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**Chapter Meeting**

**September 4, 2012** – Founder’s Building, Grapevine, Texas

*When:* Tues. September 4, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

*Where:* Founder’s Building, Grapevine, Texas.

*Program:* Railroading as a digital experience (video).

*Directions:* 701 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas.

*Map:* <http://www.pegasusnews.com/places/founders-building/>

**Special Features**

**Gettysburg’s own “Sunset Limited”**

*by Valli Hoski (article and photos)*

Enjoy this visual journey as an August evening draws nigh in Gettysburg. The freight line on the north side of town glows molten in the rays of the setting sun. The rail station still bears a proud sign of a predecessor flag – Pioneer Line that served Adams County agricultural and local businesses with trackside deliveries.



(Left) Perfect trackside moment.



(Middle) Westward view of glowing rails, looming clouds and the ideal ‘rail fan’ apartments



(Right) Sunset brings glowing, ghostly trackside memories



(Left) Mixed local rumbles through town.



(Middle) Pioneer Lines wave in wind.



(Right) Party car? Keg delivery? Dream on ...



## North Texas & NRHS News

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### *Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, July 3, 2012*

**NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: July 3, 2012.** Sokol Hall, Dallas Texas. *Report submitted by Dave Graham.*

The July meeting was held at SOKOL Hall in Dallas. In the absence of the Chapter President Wayne Smith, VP-Programs Jon Shea called the meeting to order at 7:21pm with 8 members present. Low attendance was most probably due to the July 4 holiday.

Jon brought a copy of the Wall Street Journal that contained a full page ad by the Union Pacific in celebration of their 150 year anniversary. He also reported that the August meeting would be held at the Founder's Building in Grapevine where Dale Wilken will give a report on the National convention.

Member Jeff Phelps' brother Ted recently passed away and he had a sizable railroadianna collection. Jeff asked if he could bring it to the meeting and sell it off to raise funds for his brother's medical bills.

Russ Covitt reported on the recent Santa Fe Historical & Modelers Society convention held in Temple, TX. Over 280 persons registered with 180+ taking the train ride and 170+ touring Ft. Hood's terminal rail facility, cavalry unit and museums. Next year's convention is in Flagstaff, AZ and will feature a Grand Canyon train ride. The 2015 convention will be in Dallas.

Member Bob Kennedy reported on the imminent move of the depot from the Museum of the American Railroad at Fair Park to Frisco. The tower has already been moved. The rolling stock may be moved by the end of July based on cooperation with the BNSF and UP.

Region VP Claude Doane reported the Cedar Rapids convention was poorly attended by the east and west coast members. Only the ADM ethanol plant tour was a sellout. There are no mainline railroads in Cedar Rapids and Claude remarked that in his opinion the city was not receptive to tourism. Without the sale of tickets to the general public during the convention, the convention would have lost even more money than it did. Claude reported that the 2013 convention will be held in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, making round trip plans difficult.

Claude reported that National dues are going up \$3/yr to \$55 plus chapter dues. The new board of directors will meet in October in Delaware. The new Advisory Council will also meet for the first time there. The Advisory Council is supposed to be made up of a member from each chapter so we will need to come up with a volunteer to represent us.

The 2014 convention location has not been decided yet. Claude addressed the pros and cons of several possible sites, including Denver, CO, NW Arkansas, Kansas City and New Orleans.

Member Ed Pegelow showed pictures of his trip to the Cedar Rapids convention and museums he visited along the way in Union, IL and in Oklahoma. Jon showed a video of the Pike's Peak Cog Railway.

### *Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, August 7, 2012*

**NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: August 7, 2012.** Founder's Building, Grapevine, Texas. *Report submitted by Dave Graham.*

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30pm with 15 members present.

He reported that the chapter's deadline for acceptance of grant requests for this year has come and gone without any grant requests. He asked all members to be on the lookout for any ideas for grants and to turn them in for consideration, even though past the deadline.

Member Russ Covitt reported on upcoming local train shows. The Temple train show will be held Sept 15-16, the Lockheed Martin train show will be held October 13-14, the NTC Ft. Worth Train Show on Nov 10-11.

Russ also commented on the recent Santa Fe convention. The SFRH&MS group is planning to disburse the profits from their convention as grants to various restoration activities and museums. Recipients to include the Temple Museum, Museum of American Railroad, Madame Queen, Albuquerque steam train rebuild.

