



**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008 GREET-7PM. MEET-7:30PM.**

PROGRAM: **DALLAS & NORTH TEXAS RAILROADS, 1960s-1970s**

AT: SOKOL DALLAS CENTER, 7448 GREENVILLE AVE., DALLAS, TEXAS

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## Chapter Meeting & Announcements

### Feb. 5, 2008 – Chapter Meeting, Sokol Dallas

Program: **Dallas and North Texas railroads in the 1960s and 70s.**

**Speaker:** R.D. Chrystal

**Where:** Sokol Dallas Center, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas.

**Map:** <http://www.sokoldallas.com/id13.html>

**Driving?** Go east on Walnut Hill, at Greenville Ave. Turn south into the driveway just past the restaurant on the southwest corner.

**DART?** DART RED LINE to Walnut Hill Lane Station. Board 506 or 582 bus in the bus lane facing east. Ride to second stop after the train station and **get off before bus turns right on Greenville.** Walk across Greenville and into the driveway past the restaurant .



Walnut Hill Station

(Photo credit: Dallas Area Rapid Transit)



## Special Feature – Spotlight On Our Members

### Members Present Unique Stories @ NTC Meeting, Jan. '08

By Valli Hoski

The North Texas Chapter (NTC) members are often unique, personable, enthusiastic and well informed, and love sharing their stories. Some members are out-spoken about their talents, while others, some highly renowned, take a quieter approach about their writing, photography, modeling, and other significant achievements.

The first meeting of each new year is dedicated to an NTC “tradition” – the member showcase. NTC kicked off its 2008 with several fine stories and recountings that give us new insight about our friendly, collegial fellow members. Enjoy these glimpses into the fascinating facts, objects, and unknown talents that the members shared with us at the January meeting.

*Right: Roy King* brought history alive with by showing a bound copy of 1947-1951 Bulletins with a photo of the interurban car on which the NRHS was founded.

*(Photo credit: Valli Hoski, 1/8/2008)*



*Left: Bill Frantz* demonstrated a most interesting lamp made from a railroad signal lantern. *(Photo credit: Valli Hoski, 1/8/2008)*

*Right: Skip Waters* proudly showed a vintage photograph from his collection. *(Photo credit: Valli Hoski, 1/8/2008)*



*Left: Jon Shea* displayed 2 M-K-T number signs from his railroadiana collection *(Photo credit: Valli Hoski, 1/8/2008)*

*Right: Steve Siegerist* as Santa's Helper, maybe. That's his spotlight and he's sticking to it. *(Photo credit: Valli Hoski, 1/8/2008)*





### **Man Of Many Hats**

By Steve Siegerist

Most of you know that **Claude Doane is a volunteer extraordinaire**. This last weekend he, almost single-handedly manned the NRHS table at the Plano Train Show. He is also Curator of the Garland Local History Museum headquartered in the former Santa Fe Garland Depot with a Santa Fe passenger car outside. This past year he was elected President of the Friends of the Garland Library. Every year they hold a book sale and Claude gets first crack at all the train books. Some have wound up in NRHS Auctions.

You probably do not know that Claude was appointed several years ago to the DART Citizens Advisory Committee. The Board of Directors at DART formed this committee in the early years of DART to get more local input from the public. Each board member appoints a citizen to the advisory committee, therefore 15 members. The appointments are renewed, or another citizen appointed, each year. First, appointment is a recognition by a board member that an individual cares about public transit in their community. Second, the Citizens Advisory Committee elects officers from their members, which is an indication that they recognize leadership qualities as well as public transit knowledge among their peers. Last week, at the annual election, our own former NRHS chapter president, Claude Doane was elected Chairman of the DART Citizens Advisory Committee. We congratulate him on this latest recognition of his volunteerism and transit advocacy.



