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**Chapter Meeting**

**Tues. June 7, 2016 – Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas.**

*When* 7 pm meet 'n' greet. 7:30 pm meeting.  
*Where* Sokol Hall, Dallas, Texas. 7448 Greenville Ave,  
 Dallas, TX 75231. **Phone:**(214) 368-5608  
*Program:* Pat Coughlin presentation.  
*Location:* <http://www.sokoldallas.org/>



**Special Features & News**

**President’s Roundhouse: 24 Hours at Saginaw**

by Wayne Smith, President, North Texas Chapter

Alas, another “24 Hours at Saginaw” has come and gone, the 11th annual event as a matter of fact! It’s still as fun as the first one and the list of new friends keeps growing. Many thanks to all of our participants, presenters, sponsors (Saginaw Area Chamber of Commerce and BNSF Railway) and chapter members for continuing the tradition of “24 Hours at Saginaw” as consistently being one of the top rail events and train watching spots in the Midwest. Due to rain, many trains were delayed down south and our number of participants was lower than usual. If you have never been to our event, the die-hard ferroequinologists show up no matter what. Many participants sleep in tents along tent row or sleep in their cars so that they can remain for the 24 hour period. Some never sleep at all. The grounds were muddy and soggy this year, but the true rail buffs showed up anyway. Even though our numbers were down slightly, it was exciting and refreshing to see more teenagers than ever before show interest by attending, participating, presenting, filming and shooting trains. We had participants from all over the great state of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and as far away as Oregon, Utah and Florida. We had 95 registered attendees and many more that did not register. We recorded a low of 33 trains this year when we average 50-55 trains per event.

Of course, none of this would happen without the hard work of Skip Waters, Vice President of Trips and Events for the North Texas Chapter of the NRHS. Also, thanks to members Jerry Nunn, Bob Kennedy, Dave Gramm and Tom Cox for their hard work in supporting Skip and this event. Also, thanks to Jimmy Barlow, Tom Cox, Wayne Smith and Bob Kennedy for their donations used to provide items for the silent auction. This year, we raised \$275.00 that will be used toward our Heritage Grant Program.

Below is a list of items sold through our silent auction this year.

- 1.) Set of Magazines: *Pacific News* \$30.00
- 2.) Set of Magazines: *The Short Line* \$20.00
- 3.) Set of Magazines: *The Short Line* \$20.00
- 4.) Set of Magazines: *Extra 2200 South* \$20.00
- 5.) Set of Magazines: *Extra 2200 South* \$20.00
- 6.) Set of Magazines: *Railfan & Railroad* \$20.00
- 7.) Combined Set of Magazines: *Pacific News, The Short Line, Extra 2200 South, Misc.* \$30.00




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8.) Set of Magazines: <i>Rail Classics</i>	\$5.00
9.) Set of Magazines: <i>Railroads Illustrated</i>	\$8.00
10.) MKT Mug/Durango & Silverton Guide	\$15.00
11.) Book: <i>All Aboard With E.M. Frimbo</i>	\$5.00
12.) Book: <i>Railways of the Twentieth Century</i>	\$8.00
13.) <i>Railway Equipment Register</i>	\$10.00
14.) <i>General Code of Operating Rules</i>	\$3.00
15.) <i>General Code of Operating Rules</i>	\$1.00
16.) Set of small postcards	\$10.00
17.) Set of large postcards	\$10.00
18.) Misc. Forms, brochures & Amtrak button	\$5.00
19.) Railroad wall piece – ornate	\$30.00
20.) Set of slides	\$5.00
	\$275.00 Total from Auction
	\$410.00 Total from Donations (to offset expenses and insurance)
	<b>\$685.00 Total Net Proceeds</b>

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On Saturday afternoon, we celebrated the **20th anniversary of RAILSPOT** with cake, candles, and photos.

If you have never been to “24 Hours at Saginaw”, please plan on coming next year. We’ll be waiting for you! Happy Railroading!

