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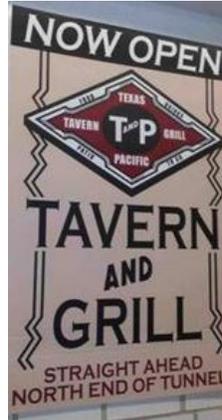
Dec. 4, 2012 – Babe’s Chicken, Frisco, Texas

When: Tues. Dec. 4, 2012, 7:00 p.m. meet in dining room

Where 6475 Page Street Frisco, Texas 75034. (214) 387-9500

At our November meeting, a really good time was had by all ...

Nov. 6, North Texas Chapter members enjoyed the casual meeting “night out” at T&P Tavern!



Special Features

2013 Chapter Election – List of Candidates

Russ Covitt, traditional head of the Chapter’s nominating committee presents these individuals who have confirmed their willingness to serve the Chapter in 2013. The election will be held at the January 2013 chapter meeting.

- President, Wayne Smith
- Vice President/Programs, Jon Shea
- Vice President/Trips and Events, Skip Waters.
- Vice President/Communications, Valli Hoski
- Secretary, Dave Gramm
- Treasurer, Jim King

President’s Roundhouse

by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

President’s Roundhouse: Year End Bits and Pieces

Thanks again to Skip for planning and scheduling the recent East Texas Joy Ride. A good time was had by all (at least the people I spoke to). We have more trips like this planned for next year. Thanks to all of you that took the time to respond to our chapter survey. We appreciate the feedback and the East Texas Joy Ride is a result of your feedback. It is not too late to complete the survey and turn it in to one of the board members.

Speaking of the board. We may have a couple of openings on the board for next year. But, any member is welcome to run for any board position that they choose. I have asked Russ Covitt to serve once again as the Nominations Chair. You simply need to ask to have your name added to the ballot for the January election. If you think you can make a difference within the chapter, please consider running for an office.

Don’t forget to attend our annual Holiday Dinner at Babe’s Chicken in Frisco on December 4th. It will give you an excuse to drive by the new Museum of the American Railroad facility and check out the progress.

Please also remember that we have grant monies available to non-profit organizations that want to buy or restore railroad related items for their organization. Please contact the chapter president (yours truly) for more information. We will be happy to assist your organization in completing the application.

The board of directors challenge each and every one of you to be more involved with our chapter. This can be done by running for office, submitting articles and/or photographs to the Zephyr, volunteering to present a program at one of our monthly meetings, or simply by attending monthly meetings on a regular basis.

By the way, my family and I recently stayed in one of three cabooses at the Antlers Hotel in Kingsland, TX. The Austin and Northwestern Railroad began construction of the hotel and by the time it opened in 1901, the railroad and its hotel had been acquired by the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. The cast iron pot-bellied stove in the dining room carries the H&TCR logo or the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, which was itself acquired by the Texas and New Orleans Railroad and then the Southern Pacific Railroad. There are several restored structures throughout the property. This is nostalgic place to spend a weekend if you like railroad history like I do. Happy Railroading!

A Rail Trip in Hawaii

by Dale Wilkin, Chapter VP Communication

Railroads have had a limited but interesting role in the development of the Hawaiian economy. Having no connection with the rail systems elsewhere in the world the railroads that were developed served agriculture and the military. Oahu, Hawaii is noted for two of its agricultural products-pineapples and sugar cane. The railroads that were built were on the plantations and were small, narrow gauge operations. They carried the workers to the fields and, when picked or cut, carried the product to the shipping station and from there to the nearest cannery or processing facility. Today the pineapple and sugar cane farming is much less labor intensive as large machines have replaced much of the hand labor. Trucks have replaced the working railroads so that rail mileage in Hawaii is limited to several tourist operations and a small amount of mileage on some military bases off limits to the public.



While visiting Oahu recently, we toured the Dole Plantation which at one time was by far the largest plantation in Hawaii employing nearly 3,000 permanent and 4,000 seasonal workers. A small portion of the narrow gauge trackage has been retained as a tourist operation known as the Pineapple Express using gasoline powered locomotives and open passenger cars of a size similar to what run at some US tourist attractions such as Six Flags. While riding the train, we had the opportunity to view the pineapple fields at various stages of maturity as well as some of the equipment now used and were told the history of pineapple cultivation as pioneered by the founder, James Dole.