Claude Doane, Mr. Volunteer Extraordinaire.  
 (Photo credit: Valli Hoski, 1/8/2008)

### **2008 NTC Election Results**

By Ron Anderson, Chapter President

I am pleased to announce the results of our Chapter elections. In our last edition of the North Texas Zephyr our slate of candidates gave brief bios regarding themselves. Our elections did not have the suspense and drama of the national politicking going on, thank goodness. Below are the Officers (*Ed. Note: and their smiling faces*) elected for 2008 year.



Left:

NTC Officers elected Jan. 8, 2008 (left to right):

- **Steve Siegerist** -Treasurer,
- **Ron Anderson** - President,
- **Jon Shea** – VP Programs,
- **Dave Gramm** - Secretary,
- **Valli Hoski** – VP Publications,
- **Dale Wilken** – National Director, and
- **Skip Waters** – VP Trips/Events.

(Photo credit: Claude Doane, 1/8/2008)

**Please be sure to thank these individuals for their time and talent.** In many volunteer organizations the jobs of leadership are not the easiest to fill. So, please be sure to offer your support.



**I offer my thanks to all of the repeating officers for their efforts in 2007, and also to Mike Bedford, as our outgoing Secretary.**

Thanks, Mike! Next be sure to welcome Dave Gramm, our new Secretary who will fill this crucial role in the coming year. My thanks also to Russ Covitt for handling the nominations Chair. Our bylaws say that we now need a new nominations Chairperson. I am open to volunteers, so if you are interested, please let me know. Some people will step up if asked, but it is always special when a person is willing to get involved. Let's make it great in 2008!!

## **Special Feature – Fort Smith Trolley Museum**

### **Jon's History Corner & Tours**

By Jon Shea, VP Programs

A trip to this museum yielded a pleasant streetcar ride on an unseasonably warm January day. The museum is located a few blocks from Fort Smith National Historic Site where "Hangin' Judge" Isaac Parker dispensed his famous brand of justice over the lawless Indian Territory in the late 1800s.



*Left:*

Fort Smith Light & Traction car #224 passes Judge Parker's Courthouse (Fort Smith Historic District).

*(Photo credit: Fort Smith Trolley Museum at <http://www.fstm.org/>)*

We rode on restored **Car #224**, which was taken out of service in 1933 when Fort Smith, Arkansas switched from streetcars to buses. Number 224 is a **Birney Safety car**, which was first used in Fort Smith in 1919. In order for the Safety Car to be started, the door had to be closed and the motorman had to depress the controller handle (or put his foot on a floor pedal) and, of course, release the brakes. The purpose was to convince the public that a streetcar could be safely operated by one man.

In 1933, the #224's trucks and motors were removed and the car body became a diner in Ashdown, Arkansas named the "Streetcar Café". Ashdown is located 15 miles north of Texarkana. After restoration #224 made its first run on Christmas Day in 1990. Once the overhead wire system which carries the 570 volt DC current was in place the car began full time service on 3 blocks of track on May 19, 1991.

The track was afterwards extended to the gate of Fort Smith National Cemetery on one end and Garrison Ave. on the other end which totals ½ mile of track. Originally the system had 33 miles of track and also crossed the Arkansas River to Van Buren. Fort Smith's streetcars began operating in 1883 using mule power. Electric streetcars began running in the middle 1890s with an open-air platform for the operator. The museum has an open platform car vintage 1902, #10. Two others, 1919 #205 and 1926 #221 were found on the Alexander Farm in Mulberry, Arkansas. #205 has been nicely restored and may be run in the near future. In 1984, a worn out 1918 Birney car #1545 was purchased and the wheels, motors and controls were put on Car #224. The museum also has an ex Hot Springs Arkansas car #50 and a 1907 open car used in Vera Cruz, Mexico. The doors for the car barn came from the old Frisco roundhouse in Fort Smith.