### ***A Look Back at the Action - 11th Annual “24 Hours @ Saginaw”***

Through the ‘instant replay’ magic of social media, enjoy these ‘live action’ views of 2016 “24 Hours @ Saginaw”. Many thanks to Skip Waters and other rail enthusiasts for capturing and sharing the action quickly through the North Texas Chapter’s as well as the “24 Hours @ Saginaw” Facebook pages. Here’s the schedule of events, programs, presenters and activities for 2016.

### **Activities**

- Train watching begins, Sign in and log your time, make a donation, get a button. Railroad videos, Safety rules displayed, Door Prizes. Pass the hat for Pizza. Official Train counting begins. Silent Auction

### ***Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>***

7:00 pm - Event Begins/Silent Auction Begins

7:05 pm - Greetings from BNSF Police, Senior Special Agent Nick Cates and weather permitting, Senior Special Agent Pat Hartman and partner BNSF Police K9 “Hydra”

7:30 pm - Operation Lifesaver Presentation by Ed Hobbs - Amtrak Engineer

8:00 pm - Ken Fitzgerald - “Working as a Railroad Photographer – 2016 Photos”

9:00 pm - Steve Allen Goen - “Texas & Pacific 610 in Texas”

10:00 pm - Samuel Rockwell - “Haslet Main 3 Memories ”

10:50 pm - Steve Allen Goen - “The Dinkies - Farewell to BN Commuter E Units” (includes Keller’s E9)

12:00 am - The Midnight Special - Andrew Aguilar “12 Hours at Temple And more!!”

### ***Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>***

- Train watching continues, More Railroad videos and silent auction

1:00 am - “Great Locomotive Race” Trivia Game - Skip Waters

2:00 am - Video - “Southern Pacific - 100 Years in Texas”

3:00 am - Skip Waters - Video “Dallas Challenger” featuring UP 3985 Steam Locomotive

4:30 am - DVD - “A Texas Six Pack” Steam Action in the Lone Star State

5:00 - 9:00 am - Mike Moore with the North Texas T-Trak Model Railroad Club display

6:30 am - DVD - “Texas Shortlines” circa 1990 of many Texas shortline operations

9:00 am - Ken Fitzgerald - Horn Demonstrations

10:00 am - Robert Gillespie - “The Train Doctors: How railway surgeons changed healthcare”

11:00 am - Dave Steckler - “13 1/2 mile long railroad, the Romney, Hythe & Dymchurch, in England”

12:00 pm - “Lets Talk Trains” Radio Show - Live broadcast with host Skip Waters



12:05 pm - Jerry Nunn - "Rail Photos of North Texas"  
1:00 pm - Charlie Biel - "Saginaw 2007-2016 and Colorado Narrow Gauge"  
2:00 pm - Happy Birthday RAILSPOT - Come eat cake and Celebrate 20 Years!  
3:00 pm - "Great Locomotive Race" Trivia Game  
4:00 pm - Henry Frick - "40 years of Railroading - 1968 to 2008"  
5:00 pm - To be announced  
6:00 pm - Bradley Linda - "The Texas Rambler" / Silent Auction Ends  
7:00 pm - Event Ends - Post Slide Show Auction Begins  
(Programs subject to change without notice.)

- **Post Saginaw "Slide Show Auction"** - Watch and Bid on slides that you can take home. Bids will start at .25 (quarter) and go up at a quarter per bid. Slides must be paid upon sale.
- **"Let's Talk Trains" Radio Show** will broadcast LIVE on Saturday 12:00 noon - 2:00pm. Call in or just listen at: <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/letstalktrains> Call in number is 646-716-7106

### **Video / Social Media**

**FOLLOW "24 Hours @ Saginaw" on FACEBOOK.** Log in or sign up and go to <http://www.facebook.com/24HoursatSaginaw> or the North Texas Chapter NRHS page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/409467244127/>

