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**Chapter Meeting**

**Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2018. SOKOL Hall, Dallas TX.**

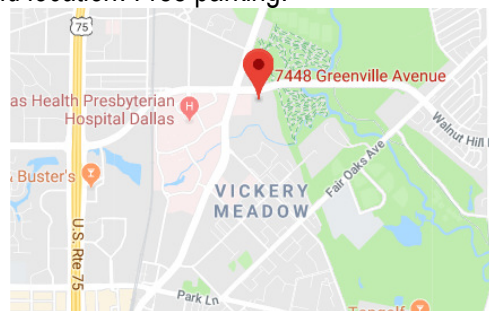
*When:* 7:30 pm meeting.

*Where:* **SOKOL Hall**, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, Texas.

*Program:* Annual Chapter Election.

*More information at* <http://www.sokoldallas.org/contact/>

*Parking and location:* Free parking.



**Announcements & Special Features**

**Reminder - 2019 Chapter Election, Jan. 8, 2019**

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

**Dallas Area Train Show, Jan. 19-20, 2019**

The Dallas area Train Show is held at the Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, Texas. January 19-20th, 2019. Saturday, January 19, 2019 - 10am to 5pm. Sunday, January 20, 2019 - 10am to 4pm. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31).

- Admission \$10.00 per person Children 12 and under are FREE. Sorry, we only accept cash at the door.
- There will be two full days of clinics. Many home layouts will be on tour.
- For more information or if you would like your layout added to the Dallas area tour contact Chris Atkins at [chris@railroadmodelers.com](mailto:chris@railroadmodelers.com)

Source: 12/17/2018, **DFW Train Shows** announcement at <http://dfwtrainshows.com/>

**NTC Slide/Media Show, Jan. 19, 2019, 6 pm**

The tradition continues ... **Saturday Night, January 19, 2019, Winter Media-Slide Show and NRHS Open House**, hosted by the North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society .

- **Where?** **TACO JOINT** - Back room, 100 S. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080.
- **When?** 6:00pm until 9:00pm or longer. (Train Show closes at 5:00pm).
- **How much?** Show Admission is free!
  - **COME EAT AT THE TACO JOINT!**
  - Any meal that is purchased goes against our \$200 deposit. Buy a meal or drink -- help us get our deposit back -.

If YOU would like to be a presenter, please reply directly to me, Skip Waters <wgcrush@swbell.net>, NOT to any email group, NO LATER THAN 12:00 noon CST on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

- If you know the subject of your presentation, please tell me [having a subject is not mandatory].
- List type of media you plan to show: 1) Slides, 2) Digital photos, 3) Video tape or 4) DVD.
- Please limit Videos or DVD's to 15 minutes.
- Slides will only be limited by the available time divided by the number of presenters.
- After all presenters have identified themselves, I'll let them know A.S.A.P. how much time each will have at the show. You can go ahead and start putting your material together now, but keep it adjustable so you can make it fit the time allotted when I announce it after January 13, 2019. You'll have one week to finalize it after that announcement.

## North Texas Rail News

### 'Freeze the Keys' with DART - Dec. 31, 2018



Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and Coors Light are delivering a safe alternative to driving on New Year's Eve with free DART rides on all buses, trains, Paratransit Services and the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) between Union Station and CentrePort/DFW Airport Station.