The museum also has Frisco engine #4003, a 2-8-2 coal burner which was donated to Fort Smith in 1952 and formerly resided in Kay Rogers Park. The museum has 3 cabooses, one of which, MKT #126 is open. My 2 and 4-year-old nephews loved climbing in the cupola as did their uncle Jon. The museum also has two passenger cars, one of which is an MKT power car which was originally a World War II troop sleeper.

The other is a 1938 former MKT heavyweight chair car. After passenger service ended on the KATY in 1965, the chair car was converted to a work crew car. The seats are gone and there is a kitchen and a counter with bar stools for the crew. Both of these cars were used on work trains for wrecks and derailments. The museum also has some old city buses. See the museum website: <http://www.fstm.org/>. It contains a full equipment roster, pictures and other museum information.

It was a fun and interesting trip on the trolley. The carbarn has some interesting pictures and artifacts. The motormen and staff are all volunteers and are very knowledgeable and helpful. Next to the trolley line is a small frame house that has the body of an original Fort Smith



trolley built into the house. It was moved there from a nearby rural area. At the end of the line, the motorman let me use the rope retriever to change the poles when the trolley changed direction. (Thanks to Captain Transit (Steve Siegerist) for the proper traction jargon). [Ed. Note: The museum's equipment roster (<http://www.fstm.org/roster.html>) has a nice variety of traction, locomotives, coaches, other rail cars.]

## North Texas Rail News

### **BNSF Looks To Expand At Alliance, Dallas**

As reported in Trains News Wire and the Dallas Morning News, BNSF Railway is experiencing growth and planning expansion of its facilities at Alliance intermodal yard. BNSF is also considering adding a 6,000-acre logistics facility in southern Dallas County. Source: 1/14/08 Trains News Wire. Original article at <http://www.trains.com/trn/default.aspx?c=a&id=2966>

### **North Texas Groups Push For Commuter Rail Expansion**

Trains News Wire reports that two North Texas groups will push plans to expand commuter rail lines across North Texas, the Fort Worth Business Press reported. The Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition and the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition intend to push for a regional commuter-rail system in the next legislative session. The Dallas/Fort Worth region is the fourth-largest metropolitan region in the country behind New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago, but it's home to far fewer commuter lines than those regions. Michael Morris, director of transportation for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, said, "We need to start acting like a region of our size if we're going to be a region of our size." Source: 1/7/08 Trains News Wire. Original article at <http://www.trains.com/trn/default.aspx?c=a&id=2936>

## General Rail News

### **Artrain USA To Start Truckin' Down The Road**

Artrain USA, an art museum on rails since 1973, will sell its passenger cars and begin touring the country in trucks starting next year. President and CEO Debra Polich said switching from steel to rubber wheels will give the nonprofit a chance to reach more communities than it could before.

The group is studying whether to keep its familiar name despite switching modes, or whether to come up with a new name that reflects its new mode of transportation. Its cars are for sale.

Source: 1/15/07 Trains News Wire. Original article at <http://www.trains.com/trn/default.aspx?c=a&id=2972>

### **Buffett Increases BNSF Stake**

According to documents filed with the SEC, Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. increased their Burlington Northern Santa Fe holdings. As reported in Railway Age, Berkshire Hathaway now owns 63.7 million shares of stock in BNSF. Last year Berkshire also invested in Norfolk Southern Corp. and Union Pacific Corp., but reduced its holdings in the two railroads in the second half of 2007. Source: 1/21/07 Railway Age Late Breaking Rail Industry News. Original article at

[http://www.railwayage.com/breaking\\_news.shtml](http://www.railwayage.com/breaking_news.shtml)

### **Cascade Green Livery Gleams On SD9 No 6234**

Former Burlington Northern SD9 No. 6234 wears its Cascade Green paint scheme again, thanks to the Minnesota Transportation Museum, as reported in Trains News Wire by Ralph Back. The unit emerged from the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad paint shop at Horicon, Wis. on Dec. 7. The interior of the cab was also repainted. BN 6234 was built by EMD in April 1959 for the Burlington Route subsidiary Colorado & Southern as C&S 839. It was among the first group of new Burlington locomotives to be painted in the Chinese red scheme, and was among the last SD9s produced before EMD started SD18 production. The museum chose to restore the locomotive to the BN scheme since that was more relevant to the time the locomotive spent in Minnesota. No. 6234 is the second former BN diesel locomotive preserved and repainted in the Cascade Green scheme - the other is U30C No. 5383 at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Ill.

