

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

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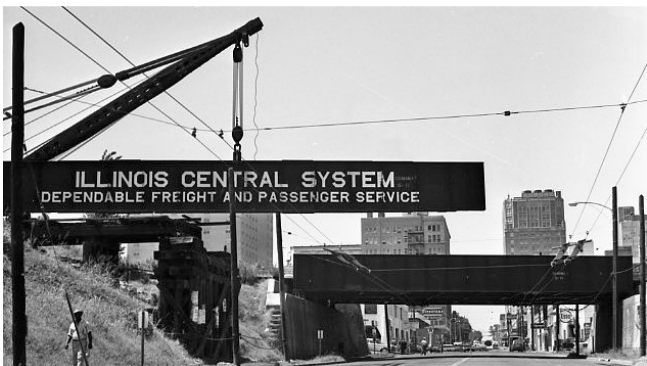
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SHREVEPORT, LA

Our 35<sup>th</sup> Year

## Landmark Illinois Central Marshall Street Overpass Removed in 1960



Do you remember this landmark on Marshall Street? This Illinois Central System overpass was removed on August 4, 1960 and transferred to a location in Iowa, according to a *Shreveport Times* article. The photographer was standing near Central Station, looking north toward downtown. Today, you can still see portions of the support structure on the west side of Marshall Street. The overpass was built before 1926 and abandoned by 1956. Note the trackless trolley overhead wires and the rear of a trolley under the remaining overpass. That overpass, which originally held 3 tracks, is still in use but with only 2 tracks. There is also another overpass behind the photographer with the KCS logo on it. (*Times* photo by Langston McEachern courtesy of LSU Shreveport Noel Memorial Library Archives & Special Collections.)

## Upcoming Events

June 17 – RRVRHS Meeting – 7 p.m. - Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. Call (318) 458-3123 for information.

July 1 - 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!

As I thought about what to write about this month my mind was blank. I always try to be informative, thankful of your help and support and try not to bore you to death. If you take time to read this article I want you to feel that you did not waste your time.

Since our last meeting there was a Train Show at the Riverview Hall in downtown Shreveport. The show was organized and put on by the local Lionel group: Randy Guy, Pat Shaw and others. There was a small turnout, reflecting the interest of people in our hobby now. We had a booth there and talked to quite a few people, many who did not know we have a Shreveport Railroad Museum at the waterworks. Randy told me that next year he is going to do a show with a local hobby shop and will include other interests along with the trains. Maybe having more attendance will get more people interested in our wonderful hobby.

I am making a plea to our members to help us obtain more O-gauge track for the train we want to put around the wall inside our museum. If you have any to donate, please contact me at (318) 458-3123.

This week several of us are going to Haughton to look at an N-gauge layout that a lady may want to donate to us.

At the next meeting, Bill Hashieder will show some DVDs about foreign railroads.

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**  
**June 17**