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Welcome to the 2nd extra edition of the North Texas Zephyr, the newsletter of the North Texas Chapter, NRHS. These occasional “extra” editions share the latest news, fun and excitement of Lone Star Rails 2008 – the first NRHS convention to be held in Dallas and Fort Worth!

Our friends in the NRHS community have just delighted us with their enthusiastic response to the launch of LSR 2008 at *ChattRails* in August. We had a lot of fun seeing old friends and making many new ones. We look forward to having you visit our fine North Texas

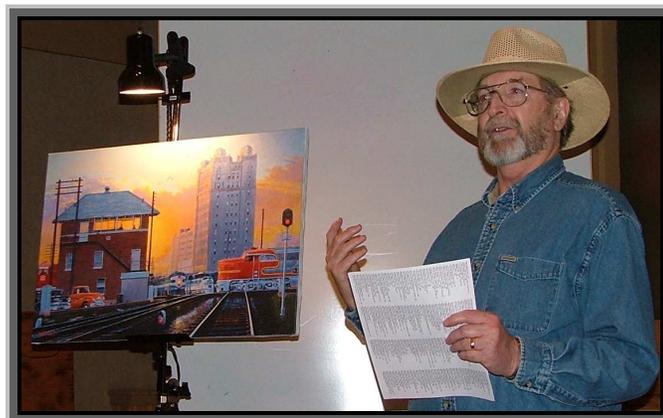
Who Might You See At LSR 2008? A Few Of Our Favorite, Famous Local Friends ...

We are pleased and proud pleased to have some of our favorite and famous local friends joining us at Lone Star Rails 2008. Here are a few of their smiling faces, and a preview of wonderful stories they will share at the convention.

John Winfield, Rail Artist

John Winfield is a recognized artist of rail images and scenes. His work graces the cover of a variety of books about rail lines, can be found in private collections and rail catalogs. John and his lovely wife Elaine are locals, owners of their Fort Worth business, The Printing Machine. Be sure to look for John and Elaine, enjoy a rail memory or two evoked by his images, and chat about the stories behind some of John's famous or favorite pieces.

Right: **John Winfield** discussing his art and technique at the “24 Hours @ Saginaw” rail event (sponsored by the North Texas Chapter, NRHS) in May, 2007. (Photo credit: John Morris)



LeRoy O. King, Rail Historian

LeRoy O. King, a respected author of traction and other rail publications, is a fond friend and humble local here in Dallas. It's an honor to meet Roy, and a delight to talk with him.

Roy has been known to share many a fine story about a prominent philanthropist who also happened to be a rail enthusiast and collector. Roy also has an exhaustive knowledge of rail traction lines, including the Texas Electric Railway and many more.

Left: **Mr. King** with a member of his history fan club, your illustrious editor. (Photo credit: Valli Hoski)



metroplex (that's Dallas, Fort Worth and everywhere in-between), enjoying the best of rail activity, fun, food, and more – just 7 quick months away and we will see you here!

Pre-registration Keeps Growing!

As of mid-November, **almost 400 pre-registrations** have given a terrific start to a Texas-sized rail celebration in June, 2008! We welcome each and every one of you who signed up so quickly at *ChattRails*, through our web site, and through the good old U.S. Postal Service. Glad to have you join us!

Join by November 30, and you can enjoy our extra early bird pre-registration rate of just \$15 (for NRHS members)!

Get the pre-registration form and more news at www.LoneStarRails2008.com

Still thinking about it, or trying to convince a family member or two to come along?

Remember, *only 1 registration per family* is needed.

Did you miss the November rate? There's plenty of time for our \$25 pre-registration rate from December 1 - February 15, 2008.

We invite you to come on board, join the excitement, excursions and programs we're planning for you at Lone Star Rails 2008.



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Steve Goen, Rail Photographer and Author

Steve Goen, a recognized author of rail history and photography books, is also from the North Texas area. Steve has given a variety of programs on his rail research, retrospectives on rail lines at a unique time or period, and other fascinating topics. He'll be part of the scene at LSR 2008, and might share a story, program, photo or two with us from his vast store of rail history knowledge.



Above: Steve Goen (center) with the **North Texas Chapter, NRHS** and friends at his "Rock Island's Psychedelic Seventies" program, September 4, 2007 at the DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University. (Photo credit: Harry Fasick)

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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. As of August 2007, regular membership is \$46 a year (\$33 national dues + \$13 chapter dues). The 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, TX 75360. *[NTx Newsletter 2007-12-02 Special vA1A.doc]*

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