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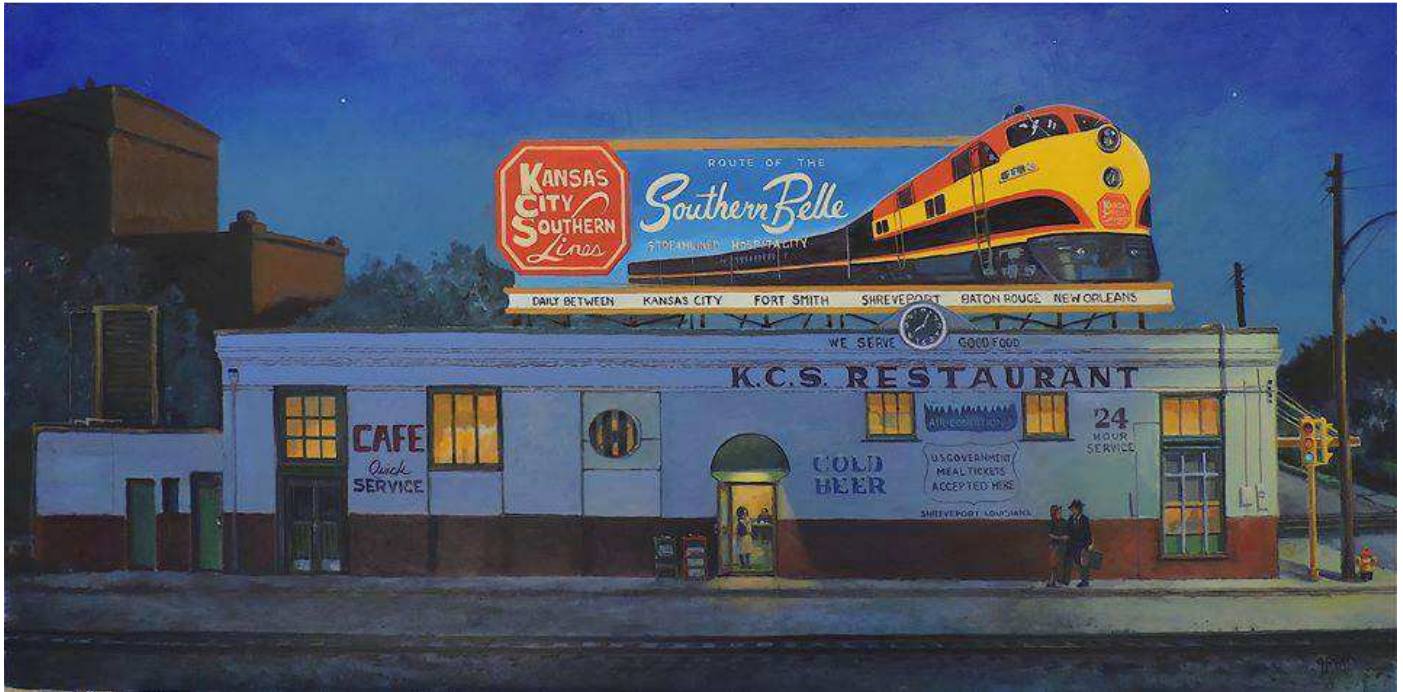
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SHREVEPORT, LA

Our 36th Year

K.C.S. Restaurant Painting by Glen P. Weber



Glen Weber is an artist that grew up in Shreveport but now lives in New Orleans. He has many fond memories of Shreveport especially around 1953 when he and his Dad would stop by Union Station and watch the trains come and go. His grandmother lived in New Orleans and his parents would put him on the Southern Belle to ride overnight to the Carrollton St. Station, which was near her house. So, many of his memories are related to railroads.

When he decided to paint the restaurant he spent many months looking at old railroad photographs for information. The KCS information was very limited, but Dr. Nick Muff of the Mount Vernon Group volunteered the necessary details to complete the painting. Dr. Muff even has a 3D laser model that he made of the restaurant. According to Glen, “We even made sure the building was accurately placed (NW) in the night sky for that time and the stars were in the right place...it was all quite wonderful to see at night, the large graphic train on the KCS bill board was lit from below by lights on the café roof, and the colors and RED KCS sign just lit up the whole neighborhood...Beautiful !!! You could see it far off down the street.”

Glen posted an image of his painting on the Shreveport Railroad Museum Facebook page and offered to donate a “giclee” (very nice ink jet print) of the painting to the museum. It is a 10 inch by 20 inch image on 15 inch by 24 inch paper. We will have it framed and placed in our museum for all to enjoy. Thank you, Glen!

Upcoming Events

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

August 4 - First Friday Railroad Photography Meeting – 7:30 p.m. at the Shreveport Water Works Museum
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The President's Message

Hello Railfans!

Well, I see by the clock on the wall that it is time for me to take pen and paper in hand and write another newsletter article.

Not a lot happened this past month. Jim McClure went down to Union Station and found that the old K.C.S. Café has been renovated and is for sale for the sum of \$250,000. It would make a very nice museum site, much better than where we are currently looking. If we could acquire this building we would need to get permission from KCS to park our rail equipment on the old Union Station site. Jim tells me that the realtor will be glad to show us the property. I will try to set a date and inform you when this will be as I'm sure everyone would like to see the inside of this historic structure. At this time this does not kill current plans for Common Street as we don't have money in place to purchase the KCS Café.

At our last meeting there was discussion about naming pieces of equipment after departed members. A motion was made to name the museum building after Bobby Joe Miller and a piece of rolling stock after Kelly Jo Brunettin. There are other departed members that deserve this honor, also.

I know that it is Summer time and we usually have smaller attendance at our meetings, but I would like to see more of you make the effort to attend. Our last business meeting lasted only 30 minutes, followed by a report by Jeff on his recent attendance at the NMRA convention and a 30 minute slide show by Dave on his recent ride behind N&W 611 in North Carolina.

Well, that's about all this time.

Happy Railroading!
Russell

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Next Meeting
July 21