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Chapter Meeting

June 4, 2013 – Plano Interurban Railway Museum, Plano

When **Tues. June 4, 2013, 7:00 pm meet 'n greet, 7:30 mtg.**

Where **Plano Interurban Railway Museum, Plano.**

Program **Texas Electric Railroad Historic tour, April 2013.**

Interurban Railway Museum, Plano.

<http://www.plano.gov/index.aspx?NID=880>

We want to get as many members as we can to come and show their pictures and tell their stories and impressions about the tour.

Special Features

2013 24 hours @ Saginaw – bigger, brighter, better than ever!

By Skip Waters and Valli Hoski (photo credit John Morris)

The annual 24 Hours @ Saginaw just keeps getting better and better! The friendly faces, trains, news and programs keep trackside – in person and virtually. Enjoy these views of the action and this year’s “24 Hours @ Saginaw” !



Above: Saginaw depot all ready for visitors. The sign says it all – welcome! (Photo credit: John Morris, Dallas)

Pre-event line-up (and link-up)

Here’s a look at the fast and furious Facebook news just before Saginaw. (View the news ‘live’ through the YouTube links below.)

May 19 - We are getting ready for the 8th Annual "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2013, we want YOU to be Here!

- Skip personally invites you at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVHtRLAsd_Y&feature=share

May 21 - It's night time here with just Me and the Pigeons at "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2013. But at any moment... Boom! a train comes... and we want you to come this weekend to "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2013! It's time to watch some TRAINS!

- Are pigeons really keeping Skip company ? <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HI0pOsjEx9A&list=UU8UrbhjDmZFdOYogHBpJMvA>

May 22 - Thanks to owner, Wayne Defebaugh and engineer, Mark Labrozzi and The Blacklands Railroad from East Texas will be attending "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2013! They are bringing lots of Door Prizes and giveaways. It's time to watch some TRAINS!

- Experience Skip’s exuberant Saginaw spirit ! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERsDu0OJIAY&feature=share>



May 24 - They come from everywhere to watch Trains at "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2013! Come this weekend and watch some Trains with us! "24 Hours @ Saginaw" is a Rain Or Shine event because Trains run Rain Or Shine. So plan to come either way or come later. We will be here!

- No one can rain on our train parade ! This is an open party for all who love trains!
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gFxH19wQ&list=UU8UrbhIdmZFdOYogHBpJMvA/>

What's the timetable?



(Photo credit: John Morris, Dallas)

2013 Program Schedule

Friday, May 24th

7:05 pm - "Operation Lifesaver" presentation
 Silent Auction Begins
 8:00 pm - Steve Allen Goen - "Wichita Falls & Southern"
 8:30 pm - Steve Allen Goen - "The Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore" Passenger trains of Texas
 9:00 pm - Randy Nelson - "Nomo's Northwest"
 10:00 pm - Will Hemb - "Rails Rails Rails"
 Silent Auction Ends

11:00 pm - Skip Waters - Mysteries at the Museum - "Crash at Crush" episode
 12:00 am - The Midnight Special is a private screening of "Weekend Railroaders" - a documentary film by Scott Peterson made in 2011. This is a well done film on Speeders and their operations. A must see!

