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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2018.

When: 7:30 pm meeting.

Location & Program:

see chapter web site for details at
WWW.NTXNRHS.ORG

Announcements & Special Features

North Texas Chapter, NRHS - Al Coppinger Memorial Award

by Valli Hoski, Editor, North Texas Zephyr

In 2006, the North Texas Chapter created the *Al Coppinger Memorial Award* to recognize and honor members who have given outstanding service to the chapter. This is the highest honor bestowed upon a member who supports and volunteers for the North Texas Chapter, NRHS.

Al Coppinger was a lifelong railroad historian and the epitome of a volunteer spirit with a “can do” attitude. Al always had a positive attitude, was always ready and willing to help out the Chapter or Board whenever the call was made or whenever he saw a need for assistance with an activity or other challenge.

The 2019 recipient of the Award is **Jim King**, who served as Chapter Treasurer 2008-2018. In addition, Jim was Registration Manager for the 2008 Lone Star Rails 2008 NRHS Convention, and several NRHS conventions.



(Above) North Texas Chapter **President Wayne Smith** presents member **Jim King** with the *Al Coppinger Memorial Award*.

Below are all recipients of the *Al Coppinger Memorial Award*, honored by the North Texas Chapter, NRHS.

- First recipient: **2006, Dennis Hogan** – Chapter Founder; first Chapter President; first Newsletter Editor; Lone Star Rails 2008 National Convention, Committee Member.
- Second recipient: **2008, Steve Siegerist “Captain Transit”** – Charter Chapter Member; first Chapter Treasurer; Dallas NRHS National Directors Meeting, Coordinator/Committee Member; Lone Star Rails 2008 National Convention, Transportation Lead; Mass Transit Activist.



- Third recipient: **2010, Skip Waters** – Past Vice President; past President; past National Director, past Newsletter Editor; Lone Star Rails 2008 National Convention, Committee Chair.
- Fourth recipient: **2013, Dale Wilken** – past National Director; past Chapter Vice President; Lone Star Rails 2008 National Convention, Committee Member.
- Fifth recipient: **2017, Claude Doane** - Chapter Founder; Charter Member; past President and National Director.
- Sixth recipient: **2019, Jim King** – Chapter Treasurer 2008-2018; Chapter Membership Manager 2008-2018; Lone Star Rails 2008 National Convention, Registration Manager.

For details about the award or its history, please contact any Chapter officer or NorthTexasChapterNRHS@gmail.com .

NTC Report - Dallas Area Train Show, Jan. 19-20, 2019.

by Bob Kennedy, Chapter Treasurer

The North Texas Chapter again participated in the annual North Texas Council of Train Clubs January Train Show at the Plano Centre. The 2 day event was well attended offering the public an alternate to the blustery cold and windy North Texas weather. Our Chapter booth at the show was a big success. We met a lot of people, had some very interesting conversations on trains, preservation efforts, and new museums and explained about the NRHS and the North Texas Chapter. Our net income from sales of our SP Book, donated books and VHS tapes plus donations was over \$400.00. We also welcomed 4 new members and 1 returning member.

We also had a very successful 14th Annual Media & Slide Show on Saturday night at the Taco Joint in Richardson. This is an added activity of the Train Show. The four presenters had excellent programs that kept the audience entertained the whole time. There were approximately 40 attendees who also helped us meet our \$200 minimum in food sales which made the room free. Special thanks to our 4 presenters at the Media & Slide Show, Charles Goodrich, Steve Grabman, Jerry Nunn and Steve Allen Goen for their excellent programs. Thanks to everyone who joined us and enjoyed this evening of good food, good friends and excellent programs.

Our thanks also go to Chapter Members Jeff Phelps, Jerry Nunn, Tom Cox, Skip Waters, and Bob Kennedy who manned our booth at the Show, to Dave Podrahsky, who handled all our Show work commitments, and to Jerry Nunn, Skip Waters and Bob Kennedy at the Slide Show.

NRHS News

2019 Golden Spike Rails NRHS Convention – May 7-12, 2019

This year is the sesquicentennial of the completion of the transcontinental railroad at Promontory Summit, Utah. To celebrate this historic event, the National Railway Historical Society is holding the 2019 National Convention in Utah. The dates of the convention are Tuesday, May 7 through Sunday, May 12, 2019.

Our host hotel will be the [Radisson Hotel-Downtown](#), 215 West South Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101. The telephone number is: 1-801-531-7500.

The hotel is located in Salt Lake City's historic downtown. It is one block from the 'Arena' light rail station, and a short walk to Temple Square. Hotel amenities include free parking for NRHS registrants staying at the hotel, complimentary high-speed wireless Internet access, a flat-screen TV, a refrigerator, a business center, an exercise room, 3-hour Express laundry service and an indoor pool and whirlpool.

We have negotiated a room rate of \$149 per night for up to two people in a room, taxes extra.

Please use the discount code to receive the group rate: NRHS. Rooms must be booked by April 7, 2019 to receive the special rate.

We will view the celebrations at the Ogden Union Station museum on Thursday, May 9th. Two operating Union Pacific steam locomotives are slated to re-enact the touching of the couplers. The following day, May 10th, we will journey by chartered bus to the Golden Spike National Historic Site at Promontory Summit, to view the 150th anniversary ceremonies at the exact location of the joining of the Central Pacific and the Union Pacific lines.



