

NORTH TEXAS ZEPHYR

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER, NATIONAL RAILWAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AUGUST 2006, VOLUME 11, ISSUE 6

NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2006** GREET-7PM. MEET-7:30PM.

PROGRAM: TEXAS STATE RR & FIELD DAY '06

LOCATION: GARLAND LANDMARK SOCIETY, 200 MUSEUM PLAZA DR. GARLAND TX

NEXT NEWS DEADLINE: TUES. AUG. 15, 2006 EMAIL: NTX.NEWS@YAHOO.COM

- WHAT'S IN THIS ISSUE -

BROUGHT TO YOU BY VALLII HOSKI, NTX NEWS DISPATCHER

HISTORIC STEAM LOCOMOTIVE COMING TO PITTSBURG KS, AUGUST 5 TH & 6 TH	1
RAILROAD PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST, TEMPLE TX – DEADLINE AUGUST 13.....	2
STEAM TO THE BIG EASY – AUGUST 24 - 29, 2006.....	2
NORTH TEXAS TRIVIA QUESTION – COLLECT THEM ALL!.....	3
NORTH TEXAS CHAPTER MEMBER IN TRAINS MAGAZINE	3
DART WINS \$700 MILLION FULL FUNDING GRANT	3
NEW DART CARS IN SERVICE.....	3
GRAPEVINE COULD GET ON THE T	4
WEATHERFORD, MINERAL WELLS AND NORTHWESTERN HISTORICAL MARKER INSTALLED.....	5
NOTABLE REFRIGERATOR CARS.....	5
RESURRECTING REEFER RELICS IN SANTA FE.....	5
KCS, LDOT STRIDE WITH PRIDE.....	5
UP REDUCES CONTROL TO SPEED TRAINS.....	5
AMTRAK SECURES SECURITY FUNDING	6
TRANSIT SECURITY BILL ENTERS THE HOUSE.....	6
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STILL ON THE MOVE.....	6
CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES, JULY 11, 2006	8

Historic Steam Locomotive Coming to Pittsburg KS, August 5th & 6th

THE "SPIRIT OF LOUISIANA" FROM NEW ORLEANS WILL BE POWERING PUBLIC TRAIN RIDES ON BOTH DAYS!

On Saturday, August 5th and Sunday, August 6th travel in air-conditioned 1950's era coaches behind the Southern Pacific locomotive #745, a 2-8-2 Mikado steam engine, on former Frisco Railroad track out of Pittsburg, Kansas toward Cherokee. This is the first public rides for this locomotive since being restored to steam last year by the Louisiana Steam Train Association (LASTA) and the first steam engine powered passenger train out of Pittsburg since the late 1940's. These approximately one and a half-hour round-trip rides will depart at 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on both days. Each excursion train ride will depart

exactly on time. Train boarding at Elm and Monroe Streets in Pittsburg will begin 20 minutes before each train departure.

Seating is limited so buy your tickets now. Cost is \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children under age 10 and very young children can ride on laps free. Tickets may be purchased at the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, 117 West 4th Street, Pittsburg, Monday through Friday; 9:00a.m. to 4:30p.m. For people from outside the local area, reservations can be made by calling the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce at (620) 231-1000. Please include your name, mailing address and phone number, number in party and date/time of train ride requested. Riders from outside the local area must pick-up their reserved tickets 45 minutes prior to boarding their scheduled train ride at the loading site. Cash and checks must be made payable to