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# THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COTTON BELT SYMPOSIUM



**Friday & Saturday, October 4-5, 2013**

Sam Rayburn Student Center | Conference Rooms #213 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Video Premiere, & Hobo Jam Session**

**Saturday, 8:45am-4:30pm | 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.

The Friday evening program consists of a show & tell mixer, video, and music jam session. Saturday's activities include a panel discussion; a premiere video screening of the Cotton Belt Steam Locomotive #819's trips to Tyler by Steve Goen; the induction of Cotton Belt President Harold J. McKenzie into the Texas Transportation Hall of Honor; a BNSF sponsored luncheon featuring live musical entertainment; a NETEX/Blacklands Railroad update by Blacklands president, Wayne Defebaugh; a presentation on the SSW's FT Locomotives by Ed Cooper; a motorcar display by Railroad Partners, Inc. at Dyer Junction; and an open house of the East Texas Model Railroad Club layout. 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 2013 Symposium is dedicated to the memory of Harold J. McKenzie, 1904 – 1991.*

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

Luncheon for symposium attendees sponsored by BNSF Railway, RSVP REQUIRED by Oct. 1



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**Mei-Ying Elaine Lin; Dr. Madeline & James Justice**

Info, directions, & RSVPs on-line or contact:

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