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Chapter Meeting

Dec. 3, 2013 – Babe’s restaurant, Frisco.

When Tues. Dec. 3, 2013, 7:30 pm dinner.

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

Program **Holiday dinner/ Program by Robert Haynes**

Reminder: 2014 Chapter Election & NRHS Dues

- **Interested in running for Chapter office?** Please tell Jerry Nunn, who is Nominations head. Chapter Election is at January 2014 meeting.
- **The 2014 NRHS National dues increase to \$50.** Chapter 2014 dues same as 2013 - individual \$16; add family member \$7. Total 2014 NRHS and NTC dues are \$66, plus any family member(s).

Special Features

President’s Roundhouse

by Wayne Smith, Chapter President

The North Texas Chapter of the NRHS is proud and happy to announce that the speaker for the Annual Holiday Dinner will be Mr. Robert Haynes, Curator of the Plano Interurban Museum, and winner of THE LEROY O. KING RAILWAY PRESERVATION GRANT for 2013. Mr. Haynes will be presenting a slide show on the Texas Electric Interurban glass plates that have recently been printed as photographs. Come, support our efforts for railroad preservation, enjoy the fellowship with like-minded railfans.

Event Report from 1st Annual Fort Worth Media & Slide Show

by Dave Gramm, Chapter Secretary. Photo credit: Jerry Nunn.

We had 22 attendees at the 1st Annual Ft. Worth Area Media & Slide Show, and all the attendees appeared happy with the event.



We had 5 presenters who each gave excellent programs, and in some cases, multiple programs on different subjects as we had extra time at the end. The presenters included:

- **Steve Grabman** - A collection of photo shots taken during his travels.
- **Gerald Hook** - 'Shortlines tour in Southern Arkansas and Northern Louisiana - May 1979 '
- **Bill Harmon** - 'ON BOARD - AT&SF Dallas and Dublin Subdivisions' video
- **Bradley Linda** - ' Requiem for ALCOs in the Ozarks'
- **Randy "NOMO" Nelson** - 'More Moldy Oldies, featuring Canada and a Tribute to the Southern Pacific' along with numerous other short Power Point programs from the Oregon Electric and Pacific Northwest area.



Tinker and Tanker, Klote-style

by Frank Mallott (introduction and all photos) [Editor note: this feature is shared in the spirit of 150th anniversary of the Civil War.] When I was about 4, the 2nd best book in the whole world was Richard Scarry's Tinker and Tanker, about 2 wandering mechanically inclined animals and their escapades. On Sunday, Nov. 10, 2013 on Steam Into History in New Freedom, PA, the York 17 and Leviathan 63 brought the book to life through a reenactment of the "Great Locomotive Chase" of April 1863.



York leaving town, Hard to believe that in 1971 you could ride thru here from Harrisburg to Baltimore.

Steam Into History event description

On November 10th 2013 Steam Into History will recreate the legendary "Great Locomotive Chase of the Civil War" also known as Andrew's Raid. In 1862 a northern civilian spy named James J. Andrew stole the confederate railroad engine "The General" located in Kennesaw, Georgia. He began a northern trek to destroy southern railroads and communications assets as he travelled. William A. Fuller the tenacious conductor of the stolen "General" after chasing the general on foot and in a pole car eventually acquired the "Texas" and chased the General until it ran out of wood and water and could no longer run away. Upon capture eight Union sympathizers and soldiers were hung and eventually the very first ever congressional medal-of-honor was issued to the train thieves. On November 10th in New Freedom, PA, passengers will be able to ride on the two trains the William H. Simpson old York #17 and her sister train the Leviathan as these events are reenacted (sans the hanging of course.) Both sides of the story Northern and Southern will be portrayed in this colorful historic event. (Source: <http://steamintohistory.com/excursions>)



The York 17 and train in Glen Rock, PA



The Leviathan in Glen Rock, PA

(left) York and train SB back in Railroad

(right) Leviathan back in Railroad





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Dallas Area Train Show – Jan. 18-19, 2014

The Dallas area Train Show will be held at the Plano Centre, Sunday. 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31)..

- January 18-19th, 2014. Hours: 10 am-5 pm Saturday, 10am-4pm
- Admission \$8.00 per person Children 12 and under are FREE. There will be two full days of clinics.
- Many home layouts will be on tour. If you would like your layout added to the Dallas area tour contact Chris Atkins at chris@railroadmodelers.com

Source: 11/23/2013, DFW Train Shows home page at www.dfwtrainshow.com

9th Annual Dallas Area Media-Slide Show – Jan. 18, 2014

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! (Please pass this on to anyone that might be interested in this show.)

