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NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006

FOUNDER'S BLDG (BY COTTON BELT DEPOT)
GRAPEVINE, TEXAS

7PM-MEET & GREET 7:30PM-MEETING

PROGRAM: **RIDIN' THE RAILS WITH JOHNNY CASH**

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Come Ham It Up On The Rails At Texas State Railroad

Come share the fun of the "king" of
hobbies – amateur radio operation -
- AND railroading on Sat. June 24
and Sun. June 25 at the Texas
State Railroad Museum!



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Come enjoy the enthusiasm and activities of both hobbies during the 2006 "field day" operations at the Texas State Railroad State Park.

Ham radio operators and the amateur radio service come through when many other modes of communication and technology fail. Most recently proven with hurricanes Rita and Katrina, the ham radio hobby enjoys a long, fruitful, and service-worthy heritage, very similar to the railfanning hobby so many of us enjoy.

Source: Valli Hoski, 6/21/2006

Go Ridin' with Johnny Cash At The Meetin'!

The July meeting features Johnny Cash's film and music tribute to railroading. Here's a short video review of "Ridin' the Rails" The Great American Train Story to entice and cajole you into comin' to the meetin'!

"Produced in 1974, it's described as a 'Documusical' Winner, International Film & TV Festival of New York.

Get on board as Johnny Cash drives a big steam engine. Witness the exciting chase and capture of

the Civil War locomotive 'The General',... Be on the scene for the driving of the Golden Spike linking East to West with rail. Witness a train robbery and go on board a robber baron's private railroad car. Meet John Henry and Casey Jones, ride a boxcar with Johnny Cash and some real hobos and take a trip aboard The City of New Orleans... ride across America with Johnny Cash in an Amtrak Superdome!"

Source: Skip Waters, John Shea, 6/21/2006

BNSF WELCOMES RAILFANS!!!!

BNSF to rely on rail fans' eyes and ears to help spot suspicious activity

[BNSF Railway Co.](http://www.bnsf.com)

<<http://www.bnsf.com>> is turning to a devoted group to boost security at facilities and along track: rail fans. The Class I is introducing Citizens United for Rail Security (CRS), a program that encourages rail fans to report suspicious activities and help prevent security breaches.

Rail fans can register for the program at the [CRS Web site](http://newdomino.bnsf.com/website/crs.nsf/request?open) <http://newdomino.bnsf.com/website/crs.nsf/request?open> Participants

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Fort Worth to buy the Rock Island line between the two cities, now the route of the Trinity Railway Express. Garl showed us some fascinating slides he took of D.U.T. in August 1976. His images recalled the wooden benches in the waiting room, the marble floors and walls, the underground tunnels used to reach the passenger platforms with their white glazed tile walls, and the metal exterior doors. All these features and the art deco style lettering that was part of the Terminals architecture were still in place when he took these slides. August 1976 was a time of change also, as much of the stations tracks and platform canopies had been removed. The structural framework for the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Reunion Tower were rising behind the Terminal. Some other highlights from the Terminals history include, the main waiting room temporarily housed the public library while the original Carnegie library was demolished, and a new library constructed. The Terminal provided its own electricity and steam heat from the power house and its own water from a well.

The Terminal was the 1st building in Dallas to use escalators. The last pre Amtrak passenger train left the Terminal on May 31st 1969 and Amtrak's 1st train arrived at the Terminal on March 14th 1974.

In addition to Garl's slide show, the Dallas Union Station model railroad club was open afterwards for us to view their HO and O scale model railroads. Submitted by Mike Bedford, Secretary, 6/22/06

Have An Opinion About Railroading? Become Editor!

Love talking about trains, chatting 'em up with pals, or just chasing them down? Share your railfan talents and help get the word out for the chapter. Club seeks word-loving, expressive, jolly editor for railfan newsletter. Contact any club officer. (Note: Valli is willing to be "on the board" as NTX news dispatcher, but not the club's news station manager.)

6/22/06, 2 pm, issue gone to press at request of club officers. Includes chapter news available by press time; see late news in next month's issue. Filename: Newsletter 06222006 verG.doc