

Train Collectors Association – Lone Star Division's McKinney, Texas Meet Saturday, September 8, 2018

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TCA National Convention June 22–30, 2019 in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Located at an elevation thirty-two feet higher than Denver, Colorado, we would like to welcome you to the other “Mile High City”, Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the 2019 TCA National Convention.

This will be the first time TCA has visited New Mexico and we will showcase the southwest and our unique mixture of Spanish culture and Native American history.

The convention will be based one short block from *Old Town Albuquerque*, founded in 1706, at the *Hotel Albuquerque*. All convention activities including the train trading pits will be held within this beautiful facility with rich Spanish influences and southwest charm.

Tours will feature a mixture of New Mexico's historic past including trips to Santa Fe and the *Cumbres and Tulete Scenic Railroad*, the number #1 Scenic Ride as voted on by USA Today readers. If you dare, plan to take a ride on America's longest aerial tram in the United States and the third longest in the world, *Sandia Peak Tramway*, to 10,335' and a view you will never forget.

There will also be tours to sites such as *Los Alamos Laboratories* and *The Nuclear Science Museum* that highlight the role New Mexico had and continues to play in the research of atomic energy. From tours featuring the rich history of native peoples in the Rio Grande Valley

LA Chapter making plans for Ponchatoula meet Nov. 3, 2018

Clay Fourrier and the LA Chapter are making plans for another great meet, Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 in Ponchatoula, LA. This will be in conjunction with the **Antique Trade Days**.

We ask that you bring any train related item you no longer want or care to donate it to the silent auction.

100% of the Auction proceeds go to the Louisiana Chapter.

Gulf Coast Chapter meet Sept 15 in Seabrook, TX

The Gulf Coast Chapter's Ninth Annual Fall Train Show & Swap Meet, Sat. Sept 15, 2018 is at the **Seabrook Bay Area Community Center 5002 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, Texas 77586 9 AM–3:00 PM**. Contact **Carl Olson at 281-277-7630** or email him at carlolson23@comcast.net for additional information.

and surrounding areas, the scientific communities *Very Large Array Radio Telescope* composed of twenty-seven 85' antennas, to the *Fred Harvey House Museum* adjacent to the BNSF's main crew change and refueling depot in Belen, we have a wide variety of tours for every interest.

Plan to join us for the week of June 22nd to the 30th of June 2019 and mark your calendars now. Our desire is to give you the true New Mexico experience and at a pace you will enjoy.

Donations for the silent auction at McKinney meet

We will be holding a silent auction during the September 8, 2018 Lone Star Division train meet/show.

We ask that you bring any train related item you no longer want or care to donate it to the silent auction.

100% of the Auction proceeds go to the North Texas Chapter.

TCA Lone Star Division May election results

The following were elected May 2018 for the term of office that is July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019:

President **Pat Halpin**
Vice-Pres. **Jon Dell'Antonia**
Sec–Treas **Clay Kinsner**
David H. Fronick is a BOD member-at-large as past president.

TCA LSD May meet

The TCA Lone Star Division meet, with Central Texas Chapter Vice-President **Gene Peterson** serving as meet chairman, in Garden Ridge, Texas was a great meet.

The *Tin Platers Trackers of Austin* layout was popular as ever. We thank them for their efforts to have their layout at our meet.

We thank Gene for the hard work he puts into this meet, promoting it, setting up tables, staying available all day, the tearing down AND cleaning up at the end of the show.



