



# NORTH TEXAS ZEPHYR

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### Lone Star Rails 2008 – On the Air! Ride The Zephyr To Quanah!

Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> “news extra” – the last preview of news and events as Lone Star Rails 2008 pulls out of the station a few short weeks from now. Enjoy several unique events that will be special, memorable and landmark occasions in the history of NRHS national conventions! Amateur radio special event station K5T will be “on the air” and

#### Special Event Station K5T – Texas Rail History On The Air

#### K5T Celebrates Rail History with Dallas, Fort Worth and Around the World

Special event station K5T will celebrate the spirit, fellowship and enjoyment of railroading, rail history and ham radio around the world! Lone Star Rails 2008 will be honored in a very unique way during the week of the convention – through an amateur radio “special event station” K5T. Harry Fasick, K3EYL, will be operating the radio station, talking with ham radio operators locally and around the world.

Station K5T will operate June 16-22, 2008 to celebrate the Lone Star Rails 2008 National Convention, its rail events, along with the spirit, fellowship and tradition shared by members of the world-wide National Railway History Society.

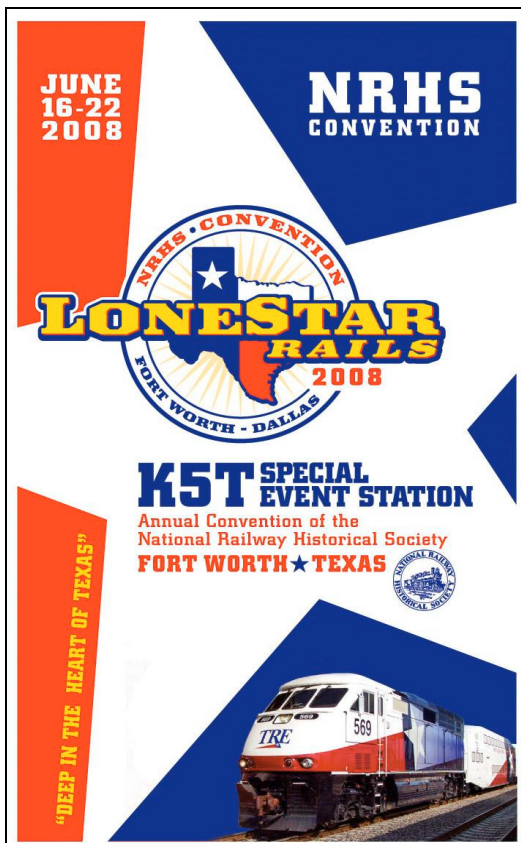
Railroad excursions and rail history events are often celebrated by ham radio special events, and Lone Star Rails 2008 will be reaching out to listeners and ham operators throughout the convention. Hams are a visible part of the rail enthusiast community here in North Texas and beyond. Ham radio has celebrated many unique train or rail history events over the years, including:

- **New York City Transit** special event station K2IRT with the A train at the Hammels Wye in Queens.
- **Illinois Railway Museum** special event station W9T for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.
- **Great Circus Train** special event station W9D with on-board radio operations, in collaboration with the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, Wisconsin.
- **Halton County Radial Railway** special event station VE3MIS in collaboration with Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association and Mississauga Amateur Radio Club.
- **Freedom Train** special event station W3UU, July 4, 1976, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

A special contact confirmation card (QSL card) is available for those listeners who hear, or those radio operators who talk with station K5T during its week of operation. K5T will be found primarily on 40, 20, and 17 meters, and locally on VHF and UHF repeaters in Dallas and Fort Worth. K5T event, operating frequencies, and contact confirmation (QSL) information are listed at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html#jun>

Have fun, celebrate the unique history of ham radio and rail enthusiast hobbies with LSR 2008 and station K5T! Listen for Harry K3EYL and Valli N8QVT on the air!

Left: **Special event station K5T card** (QSL card) for radio listeners and ham radio operators who confirm they heard or talked with station K5T during LSR 2008. (Graphic credit: Gabe Saenz)





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## Hear The Best From BNSF – Dinner With Peter J. Rickershauser

### Enjoy Dinner with Fellow Rail Diners and Today's Railroad Leadership

The Lone Star Rails 2008 convention is pleased to have **Peter J. Rickershauser** as featured banquet speaker. Mr. Rickershauser is **Vice President, Network Development** of the **Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway**, and was appointed to his current position in May 1999. He oversees BNSF's Haulage Management, Interline Management, Network Strategy Development, Public-Private Partnerships and Short Line Business Development functions.

Come, enjoy a good meal with fellow rail enthusiasts, historians and professionals, and hear the latest news, views and more from Mr. Rickershauser, one of the area's business leaders in mainline railroading.

### See Northwest Texas On The Rails – Quanah Zephyr, One Day Only

### Ride the Texas Trail of Rail History to Quanah – BNSF Railway Mainline Excursion

The North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society, Inc. is proud to sponsor the Quanah Zephyr, as part of the Lone Star Rails NRHS national convention. Only one exciting round-trip will run between Fort Worth to Quanah and return on Saturday, June 21, 2008. This is a very rare journey over a 190-mile section of a busy contemporary BNSF mainline between Texas and Colorado that has not seen regular passenger service since 1967.



**The route of the Quanah Zephyr excursion transverses a vast section of North Texas stretching from the headwaters of the Trinity River, all the way to the desolate plains of Northwest Texas.** The trip allows riders a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to retrace this important rail artery. Enroute you will see the burial site of Comanche Chief Peta Nocona (father of Quanah Parker), pass over the historic twin spans crossing the Wichita River, see one of the last herds of wild Texas camels, pass countless grain elevators, speed past the mysterious Medicine Mounds of Comanche lore, and to arrive in historic Quanah, Texas, headquarters of the fabled Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railroad. As one steps off the QUANAH ZEPHYR, one can almost hear Chief Quanah Parker as he proudly proclaimed after its construction that "This is my town... this is my railroad!"

Above: Quanah Acme & Pacific Railroad Museum building. (Photo credit: Steve Goen)

The train will **leave Fort Worth ITC (Amtrak) Station** at approximately **7:00 am** with a planned **11:00 am arrival** in downtown **Quanah**. The return trip will **leave downtown Quanah** at approximately **2:00 pm** with a planned **6:00 pm arrival back at Fort Worth ITC (Amtrak) Station**. **Lunch** will be served in **Quanah**, and is **included in your fare**.

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**Our 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.

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