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Chapter Meeting

Jan. 8, 2013 – Founder’s Building, Grapevine, Texas

When Tues. Jan. 8, 2013, 7:00 pm meet ‘n greet, 7:30 mtg.

Where Founder’s Building, Grapevine, Texas.

Program Annual Chapter Election. Member Show’n Tell

Stuff the Ballot Box!

President , Wayne Smith	VP Communications , Valli Hoski
VP Programs , Jon Shea	Secretary , Dave Gramm
VP Trips and Events , Skip Waters	Treasurer , Jim King

Russ Covitt, Nominating Committee head presents the above individuals who have confirmed their willingness to serve the Chapter in 2013.

Election will be held at the January 2013 chapter meeting.

2013 Dues are Due!

NRHS will send another reminder notice this winter, Non-renewals drop from the roster in May. Dues are \$55 - individuals, \$62 - with spouse.

Special Features

2013 Dallas Area Train Show & Famous Slide Party

- **The Dallas Area Train Show (Plano, TX) , Jan. 19 & 20, 2013.**

Plano Centre. 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31).
 Hours 10am-5pm Saturday, 10am-4pm Sunday. More info at: <http://www.dfwtrainshows.com>

THEN on Saturday Night, January 19th, 2013....

- **8th Annual Dallas Area Media-Slide Show and NRHS Open House**

- Hosted by the North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society
- Show Time: 6:00pm until 10:00pm (maybe longer) (the Train Show closes at 5:00pm).
- Show Admission is free! (Please eat before you arrive. NO outside food allowed; hotel rules).
- Southfork Hotel, Chinaberry Room, 1600 North Central Expressway, Plano, TX 75074 <http://southforkhotel.com>
- History: This is the show formerly hosted by Jimmy Barlow at Plano's Interurban Museum, and for two years at the Best Western motel, and the last 7 years hosted by the North Texas Chapter, NRHS. We thank Jimmy again (and again) for the opportunity to continue his tradition of fellowship among railfans.

Happy Holidays and New Year to all! Please pass this on to anyone that might be interested in this show.

Best regards, Skip Waters, Vice President, Trips & Events, North Texas Chapter, NRHS. Call Skip at 214-987-2888.

If YOU would like to be a presenter, please see below:

- By Sun. Jan.6, 2012 noon, email Skip Waters <wqcrush@swbell.net>, NOT to any email group.
- If you know the subject (not mandatory) of your presentation, please indicate so.
- List type of media you plan to show: 1) Slides, 2) Digital photos, 3) Video tape or 4) DVD. After all presenters have identified themselves,
- Skip will notify you how much time each will have at the show. You can go ahead and start putting your material together now. Skip will announce final times after Jan. 8, so keep it adjustable so you can make it fit the time allotted.
- You'll still have about two weeks to finalize it for the show.
- Please limit Videos or DVD's to 15 minutes. Slides will only be limited by the available time and by the number of presenters.
- Remember, the DEADLINE for getting your name on the PRESENTATION LIST is 12:00 noon CST on Sunday, January 6th. Don't let holiday gift returning, etc. make you miss the train.

Thanks for your interest! Skip.



Need NTC Help on Sunday - Train Show, Plano, Jan. 19-20, 2013

by Russ Covitt

Still need volunteers to cover the Sunday hours – see schedule below. PLEASE contact Russ to sign up 972-625-4012 or russrstuff@aol.com Also, the North Texas Chapter will have a table at the Plano Show to promote the Chapter and we can use volunteers to provide info about membership and activities. (Show info at <http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/content/dallas-area-train-show-january-19-20-2013>)

SAT 1-19-13:

10-11 AM	Layout Support Table, East Door	Bob Kennedy
11-12 AM	Ticket Sales, West Door	Jon Shea
12-1 PM	Ticket Sales, West Door	Edwin Pegelow
1-2 PM	Ticket Sales, West Door	Dale Wilken

SUN 1-20-13 – SHIFTS ALL STILL OPEN (as of 10/25/2012)

9-10 AM Assistant Show Manager Russ Covitt

12-1 PM Switching Contest _____

1-2 PM Ticket Sales, East Door _____

3-4 PM Information Table Main Room _____

- When you sign up, we expect you to show up 10 minutes prior to your assignment, and sign the log.
- If for any reason you cannot do your job, it is your responsibility to find a replacement so we don't get assessed a penalty for not filling the slot.

April 2013 Interurban Tour Planned

by Jon Shea

Tour planned for Saturday, April 20, 2013, 9am – 3pm.

