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Chapter Meeting

March 5, 2013 – DeGolyer Library, SMU, University Park, Texas

When Tues. March. 5, 2013, 7:00 pm meet ‘n greet, 7:30 mtg.

Where DeGolyer Library, SMU, University Park, Texas.

Program :Civil War exhibit. Duplicate photo, magazine and book sale

Special Invitation to ‘At Large’ Members ...

The North Texas Chapter welcomes "At Large" NRHS members throughout Texas and surrounding states to attend our meetings and events. If you decide you would like to join our Chapter, we can easily transfer your membership. Please contact Jim King or any other Board member for details.

Friendly Reminder to Chapter Members

NRHS will send another reminder notice this winter, Non-renewals drop from the roster in May. Dues are \$55 - individuals, \$62 - with spouse.

Special Features

Great Circle Rail Route – York & Adams Counties, PA

by Frank Mellot (notes and photos)

Editor's note: Frank is an active rail enthusiast, photographer and amateur radio operator here in south central PA. He graciously shares his photos and trip notes with the North Texas Chapter in the fellowship and spirit of our shared hobbies.



(Above left) PRR Tower, York, PA. Site is for sale. Expect this is last picture I take of it. Feb. 9, 2013



(Above right) PRR/Northern Central station, Hanover JCT, PA. Starting in 2013, plan is for a brand new replica 4-4-0 steam locomotive** to begin tourist operation from New Freedom, PA through here. Feb. 9, 2013 (**see York #17 article on p. 2)



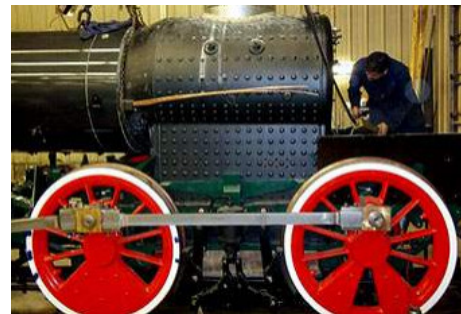
(Above left, right) The ex Western Maryland Railway stations in East Berlin, PA. Pretty impressive considering the railroad left town circa 1928. . Feb. 9, 2013. *Editor's note:* East Berlin is 8 mi. from York Springs (our home), and Harry's a proud alum of the YS/EB high school.)





York #17 Under Steam Soon!

Klote Locomotive Works, likely best known for Leviathan 63, is currently building the **York #17**, the “Steam Into History” locomotive. The new standard guage 4-4-0 steam locomotive and tender will be fully functional and fully operational. Steam into History, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that plans to build and operate a steam train to chronicle the role York County, PA., played in Civil War history and to promote the area as a tourist destination.



President Abraham Lincoln was invited to speak at the dedication of the Soldiers' National Cemetery in Gettysburg. His remarks were a work in progress on Nov. 18, 1863, as he boarded his five-car train (draped in red, white and blue bunting) in Washington, D.C., for the four-hour ride to Gettysburg. It's easy to imagine Lincoln pondering his speech as his train rumbled north on the Northern Central Railway into York County, stopping at Hanover Junction for the changeover to the Hanover Branch Railroad and continuing on to Gettysburg. (*Editor's note: see Hanover Junction photo on p.1*)

Today, the rolling countryside along the old Northern Central route is relatively undeveloped – consistent with how the area would have appeared in the 1860s. The area's unspoiled beauty belies the hub of purposeful activity that was Hanover Junction during the Civil War. The station saw as many as 30 train stops daily, as the Northern Central carried troops and supplies heading to Washington for service in the Army of the Potomac. After the Battle of Gettysburg, wounded soldiers were transported to hospitals in York and Baltimore.

Steam into History passengers will learn about the railway's role in the growth of small towns along the route and its major contributions to the economic development of York County. The Steam into History train is scheduled to begin operating in 2013, in time to mark the 150th anniversary of the Confederate invasion of York and the Battle of Gettysburg.

(Sources: 2/23/2013. **Klote Locomotive Works** project site at <http://www.leviathan63.com/projectYork.html> and **Steam into History** project site at <http://www.steamintohistory.com/>)

Chapter and Texas Rail News

Chapter Receives Railroadiana Donation

By Jon Shea, VP Programs

Dr. Rob Gillespie former member of our chapter has given the North Texas Chapter a generous donation from his collection. Included in the donation are 3 nicely framed John Winfield prints, 2 railroad lanterns, a nice reproduction set of Santa Fe china and other pictures and posters. These items will probably be auctioned off on a date to be determined later. Thanks to Rob for the great donation!

Port of Corpus Christi Rail Yard Improvements

The Port of Corpus Christi Authority finalized funding agreements totaling about \$48 million for rail yard improvements.

