

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

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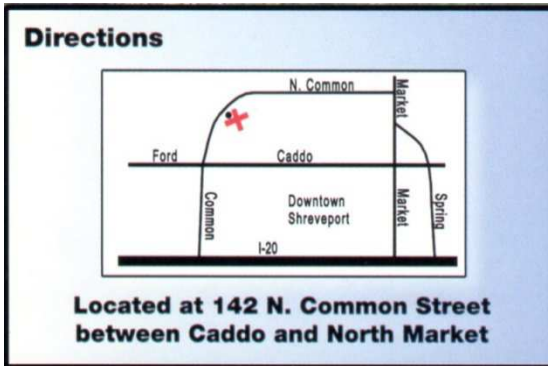
Our 34th Year

Has It Really Been 10 Years Since SP 745 Was Here?



The above photo was taken by your editor about 7 p.m. on Sunday April 24, 2005 when Southern Pacific 745 was in Bossier City. Note the Horseshoe Casino Hotel in the background. SP 745 was then on the 2005 Louisiana Bicentennial Tour around Louisiana and part of Mississippi. At the time this photo was taken, several people were feverously replacing an air pump on the other side of the locomotive. A replacement pump was located and borrowed from the Austin Stream Train Association, who owned a similar engine. One of their members actually brought the pump on a trailer from Austin, Texas to Bossier City, arriving about 5 p.m.! The work was completed about 3 a.m. Monday morning and SP 745 was able to resume her trip, leaving at 4 a.m. for Ruston and points east. SP 745 has not been able to make any extensive trips since then due to main-line railroad restrictions. The dedicated Louisiana Steam Train Association (LASTA) volunteers maintain the locomotive in New Orleans. It has been used in 2 movies. It is also towed to a festival in Gretna, and has to be steamed up for the trip to provide lubrication.

SP 745 is a Mikado-type or 2-8-2 locomotive. It has also been known as Texas & New Orleans 745 and Galveston, Harrisburg, & San Antonio 745, reflecting two Southern Pacific Railroad subsidiaries that operated it at times. Current LASTA information can be obtained at www.lasta.org



Upcoming Events

Jan. 16 – RRVRS Meeting – 7 p.m. - Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. - call (318) 458-3123 for information.

Feb. 6 - 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 hope everyone had a happy new year. I did and am looking forward to a good and eventful 2015. The elections are over and I believe things are going to start happening regarding the museum. At a Christmas party I attended I talked to Liz Swaine and she said that she had been in touch with Union Pacific RR and things seem to be going good for us to get the control tower from the former Cotton Belt yard. At the December meeting we held elections with all the past officers being re-elected except that Jim McClure is now our new Secretary. All officers wish to thank you for your support and help. I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Happy Railroading!
Russell

It is time to pay your 2015 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
Jan. 16