Robert Haynes and Interurban Railway Museum sent us news of a Interurban Tour planned for spring. **Please send me an e-mail if you want to go so I can get Robert a head count.** As he says below, North Texas Chapter members need to sign up if possible prior to the Plano Train show. If you know any member who is not on the distribution list please let them know. Details and how to pay information will follow later. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Jon.

News from Robert Haynes - *Happy Holidays to you. We are planning to recruit and take reservations for the Interurban Tour in April of next year. At the NRHS Banquet many members expressed an interest in participating. Could you poll your group and perhaps give us an idea of how many slots to hold out for the members. We expect that the cost will be about \$40.00. We don't want it to sell out at the Railroad show and not have any of our 'rail fans' be able join in the experience.*

Thanks, and best wishes. Robert Haynes, Curator. Interurban Railway Museum

Chapter Views and Rail News

Ballot Box Bios

Meet the candidates for office for this, your NRHS Chapter.

President, Wayne Smith - have served four years as president of the North Texas Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society. I served on the convention committee as Volunteer Coordinator when we hosted the NRHS national convention in 2008 and several national publications labeled our convention as one of the best in several years. I have also served on other committees in the past and as Nominations Chair as well. Our chapter has won first place for the last few years as sponsoring the best annual rail event in a five state area through Cowcatcher Magazine. Since I have become president, we established The LeRoy O. King Railway Heritage Preservation Grant. My father (Fort Worth & Denver) and grandfather (Rock Island) both worked for the railroad and I spent many hours around rail yards and rail facilities as a kid. We used to put pennies on the tracks and gathered them after the switchers went by. Of course, all of that is illegal now. Anyway, my mother is from Canada and as a kid we would use my dad's pass and travel by train from Texas into various parts of Canada to see my relatives. I am a member of multiple railroad and model railroad organizations. I built a model railroad layout at home and collect every scale that is commercially available. I am also a certified Railroad Merit Badge Counselor for the Boy Scouts I use to have a side business as a dealer and sold both model trains and accessories as well as railroad memorabilia. I would be happy to serve as president for a 5th term.

Jim King, Treasurer - I graduated from UT Austin in 1978 and moved to Dallas where I began working (and still do!) as an engineer in the defense industry. From 1997 through 2002, I was the Editor of Clearance Card, the quarterly journal of the Southwest Railroad Historical Society, and from 1998 through 2002, I was the Editor of Stack Talk, the newsletter of the Age of Steam Museum. I joined NTX chapter in late



2006 and knew Skip, Jon and others from previous association at SRHS/Age of Steam. At Skip's request, I became the Vice Chairman of Lone Star Rails 2008. Due to her work as a consultant to the Ft. Worth Convention & Visitor's Bureau, my wife Terry took the lead in negotiating our hotel contract for the convention, and managing our hotel and banquet activities. After the convention, the position of Treasurer came open, I volunteered to take the position on assignment from the Board, and have run for re-election each year since then.

Dave Gramm, Secretary - My name is Dave Gramm, #55210, and I have been a member of the N. TX chapter of the NRHS since 2006. I have served as the chapter secretary for the past 3 years and am willing to continue in this capacity if re-elected. I am 62 years old, retired computer hardware engineer and currently work as custodian at my church. I joined the chapter to meet with other like-minded railroad enthusiasts and to expand my limited knowledge of train history. I grew up with trains running in my back yard but never paid much attention to them until later in life. Now I want to experience their early history before it disappears along with the people who are from that era. I have made many new friends and learned more than imaginable. As Secretary, I am trying to give back to the chapter my talents in exchange for the knowledge I have gained.

Skip Waters, VP Trips/Events - I have liked trains all my life. My dad got me hooked as soon as I could push one across the floor. I became hooked on real trains when I saw the American Freedom Train in New Orleans and I became a steam chaser in college when UP 844 steamed home from the Louisiana World's Fair. After that I've been solid fan and student of railroads and railfanning. It would be my pleasure to serve another term as your V.P. of Trips and Events for our chapter. I look forward to doing more events in 2013.

Jon Shea, VP Programs - I have served as Vice-President Programs since 2006. I also served as treasurer for Lone Star Rails 2008. Also I helped Skip plan our 2008 Texas Electric Railroad excursion and hope to help in his future trips. Previously, I served several years as the Program Committee Chairman for the former Southwest Railroad Historical Society/Age of Steam Museum. One of my goals is to increase our contacts with other groups and individuals in the Metroplex. This is good for our group and allows for a variety of meeting places and topics. Among our friends are The DeGolyer Library at SMU, the Plano Interurban Museum and the T&P Tavern in Fort Worth. We are always looking for new program ideas and meeting places and any suggestions are always welcome. My interests are mainly railroad history and historic railroads, mainly in Texas but also narrow gauge railroading in the Rocky Mountains, the Transcontinental Railroad and Civil War Railroads.

