

# THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COTTON BELT SYMPOSIUM



**October 8-9, 2010**

Sam Rayburn Student Center | Conference Room A (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Texas A&M University-Commerce | Commerce, Texas

**Pre-conference Show & Tell Presentations - Friday, 5:00pm-8:00pm**

**Symposium - Saturday, 8:45am-3:00pm | 8:19am registration**

This is a **free\***, public event to share, document, preserve, and celebrate the legacy and experiences of the employees and families connected to the St. Louis Southwestern Railway in northeast Texas and system-wide.

All former and current railroad employees, family members, and any interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

Featuring keynote address by railroad author, photographer, and historian, **Edwin C. Cooper**, Shelbyville, KY, author of the recently completed biography, *Cotton Belt Engineer – The Life and Times of C. W. 'Red' Standefer, 1898-1981*.

Program consists of show & tell presentations on Friday evening and three Panel Discussion sessions and Luncheon Keynote Address on Saturday. Panel Discussion topics include, "Railroad Operations," "The Railroad Life," and "Riding the Digital Railroad: Preserving the Heritage of Rail Transportation." Cotton Belt and railroad artifacts from the Commerce Public Library and the Arkansas Railroad Museum's Cotton Belt Rail Historical Society collection will be on display. Attendees are invited to bring and display railroad photos and other artifacts.

The proceedings will be videotaped for historic preservation and entry into the Libraries' Collections and Digital Archives.

*The 2010 Symposium is dedicated to the memory of Murrel Edward Hogue, Jr., July 20, 1930 – February 3, 2010.*

**\*All presentations are free. Optional luncheon (Chicken Fried Steak meal) is \$12.50 per person and RSVP is REQUIRED by Oct. 4.**



Cotton Belt Symposium  
Sam Rayburn Student Center  
Conference Rooms, 2nd floor  
Building 21  
Parking in adjacent Lot E



Parking in Lot E, SE corner  
Stonewall & Bryan Streets.



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Info & RSVPs on-line or contact: Jason\_Davis@TAMU-Commerce.edu, 903-886-8066, or 903-886-5598



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