Source: 12/28/07 Trains News Wire. Original article at <http://www.trains.com/trn/default.aspx?c=a&id=2918>

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## NRHS News

### **NRHS National Office Transfer, As Of February 1, 2008**

By Valli Hoski, VP Publications

As reported in the NRHS Telegraph (formerly News Extra), January 2008 issue, the NRHS National office in the Robert Norris building is closing, and office operations are being transferred to the firm of Fernley & Fernley. The NRHS has been relocating files, archives, and materials since the decision was made to vacate the office in accordance with the redevelopment plans of the building owner.

**Effective February 1, all NRHS correspondence should be sent to: National Railway Historical Society, 100 N 20th Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1443.**

[Editor's note: In January, I made a final pilgrimage to NRHS National while in Philadelphia for the American Library Association midwinter meeting. My heart was sad as I rode the elevator up in their vintage office building. However, upon meeting Lynn Burshtin (NRHS Office Manager) and getting her "grand tour" of National's offices, archives, and library, I was amazed by and very proud of how much the NRHS National office has accomplished in the tiny space it has. Imagine running a national office and organization of NRHS' vintage, out of space smaller than most Texas 2-bedroom apartments? I laud and recognize the staff and



volunteers of NRHS National for their persistence, positive outlook and commitment to rail history and the membership all these many years. They will be long missed by this librarian. I wish Lynn and all the best in their new endeavors.]

## Chapter Features & News

### **Chapter President's Corner – Ron's Ramblings**

By Ron Anderson, Chapter President

This month the National Board of Directors will continue with its strategic planning for the whole organization. In my experience, such SWOT analysis are challenging and interesting. This does not necessarily mean easy. They can be time-consuming, frustrating, ambiguous and many other choice adjectives. Still, when given careful thought to Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats in internal and external environments, choices can be made that will yield the greatest possible benefit. The process usually involves data gathering from internal and external sources that will help make identifying areas in each section more apparent. Then goals and objectives can be developed, followed by specific priorities and steps to help guide the organization to meet those goals. Our Chapter Director, Dale Wilken is familiar with such sessions. I am glad to have him serving in this role as this process goes forward. In order to effect improvement, change must be communicated and accepted. I heard once that sometimes it is better to change by evolution, not revolution. Still, in order to thrive and grow we do not want to be complacent. It is a solid fact that demographics are changing, not only our organization but also the nation as a whole. What once worked may not continue to be as effective as it once was. So, we sometimes come full circle, and have to see that we must communicate well to reach the results desired with the best possible outcome.

### **Want A Newsletter? Pay Your Overdue Dues!**

By Steve Siegerist, Chapter Treasurer

If you have not sent your \$46.00 to the treasurer, this is the last newsletter that you will receive. In this convention year, we all want to be kept up to date on the convention activities and progress, plus you have to be a member to attend. If you cannot find your dues notice, don't worry about it. The treasurer will take your money without the notice attached. Just send it pronto or your newsletter subscription will be canceled.

### **Russ Says ... Thanks Everyone, For The Good Help!**

By Russ Covitt

The Plano Train Show had much better turnout this year than last – the bad weather stayed home and people came out. Many thanks to those who volunteered – you helped the show be successful, which also will help NTC be successful with our share of the show's profits.

### **Chapter Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2008**

**NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MEETING MINUTES AND NOTES, DATE: January 8, 2008. LOCATION Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas..**

President Ron Anderson called meeting to order at 7:40pm.