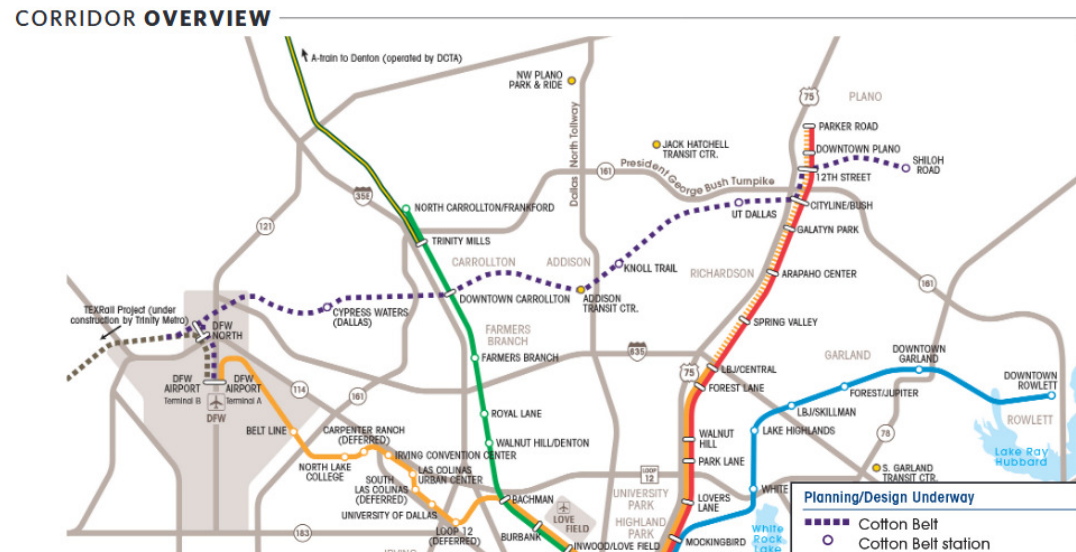
Customers are encouraged to *FREEZE THE KEYS* and let DART be their designated driver, courtesy of Coors Light Free Rides®. The partnership between Coors Light and DART means no passes, coupons or fare of any kind required for a free ride on December 31, from 6 p.m. to end of service. Coors Light Free Rides program has helped more than 6.4 million people arrive home safely. The program began locally in 2015. Last year, more than 20,000 North Texans took advantage of the Free Rides program.

Look for New Year's Eve schedules at [DART.org](http://DART.org) and [TrinityRailwayExpress.org](http://TrinityRailwayExpress.org).

Source: 12/17/2018, Dallas Area Rapid Transit press release at <https://www.dart.org/news/news.asp?ID=1371>

### DART Approves Cotton Belt Line Design/Build Contract

On December 18, 2018, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) has approved the contract for the design and build of the 26-mile Cotton Belt commuter rail line by Archer Western Herzog joint venture (JV).



Stretching across North Texas, the rail line will run from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport to Plano, across northern areas of Tarrant, Dallas and Collin counties Cotton Belt includes 10 total stations, interchanges with the DART light-rail Orange, Green and Red lines, TEXRail commuter line to Fort Worth and local bus services. Stations will be located in Dallas, Carrollton, Addison, Richardson and Plano.

Sources: 12/20/2019. DART, <https://dart.org/ShareRoot/about/expansion/cottonbeltfactsheet.pdf>.

12/18/2018. Roads&Bridges magazine, <https://www.roadbridges.com/dallas-area-rapid-transit-awards-contract-build-cotton-belt-rail-line>



## North Texas Chapter Views and News

### Zephyr News Board

The 2019 Zephyr deadlines are

- *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 Business Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2018

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: December 4, 2018.

The December 2018 meeting was the Chapter's annual Christmas dinner, held on Tuesday, December 4 at the Babe's Chicken Dinner House in Frisco, TX. There were 15 in attendance, including members, family, and guests. Following dinner, the Chapter conducted its "White Elephant Gift Exchange". The meeting informally adjourned about 9 PM. The January 2019 meeting will be the election of officers for 2019, and will be held at Sokol Hall in Dallas.

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

### 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](mailto:ntx.news@yahoo.com)
- **Secretary, Jerry Nunn**
- **Treasurer, Jim King**, [jkking@swbell.net](mailto:jkking@swbell.net)

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

#### Chapter Business Address

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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**

<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)

### North Texas Calendar

Tues. January 8, 2019 **North Texas Chapter meeting** – 7:30 p.m. *Location:* Sokol Hall, Dallas TX. *Program:* Annual Chapter Election.


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:* SMU DeGolyer Library, 6404 Robert S Hyer Ln, Dallas, TX 75205. *Program:* New NRHS collections, new exhibit on Transcontinental Railroad.  
 Tues. April 2, 2019 **North Texas Chapter meeting** – 7:30 p.m. *Location:* to be confirmed. *Program:* to be confirmed  
 Tues. May 7, 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.

**Need a fresh idea for last-minute holiday gifting?  
 Let the North Texas Chapter help you !**

The North Texas Chapter is proud to sponsor David Bernstein's work on the Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines. To order, contact the North Texas Chapter at [northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com](mailto: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**

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*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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