Region VP Claude Doane reported the national dues will be increasing \$3/yr. In trying to save money, an idea has been floated to do away with the Bulletin and give the members a subscription to Classic Trains. Discussion by the members favored reducing the number of issues of the Bulletin from 4 to 2 but make them better.

VP-Programs Jon Shea reported member Jeff Phelps had brought his brother's railroadianna collection and would have it available for viewing during the break. Jeff reported he had found a RR bridge on private property in Fairview, TX that has been declared a national historical landmark. Jon remarked that he had sent a memo to Robert Haines at the Plano Interurban Museum, re: Fall Interurban field trip and he had received a reply that the trip has now been delayed to the 1st quarter of 2013 due to scheduling conflicts. Jeff reported the 2926 group in Albuquerque suffered a robbery several weeks ago. The thieves stole the clamps that mount the engine cab to the frame presumably for the scrap steel.

VP-Communications Dale Wilken requested pictures and articles for the newsletter.

President Wayne displayed a list of the oldest companies in the world still in continuous operation. Remarkably, Amtrak is on the list as a successor to the B & O which first ran passenger trains in 1830.

VP-Trips & Events Skip Waters had no report but commented about the proposed double-tracking of the TRE. There is \$4.9 million on the line if Amtrak can move to the TRE from the UP.



Member William Brotherton reported the Frisco museum track is now officially tied in to the BNSF and enough lead track is in place to allow moving most all the rolling stock. Current holdup is the circus train blocking the move. The Big Boy will probably be moved at night. Meeting adjourned at 8 pm and the programs followed.

Dale showed pictures of his trip to Cedar Rapids, IA. He visited the museum in Mt. Pleasant, IA where he rode on a restored trolley and steam engine and viewed steam powered tractors and a steam powered merry-go-round. He also showed pictures of the steam trip from Cedar Rapids to Clinton, IA and the ADM ethanol plant tour.

Jon talked about the 140th anniversary of the railroads coming to Dallas on July 16, 1872. He showed a new book by Arcadia Publishing on 'Railroading in Ellis County' with pictures of Houston & Texas Central trains arriving in Dallas

Skip showed a camping themed short celebrating 100 years of the SP in Texas. The oldest section of SP trackage still in use is a 26 mile segment of the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos & Colorado RR that was incorporated into the SP during a merger.

## Chapter Directory

### North Texas Chapter Officers, 2012.

- **President, Wayne Smith**, 940-300-4407.
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### North Texas Zephyr Archive

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<http://www.facebook.com/groups/409467244127/>

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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. Sept. 4, 2012	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> Location: <b>Founder's Building, Grapevine, Texas.</b> Program: railroading as a digital experience (video)
Sept. 15-16, 2012	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Annual Temple Model Railroad Show.</b> Temple, Texas. Info at <a href="http://www.centramod.com/show2012.htm">http://www.centramod.com/show2012.htm</a>
Tues. Oct. 2, 2012	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b> Location: <b>Founder's Building, Grapevine, Texas.</b> Program: Annual NTC auction.
Oct. 12-13, 2012	<b>Lockheed Martin Train Show.</b> Fort Worth, Texas. Info at <a href="http://www.lmra.org/Activity.aspx?pageid=50">http://www.lmra.org/Activity.aspx?pageid=50</a>
Tues. Nov. 6, 2012	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b>
Nov. 10-11, 2012	<b>Fort Worth Holiday Train Show.</b> Will Rogers Center, Fort Worth, Texas. Info at <a href="http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/content/ft-worth-train-show-nov-10-11-2012">http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/content/ft-worth-train-show-nov-10-11-2012</a>
Tues. Dec. 2, 2012	<b>OKC Train Show.</b> Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City, OK. Info at <a href="http://www.okctrainshow.com/">http://www.okctrainshow.com/</a>
Dec. 4, 2012	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m.</b>
Jan. 5-6, 2013	<b>World's Greatest Hobby Show, Fort Worth.</b> Russ says... This will be a big one! In 2007, attendance was over 21,000.
Jan. 19-20, 2013	<b>Dallas Areas Train Show.</b> Plano Centre, Plano, Texas. Russ says... This is when we really need your help handling ticket sales and other duties.