Nominations chair Russ Covitt presented the slate of officers for the 2008 year and called for any additional nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations and Claude Doane moved to elect the slate of officers as presented by acclamation. Motion seconded by Steve Siegerist and the vote was unanimous to elect by acclamation. 2008 Officers are: Ron Anderson, President; Jon Shea, VP Programs; Skip Waters, VP Trips & Events; Valli Hoski, VP Publications; Dave Gramm, Secretary; Steve Siegerist, Treasurer; Dale Wilken, National Director.

Program chair Jon Shea reported on upcoming programs. February 5th's meeting will be at SOKOL Hall and will feature R. D. Chrystal with a program on Dallas & N. TX railroads in the 1960's & 70's. March 4th's meeting will feature Leon Sapp's program @ Grapevine on the Katy's Western Subdivision end-to-end. April 1st's program was suggested by Valli Hoski to have Roy King and Steve Siegerist do a slide show on electric traction, dubbed "Transit & Traction Doubleheader" with Grapevine as the site. May is open. June's meeting will be a primer for the NRHS Convention. July's meeting is cancelled as a wind-down after the convention (it's also July 4th) Aug-Sep-Oct are open. November is the annual auction program. December is the annual Christmas Banquet.

Valli reported she needs photos for the convention book. Photos from any of the TX Rail museums and rail lines (Grapevine, FWWR, MATA, Etc), railroadiana shows, etc. are acceptable. Deadline is Feb 15. Any articles from the Plano train show are also needed for the Feb. newsletter. Member spotlight will also be a special feature for February issue.

Skip Waters reported on current convention updates. The latest edition of the Cow Catcher has a back page full-page ad for the convention that we received at a reduced rate. The Cow Catcher will also carry info on convention happenings as they become available for publication. Any chapter members who would like to volunteer their time to work at the convention should contact committee members Dale Wilkins & Wayne Smith. The convention committee is meeting weekly. Skip also reported on the annual Dallas Slide Show to be held January 19 @ South Fork Hotel in Plano as part of the Plano Train Show and sponsored by our chapter. Show starts at 6 PM through 10PM. Skip lastly reported the 3rd Annual 24 Hours at Saginaw event is in the works. The city has not and is not charging the chapter the normal \$25 for use of the depot that other non-profits are charged and he would like the chapter to make a \$50 donation to the city of Saginaw for their support.



Treasurer Steve Siegerist reported on the latest balance sheet figures. Membership is up 4 members over last year. We spent more than we took in as revenue last year due to the increase in the Officers & Directors Bond insurance, loan to the convention, video projector purchase and \$500 donation to the DeGolyer library.

Dale Wilken reported on the National office. The winter National Director's Meeting will be held in Dallas on January 26-27 @ Holiday Inn, I-635 and Josey Lane. A 1-day Strategic Planning session is scheduled. Storage of material is ongoing as the national offices move. Fernley & Fernley have taken over more of the administrative tasks at the national office. National Spring Board meeting will be held in Syracuse, NY. Rail news – Valli Hoski reported attending the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio and seeing some private varnish in the S.A. north side yards.

Unknown owners. Steve Siegerist reported that San Antonio was the largest city to go all bus in 1932.

Ron reminded everyone the next meeting will be February 5 at SOKOL Hall and adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

Program for the evening was 'Member Spotlight'. Skip reported seeing UP 844 in Chickasaw, OK & met a lady who had a picture of the Frisco Firefly running as the Texas Flash from Dallas, TX to Tulsa, OK. The picture of the Firefly taken in Sherman, TX was rare & unique because it was a day shot and the TX Flash was a night train. Bill Frantz showed a switch stand lantern and semaphore oil lamp. Roy King showed a bound copy of 1947-1951 Bulletins with a photo of the interurban car on which the NRHS was founded. Jon Shea showed 1936 TX Centennial brochure produced by Southern Pacific and a placemat from the Katy/Frisco TX Special with an F-unit displayed. The train ran from St. Louis, MO to Texas. Jon also displayed two number boards, #916 from a Katy passenger car and #486 from a steam locomotive from the Dennison yards. Valli Hoski talked about her trip to Bensen, AZ.

