

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

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SHREVEPORT, LA

Our 34th Year

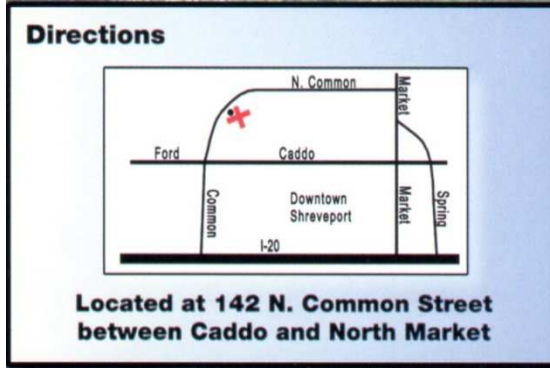
Did You Ever Eat at the K.C.S. Restaurant ?



A popular eatery near Union Station in Shreveport (across the tracks on the north side) was what was commonly called the “KCS Cafe”. The distinctive triangular-shaped building at 830 Louisiana Ave. is still there, although vacant. Over the years it went by several names: Queen Café (1923), Holton Sales Co. (1940-42), Roosevelt Café (1943), Ablon’s Restaurant #2 (1945), Fox’s / KCS Restaurant (1946-1963), and K.C.S. Restaurant (1964-1971). It became vacant in 1972, probably because the last Southern Belle passenger train left Union Station on November 2, 1969 and the station burned 3 days later on Nov. 5th.

The top image is of an undated postcard, although it looks like a 1950-51 Chevrolet parked in front. The interior photos were taken by Shreveport Times photographer Langston McEachern on April 24, 1946. We don’t know if they were used in an advertisement or feature story. (Images courtesy of the LSU Shreveport Noel Memorial Library Archives & Special Collections.)

Upcoming Events



July 10 - First Friday Railroad Photography Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at the Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. – call (318) 797-8008 for information.

July 17 – RRVRHS Meeting – 7 p.m. - Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. – call (318) 797-8008 for information.

August 7 - First Friday Railroad Photography Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at the Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. – call (318) 797-8008 for information.

The President's Message

(Editor's note: Russell is in Houston undergoing treatment for the pneumonia he developed in Shreveport a few weeks ago. Additional chemo treatments are not necessary at this time. The treatments are on an outpatient basis, so he is staying at his sister Connie's house in Katy, Texas. He is staying up with and interested in the Society activities here, and appreciates your ongoing thoughts and prayers. Following is his monthly newsletter message which he provided to me by phone on Wednesday July 8.)

I am writing this lying flat on my back at M.D. Anderson, receiving antibiotics and periodically blood. All tests seem good, and I am hoping to return to Shreveport soon and get "back on duty".

Dave recently met with Bobby Jelks of the Franks Foundation and it seems promising that we will be getting more help in the future. We have a good timeline and estimate for building the museum and it was discussed with Mr. Jelks. Still no word from the Shreveport Water Department regarding leasing the property, but that is to be expected due to all the flooding.

Hope to see you soon.

Happy Railroading!

Russell

Have you paid 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
July 17