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**Chapter Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Spring Creek BBQ, Grapevine TX.**

**Time: 7 - 9 p.m.**

**Program : Journey to Promontory [DVD]**

**Location: Spring Creek Barbecue, 315 State Highway, 114W, Grapevine, TX.**

**Details: <https://springcreekbarbeque.com/location/grapevine/>**

**Parking: on location, free.**



**Announcements & Special Features**

**24 Hours @ Saginaw, May 24-25, 2019**

by Skip Waters, VP Trips/Events

**IT'S TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS!**

**Friday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. - Saturday, May 25, 7:00 p.m.**

**Depot on Main Street in Saginaw, Texas.**

Join the "24 Hours @ Saginaw" Facebook page for the latest updates

<https://www.facebook.com/24hoursatSaginaw>

- New Trivia Questions!!
- Return of the silent auction for your favorite rail items
- Special guest presentations from Southern California, Mr. Million Mile train rider, Chris Guenzler, and from New Mexico, David M. Wiegand with his Santa Fe passenger stories. Plus, the return of Mr. Ken Fitzgerald and the Horn Demonstrations!
- Expect great programs, fun activities to keep you busy for 24 Hours... and lots of TRAIN WATCHING!!!
- Mark your calendars and get your lawn chairs and sleeping bags ready!

**PRESENTERS:** We are now accepting presenters who would like to put on a program for this year's event. Please email me off list to: [wgcrush@swbell.net](mailto:wgcrush@swbell.net) to be on the schedule. Slides, video, digital, live presentation, clinic, exhibits, about trains and railroads.

Whatever it is... It's time to show it and IT'S TIME TO WATCH SOME TRAINS!

Skip Waters, Chairman

14th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2019

North Texas Chapter, NRHS. [www.ntxnrhs.org](http://www.ntxnrhs.org)

*P.S Also accepting gifts for door prizes! If you have some to offer, please contact Skip directly.*



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## NRHS News

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### ***The President's Corner, April 2019***

by Al Weber, NRHS President <[aweber@nrhs.com](mailto:aweber@nrhs.com)>

I want to thank all our members for renewing your 2019 NRHS membership. Our members make the NRHS successful, and the society appreciates your continued support.

If you are one of the few who have not renewed your membership, this will be the last NRHS News that you will receive, as we cut off the grace renewal period at the end of March. We want you to be a part of railway history preservation, so please rethink your decision and send in that check or renew on-line on the web site.

NRHS volunteers are working on many different projects and committees all year round. I want to thank all of them for all they are doing. These volunteers put in many hours of time to get our rail history preserved for future generations.

As I write this, the next NRHS conference in Birmingham is coming up, along with the 2019 convention in Salt Lake. Many members are working on these meetings, so please come and take part. I know you will learn and enjoy the meetings and events.

If you have a question, try contacting your board members first. You elected them, so put them to work. Most will have more time to research your question and get you an answer usually quicker than I can. A list of NRHS officers and board members, along with their contact information, is included below.

If you are in a chapter, your national representative also can assist you in getting your questions to your board members. If you are an At-Large member, just send me your address and I will send back the contact information of your board members.

I get many emails from members each day. I try to answer all of them or send them on to the appropriate person who can handle the question. If you do not get an answer in a timely manner contact me at [[aweber@nrhs.com](mailto:aweber@nrhs.com)] please.

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## North Texas Chapter Views & News

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### ***Zephyr News Board***

Upcoming 2019 Zephyr deadlines are

- *June 2019 issue* - News deadline is Fri. May 24. Meeting is Tuesday, June 4, 2019.
- *July 2019 issue* - News deadline is Thurs. June 20. Meeting is Tuesday, July 2, 2019.
- *August 2019 issue* - News deadline is Thurs. July 25. Meeting is Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

### ***Chapter Meeting Minutes, April 2, 2019***

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: April 2, 2019.

The April 2019 meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was held on Tuesday, April 2. The meeting was hosted by the Texas Western Model Railroad Club in Forest Hill, TX. There were approximately 31 in attendance, with a large group of model club members. North Texas Chapter President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. Wayne noted that the latest issue of "Railfan and Railroad" magazine featured several articles of interest. Some of those present expressed interest in obtaining a copy. It was suggested that they might be able to obtain a copy from Discount Model Trains in Addison, or to contact the publisher, White River Productions.

The Chapter ran a book special and sold five copies of the first edition of the Southern Pacific Eastern Lines book for \$50 each. There are still about 700 unsold copies remaining, and the Chapter needs to sell many of these to break even.

The second edition of the Southern Pacific Eastern Lines book is being assembled, and is almost finished. The book is more technical in nature than the first edition, and contains charts, maps, diagrams, and other related documents. The author is looking for a publisher, and has been in informal discussions with the Chapter. The Chapter's publication sponsorship, if such occurs, will be under different conditions than those of the first edition.

VP Skip Waters had obtained some buttons from the upcoming 2019 National Convention, and conducted an impromptu Transcontinental Railroad historical quiz, with a button as a prize for correct answers.



A list of activities for the 150<sup>th</sup> Golden Spike Celebration can be found at the website "spike150.org". ALL hotels for the 2019 Convention are sold out, so anyone still interested in attending will have to secure alternative lodging. Expect large crowds and sold out tours and related events.

The 2020 Convention will be held in Fullerton, California. Activities are currently in the planning stage. Refer to the NRHS National website [www.nrhs.com] for additional details.