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Garden Ridge May 19, 2018 contest results

Best of Show

Lionel Congressional set **Scott Smiley**

Rarest Pre-War Era 1900–42

1st Winner Lionel Locomotive & tender **Pat Wood**
2nd Lionel #257 w/tender **Jeff Oliver**
3rd Marx # 93941 stock car **Roger Barker**

Rarest Post-War Era 1943–69

1st Distler 2 unit wind up **Charles Hare**
2nd Lionel # 463W set **Scott Smiley**
3rd Lionel Congressional set **Scott Smiley**

Rarest Modern Era 1970–Present

1st ETS # 171 & # 459 car **Jeff Oliver**
2nd Pride Lines TCA sample **Clay Kinsner**

Most Unusal ToyTrain Accessory

1st HWN HO assesory set **Charles Hare**
2nd Marx diesel fueling station **Pat Wood**
3rd Marx #313 alarm clock **Jeff Oliver**

Best Structure-Scratch or kit built

1st Texaco filling station **Pat Halpin**
2nd Apache Drilling **Pat Halpin**
3rd Dry goods and freight **Pat Halpin**

Best Custom Paint Toy Train

1st Hiawatha Berkshire **David Hutchinson**
2nd U.S. Arny Medical **Jon Lander**
3rd Hoge Comet **Charles Hare**

Most Interesting Train Related

1st 1900-1940s mail pouch sign/do not stand **Pat Halpin**
3rd 1875 PRR annual report **Roger Barker**
3rd UP equipment Medallion 1920-1940 **Pat Halpin**

Lone Star Division TCA Minutes May 18 & 19, 2018

Minutes from the Friday, October 18, 2018 Lone Star Division Board Meeting at Garden Ridge, Texas. Meeting called to order by President **Pat Halpin** at 7:09 PM.

Secretary/Treasurer's Reports: The minutes and financial report were approved as printed in the last newsletter.

Grievances: None.

Old Business:

- Secretary-Treasurer **Clay Kinsner** presented the results of research into venue cost trends and show financials. The rental costs of our facilities in all four chapters is rising significantly, in some cases by 50% in one year. Clay presented different suggestions for dealing with the impacts to the meets. The Board discussed many different areas for cost cutting including a look at how we do door prizes as well as contest ribbons. Clay presented research into table and admission fees at other Texas and Louisiana train shows as well as a spreadsheet of meet data going back ten years. He also presented a list of where other TCA divisions around the country have their meets. North Texas Chapter President **Brian Jensen** made a motion that effective 2019, we raise the admission fee to \$7 per adult, and \$12 per family, and that we increase table fees \$1 to \$19 from \$18. A discussion ensued. Director-

at-Large **Dave Fronick** seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Board agreed to keep this discussion active.

- Clay Kinsner** encouraged each chapter to have a designated location scout responsible for staying attuned to location opportunities at all times, not just when we need a new location. Clay also suggested each chapter have a member in charge of coordinating meet advertising and promotions, an all year task.

- Clay Kinsner** updated the group on the status of the mint cars.

- Past National President **Newt Derby** notified the Board that the convention cars are now sold out.

New Business:

- The election ballots were presented by Central Texas Chapter President **Andy Knight**. The ballots were opened and tallied. The results: President: **Pat Halpin**; Vice President **Jon Dell'Anotnia**; Secretary-Treasurer **Clay Kinsner**. President **Pat Halpin** thanked **Carl Olson** for running. **Brian Jensen** motioned that the ballots be ratified; the motion passed. **Brian Jensen** motioned the ballots to be destroyed; the motion carried.

Board Members Present: Pat Halpin – LSD President; Clay Kinsner – LSD Secretary/Treasurer; Andrew Knight–

Central Texas Chapter President; Brian Jensen – North Texas Chapter President. Carl Olson—Proxy attendee for the Gulf Coast Chapter; Dave Fronick – Past Division President and Director-at-Large. Guests present Newt Derby, past National President. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Minutes from Saturday, May 19, 2018, Lone Star Division Business Meeting in the trading hall of the Garden Ridge Community Center:

The meeting was called to order at 10:11 AM by **Pat Halpin** — LSD President. **Pat Halpin** opened the meeting welcoming everyone. Secretary-Treasurer **Clay Kinsner** read the minutes from the previous evening's Board of Director's Meeting. There were no changes. The BOD minutes were approved by those in attendance. There was no grievance or old business presented from the floor. Under new business, Central Texas Chapter Vice President **Gene Peterson** reminded everyone of the MTH Sulphur Tank Car availability. **Pat Halpin** reminded everyone of the upcoming McKinney meet in September. He thanked the **Tinplate Trackers of Austin** for bringing their layout as well as the people who help run those layouts. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 PM.