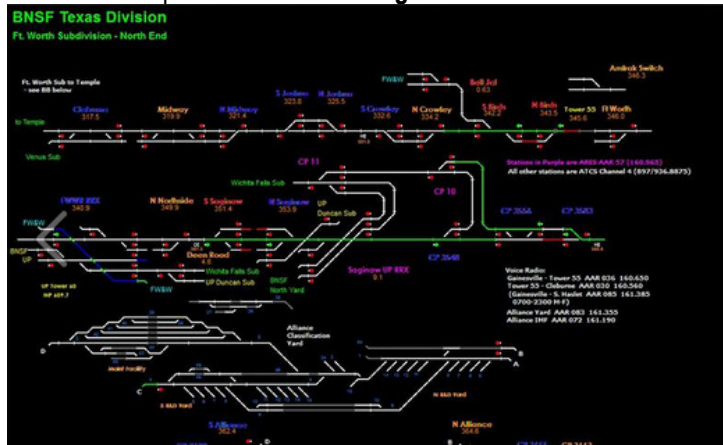
Saturday, May 25th

- Train watching continues
 - More Railroad videos
 1:00 am - DVD - Steve Allen Goen - "Surprise video"
 2:00 am - "Great Locomotive Race" Trivia Game - Skip Waters
 3:00 am - DVD - Bill Harmon's Zuleka Productions - "Texas Short Lines"
 4:00 am - DVD - Bill Harmon's Zuleka Productions - "AT&SF - Dallas Subdivision"
 5:00 - 9:00 am - Mike Moore with the North Texas T-Trak Model Railroad Club display
 6:00 am - DVD - Bill Harmon's Zuleka Productions - "AT&SF - Fort Worth Subdivision"
 7:30 am - DVD - "Amtrak: The First 40 Years 1971-2011"
 9:00 am - DVD - "The Story of the Locomotive Chase"
 10:00 am - Marc Montray - Live Horn Demonstration outside
 10:30 am - DVD - Bill Harmon's Zuleka Productions - "Tarantula Express" revised
 12:00 pm - "Lets Talk Trains" Radio Show - Live broadcast with host Skip Waters
 12:05 pm - Steve Allen Goen - "844 on the FW&D"
 Silent Auction Begins
 1:00 pm - Jerry Nunn - "A Collection of Recent Rail Photos from North Texas and Arkansas"
 2:00 pm - Bryan Flint - "12 Months of railfanning from the frozen north to the Gulf Coast"
 3:00 pm - "Great Locomotive Race" Trivia Game
 4:00 pm - Mark Montray - "2 Okies visit the Northeast Corridor"
 5:00 pm - Bradley Linda - "Shot since Saginaw 2012"
 Silent Auction Ends
 6:00 pm - Patrick Phelan - "Steam on the Rails"
 7:00 pm - Event Ends - Slide Show Auction Begins!

Live event reporting and pundits – May 24-25 (part 1)

May 24, 2013

- Time 8:55pm **Trains are coming!!!**



- 10:45 pm - We have only 4 trains so far... but **over 50 railfans in attendance** here at the depot in Saginaw, Texas.

[More Saginaw reporting and link-ups continued in next issue.]

John Morris shares his views of Saginaw

It was the 8th annual 24 Hours at Saginaw May 24 & 25. It was a great time had by all. Thanks to Skip Waters & the NRHS who put it on. Everyone had a good time!!

- Official train counter, Richard Whitenight, said there were 56 trains that passed the depot in 24 hours, Richard said the best in 2 years.
- There had to be 150+ railfans there. Mike Bledsoe, his son Steven & his new bride, Heather were there, along with John Winfield, Paul Valentine, Steve Goen & many others.
- There were slide shows, videos & folks talking trains. Thanks to all that came this year.
- I know Skip Waters is already planning next years 24 hour event.
- That was it this year, Can't wait til next year! Everyone have a safe holiday & drive friendly. See you next time. Thanks Skip!!!!

John Morris. Dallas



Above: Official train counter, Richard Whitenight

May 25, 2013

- 2:17 am - Empty oil train goes north on the BNSF
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10103286212226234>

- Sometime after sunrise - **Wakin' up the neighbors !**



(Photo credit: Leonard Ruback, College Station)



Above: Skip Waters, event master extraordinaire.

(Photo credit: John Morris, Dallas)



Above: Mike Bledsoe with his son Steven.



Above Steven Bledsoe and his new bride, Heather.

[More John Morris photos and Saginaw reporting continued in next issue.]

Chapter and Texas Rail News

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2013

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: May 8, 2013. Sokol Hall, Dallas.

NRHS North Texas Chapter Business Meeting May 8, 2013

President Wayne Smith was unable to attend tonight, so the meeting was called to order by our National Board of Directors member Claude Doane. There were 11 members present.

Claude reported on the recent past national board meeting. Sales for the Alaska Convention have been steady. Most potential attendees are paying their deposit but haven't paid the remainder. The board decided they would probably not be able to obtain a quorum of the 25 directors in Alaska, so they have decided to hold a late spring board meeting. Our own VP of Trips & Events Skip Waters has been asked to consider filling the open position on the board from District 7. If Skip takes the offer, past chapter member Steve Siegerist will probably move to the Advisory Board.

