

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

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*August, 2016*

SHREVEPORT, LA

*Our 35<sup>th</sup> Year*

## Thank You, Union Pacific Foundation !

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	Pay to the Order of: Red River Valley Historical Railroad Society	11241210	Date: 6/3/2016
	Ten Thousand and 0/100ths		\$10,000.00 Dollars



Photo by Jim McClure

The photo shows Mr. Drew Tessier, Director of Public Affairs-Union Pacific Railroad, presenting a check for \$10,000 to Russell Pedro, President of our Society. The check is a grant from the Union Pacific Foundation to be used in our proposed museum expansion adjacent to the Shreveport Water Works Museum on North Common St. Included in the photo (left to right) are RRVVHS officers Jeff Cornelius, Gary Fox, Russell Pedro, (Mr. Tessier), Bill Hashieder and Conway Link.

“These museums are hidden treasures worthy of funding,” said Mr. Tessier at the check presentation ceremonies. “I heard from several trusted sources that these museums add so much to the community and our goal is to improve the communities our railroad serves. We consider this a good investment of UP money,” said Tessier. “Union Pacific has a large footprint in the Shreveport area and a number of employees here. We plan to stay active in the community for a long, long time.”

## Upcoming Events

August 19 – RRVRHS Meeting – 7 p.m. - Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. Call (318) 458-3123 for information.

Sept. 2 - 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!

Since our last meeting, several things have transpired. Last Saturday, Jim McClure and I went to Houghton to look at an N-gauge model railroad that has been donated to the Society. The layout is an 8x12 foot table. There was some scenery along with all the track and a very nice control panel. We will try to pick up the layout next Saturday. It will have to be cut into 2 parts. We picked up 5 or 6 boxes of trains, paint, buildings and scenery materials and stored them at the museum. We will need 3 or 4 people to help us load the layout on a trailer. Call me if you can help (318-458-3123).

Last Tuesday, Mr. Drew Tessier from the Union Pacific Railroad presented the Society with a check for \$10,000. This money will be used to build track panels at the museum site to place our rolling stock on exhibit. When Mr. Tessier entered the museum building he said “Wow”! He liked what he saw and was very interested in the Texas & Pacific neon passenger station sign. All of the RRVRHS board members were present along with Liz Swaine from the DDA. Mr. Tessier also gave the Water Works a similar check. Their money will be spent on replacing mortar in the brick walls in the Water Works building.

Well, that's about all this month. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Happy Railroading!

Russell

## Have You Paid Your 2016 Dues ?

Please send a check or money order for \$20.00 with this membership form to Bill Hasheider at 6813 Despot Road, Shreveport, LA 71108

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**Next Meeting**  
**August 19**