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**Chapter Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019. SOKOL Hall, Dallas, Texas.**

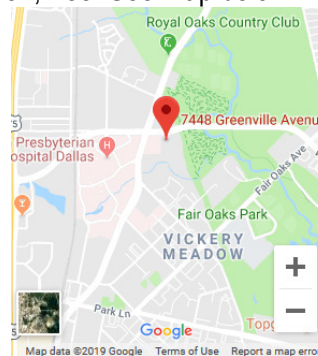
**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

**Program :** NRHS National Convention and Golden Spike National Historic Site reports. Big Boy locomotive chase.

**Location:** 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231

**Details:** <https://www.sokoldallas.org/>

**Parking:** on location, free. See map below.



**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.*



### **'What the Engines Said'**

Submitted by Jon Shea

**What the Engines Said** by Francis Bret Harte. 1839–1902

*Opening of the Pacific Railroad*

WHAT was it the Engines said,  
Pilots touching,—head to head  
Facing on the single track,  
Half a world behind each back?  
This is what the Engines said,  
Unreported and unread.

With a prefatory screech,  
In a florid Western speech,  
Said the engine from the West,  
"I am from Sierra's crest;  
And, if altitude 's a test,  
Why, I reckon, it 's confessed,  
That I 've done my level best."

Said the Engine from the East,  
"They who work best talk the least.  
S'pose you whistle down your brakes;  
What you 've done is no great shakes,—  
Pretty fair,—but let our meeting  
Be a different kind of greeting.  
Let these folks with champagne stuffing,  
Not their Engines, do the puffing.

"Listen! Where Atlantic beats  
Shores of snow and summer heats;  
Where the Indian autumn skies  
Paint the woods with wampum dies,  
I have chased the flying sun,  
Seeing all he looked upon,  
Blessing all that he has blest,  
Nursing in my iron breast  
All his vivifying heat,  
All his clouds about my crest;  
And before my flying feet  
Every shadow must retreat."

Said the Western Engine, "Phew!"  
And a long, low whistle blew.  
"Come, now, really that 's the oddest  
Talk for one so very modest.  
You brag of your East. You do?  
Why, I bring the East to you!  
All the Orient, all Cathay,  
Find through me the shortest way;  
And the sun you follow here  
Rises in my hemisphere.  
Really,—if one must be rude,—  
Length, my friend, ain't longitude."  
Said the Union: "Don't reflect, or  
I 'll run over some Director."  
Said the Central: "I 'm Pacific;  
But, when riled, I 'm quite terrific.  
Yet to-day we shall not quarrel,  
Just to show these folks this moral,  
How two Engines—in their vision—  
Once have met without collision."

That is what the Engines said,  
Unreported and unread;  
Spoken slightly through the nose,  
With a whistle at the close.

Source: Thomas R. Lounsbury, ed. (1838–1915).  
*Yale Book of American Verse*. 1912. Last  
accessed 5/18/2019 at  
<https://www.bartleby.com/102/204.html>

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## **North Texas Chapter Views & News**

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### **Zephyr News Board**

Upcoming 2019 Zephyr deadlines are

- *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.
- *September 2019 issue* - News deadline is Tuesday, August 20. Meeting is Tuesday, September 3, 2019.



## Chapter Meeting Minutes, May 14, 2019

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: May 14, 2019.

The May 2019 meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was held on Tuesday, May 14 at the Spring Creek Barbeque in Grapevine, TX. Nine were in attendance. North Texas Chapter President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

VP Skip Waters, who was on his way back from the 2019 NRHS Convention in Ogden/Salt Lake City, UT, provided a summary of the convention. A more detailed report is expected at the June meeting.

VP Jon Shea reported that he has secured the site for the June meeting (Sokol Hall), and has reserved the Babe's Chicken Dinner House in Frisco for the annual Christmas dinner.

President Wayne Smith reported that the Chapter had recently sold 10 of the Southern Pacific books. Unfortunately one case was damaged and pilfered, and the Chapter lost five books.

In recognition of the 150th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad, the Chapter conducted an informal "show and tell". VP Jon Shea passed out some golden spike materials and postcards. Treasurer Bob Kennedy showed several commemorative items. President Wayne Smith showed a golden spike mug and informed the attendees that commemorative stamps could be ordered through the U.S. Postal Service.

Discussion turned to programs at the upcoming "24 Hours at Saginaw" May 24-25. Amtrak Conductor Angie Hicks will give an "Operation Lifesaver" presentation. Among other events, Sam Metzgar will again host the "Great Locomotive Race".

Wayne Smith will have some trivia questions regarding the transcontinental railroad.

The program for the evening was a Trains Magazine video entitled "Journey to Promontory".

The meeting adjourned about 8:55 PM. The next meeting will take place at Sokol Hall on Tuesday, June 4.

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/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**, Bob Kennedy.

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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**

<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)



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## Chapter Calendar

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- 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.
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- 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.
- Dec. 3, 2019      **North Texas Chapter holiday dinner** –*Location:* Babe’s Chicken, 6475 Page Street, Frisco, Texas 75034 Tel. (214) 387-9500. <http://www.babeschicken.com/our-kitchens/frisco/>



*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.