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THE 7TH ANNUAL COTTON BELT SYMPOSIUM



Friday & Saturday, October 5-6, 2012

Sam Rayburn Student Center | Conference Rooms #213 (2nd floor)

Texas A&M University-Commerce | Commerce, Texas

Parking available in Lot #23 at the SE corner of Stonewall & Bryan Streets on the east side of the Student Center.

Friday, 5:00pm-8:00pm – Show & Tell Mixer & Documentary Film Screening
Saturday, 8:45am-3:30pm | 8:19am registration – Symposium Programs

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 and all Ark-La-Tex-oma railroads.

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

Program consists of a show & tell mixer, book/art signings, a screening of the documentary film “Weekend Railroaders,” by Scott Peterson, and a Q&A session with members of the motorcar hobbyist organization, Railroad Partners, Inc., on Friday evening. Saturday’s activities include a panel discussion featuring members of the railroad “family” addressing professional crafts and auxiliary organizations, presentations on the restoration and operations of the Cotton Belt’s Class L-1 Northern Steam Locomotive #819 by the project’s original Chief Mechanical Officer, Bill Bailey, and others; a luncheon featuring live musical entertainment; a NETEX/Blacklands Railroad update by Blacklands president, Wayne Defebaugh; and an encore screening of the documentary film, “Weekend Railroaders,” featuring a discussion session with the film’s director, Scott Peterson, and a motorcar display by Railroad Partners, Inc. at Dyer Junction. North Texas T-Trak Modular Railroad Club will have a layout on-site on Saturday and Steve Pawlow will host an open house display of signals and memorabilia. Many Cotton Belt and railroad artifacts and photos will be on display Friday and Saturday. Everyone is 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 2012 Symposium is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Otha C. Spencer, April 27, 1920 – June 1, 2012.

[HTTP://WWW.COTTONBELTRoute.com/](http://www.COTTONBELTRoute.com/)

Luncheon for symposium attendees sponsored by the College of Science, Engineering & Agriculture, RSVP REQUIRED by Oct. 1.



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