

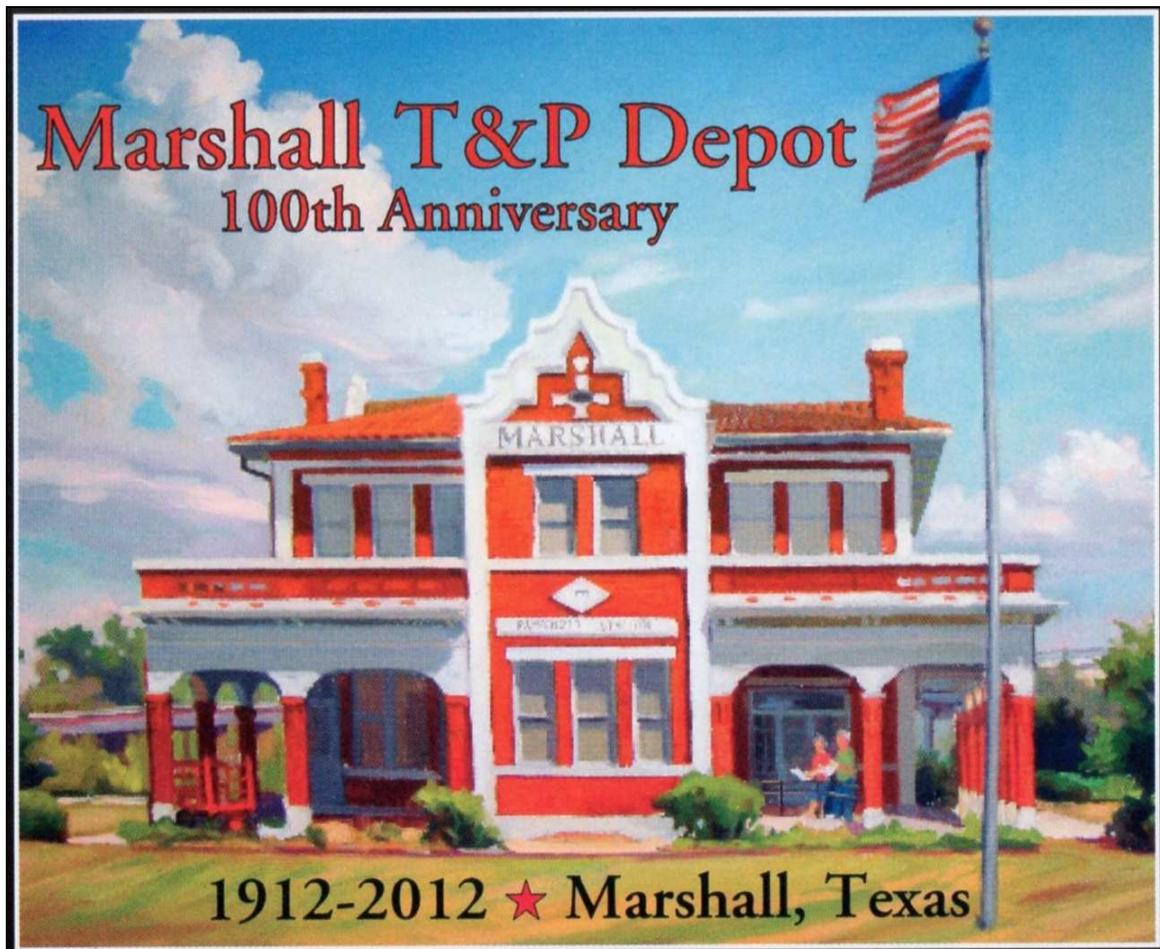
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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Our 31st Year

Happy 100th Birthday, Marshall T&P Depot!



As shown above in the great drawing from the cover of Marshall Depot's attractive brochure publicizing the celebration, the depot is an architectural and historical gem. Currently serving as an Amtrak station and home of the Texas & Pacific Museum, it was almost demolished during the 1990s but saved due to the heroic efforts of interested citizens. The depot was built in 1912 and will be celebrating its centennial on October 20th. Marshall, Texas, traces its railroad roots back to the 1870s, when the Texas and Pacific Railway began laying tracks. The population exploded and the area soon became one of the largest cotton markets in the south, attracting businesses like J. Weisman and Co., the first department store in Texas.

