



THE FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX

The Newsletter of the McNeill Street Pumping Station Preservation Society

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Summer 2022

It's Train Day!

Shreveport Water Works Museum and Shreveport Railroad Museum welcomed "Train Day At The Museums" on a sunny, very warm (hot?) Sunday afternoon. If "Train Day" sounds familiar, don't be confused! This Train Day was the grand opening of the refurbished railroad museum following an open house in January that



Visitors packed into the water works and railroad museums all afternoon



TRAIN DAY | MAY 15TH | 12 PM-4 PM | 142 N. COMMON ST.
COME AND CELEBRATE NATIONAL TRAIN DAY!



The meeting room hosted the speakers, the special exhibits, and a souvenir market presided over by Cathy Ward and Sandy Jones



your newsletter wrote about in the Spring issue.

Train Day offered visitors food trucks, lectures, live entertainment, and of course, great tours of both museums. Visitors poured through all afternoon and totaled somewhere around 350, which kept the *iShuttle*



Doc Garner kept the dining crowd entertained



Visitors lining up for their dawgs with *iShuttle* in background hauling in another load



Tom Duval and Jim McClure ready to sell a t-shirt or welcome a new railroad society member

van busy and was close to capacity for our facilities most of the time.

The food vendors offered gourmet hot dogs and Taylor'd Eatz plate lunch/sandwich specialties. And, Frios gourmet popsicles were especially nice on a warm afternoon. Doc Garner's Sidewalk Sideshow was fun and kept visitors entertained while they enjoyed the culinary treats.

Dave Bland arranged an excellent lineup of speakers for the afternoon. First up was Twin Blends Photography and the Mangham brothers explaining how they work their locally popular magic with drones and merging photographs. Bishop Taylor then Warren Calieff displayed some great photographs and talked about the finer points of getting the best videos and pictures of railroad subject. Dillon

Stokes (who is an engineer) regaled the group with "a day in the life of a railroad engineer", followed by Larry Davis's talk on collecting "railroadiana". Don Kimmel wrapped up the program with a return visit from last year's railroading event explaining Operation Lifesaver.

It almost goes without mentioning that visitors streamed through the water works museum and packed into the rail-



Liz Swaine assisted by Dave Bland introduces the program



Bishop Taylor presents the finer points of making great railroad videos



The Manghams discuss how they do their magic with old and new photos

road museum with frequent compliments about how cool they were and how they appreciated that "somebody" was making the effort to preserve history in this way. THAT is really what all the effort is about for our two nonprofit societies!

Give For Good Results

This year's Give For Good online fundraiser sponsored by the Community Foundation happened on May 3 and once again brought in quite a bit of money for the Preservation Society. The preliminary total is \$6,658 from 34 donors, which is a very good result for the Society's finances, although it is down almost \$1000 from the 45 donations received last year on a comparable basis. This preliminary result will be adjusted upward after bookkeeping is finalized and the Community Foundation distributes awards from the Lagniappe Fund, which will likely add \$900 or thereabouts to our receipts.

Thank you very, very much to everyone who gave!

Special Gifts

The McNeill Street Pumping Station Preservation Society has received generous gifts from the Wisner family and from the Nuttall family in memory of Jim Nuttall.

Jim was a talented person who had a multiplicity of interests, and we are very fortunate that one of those interests was the old McNeill Street Pumping Station that he helped become the home of Shreveport Water Works Museum. Jim's fingerprints are still all over the water works to this day in the form of cleanups, fix-ups, and steam machinery restoration. His optimism, can-do attitude, and creativity made a big difference in the restoration work on site and he is greatly missed. Thank you very much to his family for their thoughtful gifts honoring a special person.



HONORING OUR DONORS

There are a lot of special people financially supporting the work of McNeill Street Pumping Station Preservation Society, and they deserve an "attaboy" and more recognition than they get. A small token of the Preservation Society's appreciation is a not-so-small sign mounted in the museum that lists our larger donors.

If you made gifts of \$100 or more during 2021-2022, your name will be on the roll call on display (unless you ask us not to brag on you). The nearby layout is what visitors to SWWM will see for the upcoming 12 months. Thank you very much to all the wonderful people who have made it possible to preserve the site and operate the Shreveport Water Works Museum!

McNeill Street Pumping Station Preservation Society 2021-22 Honor Roll of Members and Donors

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