



Houston N'Crowd



# THE ORDERBOARD

April 2014 Galveston Visit



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Photos by Vincent C. Walker

On April 19, N'Crowd members were afforded a special tour of Galveston Railroad Museum's ex-T&NO EMD F7, which is now painted in Santa Fe's famous red and silver warbonnet scheme and numbered 316.

No. 316 is one of two ex-SP F7s the museum acquired to replace the two F-units that were heavily damaged when Hurricane Ike struck Galveston Island in 2008. The second, also painted in warbonnet colors, is now numbered 315.

The 315 is ex-SP No. 6443, built in February 1953. The 316 is ex-T&NO No. 365, built in May 1953. After being retired by SP/T&NO, both locomotives travelled a similar path, first working for the Wellsville, Addison & Galetton Railroad in Pennsylvania. Both units were subsequently acquired for service on Pittsburgh's PATrain commuter railroad, and then both wound up in New Haven McGinnis colors working Connecticut Dept. of Transportation commuter trains.

Owner/No. sequence of No. 315:

SP 6443

WAG 2200

PAT 6690

CDOT 6690

RPCX 6690 (for move to GRRM)

Now "ATSF" 315

Owner/No. sequence of No. 316:

T&NO 365

WAG 2300

PAT 6691

CDOT 6691

RPCX 6691 (for move to GRRM)

Now "ATSF" 316.

N'Crowd thanks the Galveston Railroad Museum for arranging the special F-unit tour.



N'Crowd members Eric Baugham, Gordon Bliss and Vince Walker pose in the classic cab unit at the Galveston Railroad Museum. Member Bill Moss is in the cover photo.



Above Joe Kingsberry, left, and Richard Bartlett, right, try out the engineer's seat in No. 316's cab.

Below, some members also toured railroad sites in Galveston, including the former Galveston, Houston & Henderson Railroad freight house. The GH&H was jointly owned by the International & Great Northern (MP) and Missouri, Kansas & Texas (later M-K-T without the "&"), hence the appearance of all three railroads' names on the building.

