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**Chapter Meeting**

**February 1, 2011 – DeGolyer Library, SMU**

**When:** Tues. Feb. 1, 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** deGolyer Library, SMU, 6404 Robert S. Hyer Lane, Dallas, TX 75205

**Program:** See recent acquisitions and old favorites in RR history, and demonstration of some of the new digital tools (Baldwin locomotive records online, photographs, etc.)

**Traveling from the south:** Take U.S. Highway 75 (North Central Expressway), exit at Mockingbird Lane/SMU Blvd. Continue on service road to SMU Blvd. Turn left (west). Moody Parking Garage is at the southeast corner of SMU Blvd and Airline Road. From Dallas North Tollway. Exit Mockingbird Lane and proceed east past Hillcrest Avenue to Bishop Blvd. Turn left (north) onto the campus. Proceed north 300 feet to Schlegel Street. Turn right to access the Meadows Museum Parking Garage.

**Directions to DeGolyer Library, SMU:**

**Traveling from the north:** Take U.S. Highway 75 (North Central Expressway), exit at the Lovers Lane/University Blvd/SMU Blvd exit. Continue on service road to SMU Boulevard. Turn right (west) onto campus. Moody Parking Garage is at the southeast corner of SMU Blvd & Airline Rd.

**Special Features**

**We did it! NT/NRHS has the Best Rail Special Event**

*By Wayne Smith, Chapter President*

The North Texas Chapter of the NRHS has the Best Rail Special Event in the region according to Cowcatcher Magazine. In the Second Annual Gold Rail Awards sponsored by this regional magazine, 24 Hours at Saginaw was voted the best rail event by its readers for the year 2010. The location of this special event is held annually in Saginaw, TX which was also voted the Best Railfanning Spot. This is the second year that Cowcatcher Magazine has sponsored the Gold Rail Awards featuring 12 categories including best layout, excursion railroad, railroad museum, regional freight railroad, passenger rail, new model railroad products and model train stores. For the North Texas Chapter to win first place in two categories is exceptional. Congratulations to the chapter and to Skip Waters, Vice President of Trips and Events. Special thanks also go to the Saginaw Chamber of Commerce for the use of their vintage Depot and to BNSF for allowing access to their property. 24 Hours at Saginaw won second place last year in the voting.

**North Texas Rail News/Events**

**Rail Spot Bunch Spots Lunch, Jan. 15, 2011**



Rail enthusiasts are a varied group, from all sorts of backgrounds, regions, interests, personalities, and eccentricities. There are two uncontested loves we all share – railroading (of all types, sizes, livery, and age) and food (of all types, sizes, flavors, tastes and prices). The Rail Spot bunch at lunch is a good time always had by all. Many thanks to Don Ross for sharing his friendly photo.

See Railspot at <http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/railspot/>





## UP Excursion To Follow Little Rock Route

The much-anticipated UP excursion is taking a southern route, kind of . After an "election" in which votes spun faster than a roulette wheel in Las Vegas, the winning route will take the UP through St. Louis, Little Rock and other central midwest destination.

Below: UP Excursion voting totals announced by UP



Source: 1/19/2011, Union Pacific excursion site at <http://upexcursion.com/>

## Chapter Directory

### North Texas Chapter Officers, 2010.

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<http://www.gogeocaching.com/gorailfanning/home/northtexaszephyr.html>

### North Texas Chapter @ Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=409467244127&ref=search&sid=100000091828340.3519021572..1>

## Chapter News & Views

### Chapter Meeting Minutes, December, 2010

**NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: December 8, 2010.** Report submitted by Dave Gramm.

The December meeting was disguised as the chapter's annual Christmas dinner, held in the refurbished African-American Waiting Room in the T & P Station in Fort Worth.

President Wayne Smith called the group to order at 7:15pm and welcomed all the members and guests. There were 37 members and guests in attendance. Our own 'Captain Transit' Steve Siegerist was on hand, having come down from St. Louis to partake in the DART Green Line inauguration the Saturday before.



Attendees then partook of the catered dinner provided by Joanne Weber, proprietor of the T & P Tavern & Grill, located in the T & P Station.

After dinner, Wayne reported that the Cowcatcher Round-Up rail news magazine is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Best of..." contest and our own "24 Hrs @ Saginaw" event has been nominated for "Best RR Event" as well as the Saginaw Station being nominated for "Best Train Watching Location". Subscribers to CCRU will get a ballot within their delivered copy and all subscribers are encouraged to vote for our two nominations. Note that copies picked up at newsstands or other distribution places will NOT have a ballot, only subscribers will receive one.

Wayne also reported the board has approved the final draft of the Leroy O. King Memorial Railroad Preservation Grant program documents and it is now available for grant nominations.

Wayne recognized the board members in attendance and thanked them for their service to the chapter during the past year. VP- Trips & Events Skip Waters announced the TX Electric Interurban field trip scheduled for early January has been delayed to sometime in late January due to a scheduling conflict. Watch for more info to be released soon.

Skip reminded everyone of the chapter's annual Slide Show Shootout @ Southfork Hotel, located on the east side of US 75, south of Parker Rd., on Saturday, January 15, 2011 from 6pm till ? This is the chapter's contribution to the Plano Train Show.

Skip also thanked everyone who participated in voting for the UP Steam Excursion contest. He was ahead in the votes received by 30 points as of Monday. The contest has now entered Round 2, the tabulation of the votes received, followed by Round 3, the setting up of the route to be chosen.

Skip introduced one of the dinner guests, William Brotherton, a noted railroad author and lawyer who is currently representing the Museum of the American Railroad in their lawsuit with the city of Dallas. He gave the attendees an update on the museum's activities and reported the museum hopes to make their 'Big Boy' steam engine operational once the museum completes the move to its new Frisco, TX home. It is the most complete 'Big Boy' steam engine of all those in current static display, with all of its major components intact and is in relatively good shape. With 12 acres of space, the museum would like to be able to allow attendees to actually operate the throttle on the 'Big Boy' and move it on trackage within the museum grounds.

Joanne finished the evening's entertainment by taking the group on a tour of the newly renovated diner facilities in the T & P Station that she and her husband Nathan have lovingly restored. *Press time 1/20/2011, 6pm. NTx Newsletter 2011-02 vC.doc*

### ***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.** For 2010 on, 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.** \*Reminder, effective Feb. 2008, NRHS has a new mailing address: National Railway Historical Society, 100 N 20th Street, 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1443.

## North Texas Calendar

Tues. Feb. 1, 2011	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> Location: DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University, University Park, TX Program: Library's recent acquisitions, old favorites in RR history. Demonstration of the new digital tools.
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