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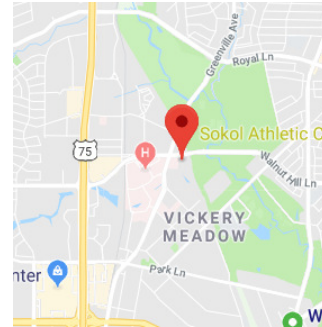
Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, August 6, 2019. Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas.

Time: 7:30 p.m. .

Location: 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75231. [map below]

Program: Golden Spike Historic Site [DVD].



Next meeting is Tues. Sept. 10, 2019 [2d Tues in Sept.]

Special Features & North Texas News

Molly (Car 754) our July 'Meeting Place'

by Jon Shea, Vice President, Programs

Meet Molly, location of our July 2019 Chapter 'meeting on the rails'.

"Betty" (Car 754). "Betty" was built in 1926 by American Car Company for the Dallas Railway and Terminal Company. She was active until the end of the company's operations in 1956.

Specs:

- Built: 1926
- Length: 48 feet
- Weight: 19 tons

Shortly after, Ben Carpenter (son of a president of the Dallas Railway and Terminal Company) moved her to his family's ranch in Irving. Betty spent her retirement serving as a playhouse for the Carpenter children—the family even built a miniature town around the car. Eventually, Mr. Carpenter donated the car to MATA. Betty underwent renovations that included insulation and air conditioning, as well as new wheels that gave the car a smoother, more comfortable and quieter ride.



Above: "Betty" MATA Car 754.

DART Wins 2019 APTA Innovation Award for GoPass App - Easy Access to Multi-system Transit

Dallas Area Rapid Transit has been named the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) 2019 Innovation Award winner. DART's GoPass app is, the first public transit ticket-purchasing app in the nation that involves multiple agencies and different types of transportation between DART in Dallas County, The Fort Worth Transportation Authority (now Trinity Metro) in Tarrant County and the DCTA in Denton County. President and CEO Paul P. Skoutelas. "DART's successful GoPass app is the first of its kind in the industry. Now residents of North Texas can use it to not only buy tickets to local public transit systems, but also to use ridesharing options like Uber and Lyft."



Customers simply download the free app and set up their account. Using a debit or credit card, Apple Pay or cash, they can quickly start buying tickets. The GoPass app helps people plan trips by seeing routes mapped out with listed arrival and departure times. It even shows upcoming events. Since its initial launch in September 2013, the GoPass app has seen several improvements. In 2016 the corporate annual and college semester passes were added. One year later ride-sharing services were integrated into the app, like DART's New GoLink micro-transit service that provides customers an on-demand first mile-/last-mile solution. Last year, the agency released GoPass 2.0, which continued to revolutionize how riders transact with DART. New features and benefits added included fare capping, cash-to-mobile payment option, Apple Pay and GoPass Wallet. The much-anticipated GoPass 3.0 was released earlier this year.

Source: 7/22/2019 DART Press Release at <https://dart.org/news/news.asp?ID=1418>

North Texas Chapter News

Zephyr News Board

Upcoming 2019 Zephyr deadlines are

- *August 2019 issue* - News deadline is Thurs. July 25. Meeting is Tuesday, August 6, 2019.
- *September 2019 issue* - News deadline is Thursday, August 22. Meeting is Tuesday, September 3, 2019 [tentative].
- *October 2019 issue* - News deadline is Monday, September 23. Meeting is Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

Chapter Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2019

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: July 9, 2019.

The July 2019 meeting of the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS was held on Tuesday, July 9 at the CityPlace West Station for the McKinney Avenue Trolley (M-Line) in Dallas, TX. There were nine attendees, including special guest Robert Haynes, formerly with the Plano Interurban Museum.

Chapter President Wayne Smith was absent. VP John Shea called the meeting to order about 7:40 PM. The meeting was short and highly informal, with proceedings taking place on the trolley turntable while waiting for the next trolley.

The first item of discussion was about the Fall Train Show in Plano scheduled in October. This will only be a one day show, so there will be limited opportunities to advertise the Chapter and sell books and collectibles. For that reason, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Chapter will rent only one table.



VP Skip Waters reports that plans are almost finalized for the reception at the DeGoyler Library during the National Board Meeting in November. There will an opportunity for attendees to browse the bookshelves and purchase some of the library's publications.

VP Jon Shea has secured Sokol Hall as the location for the August Chapter meeting. Additionally, he plans to schedule the September meeting at the Spring Creek BBQ in Grapevine.

The trolley arrived about 8 PM. The attendees boarded for a ride around uptown Dallas on the M-Line. The trolley returned to the station about 8:50 PM. The meeting adjourned at that time.

The next meeting will take place 7:30 PM Tuesday, August 6 at Sokol Hall. The program will feature a DVD about the Golden Spike Historic Site.

