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Chapter Meeting

Nov. 1, 2011 – Founder’s Building, Grapevine, Texas.

When: Tues. Nov. 1 7:00 p.m.

Where: Founder’s Building. 701 S. Main St., Grapevine, Texas.

Program: Annual Auction. Bring your stuff, bring your wallets, bring your money.

Special Features

Conrail R-B-Q 2011

by Valli Hoski, editor

The CRHS hosts a number of "Rail-B-Q" events each year, where Conrail fans get to come enjoy a cookout trackside. These events are always a great time for everyone who stops by for all or part of the day. Rail-B-Qs are funded by the society, but donations are graciously appreciated to help offset the costs.



*Above left: New York Central museum, Elkhart.
 (all photo credit: Valli Hoski)*



Above right: Best view in the house – Harry and the Norfolk Southern.

2011 Elkhart R-B-Q

The inaugural Elkhart RBQ was Saturday July 9th from 9am to 9pm at the National New York Central Museum in Elkhart, Indiana. This was the CRHS' first ever society event in the state of Indiana and sure pleased the Midwest attendees, including your loyal editor Valli and handsome husband Harry.

The NYC museum sits along the south side of the tracks across from the Amtrak station at the east end of NS' busy ex CR Elkhart yard. The line sees upward to 140 trains a day traverse through here, including trains from the shortline Grand Elk Railroad, so the action did definitely not disappoint.



Above left: EMD locomotive engine view.



Above middle: Under the hood of an EMD locomotive – the long view.



Above right: In control of the EMD locomotive.

The museum has quite a few ex CR pieces in its collection, including a couple ex MDT flatcars, some old MOW cars, and a couple of Conrail cabooses, a bay window caboose and a transfer caboose along with the usual ex NYC goodies, including one of only two preserved NYC steam engines in the country, the 3001!



Above left: Crossbucks mark the R-B-Q spot.



Above right: There's more to Elkhart than meets the usual rail fan eye.

Source: 10/23/2011, Conrail Historical Society site at <http://thecrhs.org/events/rbqs> National New York Central Museum, 721 S. Main Street, Elkhart, Indiana. Museum history and tour at <http://www.nycrrmuseum.org/tour.html>

Greenbrier Presidential Express - C&O J3a #614

Chesapeake & Ohio 4-8-4 No. 614 has been repainted and lettered Greenbrier Presidential Express.

According to Ross E. Rowland Jr., the locomotive's owner, it will soon be moved west to White Sulphur Springs, Virginia, where it will be displayed on the private car track at the famed Greenbrier resort. The locomotive will act as an advertisement for a deluxe passenger service between Washington, D.C., and the Greenbrier, set to debut July 1, 2012.

Ten sleepers, acquired from Grand Luxe and American Oriental Express, are being converted into luxurious parlor cars at a former steel works in Pottstown, Pa., Rowland added. The cars had already received upgrades to their running gear and other underbody equipment when Rowland's group acquired them. In their new role, the equipment will operate out of Washington, leaving at 10 a.m. Wednesday and arriving in Virginia at 4 p.m. "Everything is on track for a July 2012 startup," Rowland said. "We'll have a 15-car train ready to go by then." Rowland concluded with a comment about No. 614: "CSX has a system-wide no-steam, no antique equipment policy, and we respect that," he said. "The Greenbrier Presidential Express will be diesel-only for the time being. If CSX ever changes their mind, we'll be ready to run 614."

Source: 9/20/2011, Trains News Wire at

<http://trn.trains.com/en/Railroad%20News/News%20Wire/2011/09/CO%20steam%20locomotive%20receives%20new%20paint%20takes%20place%20on%20display.aspx>

C&O #614 in action

See the #614 on her winter ferry move – wear a jacket, the snow's pretty cold. Or enjoy an onboard tour at 70+ mph. Many thanks to the rail web videographers for sharing their work at youtube.com !

