THE 6TH ANNUAL COTTON BELT SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Conference Room | Sam Rayburn Student Center
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Registration Opens	8:19am	www.CottonBeltRoute.com
Program Begins	8:45am	This event is being videotaped for historical documentation.
Jason Lee Davis, PhD Associate Professor, Department of Educational Leadership Texas A&M University-Commerce		Welcome and Opening Remarks
Madeline Justice, EdD Head, Department of Educational Leadership Texas A&M University-Commerce		Welcome from the Texas A&M University-Commerce Department of Educational Leadership www.TAMU-Commerce.edu/edl/
Wyman Williams Director of Development, Texas A&M University-Commerce		Welcome from the Texas A&M University-Commerce Administration
The Interurban Electric Railway System **Robert L. Haynes**, Curator, Plano Railway Museum	9:00am	
Texas Midland Railroad **Cheryl Westhafer**, Commerce Public Library	9:30am	www.CommercePublicLibrary.org
Billy R. Null – top seniority SSW/UP Engineer	10:00am	
Break	10:30am	
Bringing Home the Cotton Belt "Long Caboose" #2305 **Gary Powell**	10:45am	
Cotton Belt Business Car Fleet and the "Dixie" **Tony Wilson**	11:15am	
Luncheon* RSC #213C Musical Entertainment by Leo Sykes Band	11:45pm	*Prior reservations required for meal
Blacklands Railroad Documentary world premiere viewing **Dr. Richard Schroeder & Mr. Dave Walvoord**	12:45pm	
NETEX/Blacklands Railroad Update **Cletis Millsap** Chair, NETEX Rail District **Wayne Defebaugh** President, Blacklands Railroad	1:45pm	NETEX RAIL DISTRICT www.NETEXrail.org
Break	2:00pm	
Panel Discussion – Dr. Harley Davis, moderator **Rheba Icenhower** **Leo Sykes** **Lenton R. Moore** **Billy Reed**	2:15pm	Panel Discussion
Dedication Remarks & **Adjourn trackside to "Dyer Junction"**	3:30pm	Free Shuttle Service available to downtown & "Dyer Junction"
"Dyer Junction" Dedication Ceremony, Blacklands Locomotive & Railroad Partners Motorcar Display	4:00pm	Presented by Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District & Blacklands Railroad trackside in downtown Commerce.
Adjourn	4:30pm	
Steven Powlow Railroad Artifact Collection Open House **2500 Bryan Street, Commerce**		3 blocks south of Rayburn Student Center on Bryan Street.

Presented by the TAMU-Commerce Department of Educational Leadership, the James G. Gee Library, and the Commerce Public Library.

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Held in conjunction with the 26th annual Commerce Bois d'Arc Bash with activities throughout the weekend in Historic Downtown Commerce.

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