

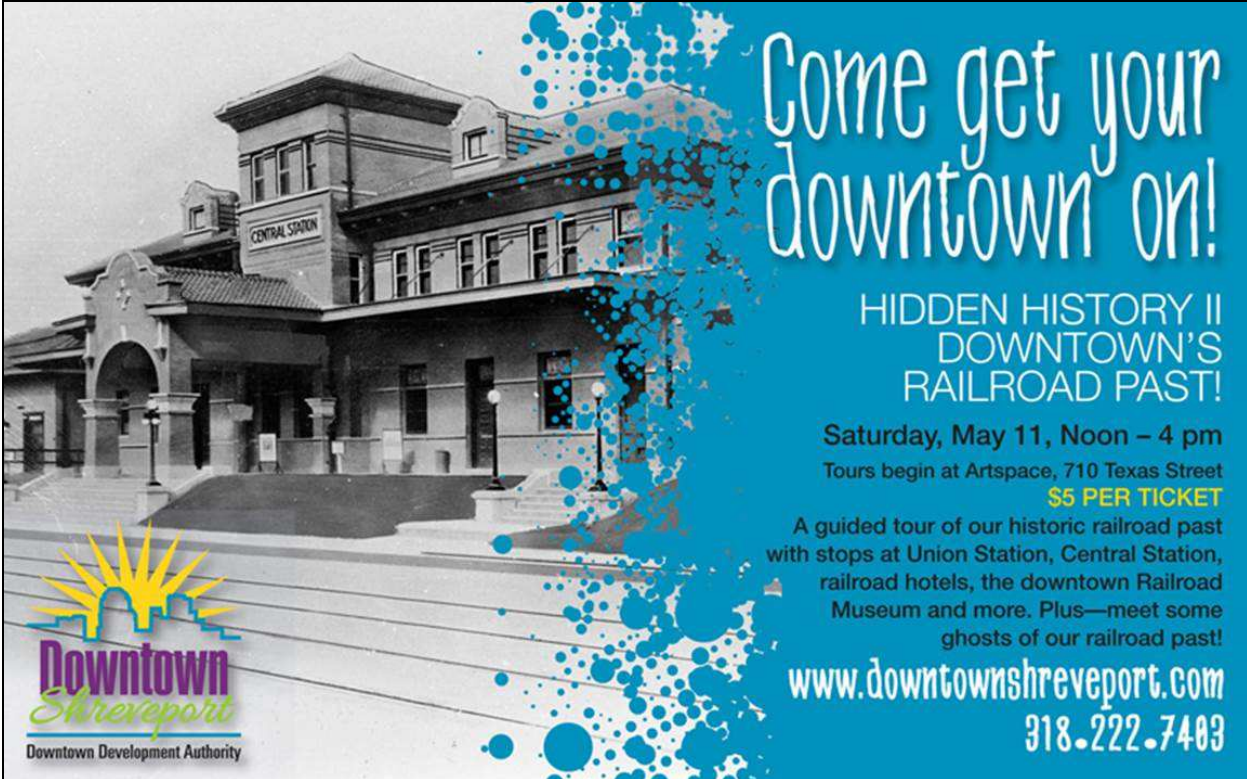
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

May, 2013

SHREVEPORT, LA

Our 32nd Year

Railroad History Tour and Museum Grand Opening on May 11



Come get your
downtown on!

HIDDEN HISTORY II
DOWNTOWN'S
RAILROAD PAST!

Saturday, May 11, Noon – 4 pm
Tours begin at Artspace, 710 Texas Street
\$5 PER TICKET

A guided tour of our historic railroad past
with stops at Union Station, Central Station,
railroad hotels, the downtown Railroad
Museum and more. Plus—meet some
ghosts of our railroad past!

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**Downtown
Shreveport**
Downtown Development Authority

You have probably seen this advertisement in the newspapers or other media over the past few days. It is advertising the biggest railroad event to occur in Shreveport in quite some time, and your Red River Valley Railroad Historical Society has a major part in it. The event was organized by Liz Swaine, Executive Director of the Shreveport Downtown Development Authority. The Shreveport Historic Preservation Society is also a major participant. The objective is to show the public how much railroads have contributed to the development of Shreveport and to point out historic railroad related sites around downtown. Included will be the official Grand Opening of your Shreveport Railroad Museum.

The date is Saturday, May 11th and the times are noon to 4:00 pm. Participants can purchase a \$5.00 ticket and board busses at Artspace, 710 Texas St., to be transported around Shreveport with an on-board tour guide describing various points of interest. At some sites, participants will leave the bus and be greeted by costumed reenactors who will talk about the location in an historic context. Participants will then get back on the bus and continue the tour, eventually arriving at the Railroad Museum and the Shreveport Water Works Museum which are at the same location and have free admission. Food, souvenirs, music and interesting displays will be available. Participants can stay there as long as they like, then catch a bus back to Artspace.