The Fall 2019 Conference of the NRHS Board of Directors and Advisory Council will take place November 7-10, 2019. Conference registration is \$50. The host hotel is the Magnolia Dallas Park Cities Hotel. Room rate is \$149 per night. Rooms can be booked at the website <https://book.passkey.com/e/49897156>, or call 888-915-1110. The conference will begin with a reception in the DeGoyler Library the evening of Thursday, November 7. A banquet will take place at the hotel Saturday evening, November 9. Banquet cost is \$59.

The annual "24 Hours at Saginaw" will take place at the Saginaw Depot May 24 and 25. The event will kick off with an Operation Lifesaver presentation by Amtrak conductor Angie Hicks. Chris Ginsler from Texas Central will also give a presentation. There will also be a silent auction, slideshows, videos, and trivia quizzes. Of course, we will also be watching trains!

VP Jon Shea referenced an article written by former Dallas News write A.C. Greene, published about 20 years ago. He distributed a few printed copies of the article, which covered interurbans in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Jon also showed a reproduction of the original Golden Spike Ceremony poster.

Texas Western President Darrell Cowles provided an update on the layout construction of the club. It is 30-40 percent complete, and hopes are it will be completed in about 6 years, if all goes well. The layout structures and track arrangement represent the period around May 1962. On open house days, members run trains consistent with that period. On other days, members can run trains of any period they desire. The club is working on scenery, with a goal of consistency across the layout. They are also plan to model yards in Ft. Worth for all 7 railroads that crossed at Tower 55. They layout uses Digitrax DCC. The club has a 25 year lease on the clubhouse building, with first option to purchase. There are about 36 members, and 7 family members. Dues are \$50 per month.

The meeting adjourned about 8:40 PM. Following the meeting, several Texas Western members ran their trains for the benefit of the attendees.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 7. [Editor's note: meeting moved to March 14, 2019.] The Chapter is trying to once again contact the Spring Creek Barbeque in Grapevine, and secure the location for the meeting. The program will be the DVD "Journey to Promontory". Jerry M. Nunn, Secretary, North Texas Chapter NRHS

## Chapter Directory

### North Texas Chapter Officers, 2019.

- **President**, Wayne Smith, 940-300-4407.
- **Vice President/Programs**, Jon Shea, 972-948-2413.
- **Vice President/Trips and Events**, Skip Waters, wgcush@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.

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

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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

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- Tues. **May 14**, 2019      **North Texas Chapter meeting** – 7:00 p.m. *Location:* Spring Creek Barbecue, 315 State Highway, 114W, Grapevine, TX. *Program:* Journey to Promontory [DVD].
- Fri. May 24 – Sat. May 25, 2019      **14<sup>TH</sup> Annual 24 Hour @ Saginaw**, sponsored by North Texas Chapter NRHS. Fri. May 24, 7 p.m. – Sat. May 25, 7 p.m. *Location:* Depot on Main Street, Saginaw, Texas.
- Tues. June 4, 2019      **North Texas Chapter meeting** – 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. July 2, 2019      **North Texas Chapter meeting** – 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. Aug. 6, 2019      **North Texas Chapter meeting** – 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. Sept. 3, 2019      **North Texas Chapter meeting** – 7:30 p.m.
- Tues. Oct. 2, 2019      **North Texas Chapter meeting** – 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7-10, 2019      **NRHS 2019 Fall Conference** – *Location:* Magnolia Hotel, Dallas, Texas. *Program:* excursions, NRHS meetings, Banquet.



*Fall 2019 NRHS Conference, Dallas – Save the Dates!*

## North Texas Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society

*Invites you to attend*

### Fall 2019 Conference of the NRHS Board of Directors and Advisory Council

November 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2019

Dallas, Texas

Host hotel is the **Magnolia Dallas Park Cities**  
6070 N Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75206

Group room rate is \$149 per night, S/D. For 3 or 4 guests - add \$10 per person.  
Mention the “**National Railway Historical Society**” when booking a room.

**To book a reservation, call (888) 915-1110 or book online at**

<https://book.passkey.com/e/49897156>

#### **Scheduled Events**

##### **Thursday, November 7**

Guests arrive, First event is an evening reception at the DeGolyer Library and Special Collections on the SMU Campus. This library holds the NRHS National Archives which we will learn about the collection and the future plans for it. Cost pending.

##### **Friday, November 8**

A group tour of the DFW transit rail lines to include, DART, Dallas Streetcar, TRE, TEXRail and DCTA. It will be a full day of riding the rails. Depending when we return, we may have an evening program at the hotel and/or host the NRHS Fund meeting. Cost pending.

##### **Saturday, November 9**

Meetings of the Advisory Council and Board of Directors. In the evening, the Banquet features an entertaining speaker/presentation. Banquet cost is \$59.

##### **Sunday, November 10**

Optional field trip to Museum of the American Railroad, Train Topia Model Railroad Exhibit or other entertaining venue. Details to be confirmed. Cost pending.

**Transportation** - Dallas is served by two major airports, DFW International and Love Field. Both have access to DART light rail to the hotel. Amtrak’s Texas Eagle arrives daily and also can transfer to DART light rail to the hotel. Unless you plan to venture out on your own, you will not need personal transportation should you arrive by air or rail. We also have Uber and Lyft among other cab services available on demand.

**Registration** for the conference is \$50.