Time did not permit a visit to the other operating tourist railway, the Hawaiian Railway, located in the Ewa area west of Honolulu. The Hawaiian Railway Society operates this railway which has 6.5 miles of narrow gauge tracks and runs a train on most Sundays. On the property are 2 restored Whitcomb diesel-electric and one GE diesel electric 15hp locomotives donated by the military as well as several military flat cars converted to carry passengers. Three small tank engines have been cosmetically restored. Most notable is a restored parlor car once the property of the owner of the Oahu Railway and Land Company. Information about this railway is available at hawaiianrailway.com.

Selbyville DE Trackside

by Valli Hoski (article and photos)

While enjoying a recent drive out to the eastern shore and Ocean City, Harry and I explored south-eastern Delaware. Selbyville is a cute town, with a small, well-manicured and cared for park and a nicely restored rail station museum. Enjoy this view of the Selbyville station on a warm autumn Saturday afternoon.

Here's what the locals have to say about their fine museum ... "The Town of Selbyville's small town atmosphere came alive recently with the addition of our new Railroad Museum ..."



Rail station and local museum, Selbyville, DE.



We know where we are. Do you?



Let's take a peek at their treasures...
 through the magic window



Rail and historical memorabilia ... even a model train off to left,
 out of view (Photo taken through door window.)



They'll leave the light on for
 you ... come by again!

"... This Museum houses artifacts from the earliest town agricultural days to late 20th century items such as Police Department memorabilia. The Museum opened with a Grand Ribbon cutting June 18, 2005 celebrating the incorporation of our municipality in 1902." Want more of the story? See Selbyville's history and **their model train layout** at http://www.townofselbyville.com/town_of_selbyville%20RR%20Museum%20Interior%20Images.htm

Chapter Views and Rail News

Reminder - Come on Down to the DFW Train Shows!

Refresh your railfanning spirit with a visit to the traditional fall and winter DFW Train Shows!

Ft. Worth Train Show - Nov 10-11, 2012, Amon Carter Exhibit Hall

Many of the finest Home & Club layouts in the North Texas area! Hours: Nov. 10, Saturday 10am-5pm and Nov. 12, Sunday 10am-4pm. Admission \$8.00 per person Children 12 and under are FREE.

Train show info and map at <http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/content/ft-worth-train-show-nov-10-11-2012>

For information on parking, see culturaldistrictparking.com

Dallas Area Train Show - January 19-20, 2013, Plano Centre

There will be two full days of clinics. Many home layouts will be on tour. Hours: January 19 2013, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday 10am-4pm. Admission \$8.00 per person Children 12 and under are FREE.

Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31). Train show and map at

<http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/content/dallas-area-train-show-january-19-20-2013>

If you would like your layout added to the Dallas area tour contact Chris Atkins at chris@railroadmodelers.com



Need NTC Help on Sunday - Plano Train Show Jan. 20-21, 2013

by Russ Covitt

Still need volunteers to cover the Sunday hours – see schedule below. PLEASE contact Russ to sign up 972-625-4012 or russrstuff@aol.com Also, the North Texas Chapter will have a table at the Plano Show to promote the Chapter and we can use volunteers to provide info about membership and activities. (Show info at <http://www.dfwtrainshows.com/content/dallas-area-train-show-january-19-20-2013>)

SAT 1-19-13:

10-11 AM	Layout Support Table, East Door	Bob Kennedy
11-12 AM	Ticket Sales, West Door	Jon Shea
12-1 PM	Ticket Sales, West Door	Edwin Pegelow
1-2 PM	Ticket Sales, West Door	Dale Wilken

SUN 1-20-13 – SHIFTS ALL STILL OPEN (as of 10/25/2012)

9-10 AM Assistant Show Manager Russ Covitt

12-1 PM Switching Contest _____

1-2 PM Ticket Sales, East Door _____

3-4 PM Information Table Main Room _____

- When you sign up, we expect you to show up 10 minutes prior to your assignment, and sign the log.
- If for any reason you cannot do your job, it is your responsibility to find a replacement so we don't get assessed a penalty for not filling the slot.

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2012

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: November 6, 2012. T&P Grill, Fort Worth, Texas. Report submitted by Claude Doane.

This is a brief report from the November NTC-NRHS meeting held 11/6/12 at the T&P Grill in Ft Worth. We had nine people in attendance. The Chapter Holiday meal at Babe's in Frisco was announced by Skip. Chris Galvan announced an open house at their layout in SW Ft Worth from 2:00pm to 8:00pm Saturday 11/10 and 11/17. This weekend is also the Ft Worth train show.

As for the rest, we all had dinner and drinks and generally enjoyed friendship and camaraderie. It was very pleasant. We broke up in time to catch the 9:42 TRE train back to Dallas.

I submit this in the absence of Mr. Gramm whom I understand is on a cruise with Mrs. Gramm. Thank you. Claude Doane, volunteer Secretary.

