



"Railroading in Texas"

November 17, 2006
at the

George Bush Presidential Library and Museum

The Texas Eagle Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS), the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society (R&LHS) and the George Bush Presidential Library are pleased to invite you to a day-long program on Texas railroads. The program will include talks, slide shows and Power Point presentations by four authors and photographers. All presentations will take place in the newly remodeled theater at the George Bush Presidential Library on the campus of Texas A&M University. A catered barbeque lunch is included in the conference fee. Reservations are not required but are strongly encouraged. Payment (cash, check or credit card) will be accepted on the day of the event.

PROGRAM DETAILS

When: Saturday, November 17th
Where: George Bush Presidential Library, College Station, Texas
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (doors open at 9:30)
Cost: \$15.00 per person
Parking: Free at the Bush Library
Reservations: Please call Robert Holzweiss at (979) 691-4074 or Tracy Johnson at (979) 691-4014 to make reservations. You can also make reservations by emailing Robert at Robert.Holzweiss@nara.gov or Tracy at Bush.Reservations@nara.gov

SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

J. Parker Lamb is a retired professor of mechanical engineering and has been an active photographer and writer in the railroad history field during parts of six decades. Since 1991, he has authored five books of photographs covering various aspects of railroad technology and evolution. His last two books (2003 and 2007) summarize the development of locomotive technology since 1830, when the first English-built steam locomotive arrived in New York. He is currently serving as President of the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society.

Dr. Lamb will speak on the New Railway Heritage Initiative (supported by both NRHS and R&LHS) and present a Power Point presentation on "American locomotive development." At the conclusion of his presentation, he will be available to inscribe copies of his books.

Leonard Ruback is a research scientist at the Texas Transportation Institute on the campus of Texas A&M University. His current research activities include the development of a prototype train monitoring system for traffic management, the design and deployment of an ITS corridor in College Station, TX for purposes of multi-modal transportation research, and research in the area of information conduits to motor vehicles and mobile individuals. Mr. Ruback holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering from Texas A&M University.

Mr. Ruback will discuss railroad evolution in the Brazos Valley from the 1980s to today.

Ken Fitzgerald's uncle was a yardmaster for the Santa Fe in Sweetwater, Texas in the 1960's, and this combined with growing up next to the New Haven Railroad in Connecticut inspired him to become a rail fan at an early age. Ken took his first railroad photograph in 1967 at age twelve and has never put the camera down. The results of his work can be seen regularly in many publications. He won the grand prize in the Trains Magazine/Canon Photo Contest in 2004 and again in 2005. In 2006 he came in at second place. Ken has been a contractor to Fort Worth and Western as their company photographer for the past several years

Mr. Fitzgerald will present a slide show chronicling the development of the Fort Worth and Western Railroad. The Fort Worth and Western was founded in 1987 with one leased locomotive and six miles of track. Twenty years later it has expanded to over 200 miles of track and 19 locomotives. The presentation will focus on current operations and future plans.

George Werner is a native Houstonian and former employee of Exxon USA where he worked for 40 years. He started to photograph trains in the late 1940s, but it was the mid-fifties before he purchased his decent camera. He is a leading authority on Texas railroads and has written numerous railroad entries for "The New Handbook of Texas" as well as several magazine articles. He has also provided illustrations for various books.

Mr. Werner will present on three short line railroads West of the Pecos.

FOR THE FAMILY

On November 10th, the George Bush Library will unveil a multi-million dollar renovation of the main exhibit gallery which will feature the latest interactive technology and hundreds of never-before-seen exhibit items. Please consider a tour of the library while your friend or family member is enjoying the railroad program. The museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.