

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

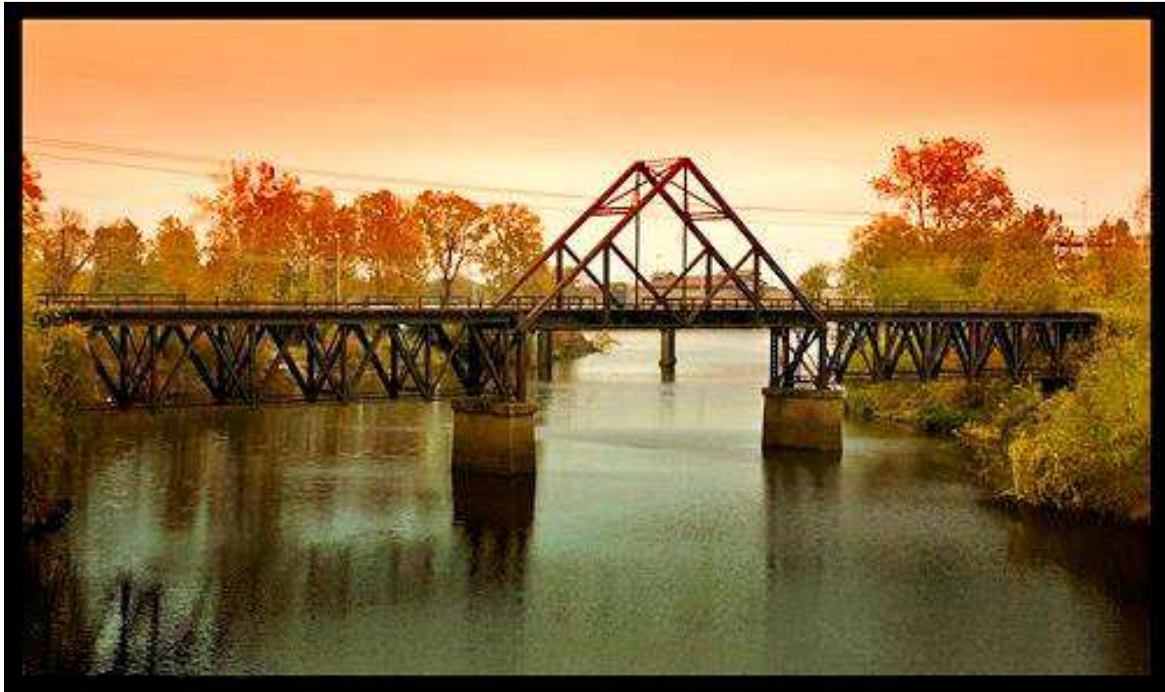
Web Site: WWW.RRVVHS.ORG On Facebook: [Shreveport Railroad Museum](https://www.facebook.com/ShreveportRailroadMuseum)
Russell Pedro – President W. Conway Link – Vice-President Jim McClure – Secretary
Bill Hasheider – Treasurer Dave Bland – Newsletter Editor – DDBland@aol.com

November, 2015

SHREVEPORT, LA

Our 34th Year

Historic Waddell A-Truss Bridge Over Cross Bayou



One of the most unusual historic railroad artifacts in this area is the A-truss bridge across Cross Bayou in downtown Shreveport. The beautiful photo above was taken by photographer Mike Rosebery in 2005.

The bridge is no longer in use, but thankfully it is on the National Register of Historic Places and is prominently included in the current Cross Bayou Corridor Development Plan for pedestrian traffic. It was built in 1895 over the Arkansas River in Oklahoma and moved to its current location in 1926 for use by the Kansas City Southern Railway. It was used by the railroad until the late 1980s. KCS donated it to the City in 1992.

It was designed and patented by John Alexander Low Waddell in 1894. He designed it as a low cost, easy to construct, long lasting pre-fabricated structure. The design was very popular, but only one other Waddell A-truss bridge is known to exist now, and it is in Missouri.

(Information Sources: *Eric Brock's Shreveport*, by Eric J. Brock, Cross Bayou Corridor Development Plan: www.crossbayoucorridor.com)

Upcoming Events

November 20 – RRVRHS Meeting – 7 p.m. - Shreveport Water Works Museum – 142 N. Common St. Call (318) 797-8008 for information.

December 4 - 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

Hello Railfans!

It has been a few months since I have written for the newsletter. I hope that you did not miss my effort to inform you of what was going on. As most of you know, I have been in Houston at M.D. Anderson for the past 10 months off and on. Things with me are going good.

While I was home on one of my visits several of us went to see Mr. Joe Giglio about purchasing Central Station. He showed us around the whole building. It still looks good on the inside although there has been some construction done that is not consistent with a railroad depot. Mr. Giglio said that he would talk with his wife about our offer and get back to us. We have not heard from him about this matter. We are looking at another option besides the water works area just in case that property does not become available. We are still waiting to hear from the City of Shreveport. Now that I will be home for awhile I will try to make contact with them.

On October 27th one of our long-time members, Cliff Harwell, passed away. Cliff had been a member for 25 years or more and did a lot of work for us. He published and printed our newsletter for many years, but has not been an active member for the last 10 years. He was 91 years old. We send our condolences to his family.

Well, that's about all I know at this time but I will be more active in the coming months.

Happy Railroading!
Russell

Are You Up To Date On Your 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

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Red River Valley Railroad Historical Society
3012 Nottingham Drive
Shreveport, LA 71115

Next Meeting
November 20