LONE STAR DIVISION Train Collectors Association's
SUMMER MEET – MCKINNEY, TEXAS

Saturday, September 8, 2018

The Conference Center of the
Collin County Community College

2400 Community Ave. McKinney, TX 75071

on the SE corner of Community Ave and Taylor Burk Drive



From US-75 take the University Drive (US-380) exit. Go west on University Drive (US-380) to Community Avenue (second stop light). Turn right (north) onto Community Avenue and proceed on Community Avenue towards Taylor Burk Drive. You can access the Conference Center from either Community Avenue or Taylor Burk Drive. See map on the next page.

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Operating Layouts – Buy/Sell Trains – Silent Auction - Workshops - Door Prizes - Raffle

NOTE: ALL TCA STANDARDS RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

4:00–8:00 PM Unloading (Open Box Rules Covered Tables)

There is no open house.

6:00 PM Division Board Meeting on site.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

8:00 AM Registration / Unloading

9:00 AM Trading Begins for TCA Members

10:00 AM Division Business Meeting (a head count will be asked for at this time for the Saturday 5/6 PM meal)

10:30 AM Meet Opens to the Public

11 AM (side room) MTH DCS TIU & Remote v6.1 software upgrades at no charge.

1:00 PM (side room) “Getting Started in the Hobby” clinic/demo – open to all

2:00 PM SILENT Auction ends - 100 % of the money goes to the North Texas Chapter. Please donate items!

2:00 PM Contest closes. Winners announced about 2:15 PM

4:00 PM Meet Closes

5:00 PM Dinner at local restaurant (indicate interest on back of form.)

CONTESTS: Best of Show (All entries are automatically entered—all TCA members vote on this category)
Most interesting Train Related item | Rarest Pre-War 1900-42 | Rarest Modern Era 70-present
Most Interesting variation railroad related item | Rarest Post-War 43-69 | Best Structure (kit or scratch)

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Note: If you reside in the Lone Star Division area, but are not a current Division member you must pay \$6 LSD dues to get in early and /or to have a table(s). Your TCA National dues must be current as well.

Division dues for 2018 \$6.00 only if 2018 dues not paid yet \$ _____
Pre-Registration \$5.00 per Member—includes immediate family \$ 5.00 _____
Pre-Registration Tables \$18.00 per 2' x 10' table _____ = \$ _____
Guest Registration: \$6.00 per Guest (under 18 free) X _____ = \$ _____
(At the door Members \$6.00 /tables \$25.00 IF AVAILABLE))
TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

**Fill out back side
of this form!
Postmark by
Sat. Sept. 1, 2018**

Sept. 8, 2018 McKinney, TX meet (Dallas area) (You must sign the other side)