On Saturday, May 11th, we will travel by chartered bus to the Heber Valley Railroad to ride a chartered train over their entire line. That evening the NRHS has been invited by the Southern Pacific Historical and Technical Society to attend their celebration banquet in Ogden. Chartered buses from our hotel in Salt Lake City to Ogden and return are included in the ticket price. Other convention events will include the annual membership meeting.

Some other sites in Salt Lake City to consider visiting include the former Union Pacific and the former Denver & Rio Grande Western passenger stations, Temple Square and the LDS

Family History Library. The former D&RGW station houses the Utah Arts and Heritage Center, as well as the Research Center for the Utah State Archives. The original four commemorative spikes are planned to be on display at the Utah State Capital.

Please be aware that other groups will be hosting events at various venues in the Salt Lake City and Ogden areas throughout the week and access to venues may be limited or not permitted.

Please plan to attend this once-in-a-lifetime series of events marking the opening of the western United States by rail.

Use the links below to access the NRHS Convention material.

- Complete information on the Convention and Registration is available on the NRHS website www.nrhs.com/content/2019-convention.
- [NRHS Convention Information and Registration Booklet](#)
- [NRHS Online Registration](#)
- [NRHS Convention Mail Order Form](#)

Reminder: You must be a NRHS member in good standing to register for the 2019 Convention. To renew your NRHS membership for 2019 visit the NRHS website or use this link: [NRHS Membership Renewal](#).

Source: 1/27/2019. NRHS email announcement.

North Texas Chapter Views and News

Results - 2019 Chapter Election

The North Texas Chapter, NRHS, elected this slate of officers 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

Zephyr News Board

Upcoming 2019 Zephyr deadlines are

- *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.
- *May 2019 issue* - News deadline is Wed. March 20. Meeting is Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2019

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: January 8, 2019.

The January 2019 meeting of the North Texas Chapter, NRHS was held on Tuesday, January 8 at Sokol Hall in Dallas, TX. There were 12 in attendance, including members, family, and guests.

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:39 PM. The program for the meeting was a "Show and Tell", and the election of the 2019 slate of officers.



Current Treasurer Jim King, who is vacating the office as of this month, was honored with the *Al Coppinger Memorial Award* for his 10-1/2 years of service to the Chapter in controlling the funds and overseeing financial requirements of the Chapter.

The Chapter wishes to sell about 250 more of the Southern Pacific books. The membership discussed ways to increase sales, using a two-pronged strategy: (1) presence at other train shows where Chapter has not yet attended; and (2) offering a special discounted price at the train shows.

VP Trips and Events Skip Waters reported that plans are progressing for the May 8-11, 2019 *NRHS Convention* in Salt Lake City/Ogden. UT. The convention coincides with the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad. The convention highlight is a reenactment of the driving of the Golden Spike at Promontory Summit, Utah. Estimates are that several to ten thousand will be in attendance. Skip strongly suggests that NRHS members desiring to attend the ceremony secure tickets on one of the NRHS buses to the Promontory Point National Park. Banquets and some excursions are planned as part of the event. For details, please see www.nrhs.com or <http://nrhs.com/content/2019-convention>.

The Chapter is planning the *NRHS 2019 Fall Conference* for November 8-10, 2019. The President and VPs will be conferring with the Magnolia Hotel regarding accommodations and a banquet.

VP Programs Jon Shea that the March meeting will take place in the DeGoyler Library at SMU, where there is an exhibit on the transcontinental railroad. [*Editor note:* February meeting location is not yet confirmed at time of publication.]

Unfortunately, the Chapter may have lost the Founder's Building in Grapevine as a meeting place. A hotel and convention center is being built next to the Texrail station, and its effects on the Founder's Building and parking are unclear.

Show and tell: Wayne Smith showed material related to the Quanah Zephyr trip; Edwin Pegelow showed a model of a helium transport rail car; Jon Shea passed around an article from a Civil War magazine, and ran issue of the Katy Flyer; and Skip Waters provided material on the transcontinental railroad.

Election of officers: Nominations Chair Jeff Phelps listed the 2019 slate of officer candidates: President – Wayne Smith; VP Programs – Jon Shea; VP Trips and Events – Skip Waters; VP Communications – Valli Hoski; Secretary – Jerry Nunn; and Treasurer – Bob Kennedy. All are incumbents, except for Bob, who replaces former Treasurer and Membership Jim King. Jerry Nunn has volunteered to assume the membership chair duties.

There were no other candidates for the positions, and the candidates were re-elected. The 2019 Chapter Officers are President: Wayne Smith; Vice President Programs: Jon Shea; Vice President Trips and Events: Skip Waters; Vice President Communications: Valli Hoski; Secretary and Membership Chair: Jerry Nunn; Treasurer: Bob Kennedy. Jerry M. Nunn, Secretary, North Texas Chapter NRHS.

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2019.

- **President**, Wayne Smith, 940-300-4407.
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- **Vice President/Communications, and NTZ editor**, Valli Hoski, ntx.news@yahoo.com.
- **Secretary**, Jerry Nunn.
- **Treasurer**, Bob Kennedy.

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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. March 5, 2019 **North Texas Chapter meeting** – 7:30 p.m. *Location:* SMU DeGolyer Library, 6404 Robert S Hyer Lane, Dallas, TX 75205. *Program:* 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
- Tues. June 4, 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 prior to meeting month.*

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NEW SOUTHERN PACIFIC 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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