The depot contains a great T&P Museum, plus T&P steam locomotive No. 400 and a caboose are on static display. More information about the celebration can be found at:

<http://easttexasowns.com/sitemol/EArticlePrint2SG.cfm?ident=depot2209>

In addition, Union Pacific is proud to celebrate its 150th Anniversary Oct. 20th in this historical railroad town. Visitors will get a close-up view of Steam Locomotive No. 844, the last steam engine built for the railroad. Also on display will be the Promontory, a 1962-vintage baggage car transformed into a state-of-the-art traveling exhibit. Visitors will be able to interact with history via a 65-inch video touch screen highlighting many of the communities the car will visit in 2012.

Union Pacific's mini-train, considered its most popular Goodwill Ambassador, also will be providing free rides, and visitors can take advantage of free giveaways, such as fans and coloring books.

Steam Locomotive No. 844 will not be on display at the depot because the tracks there are very active with Amtrak and freight service. It will be on display nearby from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 903 Lake Street, Marshall, Texas. Directions: From Grand Avenue proceed north on N. Bolivar St. Turn right at Main Street and follow Union Pacific event signs to designated parking. Free shuttle service also is available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from the T&P Depot.

Call the T&P Museum Gift Shop at (903) 938-9495 for more information and go to the following UP website for information about UP 844 and its schedule, including a GPS tracker.

www.up.com/aboutup/special_trains/steam/locomotives/844.shtml



Dave Dahms photo of No. 844 south of Eaton, returning to Denver, July 21, 2012.

Wilma Little Visited the Museum to See Layout



Wilma Little (on the right), widow of Carl Little, came to see how her late husband's HO model railroad looks in the museum. Wilma and her friends Henry and Barbara Lodge were very pleased to see that it is operational and has a prominent place.

John Myers Presented a Great Slide Show at our Last Meeting



John Myers presented a very interesting slide show on Short Line Railroads of Louisiana & Arkansas at our last meeting. His knowledge, interest and experience regarding railroad and streetcar history was evident as he narrated the slide show and answered questions from the audience. We had a great turnout and almost filled up the library. Thanks, John!

Next Meeting on October 19

The meeting will be held on Friday, **October 19** 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.

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 13 LSUS Pioneer Day – RRVRHS will have a display booth, come by to visit ! 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Oct. 19 RRVRHS meeting at the Glen – 7 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Marshall T&P Depot Centennial Celebration - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Nov. 3 RRVRHS Fall Fish Fry at the McNeill Street Pumping Station – 3 to 7 p.m.
We will have fish, shrimp, hush puppies, cold slaw, etc. The cost is \$7.00 per attendee, and you can pay when you get there. If you would like to bring a dessert or other dish, please call Kelly Jo at (318) 347-7008. **Bring a friend!**

The President's Message – October 2012

Hello Railfans!

The first thing I would like to do in this newsletter is to welcome three new members who joined at the last meeting. Welcome John Myers, Robert Beechy and Michael Hoge! I would also like to say thank you to all our guests and members that attended our last meeting.

John Myers presented a very good slide show on short line railroads in Louisiana and Arkansas. He also gave interesting descriptions of the slides. This is the type of presentation we would like to see more of and we are always looking for good material for future shows. John has indicated that he has more of these types of pictures and we hope he will share them with us.

This month is the time of year that we normally have our Fall Banquet, but we will have to postpone it until the first week in November because of other events our members have indicated they will be attending.

Gary and I met with the State Fire Marshal again two weeks ago and he gave us a go ahead on the type of hand rail we are planning to use. This will save a considerable amount of money and we will be doing some work sessions in the near future. Gary and Paul have painted blue stripes on the parking lot for the handicap parking space and put up a sign. Last week, Frank, Gary and Paul worked on the G-gauge track around the ceiling of the museum. Dave and Charles have been organizing and inventorying pictures in the Russell Stewart collection, and Dave has been taking a batch over to Conway Link's home each week for Diane Tate to scan. Conway and Diane have been very helpful on this project and we thank them more than we can ever say. Over 600 pictures have been scanned so far.

Dave and I have also done some work on moving D&R No. 10 to the museum. There is a lot going on! I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Happy Railroading!
Russell