

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

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SHREVEPORT, LA

Our 36th Year

The Beauty of Old Shreveport Postcards



Old postcards, especially those of Shreveport landmarks, can be especially rich in color and history. The buildings shown in these postcards were directly across the street from one another on Louisiana Avenue. The top postcard is of Union Station built in 1897 and destroyed by an accidental fire in 1969, ironically only two days after the last passenger train departed. The bottom one is of the Jefferson Hotel, built in 1923 and still standing but used as low income housing. The Jefferson Hotel was one of the most popular “railroad hotels” in Shreveport since it was across the street from Union Station.

Many local people collect old Shreveport postcards and sell them at coin shows, on eBay and at other venues such as Timeline Antiques and Collectables on Line Avenue. Perhaps the best collection of Shreveport postcards is found in the book *Shreveport: In Vintage Postcards* published by the late Eric J. Brock in 1970, which can be purchased in local book stores and online. Old postcards are also available for viewing in the LSU Shreveport Noel Memorial Library Archives & Special Collections, which was the source of the Union Station postcard above.

Upcoming Events

April 21 – RRVRHS Meeting – 7 p.m. - Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. - Call (318) 458-3123 for information.

May 5 - First Friday Railroad Photography Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at the Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. – Call (318) 458-3123 for information.

The President’s Message

Hello Railfans!

I have been out of pocket for a few weeks and I know I have lots of catching up to do. After 14 rounds of chemo I have been very weak and have missed some meetings. I am slowly gaining my strength back and should be up to full swing in about 4 more weeks. I would like to thank Conway Link for taking over in my absence.

Since our last meeting we received another \$10,000 check from the Union Pacific Foundation. This will give us enough money to get started on phase 1 of the museum. I will be meeting with the engineer and the City in the next 2 weeks. Dominick Tuminello, my building partner, will be the ramrod for the project. He does not let grass grow under his feet!

The Water Works Museum has been returned to city ownership by the state. Mayor Tyler has been helping secure funds so right now everything seems to be in good shape and good to go.

Well, that’s about all for now. I hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

Happy Railroading!

Russell

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Next Meeting
April 21