Jerry M. Nunn. Secretary, North Texas Chapter NRHS

Chapter Directory

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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

Chapter Calendar

Tues. Aug. 6, 2019	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. <i>Location:</i> Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas. <i>Program:</i> Golden Spike Historic Site DVD.
Tues. Sept. 10 , 2019	North Texas Chapter meeting – 2d Tues in Sept, 7pm start <i>Location:</i> Spring Creek Barbecue, 315 State Highway, 114W, Grapevine, Texas. <i>Program:</i> Sam Metzgar, 'Tarantula Express'.
Tues. Oct. 1, 2019	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7-10, 2019	NRHS 2019 Fall Conference – <i>Location:</i> Magnolia Hotel, Dallas, Texas.
Dec. 3, 2019	North Texas Chapter holiday dinner – <i>Location:</i> Babe's Chicken, 6475 Page Street, Frisco, Texas 75034 Tel. (214) 387-9500. http://www.babeschicken.com/our-kitchens/frisco/

2019 Fall NRHS Conference Registration



FALL 2019 NRHS CONFERENCE

November 7-10, 2019, Dallas, Texas

REGISTRATION FORM

(Return by October 1, 2019 to guarantee tickets)



NRHS

Name _____ NRHS Member Number _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Other) _____

Email Address _____

NAME TAG INFORMATION (___ Additional Names on Reverse)

Name (as preferred) _____

NRHS National or Chapter Office Title _____

Chapter Name & City/State _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Telephone _____

CONFERENCE EVENTS

	Qty	x Cost	= Total
Conference Registration (1 per household)	_____	x \$50	_____
Thursday, Nov 7 - SMU DeGolyer Library / NRHS National Archives	_____	x \$25	_____
Friday, Nov 8 - (Part A) Tour DFW Transit/Commuter Rail / Lunch OYO	_____	x \$12	_____
(Part B-1) Visit Museum of the American Railroad & TrainTopia	_____	x \$49	_____
(Part B-2) Continue DFW Transit/Commuter Rail Tour	_____	x \$0	w/Part A
(Part B-3) Tour Downtown area venues, return on DART	_____	x \$0	w/Part A
Saturday, Nov 9 - Banquet with Author/Speaker "Steve Allen Goen"	_____	x \$59	_____
Select meal: ___ Espresso-Rubbed Whole-Roasted Sirloin, ___ Lemon Basil Chicken Breast, ___ Grilled Coriander Salmon			
Sunday, Nov 10 - Grapevine Vintage Railroad trip to FTW Stockyards	_____	x \$50	_____

Mail your completed form to:

North Texas Chapter, NRHS

Attn: NRHS Fall 2019 Conference

P.O. Box 800304

Dallas, TX 75380

PLEASE RETURN Conference Order by October 1st to guarantee tickets as some events are limited.

Total Enclosed = _____

Please make payments payable to:

North Texas Chapter, NRHS

2019 Fall NRHS Conference **Hotel**

MAKE RESERVATIONS directly with Hotel by October 1st to ensure the conference room rate!

Host hotel is the **Magnolia Dallas Park Cities**

6070 N Central Expressway, Dallas, TX 75206

Make reservation requests by calling (888) 915-1110

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.

Hotel Booking Website: <https://book.passkey.com/e/49897156>

- List of Scheduled Events -

Thursday, November 7

Registration opens at 3pm. 6pm attend a reception at the DeGolyer Library on the SMU Campus. This library holds the NRHS National archives. Learn about the collection and a chance to purchase duplicate books from their collection. Light food and beverages to be served. Cost \$25.

Friday, November 8

(Part A) Morning group tour of the DFW Transit/Commuter rail lines to include, DART, Trinity Railway Express, TEXRail, Dallas Streetcar. Lunch is OYO (on your own) in the historic Bishop Arts District via the Dallas Streetcar. **Afterwards, you will have 3 choices to enjoy your afternoon.**

(Part B-1) Tour the Museum of the American Railroad and TrainTopia Model Train Exhibit in Frisco, TX. Board a bus from Dallas Union Station (with a quick stop at Magnolia Hotel for extra passengers) and see BigBoy 4018 among other historic railroad passenger and freight equipment.

(Part B-2) Continue on the DFW Transit/Commuter rail tour via DART to ride Denton County Transit Authority's DMU cars, return via DART to hotel. Use Part A pass to continue tour.

(Part B-3) Stay downtown and see the local venues to include the PEROT Museum, JFK Sixth Floor Museum, Historic "OLD RED" Court House or ride the McKinney Avenue Trolley among other sights and sounds of downtown Dallas! Use Part A pass to return to hotel.

Upon return, we may have an evening program at the hotel and/or host the NRHS Fund meeting. Cost: \$12 for DFW Transit/Commuter Tour. Additional \$49 for trip to Museum of the American Railroad and TrainTopia. To stay downtown is free, ride DART back to hotel when ready.

Saturday, November 9

Meeting Day for the Advisory Council and Board of Directors. Following the meetings will be a Banquet with an entertaining presentation by Author/Speaker "Steve Allen Goen" on Passenger Trains of Texas. You will not want to miss this! Cash Bar before meal. Banquet cost: \$59.

Sunday, November 10

Optional Day - Ride the Grapevine Vintage Railroad. Diesel trip from the City of Grapevine to the Fort Worth Stockyards! Lunch OYO (on your own), bus back to Dallas after lunch. Cost: \$50

Transportation to Dallas - 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. We have Uber and Lyft among other cab services available on demand. See link for Love Field access via DART light rail <https://www.dart.org/riding/lovefield.asp>

Need More info - Contact Skip Waters, Chairman at 214-987-2888 (leave message) or email at: northtexaschaptmrhs@gmail.com. We welcome you to Dallas for a fun and successful Conference!