The North Texas Chapter, National Railway Historical Society will host the 9th Annual Dallas Area Media-Slide Show and NRHS Open House.

- Location to be announced. (Most likely the Southfork Hotel in Plano again - not booked yet)
- Show Time: 6:00pm until 10:00pm, maybe longer. (The Train Show closes at 5:00pm).
- Show Admission is free! .

If YOU would like to be a presenter, please reply directly to me, Skip Waters <wgcrush@swbell.net>, NOT to any email group, NO LATER THAN 12:00 noon CST on Sunday, January 5, 2014. If you know the subject of your presentation, please tell me (having a subject is not mandatory). List type of media you plan to show: 1) Slides, 2) Digital photos, 3) Video tape or 4) DVD. After all presenters have identified themselves, I'll let them know A.S.A.P. how much time each will have at the show. You can go ahead and start putting your material together now, but keep it adjustable so you can make it fit the time allotted when I announce it after January 8th. You'll still have about two weeks to finalize it after I make that announcement.

One program note: Please limit Videos or DVD's to 15 minutes. Slides will only be limited by the available time divided by the number of presenters.

Remember, the DEADLINE for getting your name on the PRESENTATION LIST is 12:00 noon CST on Sunday, January 5th.

Don't let holiday gift returning, etc., make you miss the train. Thanks for your interest!

Happy Holidays and New Year to all!

Best regards, Skip Waters, Vice President, Trips & Events,

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Chapter News and Views

Nov. 2013 Annual Chapter Auction – Small but Enthusiastic!

By Jon Shea, VP Programs

We had a small but enthusiastic crowd at our annual chapter auction. The Chapter netted about \$235. Due to the success of the auction at the 2013 "24 Hours at Saginaw" we decided to hold some of the best things over until the 2014 "24 Hours at Saginaw" where those who missed the chapter auction can have another shot at them. Among the holdovers are a very unusual 4 sided railroad signal lantern and a boxful of railroad DVDs. Still some nice things were auctioned off including the last of the prints from Dr. Robert Gillespie. The items auctioned included framed and unframed prints, books, T-shirts including the last one from Lone Star Rails 2008, a piece of 119 lb. rail, magazines and other railroadiana. Thanks to Skip our auctioneer and all the people who donated items for the auction.

Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, Nov. 5, 2013

NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: November 5, 2013. Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by President Wayne Smith.

Nominations Chair Jerry Nunn reported that he had corresponded by e-mail with all current chapter officers and all had expressed a willingness to serve another term. Each had also stated that they would welcome anyone expressing an interest in serving as an



officer. At the current time, Jerry has received no interest from anyone else regarding service as a 2014 officer. However, any member interested in serving as an officer for 2014 should contact Jerry.

Vice President Skip Waters reported that due to conflicts and other considerations, the planned Amtrak joyride has been postponed until a late winter or early spring time frame.

Skip reported that he had attended a National Board Meeting on October 5, and much of the discussion concerned the financial situation of the society. Most of the meeting was conducted in executive sessions, so there was not much to report.

Regarding the recent NRHS National Convention held in Alaska, preliminary figures suggest that the convention did not result in a deficit.

The Model Train Show in Ft. Worth is scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday, November 9 and 10. The North Texas Chapter will hold a Slide and Media Show at the Saginaw Depot on Saturday, November 9. Members Bob Kennedy, Dave Gramm, and Jerry Nunn will organize and conduct the Slide and Media Show. Skip will be unable to attend, as he has to attend another NRHS event in Delaware at the time. Jerry Nunn has the audio-visual equipment, and will bring it to the show.

The annual November auction followed the show. Proceeds from the auction netted the Chapter about \$150.00 (Editor's note: Per Jon Shea's article, proceeds were about \$325.)

Chapter Directory

North Texas Chapter Officers, 2013.

- **President, Wayne Smith**, 940-300-4407.
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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 2013, regular membership is \\$66 a year \(\\$50 national dues + \\$16 chapter dues\)](#). 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

Dec. 3, 2013	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Program: Annual Chapter Holiday Party Location: Babe's restaurant, 6475 Page Street Frisco, Texas 75034 tel. (214) 387-9500.
Tues. Jan. 7, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founders Building, Grapevine. Program: Annual Chapter Election
Sat. Jan. 18.– Sun. Jan. 19, 2014	Train Show, Plano – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plano Centre, Sunday. 2000 East Spring Creek Parkway. Go East from Central Expressway (Exit 31)..
Sat. Jan. 18, 2013	Annual Dallas Area Media & Slide Show and NRHS Open House.
Tues. Feb. 4, 2014	North Texas Chapter meeting – 7:30 p.m. Location and Program: to be determined