Claude reported the board has reviewed a potential site for the 2014 convention in NW Arkansas, centered around the Missouri-Arkansas RR with possible side trips to the Branson Scenic RR.

Claude also reported long time National Board member Don Marwell has resigned from the board citing personal reasons. He had been very involved in many activities throughout the years at National and will be missed.

VP-Programs Jon Shea reported on the recent Dallas Interurban field trip and passed around a handbook created just for the tour. The highlight of the trip occurred as the group was inspecting the interurban Trinity River viaduct where it crosses over the Santa Fe. The engineer on a passing Santa Fe train called for a security team, believing there were trespassers on the property and shortly thereafter a DART Security officer arrived. The group's tour leader, Johnnie Meyers, VP of DART's bus division, talked to the officer and smoothed over the problem and then the group got an unexpected extra tour of the DART Security building. Jon also passed around pictures of early interurban lines in the area, an issue of the Dallas Historical Society's 'Legacy' magazine, showing train services to a factory and another issue with an ad calling for immigrants to come settle Texas.

ED Note: (Jon spoke about the programs for the June and July meetings while I was preoccupied so I don't know what the programs will be. Jon will tell you, I'm sure. He had earlier announced in April a visit to the Plano Interurban Museum in June, to recap the field trip and have attendees show their pictures and tell their stories about the tour.)

Treasurer Jim King reported we are solvent and the 2013 dues collections have ended. Any renewals received now will be treated as a new member. Our chapter lost a few older renewals and gained a few new members to start the year with membership in the



low 60's. He also made a suggestion to visit the Texas Land Trust Office in Dallas, the official repository of original maps of the area to gain insight to the locations of the early railroads of the area.

VP Trips & Events Skip Waters reported on his first train council meeting as chapter representative. The Lockheed Train Club has announced that they will not have a train show this fall due to lack of space. Ft. Worth has decided to start charging for electrical use at the train show and council members are working to balance costs between Ft. Worth and Plano. Our annual club information form was turned in by chapter Secretary Dave Gramm, who doubles as council Secretary.

Skip reported on attending the National Advisory Council meeting, held before the Board meeting, and he talked to the Advisory Board about a convention in New Orleans. After the Advisory meeting, he attended the Board meeting where he learned that dues will be raised \$10 this year. They were brought up, discussed and approved at the same meeting. He can't say where the additional money is going since there is no approved budget yet and the budget can't be discussed until it is approved. He read several reports he received that purport to outline the reasons for the increase, one being that '\$28 of the dues provide for 4 "Beautiful, Professionally produced" magazines yearly'. New dues rate will be \$50/yr. for the primary member, whether a chapter member or at-large. Family member dues will rise from \$5 to \$7 each, but student dues will remain the same.

He reported the "24 Hours @ Saginaw" event is ready to go and it has received two write-ups in the newspapers already. There will be a silent auction on Friday from 7-10 PM and a second one on Saturday from Noon-5 PM. Gerald Hook will be a guest on Skip's "Let's Talk Trains" internet webcast during the event and there will be a Slide Auction on Saturday after the official 7 PM end of the event lasting until 10 PM or the slides run out. The slides will auction starting at 25 cents minimum and increase in 25 cent increments. The chapter will receive 20% of all slide auction income.

Member Jeff Phelps reported on his recent trip to Massachusetts and showed pictures of a bridge replacement in progress. He also reported the Museum of American Railroad's engine 4501, 'The Meteor' will move from Fair Park on May 19, 2013 and the Big Boy before the end of June. The 'Meteor' logo will be painted on the tender before the move, courtesy of our own Skip Waters providing a copy of the original logo prints to the museum for use by the painter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM. Entertainment was a video of Santa Fe trains running from the Galveston-Houston area to Temple, TX. Dave Gramm, N TX Chapter Secretary

Chapter Directory

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North Texas Chapter @ Facebook

<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 FWRW 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

Tues. June 4, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Plano Interurban Railway Museum, Plano. http://www.plano.gov/index.aspx?NID=880 Program: A recap of the April 20 Texas Electric Railroad Historic tour. We want to get as many members as we can to come and show their pictures and tell their stories and impressions about the tour.
Tues. July 2, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: to be confirmed.
Tues. August 6, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: to be confirmed..