*"Pre-event" promotional videos by Skip Waters:*

- **R E S P E C T Railroad Property "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2016.**  
Skip highlights the scenery, rail action and excitement to come at the 2016 "24 Hours @ Saginaw." Pre-event" promotional video by Skip, with a friendly reminder to always respect railroad property for safety and good relations with the railroad.  
<https://youtu.be/ooOujNVgAn4>
- **Look How Colorful it is... "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2016.**  
Lots of colorful livery and trains to see! Come to Saginaw!  
<https://youtu.be/CCyoEOZlqK8>
- **Lots of Areas to Watch Trains at "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2016**  
Lots of room, areas for train viewing! Remember, 3 diamonds are a rail fan's 'best friend'! All here at Saginaw.  
<https://youtu.be/SOFo5ubS9zM>

*Event is underway! Rail action videos, comments, conversation, and fun captured LIVE by Skip Waters, North-Texas Railfan, and other fine rail enthusiasts. Many thanks for sharing.*

- **Favorite spot to watch Union Pacific - "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2016**  
One rail fan asks: Where's your BNSF loyalty? Skip says: I'm like Deon Sanders... I like em BOTH!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCFxctynLhk&feature=share>
- **It's Night Time and we're still Watching - "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2016.**  
Skip says: It's into the night, full moon and dark out here, but you can still hear the trains rolling by! C'mon out... It's TIME TO WATCH Trains at Saginaw!  
<https://youtu.be/NPH5suU6Blc>
- **Is it the End of the Line? - "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2016**  
The train's leaving the station, will you miss it?  
<https://youtu.be/myz5DzJQVVw>
- **'Let's Talk Trains' Show - "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2016**  
Just finished *Let's Talk Trains* show. Listen again to find out what is going on and the latest train count.... it's getting better!  
<http://tobtr.com/s/8906133>
- **Being safe with BNSF Police - "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2016**  
BNSF police out at Saginaw - a good, safe time. Remember, IT'S TIME TO WATCH TRAINS at Saginaw.  
<https://youtu.be/UT7UbrO5sl>



- **Where are the TRAINS???** - "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2016  
It's Saginaw, Friday, 8:15 pm, where are you? Where are the trains? You know! Be HERE!  
<https://youtu.be/zmx0ShQU7rl>
- **HardLine Rail Services at "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2016**  
CEO of Hardline Rail Services visits Saginaw and shares good Swag! See what you might be missing? C'mon on over!  
<https://youtu.be/Q5gsNi3rg4w>
- **Bob and Wayne going sideways at "24 Hours @ Saginaw" 2016**  
So far, 43 people signed up, where are you? Come, visit, watch for trains and get your free button!  
<https://youtu.be/YuVi3VDgfc4>
- **Horn Demonstration - 24 Hours @ Saginaw 2016**  
A variety of horns and information demonstrated to the people who attended the 11th 24 Hours @ Saginaw. Thanks to North-Texas Railfan for sharing the video.  
[https://youtu.be/\\_jp3NpC7\\_FA](https://youtu.be/_jp3NpC7_FA)  
"Post-event" video by Trinity Rail Productions
- **Railfanning 24 Hours @ Saginaw 2016 - FULL VIDEO!**  
Great "Recap" video by Trinity Rail Productions - Check it out!  
"Published on May 31, 2016. Video from the 11th annual 24 Hours @ Saginaw 2016! 24 Hours @ Saginaw is a railfan event held at Saginaw Interlocker in Saginaw, TX each Memorial Day weekend. Railfans from all over the country (but mainly from the DFW area) gather at the interlocker to watch trains for 24 hours straight. In this video you'll see 14 trains from two different days. Please note that these were not the only trains that passed through Saginaw."  
[https://youtu.be/eD\\_sObUh\\_8k](https://youtu.be/eD_sObUh_8k)

### **Former Texas Electric #314 "Freight Motor" to be Restored by BSVRR**

Steve Siegerist suggested this article as "there is a Texas connection in this".

*"The Iowa Railroad Historical Society (IRHS) has acquired freight motor #53 from the Iowa Traction Railway (IATR) in Mason City. This acquisition comes thanks to a generous donation from IRHS board member Wayne Paterson. Motor #53 will be moved by tractor trailer from the IATR in Mason City to the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad (BSVRR) in Boone this Saturday. The restoration of #53 will begin soon. Once the restoration is complete, #53 will be placed into service alongside Charles City Western interurban car #50 at the BSVRR."*

CCW 303 at Charles City, IA, 22 Nov 1950

by Don Ross



(Photo credit: Dave Ross).