- *Chesapeake & Ohio 614 70+ MPH* – join the ride at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhGoR1cpdrM>
- *Chesapeake & Ohio #614 in Waynesboro, Virginia* – watch the local action of the #614 move from Virginia Museum of Transportation (Roanoke, VA) to C&O Heritage Center (Clifton Forge, VA) at http://youtu.be/-PZuNKO_OVO
- *Chesapeake and Ohio 614 back on the High Iron* – trackside seat of 614's winter move at <http://youtu.be/rZzomlp2wDY>

C&O #614 in colorful glory

- *C&O #614 photo gallery* – admire her beauty at <http://www.co614.com/gallery/Greenbrier-Presidential-Express>

History of the Greenbrier Resort

Since 1778, people have come to "take the waters" to restore their health. In the 19th century, visitors drank and bathed in the sulphur water to cure everything from rheumatism to an upset stomach. Because of the water's draw, the resort was known as White Sulphur Springs. Shortly after the [Civil] war's end, it reopened and the resort's prospects were incalculably improved with the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. For the next one hundred years, White Sulphur Springs was one of the classic railroad resorts in North America. In 1910, the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway purchased the historic resort property and embarked upon a major expansion. In 1914, for the first time, the resort-now renamed The Greenbrier-was open year round. During the Second World War, the United States government enlisted The Greenbrier for two very different uses – housing for foreign diplomats, then as a hospital and rehabilitation center for soldiers. In four years 24,148 soldiers were admitted and treated, while the resort served the war effort as a surgical and rehabilitation center. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway reacquired the property from the government in 1946. The company immediately commissioned a comprehensive interior redecoration by the noted designer Dorothy Draper. The origin of The Greenbrier's distinctive décor goes back to this much-publicized redecoration, at a period when Dorothy Draper was at the peak of her fame. As Architectural Digest described her, she was "a true artist of the design world [who] became a celebrity in the modern sense of the word, virtually creating the image of the decorator in the popular mind." She remained the resort's decorator into the 1960s. Upon her retirement, her protégé Carleton Varney purchased the firm and he continues today as The Greenbrier's decorating consultant.

Source: 10/23/2011, Greenbrier Resort History site at <http://www.greenbrier.com/staying-here/about-the-greenbrier/greenbrier-history.aspx>

Reminder: Get on Board for Plano Show, Jan. 21-22, 2011

Won't you please commit an hour (or more) to help the Chapter meet its coverage needs for the Plano Show? Pick your Plano assignment of choice and let Russ know at "RussRStuff@aol.com". For more information on the shows, see <http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/>

Dallas Area Train Show (Plano) - January 21-22, 2012. ***** Chapter needs help for the following hours *****

Saturday, January 21, 2012

10-11 AM LAYOUT TOUR SUPPORT EAST DOOR _____

11-12 AM TICKET SALES _____

12-1 PM TICKET SALES* _____

1-2 PM TICKET SALES* _____

*NOTE LOCATION of ticket sales will be announced next month

Sunday, January 22, 2012

9-10 AM ASSISTANT SHOW MGR *Russ Covitt*

10-11 AM LAYOUT TOUR SUPPORT EAST DOOR _____

12-1 PM SWITCHING CONTEST _____

1-2 PM TICKET SALES EAST DOOR _____

3-4 PM INFORMATION TABLE _____

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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.**

Regular membership is \$52 a year (\$36 national dues + \$16 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, Texas 75360**. Reach the NRHS at National Railway Historical Society, 100 N 20th Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1443.

North Texas Calendar

Tues. Nov. 1, 2011	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founder's Building. 701 S. Main St., Grapevine, Texas. Program: Annual auction.
Sat. Nov. 12 – Sun. Nov. 13, 2011	Fort Worth Train Show – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: Amon Carter Exhibit Hall, Fort Worth, Texas. Map and show details at http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/
December, 2011	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Date, Time, Location: to be announced. Program: Holiday dinner meeting.
January 3, 2012	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founder's Building. 701 S. Main St., Grapevine, Texas. Program: Chapter election and member "show and tell" reports.
Sat. Jan. 21 – Sun. Jan. 22, 2012	Dallas Area Train Show, held in Plano Texas - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, Texas. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31). Map and show details at http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/