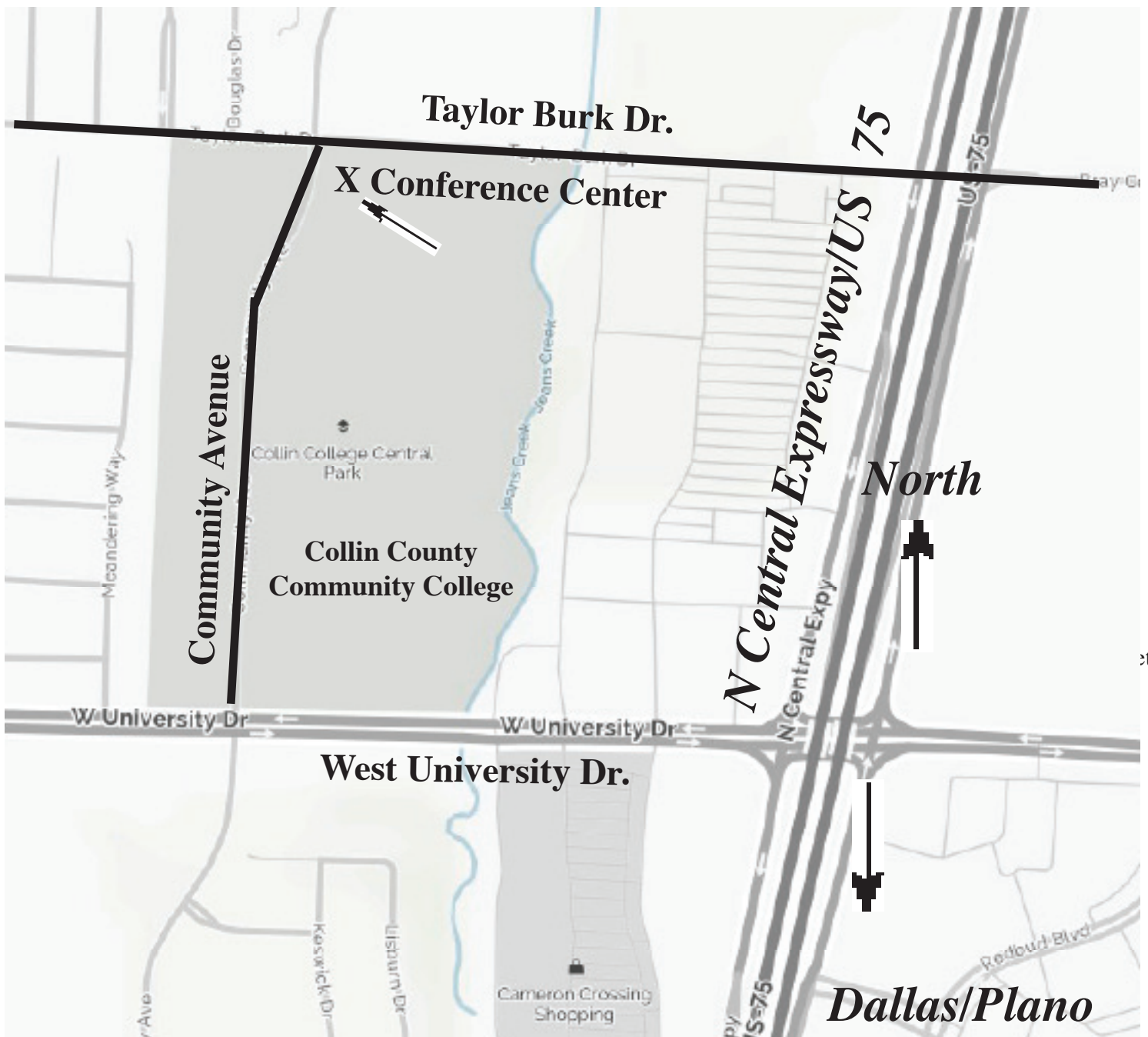
NAME _____ TCA # _____ – _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE (____) _____ E-mail _____

NAMES OF FAMILY MEMBERS ATTENDING _____

NAMES OF GUEST (S) ATTENDING _____



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**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
 "Lone Star Division-TCA"
 Postmark by Sat. Sept. 1, 2018**

MAIL TO:

**Jon Dell'Antonia 972-540-5067
 8609 Grand Haven Lane
 McKinney, TX 75071
 jdellantonia@tx.rr.com**

***Note: If you reside in the Lone Star Division area but are not a current member, admission is \$10.00!! (membership & admittance) I agree to comply with all of the rules and regulations of the Train Collectors Association (TCA) and its Divisions and Chapters in effect from time to time, specifically including all the rules and regulations of all TCA Committees and any actions and rulings of all TCA Committees. I also agree that all items sold by me to any TCA member or at any TCA sponsored meet shall be sold on the basis that I represent that all such items are authentic and in the manufacturer's original condition unless I have caused any such item to be appropriately marked as a restoration or reproduction.**

This show typically sells out. EARLY payment for table(s) is suggested. Reservation must be w/payment.

