



## "Railroading in Texas"

**November 21, 2009  
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 the Bush Library's fourth annual railroad program. The program will include talks, slide shows and Power Point presentations by four authors and photographers. All presentations will take place in the 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 or check) will be accepted on the day of the event.

### **PROGRAM DETAILS**

**When:** Saturday, November 21st  
**Where:** George Bush Presidential Library, College Station, Texas  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (doors open at 9:30)  
**Cost:** \$15.00 per person (payable by cash or check on the date of the event)  
**Parking:** Free at the Bush Library  
**Reservations:** Please call Robert Holzweiss at (979) 691-4074 or Tracy Paine at (979) 691-4014 to make reservations. You can also make reservations by emailing Robert at [Robert.Holzweiss@nara.gov](mailto:Robert.Holzweiss@nara.gov)

### **SPEAKERS**

#### ***Douglas Weiskopf***

Mr. Weiskopf is a native Houstonian, who grew up playing on the railroad tracks, watching T&NO switchers trundle back and forth between the Port of Houston and Englewood Yard, where his father worked as a switchman, which blessed/cursed him with a life-long love of railroads and trains. He has a BA in History from Baylor University and worked for 25 years in Houston Public Library's Texas and Local History Department. He is actively involved in the Gulf Coast Chapter, NRHS, and has a special interest in railroads of the Civil War and 19th Century Texas railroads. He is the author of *Rails Around Houston*, published in 2009.

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Doug will present a slide show called "Houston, Where 17 Railroads Met the Sea." It will consist of a selection of images from his book showing railroading in the Houston area, from the 1850's to the early 1970's.

***Ken Fitzgerald***

Ken Fitzgerald took his first railroad photograph at age 12 in 1967, and is still going strong. His work has appeared in many railroad magazines, books and calendars over the years. He has also been a winner in many photo contests, including three times in Trains Magazine. Ken is currently a contractor to the BNSF, Union Pacific and the Fort Worth & Western as a photographer covering special events and providing photos for company publications.

Ken will present "New Mexico's Abo Canyon and the BNSF Double Track Project" describing the changes that have taken place there since the beginning of the current construction work to add a second main line through the five-mile canyon that started in 2008 and is expected to be completed in 2011.

***Robert Ray***

Robert B. Ray is the Division Director of the Union Pacific Railroad Police headquartered at Spring, Texas. His presentation will focus on railroad policing.

A fourth speaker will be announced in early November.

## **FOR THE FAMILY**

On November 10, 2007, the George Bush Library opened a multi-million dollar renovation of the main exhibit gallery which features the latest interactive technology and hundreds of never-before-seen exhibit items. In addition, on September 28th, the Bush Library opened an exhibit entitled *The Culture of Wine*. From the moment you step into the exhibit's vineyard, you learn about viticulture, including differences in soil types, vineyard management practices, and harvest techniques. The exhibit's attention to detail and the realism achieved by blending vineyard and winery equipment with stunning photo murals immerse each visitor in the winegrowing process. You can read more about the exhibit here:

[http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/exhibits/2009-the\\_culture\\_of\\_wine/](http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/exhibits/2009-the_culture_of_wine/) 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.