-22. garlandarts.com.

Source : 11/15/2018.DART "Rider Insider" at <https://dart.org/about/riderinsider/specialevents.asp>

NRHS Views and News

NRHS Leadership Update

by Al Weber, NRHS President

During this holiday season, many NRHS chapters (especially those with museums) will hold events and programs for the public, from special train rides to open houses and model train displays. Event details or schedules are available on the sponsor chapter's website. I encourage all NRHS members to visit and experience these events with friends and family. While showing support for these chapters, you may discover new hobbyists, gain new members, glean new ideas and find new project collaborators for the New Year. NRHS membership year runs Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Please welcome new individuals - the membership for any individual who joins now for the first time will be valid through 2019.

Membership renewal season is also upon us, for both National and chapters. Some chapters handle the National renewals for their members. At the end of each month, please have the membership coordinator submit the renewals to National. This helps to minimize 'second notice' mail reminders, and also reduce member concerns about "I already renewed, why did I get this letter". During last year's renewal period, one chapter delayed sending their renewal payment and paperwork; their members contacted National about renewal reminders. This caused significant volunteer time and work to research and reply to each membership status inquiry.

Have questions about the NRHS convention? Please send those to convention@nrhs.com to ensure your questions get to the convention contact directly, rather than being forwarded through the NRHS general email address.

Enjoy good photography or taking an armchair trip to Far Eastern railroading? The Japan Railfan Club provides very good photographs in its excellent publication at <http://www.jrc.gr.jp/e/>. The index is available in English; issue content is in Japanese.

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions for the NRHS, please feel free to contact your chapter's National representative, District Director or me. Best regards, Al Weber. (aweber@nrhs.com).

Source: 11/15/2018. The *NRHS Telegraph*, November 2018 issue, pp. 1-2.



North Texas Chapter Views and News

Zephyr News Board

Updated Zephyr 2018 Deadlines

- *January 2019 issue* - News deadline is Thursday, December 27. Meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2019.
- *February 2019 issue* - News deadline is Wed. January 23. Meeting is Tuesday, February 5, 2019.
- *March 2019 issue* - News deadline is Wed. February 20. Meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 2019.
- *April 2019 issue* - News deadline is Wed. March 20. Meeting is Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Chapter Directors Board Minutes, October 23, 2018

The quarterly Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the Spring Creek Barbeque Restaurant, 571 Round Grove Rd., Lewisville, TX. Present at the meeting were President Wayne Smith, Treasurer Jim King, VP Trips and Events Skip Waters, Secretary Jerry Nunn, and member Bob Kennedy. VPs Jon Shea and Valli Hoski did not participate. President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order about 7:50 PM. Wayne had called the meeting to coordinate the transition to a new Treasurer, since the current Treasurer Jim King will be stepping down in at the end of the year. Jim also handled the extra duties of Membership Chair. It was decided that beginning in 2019 that the Membership and Treasurer duties be split. Bob Kennedy has agreed to assume the Treasurer position, and Secretary Jerry Nunn has agreed to take over the membership.

To facilitate the transition, a detailed description of the Treasurer and Membership activities and tools was written. This document available upon request to the President.

The remainder of the meeting covered details of the transition to the new Treasurer and Membership Chair. Here is a summary of the main points of the discussion:

