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NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2006** GREET-7PM. MEET-7:30PM.
PROGRAM: **POSTCARDS FROM THE RAIL'S EDGE – 2006 NRHS NAT'L CONVENTION**
LOCATION: **DALLAS SOKOL CENTER** (WALNUT HILL LN. EAST OF GREENVILLE)

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September Chapter Meeting – 2006 NRHS National Convention

What: 2006 NRHS National Convention trip reports from the chapter's intrepid travelers.

Where: Sokol Dallas Center, 7448 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX, map: <http://www.sokoldallas.com/id13.html>

- **Driving?** From Central Expressway, go east on Walnut Hill, east past Greenville. Turn south at the driveway just past Gershwin's Restaurant, drive down a short hill, the building's on the left side.
- **DART?** Take the Red Line to Walnut Hill Station, exit the platform's north end. Board #501, 506 or 582 bus in the bus lane (not across the street). Go east on Walnut Hill. Get off at the last stop before Greenville (2nd stop after the station), walk east across Greenville, turn right (south) at driveway past Gershwin's Restaurant, walk down to the hall. All bus routes

turn right on Greenville, so don't go that far. Ride back to the station will be provided. 8/4/06, Steve Siegerist

Special Feature

Rails Across The Blackland Prairie, by Jon Shea

Our Chapter's 10th Anniversary Meeting was a very enjoyable and memorable trip on the Grapevine Steam Train. Since that train runs on an ex-Cotton Belt Line (St. Louis Southwestern Railway), it seems appropriate to provide some history on the Cotton Belt Railroad in the North Texas area.

The Blackland Prairies region of Texas in the late 1800s and early 1900s was the greatest cotton producing area in the world. This column covers the coming of the Cotton Belt to