The port, state of Texas, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) and four railroads will cover costs for the project, which is slated to begin in 18 to 24 months. For the first phase of construction at the Nueces River yard, the USDOT will provide a \$10 million grant and the port will allocate \$3.7 million. BNSF Railway Co., Kansas City Southern, Union Pacific Railroad and the Corpus Christi Terminal Railroad will provide \$4.1 million via per-car surcharges.

The first phase calls for building 1.5 miles of track to store a 110-car train, 2.8 miles of track to store an additional 252 rail cars, a 750-foot service track and service road. The second phase — which will be financed by \$23.8 million from the Texas Department of Transportation and \$7 million from the port — involves the construction of 7.6 more miles of track.



The expanded rail capacity will help relieve a cargo bottleneck and accommodate volume growth driven by Eagle Ford Shale oil and gas drilling operations, according to the port authority. The port's rail traffic is projected to increase 4 percent annually.

(Source: 2/13/2012 Progressive Railroading at <http://www.progressiverailroading.com/prdailynews/news.asp?id=35183>)

Downtown Dallas Transit Study (D2) Phase II Opens

DART kicked off Phase II of its Downtown Dallas Transit Improvements Study, referred to as D2, at a Public Meeting on February 13, 2013.

The D2 study is intended to consider alignments for the second light rail line through Downtown Dallas.

Phase I concluded with completion of an Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS) and a related Public Hearing and Comment Period. Phase II builds on the original effort. In response to comments received, the Study Team has been developing new alternatives and revising Phase I alternatives.

The meeting began with an hour-long Open House, followed by a formal presentation. Alternatives and refinements that are being considered for detailed evaluation were presented. Additionally, the Study Team reviewed how the Phase II effort is being coordinated with other relevant transportation projects and recently completed downtown plans.

The Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS) portion of the D2 Study was completed on May 17, 2010 with the closing of the 45-day Comment Period on the DEIS. This concluded a 3-year study effort that began in May 2007 with the initial Public Scoping Meeting. Over the course of the Study, the Study Team met with four Advisory Committees, the DART Board of Directors, the Dallas City Council Transportation and Environment Committee, numerous individuals and organizations and the general public to receive input on the alternatives, evaluation process, and the analysis contained in the DEIS.

The comments, questions and suggestions submitted during the DEIS comment period have been documented in the Public Hearing Summary Report.

Traditionally, this is the point in the project development process where the DART Board of Directors considers all the comments, reviews the AA/DEIS technical findings and selects a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA). Once an LPA is selected, it would advance into Preliminary Engineering (PE) to support preparation of the Final EIS. All comments received on the Draft EIS would be documented and addressed in this Final EIS.

However, several factors resulted in a postponement in selecting the LPA for D2, including:

- The City of Dallas requested that DART reevaluate alternatives previously screened out in the D2 AA/DEIS in light of their Downtown Dallas 360 Plan, which designates focus areas for development.
- The City, with technical support from DART, is advancing several streetcar projects, including a line from Union Station in Downtown to North Oak Cliff along the Houston St. Viaduct, partially funded by a \$23 million Federal (TIGER1) grant. It will accommodate modern streetcars. Another project consists of a new connection between Uptown and Downtown Dallas that connects the M-line Olive Street extension to the current M-line track on St. Paul Street. It will provide a direct connection to DART's St. Paul Station. The M-line's heritage vehicle fleet will still be used. Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is scheduled to receive \$4.9 million from the US Department of Transportation (DOT) as part of the Urban Circulator Grant Program and will have a local match of \$5 million from the North Central Texas Council of Governments. In addition, the City is initiating a Streetcar System Plan effort in late 2011. While prior streetcar planning was done during the D2 AA/DEIS, additional coordination is necessary to ensure compatibility between these efforts.
- In addition to the above coordination issues that may affect an LPA decision, the economic recession has impacted DART revenue forecasts. As a result, the 20-year Financial Plan adopted by the DART Board of Directors on September 28, 2010 includes funding for continued planning for D2, but lacks funding for final design and construction prior to year 2030. While this will delay the project opening date, it does provide an opportunity to conduct additional analyses to support a future alignment decision and position the project for other funding sources.

In early 2011, DART was awarded \$700,000 in Federal Funding with which to conduct additional alternatives analysis work. When the Study begins, DART will reinstate meetings with stakeholders, other advisory committees and the general public to review new or refined alternatives and build support for a future LPA decision. To be added to the Study mailing list and/or be considered for inclusion in the Study Community Advisory Committee (CAC), please contact Chris Walters at 214-749-3280 or email him at cwalters@dart.org. Materials completed during original D2 Study, such as newsletters and meeting minutes, are still accessible at <http://www.dart.org/about/expansion/downtowndallas.asp>

(Source: 2/23/2013, DART at www.dart.org)

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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. 214-987-2888. 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

March 5, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University, University Park, Texas. <i>Program: Civil War exhibit and duplicate photo, magazine and book sale.</i>
April 2, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas. <i>Program: to be determined.</i>
May 7, 2013 June 4, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: to be determined.