

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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SHREVEPORT, LA

Our 30th Year

Our Collection Is Waiting For a Home

Over the years, the Red River Valley Railroad Historical Society has accumulated quite a collection of artifacts, rolling stock and even a depot. These assets are stored at various sites around town, waiting for a permanent home. Some of the artifacts will be displayed in our museum at the McNeill Street Pumping Station and plans are being made for hopefully moving some of our rolling stock and the depot to adjacent land. Many people are not aware that we have such assets, so this newsletter will show a few of them.



Ex-Santa Fe 2-6-2 Prairie No. 1140 Steam Engine and Tender

It was built in 1903 by Baldwin Locomotive Works, with builder's number 21521, as a 4 cylinder Vaucain Compound Engine for the Santa Fe Railroad. She was later rebuilt as a simplex engine. In 1910 she was simplified at Topeka, Kansas and given a new builder's number 21435. She was sold to Temple Lumber Co. in Pineland, Texas on September 12, 1952. In 1958 she was damaged in a roundhouse fire and reported as destroyed. After the fire 1140 was placed on a short section of track in the southeast section of the lumber company property in Pineland. About this time Temple stopped using railroads to bring timber to the sawmill and all the track was removed. Locomotive 1140 sat for the next 30 years outside on a very short section of track about 80 ft. long. In 1986 the Society approached Temple Inland about donating this locomotive to us. Temple agreed and the Society had a new piece of rolling stock, located in Pineland, Texas about 120 miles away. After 2 years of

preparation, it was moved to Shreveport by rail in 1988. It was stored at the General Motors Assembly Plant, Union Pacific's Hollywood Yard, and Murphy's Bonded Warehouse before being moved to its present location at the old Army Ammunition Plant near Minden (now called Camp Minden). Cosmetic re-painting was done in 2007.



Union Pacific Caboose 25868 and Canadian Pacific Dining Car 1378

This caboose was donated to the Society and was stored at the General Motors Plant and Union Pacific's Hollywood Yard before being moved to Camp Minden. It is in good shape but needs cleaning and a new coat of paint outside. The dining car was purchased by a society member and moved to Ruston where it was sandblasted and painted in grey primer. It is now located at Camp Minden, also.



Caspiana Depot

The Caspiana T&P depot was purchased by the Society for \$3000 and moved to the Williams property in Robson, La. where it was stored for about 7 years. It was then moved about a mile further south on old La. Highway 1 (Harts Island Road) where it now stands. It needs to be moved to a permanent location and restored before it deteriorates further or is burned by vandals.

Fish Fry at the McNeill Street Pumping Station

At least 32 members, family and friends attended our Spring Fish Fry on May 21st in spite of mid-afternoon heavy rain showers. Dale Ward was our gracious host who helped us get setup and also presented a brief talk on the history of the pumping station, which is on the register of National Historic Sites and is also a National Historic Landmark. Russell Pedro, Bill Hashieder, Kelly Jo Brunettin, Gary Fox and others prepared the food and the rest of us ate it up! We also had a chance to show everyone the progress on our museum building. Thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success!

Upcoming Events

June 14 “History of Marshall’s T&P Hospital” – Marshall Depot – 6 p.m.
June 17 RRVrHS Meeting at the Glen – 7 p.m.
July 15 RRVrHS Meeting at the Glen – 7 p.m.

Next RRVrHS Meeting on June 17 at the Glen

The meeting will be held on Friday, **June 17** at **7 p.m.** in the auditorium at the Glen Retirement Village, 403 East Flourney Lucas Road. **Please be on time** for the beginning of the meeting so you won’t miss anything. The Glen Retirement Village is located on the south side of Flourney Lucas Road between Ellerbe Road and Youree Drive (Highway 1). For information or directions call Dave Bland at (318) 470-5933.

Thanks!

As mentioned last month, some of our members belong to the DeSoto Historical Society. A tour of Severn Doughty’s old time country store was part of their meeting on May 22nd. Gay Means, Nathaniel Means and Gary Fox attended and reported that they really enjoyed it. Also, Severn donated an interesting Pennsylvania Railroad journal oil can to the society. Thanks, Severn !

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(Thanks to Tommy Crenshaw)

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The President's Message – June 2011

Hello Railfans:

Last month we had our annual Spring Banquet and I think everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. I would like to thank everyone for their help in preparing and serving the food. A special thanks to Mrs. Frank Head and Kelly Jo Brunettin for the gumbo, fish and all the fixings. I would also like to thank Dale Ward for his help in setting up the tables and chairs, and for providing the facility. The weather did not cooperate but everything went well after all.

The work at the museum building is moving along very well. As I write this article the electrical work is almost finished with the main panel and the inspection left to be done. The next phases will be the A/C system and ceiling installation. Then we can begin moving in.

Last week Gary and I picked up two more nice display cabinets from the old Dillard's Department Store at South Park. We now have enough display cabinets to fill the building.

I have talked to a company that is looking at the quantity of dirt we need to remove to level the hill at the Pump Station for our equipment. They think they can use it and more at no cost to us. Things are looking better all the time.

Bobby Joe Miller continues to be at the Stratmore Nursing Home on Youree Drive. Please drop by to see him.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Happy Railroading!
Russell

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