*Freight motor #53 was built by the St. Louis Car Co. in 1913 (order 990) for the Southern Traction as #314. She started life as a passenger car. In 1917, Texas Electric Ry. purchased the Southern Traction, and she became Texas Electric #314. In 1928 she was rebuilt into a Class A "Freight Motor" along with "sisters" #800 & #802, and became #801. She ran on the Texas Electric until 1948 when the Texas Electric Ry. was disbanded."*



Source: Online article from *Tourist Railroads & Railway Museums: The Magazine of the ATRRM* at <http://www.atrrm.org/blog/2016/05/iowa-traction-loco-to-boone-scenic-valley/>

**Chapter News & Views**

***NTX Passenger Trains, Allen Public Library, 6/11/16 2pm***

*by Tom Keener*

Recall the beauty of the Texas Zephyr, Texas Eagle and the Sam Houston Zephyr as they meandered through the countryside. Learn about the passenger trains that once served the Metroplex and North Central Texas in the days before Amtrak from train historian Steve Goen at 2:00 pm, Saturday, June 11 at the Allen Public Library. After the program, local historian Tom Keener will offer a guided tour of Allen’s stone dam, which is Allen’s only structure designated as a State Archaeological Landmark. Sponsored by the Allen Public Library and North Texas Chapter, NRHS, this program is free. The library is located at 300 N. Allen Dr. Call 214-509-4911.

Steve Goen commented on the excitement surrounding these passenger trains, “Whenever you visited Dallas Union Terminal... there was always something to see. Every morning all the trains would start arriving from all over the southwest... Denver, Kansas City, El Paso, Minneapolis and even Tulsa.”



*Left: The last passenger train through Wichita, Falls.*

*Right: the Dallas Union Terminal circa 1960.*

*Source: Photos courtesy of Steve Goen collection.*



***Chapter Business Meeting Minutes, May 3, 2016***

**NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MINUTES, DATE: May 3, 2016.** Garland Landmark Museum, Landmark Depot Crossing 393 N. Sixth Street Garland TX 75040.

The monthly meeting was held at the Garland Landmark Museum in Garland, Texas and hosted by museum docent and chapter member Claude Doane. The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Smith at 7:57pm, with 9 members present. Wayne welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Claude for the use of the facility.

VP-Trips & Events and National Director Skip Waters reported on our upcoming event, '24 Hours @ Saginaw'. Everything is a 'go' at this time. The annual insurance policy has been renewed. We have a great program scheduled but Skip says he could always use a few more presenters. A potential problem recently occurred. A new young railfan who has been noted on Facebook and several rail groups went to the Saginaw depot recently and was accosted by the BNSF police for trespassing. According to one account, the police were quoted as saying the house track at the depot is BNSF property. We have marked off the house track as inside the safe zone in previous years. Skip is working with the BNSF to determine the actual property lines at the depot so that we can correctly mark off the safe zone for this year without incurring their wrath.

Skip reported on attending the NRHS board meeting last month which was quiet. He has been nominated to run for the District 7 position uncontested and William Brotherton has been nominated to be a global director candidate. Our newsletter editor Valli Hoski represented our chapter at the advisory council meeting and gave generally positive comments.

National wants to amend the By-laws again for three changes:

- 1) Define what a chapter is. Members must be 100% national members for group to be considered a chapter.
- 2) Reduce the board of directors from 25 to 7 with all directors to be global directors. No more district directors.
- 3) The president and VP either elected by the board or by the membership. Secretary and Treasurer need not be board members.



