

# The Waybill



Issued by the Texas Gulf Division of the Lone Star Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc

## The Prez sez...

My name is Ray Byer and I am the newly elected president of the Texas Gulf Division (Division 8) of the Lone Star Region NMRA. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Division. If you have been a Division member for some time, I thank you for your support.

**The Division will hold a General Membership Meeting at Papa Ben's Train Place in Houston on Feb. 24, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.**

During the meeting we will be voting on some changes to the Division Constitution that are necessary in light of recent changes to the NMRA's overall organization. Please plan to join us and offer your comments on the proposed constitutional changes.

Another change in the works has to do with the Division newsletter, *The Waybill*. We plan to publish the newsletter on a quarterly basis and offer delivery by US Postal Service or email. If you want the email edition, send an email to [info@houstonrrmuseum.org](mailto:info@houstonrrmuseum.org).

If you want to receive *The Waybill* by US Mail, send your name and address along with \$6 to *The Waybill*, 8502 Sharpcrest St., Houston, TX 77036. Make checks payable to the Division.

Division 8 will have a table at the Greater Houston Train Show. Stop by and say hello, and let's talk about your ideas for your organization!

*Ray Byer*  
*Division 8 President*



**Waybill** - the primary written documentation of every freight shipment that forms the basis for railroad freight revenue accounts.

*(Comprehensive Railroad Dictionary, Second Edition)*

## On the waybill: Perishables

Pacific Fruit Express refrigerator cars from two eras were in the consist of a manifest freight seen passing SP's Hardy Street shops in Houston on a cool January day in 1976.

*Photo by Tom Marsh*

## Around the Division

*Division 8 Foremen and members: Please email club updates and articles to [info@houstonrrmuseum.org](mailto:info@houstonrrmuseum.org).*

### **DIVISION 8 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

A Division 8 General Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, at 10:00 a.m. at Papa Ben's Train Place, 2506 South Blvd., Houston, Texas 77098.

### **Steve Sandifer achieves MMR status**

Some great news in Division 8, we have a new Master Model Railroader (MMR). Member Steve Sandifer has been honored by the NMRA as MMR No. 389. We hope his hard work inspires us all to get up off the couch and start finishing those kits and pursuing those dreams of a layout that we may have started, but never

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Editor: Tom Marsh

## **How to receive *The Waybill***

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NMRA members who do not live in the Division 8 counties can receive *The Waybill* by email by requesting delivery as indicated above. Please provide your NMRA membership number and club affiliation (if any) when making your request.

## **Submissions to *The Waybill***

*The Waybill* is your newsletter. Division 8 Members, Division Foremen, Club Presidents and others are encouraged to submit articles, club news, photos and other items of interest for publication. Email submissions to [info@houstonrrmuseum.org](mailto:info@houstonrrmuseum.org). If you do not have access to email, you can mail your submissions to *The Waybill*, 8502 Sharpcrest St., Houston, TX 77036.

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seem to find the time to finish. Great job, Steve!

## **Welcome aboard to these new Division 8 members:**

William Collier  
Catalin Loghin  
Lourdes McCleary  
Bruce Rodriguez

## **Houston Area Live Steamers**

2006 was great year for HALS. We had over 8000 visitors and riders on our trains on our public run days. In addition, we had special days for senior citizens and Boy Scout troops. We also hosted the Southwest Live Steam meet over Memorial Day. We had over 100 Live Steamers from all parts of the country from California to Georgia and Wisconsin to Louisiana.

We are currently putting up the steel to cover about half of our steaming bays. This will be a great addition to the club. Precinct 3 and the County have also upgraded the walkways and will sometime be paving additional parking for us. We are still at a standstill on building Phase 4. We are waiting for the Corps of Engineers to finish their study of drainage, swales, etc. before they will let us build any more track. We hope to have an answer by June 2007.

The HALS Public Run days start in March and are the 3rd Saturday of each month. The hours have changed to 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. As always Division 8 members are invited anytime. If you are in town or just want to come out to the track on other than Public Runs Days, contact me at 713-939-8002 or [peterb@pdq.net](mailto:peterb@pdq.net)

- Submitted by Peter Bryan

## **N' Crowd Model RR Society**

Houston's N' Crowd is making significant progress on its new permanent layout, the Bayou City & Gulf. The N-scale railroad is under construction on the second floor at Papa Ben's Train Place. To track the railroad's progress, check out the photos on the Construction Zone page of the group's web site: [www.houstonncrowd.org](http://www.houstonncrowd.org).

The layout room is open most Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., so be sure to stop by when visiting Papa Ben's.

The N' Crowd will also participate in the Greater Houston Train Show on Feb. 10, and will be on the Sunday layout tour on Feb. 11, when the BC&G will be open to visitors from Noon to 5 p.m.

- Submitted by Tom Marsh

## **Houston Railroad Museum/Gulf Coast Chapter NRHS**

The Gulf Coast Chapter's Houston Railroad Museum opens for the 2007 season in April. This year, the museum will open every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Chapter held its 23rd Annual Railroad Photography Contest in November 2006. The event attracted 80 entries from 10 photographers, and as with the 2005 contest, set a new first.