Currently, the tour route from Artspace will be:

Union Station site, KCS Café site and Jefferson Hotel (brief bus departure)
Central Station (drive by)
Illinois Central Freight Depot (drive by)
Vicksburg, Shreveport & Pacific Railroad Bridge over Red River (drive by)
Old Globe Map building, 206 Milam Street (brief bus departure to see photographs taken by famous
railroad photographer O. Winston Link)
Arlington Hotel (drive by)
Creswell Hotel (brief bus departure)
A-frame Railroad Bridge over Cross Bayou (drive by)
Texas & Pacific Railway Station site (drive by)
Railroad Museum – Shreveport Water Works Museum (depart bus, stay at location as long as desired)
Catch a bus back to Artspace

The Railroad Museum Grand Opening will be at approximately 3:30 pm

A number of things will be happening on the grounds of the Railroad Museum-Shreveport Water Works Museum (the last stop on the tour) including live music, vendors, railroad historians, model railroaders, and [Operation Lifesaver](#). Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Tables and chairs will be available for you to relax, sit and listen to live music, have a bite to eat and enjoy a bit of downtown Shreveport's wonderful history. The [Shreveport Water Works Museum](#) will also be open for tours.

Busses will begin leaving Artspace at noon. Free parking will be available in the lot across from Artspace.

Complete, up-to-date information and [advance tickets with specific bus departure times](#) are available by calling (318) 222-7403 or going to www.downtownshreveport.com

The event will be held rain or shine, and most of the activities at the Railroad Museum – Shreveport Water Works Museum will be under cover.

If you do not want to take the bus tour you may come directly to the Railroad Museum – Shreveport Water Works Museum at 142 N. Common Street. There is no admission fee. For directions call (318) 221-3388

Enjoy and be a part of railroad history on May 11 !

Next Meeting on May 17

The next meeting of the Red River Valley Railroad Historical Society will be held on Friday, **May 17** at **7 p.m.** in the [library](#) at the Glen Retirement Village, 403 East Flournoy Lucas Road. **Please be on time** for the beginning of the meeting so you won't miss anything. The Glen Retirement Village is located on the south side of Flournoy Lucas Road between Ellerbe Road and Youree Drive (Highway 1). For information or directions call Dave Bland at (318) 470-5933.



➤ **ALL ABOARD!** ➤

SATURDAY, MAY 18th 11A.M.-7P.M.
SUNDAY, MAY 19th 11A.M.-5P.M.

4 DESTINATIONS
➤ — **one** — ➤
BOARDING PASS

\$15.00...BOARDING PASS

Children under 6...FREE

25% OFF Admission to the
Marshall T&P Railway Museum

The Jefferson Historical Society & Museum will celebrate the one year anniversary of constructing a replica early 1900's T & P Railroad depot on the Museum property to house the R.D. Moses T & P Model Railroad. Construction of the depot building began in late January 2012 and was completed in early May 2012. Jefferson's Cypress Bayou Model Train Club operates and maintains the model railroad layout for the Jefferson Historical Society and Museum. Since its opening last May, over 2,000 visitors of all ages have enjoyed this fabulous model railroad exhibit which is open daily year round.

The late R.D. Moses and his late friend, Jack Luck, spent over 30 years creating and building this fabulous HO scale model railroad layout that depicted the Texas & Pacific Railway in West Texas in the 1950s. This superb model railroad was published in the May 2002 Model Railroader magazine. Even before this publication, the R.D. Moses model railroad was known both locally and nationally as one of the best in the hobby.

This year's event will also celebrate the city of Jefferson being designated by the Union Pacific Railroad as a "Train Town USA" and inclusion in the Union Pacific Railroad's Train Town USA Registry.

One Boarding Pass will admit visitors to four activities – a visit to the R.D. Moses T & P Model Railroad layout, a ride on a narrow gauge scenic train, a tour of Jay Gould's private railroad car and admission to a train show that includes several modular model railroad layouts and vendors. Cost of the Boarding Pass is \$15.00 for adults; children 12 and under are free. Boarding Passes may be purchased at two event locations in Jefferson on the days of the event. All proceeds, after expenses, will benefit the Jefferson Historical Society & Museum and the R.D. Moses T & P Model Railroad.

Go to www.JeffersonTrainDays.com for more information.

Upcoming Events

- May 11 *Hidden History Tour: Downtown's Railroad Past*
and RRVRHS Museum Grand Opening
- May 17 RRVRHS Meeting – 7 pm at the Glen Retirement Village
- May 18-19 Jefferson Train Days - Jefferson, TX

The President's Message – May 2013

Hello Railfans!

This month marks the end of the beginning...our Grand Opening of the museum. Although I have written many words about having the museum finished, and it has been, we never had an official opening. But that will happen on May 11! It is something we have all looked forward to for a long time but we still have a long way to go to make it complete. Please continue your support and help in the future.

Without the ongoing support of the Louisiana Secretary of State, the State Museum Office and the McNeill Street Pumping Station Preservation Society, we would not have the use of the building containing the museum. Thank you!

The next thing we have to do is to secure the area near North Common Street to display our large equipment so we can complete our goal of having a small but first class railroad museum. Several of us have already met with city officials and were told what we need to do next. We will begin that work as soon as the May 11 event is over.

Please come out and help on May 11 !

Happy Railroading!
Russell

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(The date beside your name on the newsletter envelope indicates the latest year you have paid your dues)

Please send a check or money order for \$16.50 with this membership form to Bill Hasheider at 6813 Despot Road, Shreveport, LA 71108

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