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, Oct. 2, 2012

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: October 2, 2012. Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas. Report submitted by Claude Doane.

The October meeting was held in Grapevine. It was our annual Auction. There were 9 members in attendance and the magazines, books, and railroiana available brought the Chapter \$172.00. Respectfully submitted, Claude Doane, Substitute Secretary

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, Sept. 4, 2012

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: September 4, 2012. Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas. Report submitted by Dave Gramm..

President Wayne Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45pm with 10 members present.

VP-Programs Jon Shea reported that member Claude Doane who was our Regional Director, has been elected to the new National Board of Directors.

Claude was not able to attend the meeting to make the announcement but President Wayne received a formal letter from headquarters announcing the same and advising the Chapter that we now need to select another member to serve on the new advisory panel since the new board members cannot serve in both positions. The chapter will take under advisement and make a decision on the new representative shortly.

VP-Communications Dale Wilken reported visiting several rail sites in Germany including 'Miniatur Wunderland' in Hamburg. He brought back brochures and pictures he took.

President Wayne showed postcard pictures of a railroad themed resort in Kingsland, TX named 'The Antlers Hotel' that uses several refurbished cabooses as hotel rooms.

VP-Trips & Events Skip Waters reported on an article in the Dallas morning News regarding the pending move of equipment of the Museum of the American Railroad from Fair Park to Frisco. A map was included in the article detailing the proposed route of the move for rail fans who wish to take advantage of the event and photograph it. He also reported the Texas State Railroad is planning a double round trip special between Rusk and Palestine on November 3. Call TSRR for information.

Skip reported that he was contacted by a New York production company to participate in shooting a TV documentary production regarding the 'Crash at Crush'. He will be going to West, TX on Sept. 5 to provide background information.

Skip then led a lively discussion among the members on the direction National seems to be going and how several other chapters have voiced concerns to the point of threatening to leave the national organization. The general feeling is that National is focusing on things not conducive to helping the chapters.



Members in attendance felt the chapter board of directors should meet at a retreat to set some goals for the chapter to promote growth and attract younger members. Dale expressed his thoughts that the chapters that seem to do the best are those that have something to rally around, be it an associated museum, equipment restoration project or any other program that gives the members something to feel good about accomplishing.

Jon reported the member auction will be held at the October meeting in Grapevine rather than in November since the November meeting night is the US Election Day. Several ideas were discussed in lieu of the November meeting and Jon will post in the newsletter. The December meeting will be the annual Holiday party dinner. Member Bob Kennedy will look into holding the dinner at Babe's in Frisco next to the new MAR museum site and report back to the chapter. Bob also reported the KCS Holiday Train schedule is posted. It will start in Jefferson, TX and proceed to Wylie and several other stops. Check the KCS Web site for info.

Wayne put together a small committee to send out a survey to the chapter members asking why many are not attending the monthly meeting and requesting suggestions on how to increase attendance.

Member Russ Covitt reported there will be another railroad seminar at the George W. Bush Presidential Library in College Station, TX on November 3. Doors open at 9:30 AM and seminars start at 10:00. Admission is \$15 and includes all seminars, lunch (fajitas), donuts and coffee, and museum admission. Speakers include Ken Fitzgerald with his latest UP & BNSF projects, Patrick Phelan talking about the NS Heritage units, Andrew Hudanish (UP Engineering) speaking on capacity improvements in Texas and another UP official on the Hearne yard upgrades. Contact Robert Holzweiss at the library for reservations. His address is Robert.Holzweiss@gmail.com or call 979-691-4074.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Chapter Directory

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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.

Effective October 2012, regular membership is \$55 a year (\$39 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. Dec. 2, 2012	OKC Train Show. Fair Grounds, Oklahoma City, OK. Info at http://www.okctrainshow.com/
Dec. 4, 2012	North Texas Chapter Holiday meeting – 7:00 p.m. Location: Babe's Chicken, 6475 Page Street Frisco, TX 75034. (214) 387-9500
Jan. 5-6, 2013	World's Greatest Hobby Show, Fort Worth. Russ says... This will be a big one! In 2007, attendance was over 21,000.
Jan. 8, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founder's Building, Grapevine, Texas. Program: Officer Elections, Annual Member Show'n'Tell.
Jan. 19-20, 2013	Dallas Areas Train Show. Plano Centre, Plano, Texas. Sat. 10am-5pm, and Sun. 10am-4pm. Admission \$8.00 per person. kids 12 under FREE. Plano Centre, 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31). <i>NTC members needed to fill the Chapter's require service hours.</i>
Feb. 5, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location and Program: to be confirmed.
March 5, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location and Program: to be confirmed.