- Jim King uses the software package QuickBooks to manage the Chapter's finances and membership. The software features many more functionalities than the Chapter requires, and its cost is too expensive to justify its purchase by the Chapter. Jim has converted the membership/dues list to Excel format, and emailed copies to Bob Kennedy and Jerry Nunn, who will use Excel and Word or some free or low cost substitute to manage membership and finances.
- Regarding membership, the National Chapter sends out membership notifications. The local Chapter needs to send out notices for 2019 Chapter North Texas dues soon. The Excel spreadsheet has email addresses to facilitate this requirement.
- The Chapter has a mailbox, but does not receive a lot of mail. Skip Waters checks the mail about every 2 weeks, and will continue to do so. He will open the mail, and if a check or invoice is received, take a photo and send them to Bob Kennedy. Skip and Bob are authorized to deposit a check.
- The Chapter has a PayPal account for its financial obligations, which can be handled from a smart phone. Bob will need to secure appropriate authorizations to manage the payments.
- Bob Kennedy needs to be a signee on the Chapter's bank account at Bank of Texas. Jon Shea is the point of contact on this issue. A letter with President Wayne Smith's signature may be required.
- As a non-profit organization, the Chapter pays no income taxes. However, the Chapter submits a short form to the IRS each year. Jon Shea does this task.
- The Chapter has an online store, which can be used to purchase books, pay dues, and add events to the events calendar. Kim Hinton (webmaster) is the point of contact about the online store.
- The Chapter still occasionally sells a "Southern Pacific" book. On October 1, the Chapter pays the royalties (10% of book sales) to the author, for the first six months of sales. On April 1, the Chapter pays the royalties for the remainder of the year. The Chapter will continue to pay royalties until all books are sold.

The next Chapter meeting will take place at Sokol Hall on November 13 at 6 PM. The December meeting is the annual Christmas dinner, scheduled December 4 at the Babe's Chicken Dinner House in Frisco, TX.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 9 PM. Jerry M. Nunn, Secretary, North Texas Chapter, NRHS



Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, November 13, 2018

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: November 13, 2018.

The meeting was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at the Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas. The meeting began at approximately 7:50 and 7 members were in attendance at Sokol Hall in Dallas.

- Secretary Jerry Nunn was not present and minutes were taken by President Wayne Smith. The meeting had been postponed one week due to the mid-term elections. The late start was attributed to setting up for the semi-annual auction which included books donated by Bob Kennedy and postcards donated by Jim King.
- Copies of minutes from the recent chapter Board Meeting were distributed.
- Jeff Phelps was selected as Nominations Chair for the upcoming chapter elections in January.
- The annual chapter Christmas party will be held again at Babe's Chicken in Frisco on our regular meeting night. We will do a gift exchange again at the party and ask all attendees to bring a wrapped gift.
- The chapter agreed to purchase two tables at the upcoming Dallas Area Train Show in Plano. We again will pass out membership information at the show as well as sell donated items for our heritage grant program.
- Jon Shea passed around a recent copy of The Katy Flyer with a significant amount of the issue covering the historical Sherman Subdivision with photos and articles. It also included an article about the historical Katy Depot in Smithville, TX.
- Also, copies of *The Newsletter of the Red River Valley Railroad Historical Society, Inc.* - November 2018 were passed out to members which discussed a very special opportunity to learn about O Winston Link's photography from a family member.

After the business meeting, we proceeded with the auction and raised \$81.00.

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2018.

- **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
- **Secretary, Jerry Nunn**
- **Treasurer, Jim King**, jgking@swbell.net

Webmaster: Kim Hays, kimhays516@gmail.com

Chapter Business Address

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

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

North Texas Zephyr, newsletter archive

<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



North Texas Calendar

- Tues. December 4, 2018 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* Babe’s Chicken restaurant, Frisco, TX. *Program:* Annual Holiday Dinner.
- Tues. January 8, 2019 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* tentatively SOKOL Hall, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, Texas. *Program:* Annual Chapter Election. Member mystery show and tell.
- Tues. February 5, 2019 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* to be confirmed. *Program:* to be confirmed.
- Tues. March 5, 2019 **North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.** *Location:* to be confirmed. *Program:* to be confirmed.



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

Let the Chapter help with your holiday shopping!

The North Texas Chapter is proud to sponsor David Bernstein’s new work on the Southern Pacific’s Eastern Lines. To order, contact the North Texas Chapter at northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com or see North Texas Chapter store (<http://ntxnrhs.org/store/>)

NEW BOOK

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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