First received-first sold!! No refund if the meet is a sellout and we held your prepaid table for you.

Member's Signature _____ Date: ____/____/____

Do you plan, or would you consider joining us for a Saturday evening meal? Yes _____ No _____

TCA Meets/meetings and other train shows calendar of events

“Call before you haul” as things change & mistakes may occur! updated Aug. 2, 2018

- Sept. 8, 2018** **TCA Lone Star Division’s McKinney, Texas** Train show/meet at Collin County Community College Conference Center corner of Community Ave & Taylor Buck Dr. (NL early Aug)
- Sept. 15–16, 2018 36th Annual Temple Model Train Show Mayborn Convention Center 10–5 / 11–5 \$6.00
www.centramod.rr.com Ron Miller 254-749-0700
- Sept. 15, 2018** **TCA GCC Meet Seabrook Bay Area Community Center**
5002 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, Texas 77586 9 AM–3:00 PM
- Sept. 29–30, 2018 Plano, TX North TX Council of RR Clubs Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.
Plano 75074 10–5/10–4 \$8.00 Chris Atkins 469-438-0741 www.dfwtrainshows.com
- Oct. 17, 2018** TCA National Toy Train Museum Open House–Strasburg, PA. Manufacturers presentations, etc.
- Oct. 18, 2018** TCA “LSD Members & Friends Night” at Ruby Tuesday in York, PA
- Oct 18–20, 2018** TCA Eastern Division Meet – York, PA–2 1/2 day meet (+2-3 days Mon–Wed of bandit selling
- Oct. 27–28, 2018** New Braunfels RR Museum Train Show NB Civic Center 10–5 / 10–4 \$8.00 375 Castell Ave.
- Nov. 3, 2018** **TCA LA Chapter Train Meet in Ponchatoula, LA Fri setup 12-5/ Sat:8 AM–3 PM**
First Baptist Church Gymnasium 325 East Pine Street, Ponchatoula, La. 70454 (Div NL Oct 1)
- Dec. 1–2, 2018 Oklahoma City’s 42nd Train Show Cox Pavilion OK State Fairgrounds
- Jan. 5, 2019** **TCA Lone Star Division Train Meet at the Hilton Houston Westchase**
9999 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77042, \$99 w/2 breakfasts on Sat.(NL late Nov)
- Jan. 19–20, 2019 Plano, TX North Texas Council of RR Clubs Plano Centre 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy Plano 75074
10–5/10–4 \$8.00 Chris Atkins 469-438-0741 www.dfwtrainshows.com
- Feb. 23–24 2019 SAMRA 41st Annual Train Show Garden Ridge Community Center 9–5/10–4
- March 2, 2019** **TCA LA Chapter Train Meet in Ponchatoula, LA Fri setup 12-6 / Sat:8 AM–3 PM**
First Baptist Church Gymnasium 325 East Pine Street, Ponchatoula, La. 70454 (no Div NL)
- April. 13–14, 2019 New Braunfels RR Museum Train Show NB Civic Center 10–5 / 10–4 \$8.00 375 Castell Ave.
- May 18, 2019** **TCA Lone Star Division’s 42nd Train Meet Garden Ridge/San Antonio, TX**
Garden Ridge Community Center (Directly behind the Garden Ridge Municipal
Offices) 9500 John T. Phillips / Municipal Parkway Garden Ridge, TX 78266 (NL early Apr.)
- June 23–29, 2019** TCA 65th National Convention in Albuquerque, NM (Desert Division) \$108 per night.
Information will start coming out in November/December with sign up starting in
January 1 or 2, 2019. Albuquerque, NM is about 730 miles from San Antonio and
is at a much higher/cooler elevation. Drive or fly!!

