

R&LHS 2010 Big Texas Convention

Ft. Worth, Texas, May 20–23, 2010

Now is the time to reserve your place at the R&LHS 2010 annual meeting in Ft. Worth, Texas from May 20–23, 2010. Registration deadline is April 30.

Hotel: Sheraton Hotel & Spa Ft. Worth. The hotel overlooks the UP and BNSF main lines in the vicinity of Tower 55, the major rail junction in Ft. Worth. R&LHS rate is \$129/night good for nights before and after the conference. For reservations, call 1-800-325-3535 or visit their web site at:

<http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1784>

All hotel reservations must be made by April 20, 2010 to guarantee the R&LHS conference rate. The hotel is currently accepting reservations.

Transportation: On Thursday the 20th, a hotel shuttle van will meet Amtrak's southbound Texas Eagle (Amtrak #21) at 1:25 p.m. and the northbound Texas Eagle (Amtrak #22) at 1:58 p.m. at the Ft. Worth Amtrak station. Conference attendees must call the hotel at 1-866-716-8134 to arrange for the shuttle when you arrive. The shuttle van will return Amtrak passengers to the station at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday the 23rd for the 2:10 (#21) and 2:20 (#22) departures. Air service is also available to DFW airport which is a major hub for American Airlines. Southwest Airlines flies to Dallas, Love Field. Frequent taxi and limo service will bring you to the hotel.

Registration Fee: \$200.00 per person. The spouses program will require an extra fee of \$50 per person. Contact: Robert Holzweiss at 979-691-4074 or Robert.Holzweiss@gmail.com for additional information

To Make your reservation, please send your registration fee of \$200 per person to
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Checks should be made payable to the Railway & Locomotive Historical Society. Please include an email address (if available) to confirm your reservation. You will also receive a meeting packet via USPS.

Schedule of Events:

Thursday 5/20

- Convention Registration at the Sheraton Hotel & Spa Ft. Worth.
- R&LHS board meeting (working dinner). Individual settlement.

Friday 5/21

- Convention Registration.
- BNSF Network Operations Center (NOC).
- Fort Worth & Western (FWWR) Hodge Yard photo opportunity and Q&A with FWWR staff.
- Tex-Mex lunch. Individual settlement. --CASH ONLY--
- Bus tour of Union Pacific facilities in Ft. Worth including Centennial (Davidson) Hump Yard, Centennial Diesel Shop and Tower 55.
- Dinner on your own.
- After dinner presentation on the Ft. Worth Western Railway (FWWR) by Kenneth Fitzgerald, the official FWWR photographer and three time Trains Magazine photo contest winner.

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Saturday 5/22

- Ride Trinity Rail Express Ft. Worth to Dallas.
- Board bus for short trip to Museum of American Railroad (self-guided tour).
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- Transfer to Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and ride to Museum of American Railroad.
- Boxed lunch (included in registration fee) on board motor coach from Dallas to Grapevine.
- Ride Grapevine Vintage Railroad to Ft. Worth Stockyards.
- Self-guided tour of Historic Stockyards --or-- remain on board the train and ride to the Trinity River.
- Return from Stockyards to hotel by motorcoach.
- Social hour with cash bar followed by R&LHS banquet with speaker Mike Iden, Director General Mechanical (locomotives) for Union Pacific Railroad.

Sunday 5/23

- Annual membership meeting with speaker Cary Poole, author of *CF7 Locomotives: From Cleburne to Everywhere; History of Railroad in Western North Carolina*; and *History of the Edwards Railway Motorcar Company*. Mr. Poole will speak on CF7 locomotives which were built in Cleburne, Texas.

Friday Spouses Program (extra fee required)

Cowtown Culture Tour (Transportation provided, extra fee required.)

- National Cowgirl Hall of Fame and Museum and Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, currently housed under one roof while the Museum of Science and History undergoes a complete renovation.
- Thistle Hill, one of Fort Worth's surviving Cattle Baron Mansions. Built in 1903, it is one of the last remaining examples of Georgian revival architecture.
- Kimbell Art Museum and enjoy lunch at the Kimbell Art Museum Buffet.
- Tour the Kimbell Art Museum, "America's Best Small Museum," offering the very best in fine art to the Fort Worth metropolitan community.
- Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, containing masterworks of modern and contemporary American and European art from 1945 to the present.

Recommended Saturday on-your-own Spouses Program

Saturday 5/22 Sundance Square / Great Parks and Gardens Tour

Sundance Square is a fifteen minute walk from the hotel. A free shuttle bus is also available. If desired, the hotel concierge will summon a taxi on request.

- Walking tour of Sundance Square, downtown Fort Worth's entertainment and shopping district. Most of the buildings here date from the turn of the century and have been beautifully restored to provide a wonderful architectural view of the past.
- Visit downtown museum(s): the Sid Richardson, Fire Station No. 1 and the 1895 Room Museum (located on the 1st Floor of the Historical Tarrant County Courthouse).
- Lunch at one of Sundance Square's many restaurants ranging from Continental cuisine to Cajun fare. For a list of restaurants, see <http://www.sundancesquare.com/>.
- Tour the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, the oldest botanic garden in the State of Texas. While at the Botanic Garden, you can also enjoy the Fort Worth Japanese Garden, characterized by its simplicity, perfect harmony and balance.
- Enjoy an afternoon at the Log Cabin Village, a living history museum located on 2 1/2 acres in beautiful Forest Park. The village depicts the lifestyle of the pioneers who settled this area in the late 1800's.