## **Lone Star Rails 2008 Convention Corral**

### **Convention Rate Increases To \$35 On Feb. 16**

A timely reminder to get your LSR 2008 membership NOW! Effective February 16, 2008, registration rate increases to \$35. After May 15 and on-site, registration will be \$50. Only one registration per family or household is needed.

### **Volunteer Sign-Up Now Open for Business!**

By Wayne Smith, LSR 2008 Volunteer Coordinator, and Dale Wilken, Assistant VC

The Volunteer committee **encourages one and all to volunteer** during the convention. Have previous experience? Or new to the National Convention? **Everyone is needed!** Please sign up yourself, and feel free to invite your friends! Thanks for your interest and energy, and we look forward to working with you. **See the Volunteer Application on the back page of this month's newsletter.**

## **Chapter Directory**

### **North Texas Chapter Officers**

- **President, Ron Anderson**, rra\_nrhs@yahoo.com
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## **North Texas Calendar**

<b>Tues. Feb. 5, 2008</b>	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting, 7:30 p.m. – Sokol Dallas Center</b> , 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX, map: <a href="http://www.sokoldallas.com/id13.htm">http://www.sokoldallas.com/id13.htm</a> Guest speaker: R.D. Chrystal. Program: <b>Dallas and North Texas railroads in the 1960s and 70s.</b>
<b>Tues. Mar. 4, 2008</b>	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Founder's Building</b> (by Cotton Belt depot), 701 S. Main St., Grapevine, TX. Guest speaker: Leon H. Sapp, former M-K-T Railroad employee. Program: <b>The KATY Western Subdivision End-to-End, Wichita Falls to Keyes, OK.</b>
<b>Tues. April 1, 2008</b>	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Sokol Dallas Center</b> , 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX, map: <a href="http://www.sokoldallas.com/id13.htm">http://www.sokoldallas.com/id13.htm</a> Guest speakers: Roy King, and Steve Siegerist. Program: <b>Transit &amp; Traction Doubleheader.</b>

## **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 August 2007, regular membership is \$46 a year (\$33 national dues + \$13 chapter dues). Additional family members are \$7 per individual. 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, TX 75360.**



## ***Volunteer Application – Lone Star Rails 2008 Convention***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member of which NRHS Chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to **contact** you (please provide phone and/or email) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you **paid your registration fee** for Lone Star Rails 2008? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Days available** to volunteer for the Conference:

**Mon.** (6/16)    **Tues.** (6/17)    **Wed.** (6/18)    **Thurs.** (6/19)    **Fri.** (6/20)    **Sat.** (6/21)

Do you have **prior volunteer experience** at a previous rail event, conference or tour?  No  Yes

If so, what **experience** do you have? (Previous experience is not required.)

What **activity** would you like to volunteer for / help with? (We'll try to match your interest, but can't promise.)

\_\_\_ **Registration or Info Desk**   \_\_\_ **In-hotel programs (programs, meetings, etc.)**

\_\_\_ **Bus trips**   \_\_\_ **Rail trip**   \_\_\_ **Outside activity (street guide, greeter, etc.)**

\_\_\_ **Anything, I'm flexible**   \_\_\_ **Something else** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any limit(s)** to what you can do, such as, no walking or standing for long periods, etc.?

Please mail this form to:

**Lone Star Rails 2008, ATTN: Volunteer Coordinator**  
**North Texas Chapter, NRHS**  
**P.O. Box 600304**  
**Dallas, Texas 75360-0304**

**Thank you for your interest and support of the Lone Star Rails 2008 National Convention.**