In 2005, the judges were unable to break a tie for the David M. See Award for Best of Show, and the award was given to both Gayle McKinley and Jonathan Gerland, the first ever dual award. This year, Jonathan takes the top award again, marking the first time the same person has received the Best of Show award two years in a row. Both of Jonathan's photos were taken at the Texas State Railroad.

The Robert H. Sunderland People's Choice Award, which is awarded to the photo that receives the most votes as favorite photo from museum visitors, was given this year to Fred Stigale for his photo of Ohio Central 4-6-2 No. 1293 on a photo run-by during the 2006 NRHS national convention. Fred's winning photo also had graced the cover of the September 2006 issue of *Gulf Coast Railroading*, the chapter's monthly newsletter. Fred also won first place in the color photo - diesel subject category with a shot of a Norfolk Southern diesel working through Fostoria, Ohio.

Joe Pickett and Don Kendall tied for the most winning entries with six each. Other winning photographers this year included Phil Whitley, Eddie Kosar and LSR Division 8 member Russell Straw.

This year also saw the return of black and white entries; none were received in the 2005 contest. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all of the photographers who entered.

The Chapter also sponsored another successful Texas State Railroad Railfan Weekend in mid-November. Photos of all five TSRR Railfan Weekends sponsored by the Houston group have been posted at [www.houstonrrmuseum.org](http://www.houstonrrmuseum.org).

- Submitted by Tom Marsh

**Division 8 Treasurer's Report**

Checking Account ..... \$5125.42  
Petty Cash ..... 45.00  
Total ..... \$5170.42

All bills paid.

- Submitted by Peter Bryan

# Division 8 plans 'Operations Day'

by Peter Bryan

The Division will sponsor an "Operations Day" in 2007 and beyond. This event, for Division 8 members only, are for everyone who wants to learn about operations in a very relaxed setting. The Operations Day will primarily be for new operators who want to see what it is all about. Sign-up will be on a first come, first served basis.

We anticipate that we will be able to accommodate about 30 members at the session. While the exact timetable is not set, the Operations Day most likely will take place during the day on a Saturday, or possibly a Friday, Saturday or Sunday evening; sessions will last about four hours.

This will be a great Division event! You will get to operate on some of the finest operating layouts in the state and have fun with your fellow Division 8 members. More details will follow.

If you know for sure that you would like to try this fun part of the hobby, feel free to email me at [peterb@pdq.net](mailto:peterb@pdq.net) or call for more information at 713-939-8002.

## Join the Division 8 Yahoo! Group

Division 8 has a Yahoo! Group for exchanging news and information. Our group can be found at:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TGD8\\_LSR\\_NMRA](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TGD8_LSR_NMRA)

To join, point your Web browser to the URL and click on the "Join this Group" button.

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**The Hill Country Special**  
**Lone Star Region Annual Convention**  
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# Greater Houston **TRAIN SHOW**

**SATURDAY February 10, 2007**

**10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

In the Beautiful New Spacious \*

## **Stafford Centre**

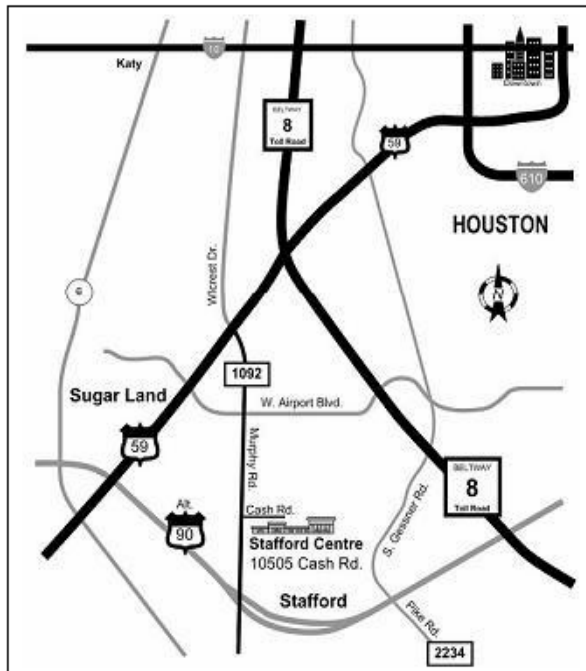
10505 Cash Road @ Murphy Rd.

*Easy Directions:*

*Exit US-59 south at Murphy Road & go 1.8 miles south to Cash Road*

**Admission:**  
**Adults - \$6, Children 12 to 18 - \$1**  
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**2007**

Detroit, Mich.  
July 22-28

**2008**

Anaheim, Calif.  
July 13-19

**2009**

Hartford, Conn.  
July 5-11

**2010 75th Anniversary**

Milwaukee, Wis.  
July 10-18

**2011**

Sacramento, Calif.  
July 3-9