



The Conductor

July 2003



***July 19 meeting of the N.T.G.R.C. is at Scott & Betty Muchow's
Moccasin & Coon Creek RR 11AM to 2PM***



The Moccasin and Coon Creek R. R. is based on the Springfield Division of the B&O in Illinois. The layout was in the planning stage for about a year and a half before construction began. The layout area is about 28 feet x 30 feet, which is contained by railroad ties. About 22 tons of filled dirt was hauled from the drive way to the back by two wheelbarrows. Seven tons of flat road and riprap are also used and transported by the same method. Motive power consists of an Aristocraft RS-3, FA-1,0-4-0 switcher and a customized c-16 with decals from Robert Dustin. The rolling stock is primarily Aristocraft, LGB, and some Bachman cars. Power is supplied by an Ultima power pack with two

Train Engineer units. Power to the track is run from inside the house to buried conduit that has eight junction boxes buried throughout the layout. The minimum radius on the mainline is eight-foot. The entire track is Aristo with one LGB switch machine that Rod Kyle to graciously gave me. The layout consists of two loops one main line and one the two lines allows for some interchange between the two lines. An eight-foot tunnel exists at the southern end of the layout, which allows the secondary loop to travel over the outer main line eliminating another crossing. The main line is connected to the secondary line by ways of a cross over and a seven-foot passing siding. A nine-foot passing siding

is located as the eastern side of the layout. The main line crosses a five-foot scratch built trestle over Moccasin Creek, while a four-foot scratch built trestle and a one-foot temporary bridge are used on the secondary line to transverse Moccasin creek in two separate locations.

An upper loop, which is still under construction, will be the Wolf creek branch. It is a dog bone shaped loop the will have access to the secondary line via crossings and sidings. Plans for a small pond with a stream (Wolf Creek) will tie into Moccasin creek at the northern end of the layout.

From Arlington take I-30W to 820N. Exit on Pipeline Road and turn right on Pipeline. Follow Pipeline about 1.2 miles. You'll pass Precinct Line Rd. Turn left on Forest Oaks Ln. Turn right on Forest Lane. 629 Forest Ln.

From Dallas take 183W to Precinct line road. Turn left on Precinct line road and take to Joanna (about 1.5 mile) there you will turn left. Turn right on Forest Oaks Lane. Turn left on Forest Lane. 629 Forest Ln. Hurst.



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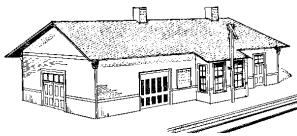
Stay abreast of what's happening in the club and out in the railroad world. Visit the N.T.G.R.C. website for in-depth information, schedule changes and information about many things that just won't fit into a four to eight page newsletter.

If there is information you would like to see on our web site contact Dennis Cherry, N.T.G.R.C. webmaster at dbcherry@swbell.net

Name Badges

Our club's badge is available from Office Depot stores for around \$5.00. The color is pine green #59, badge style #40. All members are encouraged to wear their badges to all club functions. Not only does it help new members to put names with faces, but it also gives our hosts a good feeling to know there are no strangers in their house!

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Be a Host

Contact Scott Muchow to volunteer
(817) 885-4367
judo_rn@msn.com

NTGRC Shirts

The NTGRC has arranged for PANDA Embroidery located in Grapevine, Texas to provide members with NTGRC logo & clothing. They offer a wide variety of styles and price range for clothing. Simply visit their facility one street north and 1/2 block east of the Grapevine Tarrantula Station and choose the style, color, size, price range etc. They will embroider the NTGRC logo for you.

PANDA Embroidery
351 E. Hudgins Street
Grapevine, TX 76051
817-488-4151 Tarrant County

The club contributes \$25.00 to the person or family hosting a club meeting to help defer the cost of refreshments. Any layout is a candidate for a club meeting. Don't feel that you have to have a finished and completely landscaped railroad in order to host a meeting. It can be very inspiring, especially to the newcomers, to see a railroad under construction. Our home meetings are a great way for all of us to become more acquainted. We need volunteers for next year. New members as well as old members are encouraged to volunteer. We enjoy giving and getting ideas from each other.



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2nd Big G Scale Sale

Saturday August 23, 2003

10 AM to 4 PM

Roy Hill's Back Yard

Assorted G scale items at approximately half price.

Many good bargains.

Rain date will be September 6, 2003



Roy E. Hill
738 Greenland Way
Grand Prairie, TX
972-262-7222

Greenland Way is two blocks north of I-30 between Carrier Parkway and Beltline. Directions: From Dallas exit

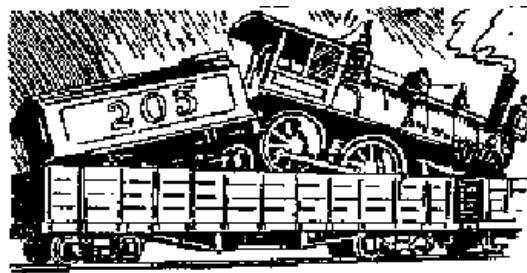
at Beltline and go south one light to Tarrant Rd. Take Tarrant Rd. west to N. W. 7th. Take N.W. 7th north across I-30 to Greenland Way, turn left 738 is on the right.

From Ft. Worth Take interstate 30 east to 19th St. Take 19th St. south to Tarrant Rd. Take Tarrant Rd. east to Carrier Pkwy. Take Carrier Parkway north across I-30 to Canadian. Take Canadian right to Greenland Way. Turn left on Greenland Way . 738 is on the left.

Deadly Chickens?

Scientists at Rolls Royce built a gun to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners at maximum velocity. American engineers were eager to run this test on the windshields of new high speed trains.

When the gun was fired, were shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatter-proof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back rest



in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified engineers sent Rolls Royce the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the British scientists for suggestions.

Rolls Royce responded with a one line memo:
"Defrost the Chicken!"



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We're on the Web at:
www.ntgrc.org

Calendar of Events

*Sat. July 19 — Scott & Betty Muchow's
Moccasin & Coon Creek RR.
11AM—2PM*

*August 10 — Cooks Children's Hospital
Ft. Worth
11am—4pm*

*September — Louis Seldon's (tentative)
Date and time TBA*

October —

*November 30 — Scott & Karen Whitfield's
Sachse Central and Purple Mountain RR's
Polar Express Celebration
5-8pm*