Special pricing:
 1 car \$60 ea. any color
 2 or 3 cars \$50 ea. any color
 4 or 5 cars \$45 ea. any color
 6 or more cars \$40 ea. any color
Shipping:
 \$10 for the first car
 \$5 for each additional car

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Pat Halpin President
Lone Star Division, TCA
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San Antonio, Texas 78220-0442



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McKinney, Texas Division Train meet Sat. Sept. 8, 2018
Table deadline is Sat., Sept. 1, 2018

Lone Star Division officers and Chapter officers

Please contact any of these people if you are interested in joining a local chapter

Lone Star Division Officers:

President/Div Editor	Pat Halpin	San Antonio, Texas	210-661-4238 (land and cell- 24/7)	pathalpin@aol.com
Vice-President	Jon Dell'Antonia	McKinney, Texas	972-540-5067	jdellantonia@tx.rr.com
Secretary/Treasurer	Clay Kinsner	Frankston, Texas	210-389-4665 cell	claykinsner@gmail.com
Director-at-Large	David H. Fronick	Houston, Texas	281-282-0441	dhfron@sbcglobal.net

Chapter for the State of Louisiana:

President	Clay Fourrier	Baton Rouge, LA	225-767-4239	stereocatz@yahoo.com
Vice-President	Mortimore F. Kelly	New Orleans, LA	504-394-9909	mortimorekelly@bellsouth.net
Treasurer	Dominic Michelli	Baton Rouge, LA	225-933-9333	dmichelli@cox.net
Secretary	Sheila Osburn	Mandeville, LA	985-778-9576	anderburn@aol.com

Dallas / Fort Worth and surrounding area: North Texas Chapter

President	Brian Jensen	Garland, Texas	972-414-1340	214-906-7841 cell	bjensentx@outlook.com
Vice-President	David Kross	Granbury, Texas	817-559-1150		krossdavidc@yahoo.com
Secretary/Treasurer	James Barnett	Fort Worth, Texas	540-454-1573 cell		Barnettsanctuary@aol.com

Houston and surrounding area: Gulf Coast Chapter

President	Mark Heavener	Stafford, Texas	214-529-5150	281-728-8585 cell	gulfcoasttca@gmail.com
Vice-President	Michelle Bradford	Alvin, Texas	713-269-8360		mgbalaska@gmail.com
Secretary	Ray Pritzlaff	Houston, Texas	281-488-8349		tcaray1@gmail.com
Treasurer	Mike Lewis	Houston, Texas	281-488-8349		lewismob@sbcglobal.net

San Antonio and surrounding area: Central Texas Chapter

President	Andrew Knight	San Antonio, Texas	210-846-0515 cell		wpmaj74@gmail.com
Vice-President	Gene Peterson	San Antonio, Texas	210-490-2645		genepeterson@att.net
Secretary/Editor	Pat Halpin	San Antonio, Texas	210-661-4238		pathalpin@aol.com
Treasurer	Bill Gosdin	Bergheim, Texas	830-336-3988		whgosdin@gvtc.com

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Hotels in the immediate area:

Listed by closest proximity to the meet site – responsibility of attendees to contact and book their own accommodations)

Days Inn

***2104 N Central Expy
McKinney, TX 75070
972-548-8888***

Hampton Inn

***2008 N Central Expy
McKinney, TX 75069
972-542-6622***

Comfort Suites

***1590 N Central Expy
McKinney, TX 75070
972-548-9595***

Motel 6

***2125 W White Ave
McKinney, TX 75069
972-542-8600***

Quality Inn

***1300 N Central Expy
McKinney, TX 75070
972-542-9471***

Super 8

***910 N Central Expy
McKinney, TX 75070
972-548-8880***