Valli Hoski, VP Communications - Late blooming railfan, grew in Detroit close to the NY Central tracks, not far from the aptly named "Junction" Street. I rode city buses to school and for family visits, but the street cars were long gone by my early childhood. Then, for some serendipitous reason, I decided that a Lionel model train would be a great Christmas present for my 19th birthday. My earliest rail trip memories are riding VIA from Windsor to Oshawa with high school friends to visit their Canadian family. My active love of prototypes started in '80s Chicago, when started my career and became a 'real' railfan. Chicago El, commuter rail, CTA buses, all were (and are) a marvelous playground to this day. Rode Amtrak's Midwestern corridor with its Turboliners between my Chicago life and southeastern Michigan family visits. My best railfan memories are of the Electro-Liner's 25th final run anniversary at the Illinois Railway Museum, then riding behind the restored NS J611 on her mid-1980s Chicago/Fort Wayne excursions. In the late '80s, riding the venerable FS (Ferrovie Statali in Italy) and Swiss railroads followed while working and living in northern Italy. Back in the US in the early 1990s, working in Detroit, discovering the NRHS, Bluewater Chapter and its marvelous excursions. Back 'onboard' as a carhost and volunteer comm crew, NS' J611 Steam excursions were lovely during their Midwest heyday. In 1992, a change of job took me to Dallas, the Age of Steam railfans and volunteering on the UP excursion that summer. As the North Texas Chapter began, as a charter member I was back in my NRHS home. Editor since mid-2003 most members are familiar with my writing, sometimes pun-filled humor. It's a great pleasure to get news, views, rail tales into print and in the hands of the membership. Lone Star Rails 2008 provided my finest, best adventures with the Chapter - planning and coordinating the rail history and preservation programs, followed by Harry and I serving as car hosts on the 2008 Quanah Zephyr excursion on the BNSF mainline. I remain loyally yours, North Texas Chapter member, newsletter editor, if elected, VP Comm. in 2013.

Jingle Bells - 2012 Holiday Party

*Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way, oh what fun it is to eat Babe's Chicken today, hey!
Ride behind an iron horse during the holidays! (Or, oh Babe's Chicken it's so warm inside ...)*



Enjoy these familiar faces and good times from the 2012 Chapter holiday party at Babe's Chicken, Frisco. Many thanks to Dave Gramm and Skip for the timely photos.

Far left: Pres.t Wayne addressing all.

Far right: Members enjoy the spirit and eats at Babe's Chicken.





Far left: Russ Covitt and spouse Pat.



Middle: Everyone got a little bit of TRE as a holiday gift.



Far right: Robert Hanes tells TER Trip story.

Lingo Bells - Wayne's 2012 Holiday Train Quiz

Lingo bells, lingo bells, lingo all the way, oh what fun it is to do Wayne's holiday quiz today ... President Wayne shared this fun at the Chapter's 2012 holiday party.) Match the railroad term with its description. (Editor's note: Apologies to Wayne for the puns, just couldn't resist. Look for quiz answers in your stocking next issue.)

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| 1 | ASHCAT | ___ Coal | 14 | BULL PEN | ___ Yard Office |
| 2 | BAIL IT IN | ___ Train Conductor | 15 | BUZZARDS ROOST | ___ Railroad Official |
| 3 | BAKEHEAD | ___ Oil the engine | 16 | CAPTAIN | ___ Railroad yard crew |
| 4 | BANDWAGON | ___ Increase Speed | 17 | CRADLE | ___ Fireman |
| 5 | BEANERY | ___ Station Porter | 18 | CUSHIONS | ___ Pay car or pay train |
| 6 | BEEHIVE | ___ Crew Room | 19 | DANCING | ___ Brakeman's lantern |
| 7 | BINDERS | ___ Feed the locomotive firebox | 20 | DONKEY | fireman |
| 8 | BIRDCAGE | ___ Seniority | 21 | DRILL CREW | ___ Small auxiliary engine |
| 9 | BLACK DIAMONDS | ___ A freight yard | 22 | GARDEN | ___ Railroad yard office |
| 10 | BOOMER | ___ Handbrakes on railroad cars | 23 | GREASE THE PIG | ___ Itinerant railroad worker |
| 11 | BOUNDER | ___ Railroad eating house | 24 | REDCAP | ___ Caboose |
| 12 | BRASS HAT | ___ A gondola or hopper car | 25 | WHISKERS | ___ Telegraph operator |
| 13 | BRASS POUNDER | ___ Spinning by wheels | 26 | WIDEN ON HER | ___ Passenger cars |

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2012

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: December 4, 2012. Babe's Chicken Restaurant, Frisco, Texas. Report submitted by Dave Gramm.