National is starting to appreciate the cost of paper mail. Sending the Bulletins & News by email now with a debate ongoing on how to deal with cost increases for printing/mailling. Skip reported we are in the black now and have been able to give grant monies to various groups this past year. Membership is just under 6000. We lost the Cotton Belt chapter in Arkansas and are losing a chapter every other board meeting or so. We need to define our mission statement. Exploring offering corporate non-profit affiliate membership for groups like the Galveston Museum for some multiple of the single rate and looking at suggestions on how to handle for-profit corporate affiliations with separate rates.

Regarding this year's upcoming convention, Skip reported the Royal Gorge dome car trips are sold out. There are still a few non-dome car seats available. The light rail trip is also close to sell out. He predicted this year's convention to be in the black vs losses incurred in previous years. The 2017 convention will be in Nashville and the board is currently looking for host chapters for the spring and fall conferences.

Skip reported on receiving a response from the GE plant in Ft. Worth. The plant tour personnel do not do tours in the evenings or on weekends, only Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9-11am. Skip polled the members and is going back to set up a tour during those parameters and will report back on progress.

VP-Programs Jon Shea reported the June meeting will be at SOKOL Hall in Dallas, TX. Member Pat Coughlin is lined up to give a program. July's meeting should be at the Founder's Building in Grapevine but Jon hadn't heard back from the city reservations clerk yet. Jon visited Galveston over the weekend and visited an antique mall on the Strand. While there he purchased some railroadianna for his collection and brought it to share. He showed off an IC matchbook, a Pullman Diamond Jubilee commemoration booklet, and a Texas Chief timetable.

Program for the evening was a presentation by member Jerry Nunn on the latest motive power and graffiti photos he had taken in the Ft. Worth area.

As a reminder from last month, on June 11 at 2pm, the Allen Public Library will host a presentation of Steve Goens' newest book. Our chapter will co-sponsor the event with the library and members are encouraged to attend to show our support.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30. Dave Gramm, Secretary

## Chapter Directory

### North Texas Chapter Officers, 2016.

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**North Texas Zephyr, chapter newsletter Archive**

<http://www.gogeocaching.com/gorailfanning/Home/northtexaszephyr.html>

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## North Texas Chapter History

Founded and chartered in 1996, the North Texas 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 "Founders Building" at Main St. and the FWRW railroad tracks. Visitors and newcomers are welcome. Chapter membership includes our monthly chapter newsletter, the *North Texas Zephyr*. As of October 2014, chapter dues (\$16, plus \$2 per additional family member) should be sent to the Chapter. Chapter mailing address: North Texas Chapter NRHS, P.O. Box 600304, Dallas, Texas 75360. National organization 2015 dues are paid to the NRHS directly. Learn about the National Railway Historical Society at [www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com) If you change your email address on file with the NRHS, please send the old and new email addresses to [info@nrhs.com](mailto:info@nrhs.com).



## North Texas Calendar

Tues. June 7, 2016.	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m. Location: SOKOL Hall, Dallas, Texas. Program: Pat Coughlin, slide/video presentation.
Tues. July 5, 2016.	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m. Location: Founders Building, Grapevine, Texas. Program: to be confirmed.
Tues. Aug. 2, 2016.	<b>North Texas Chapter meeting</b> – 7:30 p.m. Location: to be confirmed.. Program: to be confirmed.

### 2016 Chapter Meeting Dates

Tues. Jan. 5, 2016	Tues. April 5, 2016	Tues. July 5, 2016	Tues. Oct. 4, 2016
Tues. Feb. 2, 2016	Tues. May 4, 2016	Tues. Aug. 2, 2016	Tues. Nov. 1, 2016
Tues. March 1, 2016	Tues. June 7, 2016	Tues. Sept. 6, 2016	Tues. Dec. 6, 2016

*\*\* Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Location is confirmed in newsletter issue(s) prior to meeting month.*

### **New Southern Pacific Book – Sponsored by North Texas Chapter!**

The North Texas Chapter is proud to sponsor David Bernstein's new work on the Southern Pacific's Eastern Lines.

To order, contact the North Texas Chapter at [northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com](mailto:northtexaschapternrhs@gmail.com)  
or see North Texas Chapter store (<http://ntxnrhs.org/store/> )