Tonight's meeting consisted of our annual Christmas Party and Dinner. President Wayne Smith welcomed all the attendees and spouses. There were 26 persons in attendance. There was a short business meeting before dinner to address several topics regarding the next meeting. Wayne announced that elections of chapter officers for 2013 would be held during the January meeting which will be held at the Grapevine Founder's Building on January 8, 2013. The meeting has been postponed for 1 week since the regular first Tuesday of the month is New Years Day. All paid-up members are eligible to vote and/or hold office. All board positions are open from President to Director. Chapter members interested in running for one of the board offices should contact Russ Covitt, Nominations Chair at russrstuff@aol.com to place your name on the ballot. The program for the evening after elections will be member Show-n-Tell.

VP-Trips & Events Skip Waters reported the chapter's annual Slide/Video show will be on January 19 at the Southfork Motel in Plano from 6-10 pm. Anyone wishing to be a presenter should contact Skip at wgcrush@swbell.net to get on the program. Presentations should be no longer than 20 minutes if possible. Eat before you go, as no outside food is permitted in the hotel, so there won't be pizzas.

Member Russ Covitt reported the 'World's Greatest Hobby Show' will be held on January 5-6, 2013 at Amon Carter Exhibition Hall in Ft. Worth with over 100,000 sq.ft. of exhibits including many railroad hobby manufacturers.

VP-Programs Jon Shea introduced our guest Mr. Robert Haynes, curator of the Plano Interurban Museum, who gave the group information about a planned TX Electric interurban field trip this spring. The tour will start at the Plano Interurban Museum and proceed south pointing out highlights and remnants of the old trackage infrastructure along the old right-of-way to downtown Dallas where lunch will be served at the Interurban Building. Planned date is April 20, 2013 and the cost is \$40/person, lunch included. Robert apologized for the delay in getting this



tour going but the restaurant in the Interurban building closed earlier this past year and has only just reopened. More information will be forthcoming as received or contact Robert at roberthaynes1959@yahoo.com directly.

President Wayne passed out copies of a railroad terms matching puzzle for the group's entertainment. Prizes were handed out for the top 5 entries with the most number of correct matches including several 'gimme' hats and other goodies.

One of our members (A.J. Roquevert) shot video during our Texas Joyride on Amtrak on October 7, 2012 and made a DVD. He had copies made and handed out a copy to each member in attendance who participated in the ride. Extra copies will be available at the January meeting for \$6 to cover the cost of the DVD media. The video will also be shown as part of the evening's program during Show-n-Tell. Skip also handed out TRE 'squeeze' car replicas and calendars from the Central Arkansas Transit River Rail electric streetcar in Little Rock to all. Happy Holidays to all! See you in 2013!

More info: A.J. Roquevert is the chapter member who donated the free "East Texas Joy Ride" souvenir video at the Holiday party. The video will also be part of the January member's meeting program and for sale to anyone else who wants a copy for \$6 each.

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2012.

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North Texas Chapter History

Founded and chartered in 1996, the North Texas Chapter is one of the newest chapters of the National Railway Historical Society*. The 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, usually (but not always) at the Grapevine Tourist & Visitor Information Center at Main St. and the FWWR railroad tracks. Visitors and newcomers are welcome.

Effective October 2012, regular membership is \$55 a year (\$39 national dues + \$16 chapter dues). Additional family members are \$7 per individual. 214-987-2888. Regular membership includes a) subscription to the NRHS Bulletin (5 issues/year) and our monthly chapter newsletter, the North Texas Zephyr. Chapter mailing address: **North Texas Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 600304, Dallas, Texas 75360.** Reach the NRHS at National Railway Historical Society, 100 N 20th Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1443.

North Texas Calendar

Jan. 5-6, 2013	World's Greatest Hobby Show, Fort Worth. Russ says... This will be a big one! In 2007, attendance was over 21,000.
Jan. 8, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founder's Building, Grapevine, Texas. Program: Elections, Annual Member Show'n'Tell.
Jan. 19-20, 2013	Dallas Areas Train Show. Plano Centre, Plano, Texas. Sat. 10am-5pm, and Sun. 10am-4pm. Admission \$8.00 per person, kids 12 under FREE. Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31). http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/content/dallas-area-train-show-january-19-20-2013 NTC members needed to cover NTC assigned hours – see Russ Covitt's list in this issue.
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Feb. 5, 2013. March 5, 2013., April 2, 2013. May 7, 2013. June 4, 2013.	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location, program to be announced.

