



# The Conductor

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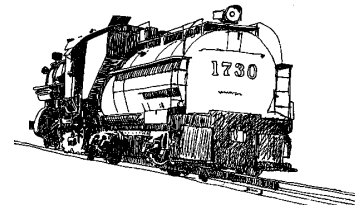


## *Cook Children's Hospital Display Date on Hold*

The N.T.G.R.C. will run a display for the Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. A conflict at the hospital has arisen for the planned date of February 15. At this writing the date is as yet undecided. We will contact the membership as soon as we can confirm a date at Cook Children's

Hospital. Our operating times for this event are on a Sunday from 11-4pm. Set up time is usually 9:00 or 9:30. We hope to have the puppets from Calliope's Closet to perform as well. Everyone be sure to mark your calendars as soon as the date is confirmed to attend and bring

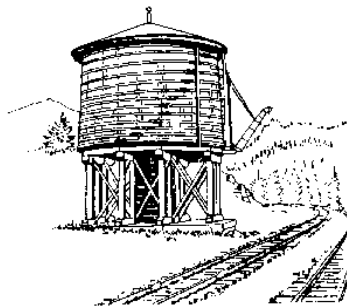
plenty of rolling stock, structures, and little people.



## *N.T.G.R.C. March Meeting at Shane Craig's Dark Territory*

Shane Craig has agreed to host the meeting on Sunday March 21, 2004 at 2:00pm. His railroad is nicknamed, "Dark Territory". It is currently blocked to run one train but in the future will expand to 2 or more. He has a modern operation featuring SP and Rio Grande diesels. His railroad sits on a 1 acre lot less than 50 feet from real railroad tracks! He has long sweeping curves to accommodate the USA and Aristocraft piggy back cars and engines. He uses Aristocraft power. We have more detailed informa-

tion on the meeting and directions to Shane's layout in next month's newsletter. This is a cool layout and everyone will enjoy the setting and trains.



### *The Conductor's submission policy*

The Conductor will be mailed to you between the first and tenth of each month. The deadline for submissions is the 20th of the prior month. Please submit your article the way you would like to see it appear in the newsletter. Make sure that it is accurate and concise. If it concerns a membership function make sure it has the four w's, who, what, when, and where. The Conductor is currently a four to six page newsletter, therefore the content of your article is subject to editing for the primary purpose of fitting into the newsletter.

Thanks for your articles, they are appreciated. Remember, this is your newsletter.

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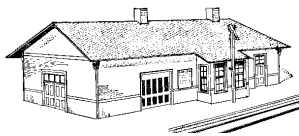
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## **New Members**

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**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!

**NORTH TEXAS GARDEN  
RAILWAY CONSORTIUM  
YOUR NAME HERE**



## **Be a Host**

Contact [www.ntgrc.org](http://www.ntgrc.org) to volunteer

**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

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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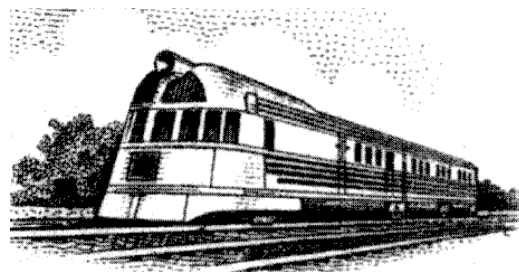
## *Stanley Schere needs electrical help For Sale Items*

Wanted — a person versed in electronic wizardry to help with some work on the Lowdown-Nodown Railroad. Will pay - in decaling your boxcar or two with Art Graffiti.

Please call Stanley Schere at: 214-328-3916 or email him at: stanleyschere@hotmail.com.

Charles Alspach still has some great rolling stock available for sale. He was selling some of his items at the Plano Show and had

a table full. I can tell you it was some great stuff and if you know Charlie, you know it was choice stock and in great shape. Help him liquidate and make yourself a great deal at the same time. Call him at: 972-239-7991 or email him at: calspac@attglobal.net



## *N.T.G.R.C. Board Meetings*

The club's board meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the Spring Creek Barbecue in Irving,

Tx. Near the intersection of Airport Freeway S.H. 183 and Beltline Road.

The purpose is to allow any mem-

bers that wish to attend and to provide information on the club's activities to the newsletter editor in a timely manner for publication.

## *On Track... Rusty Wells*

I would like to thank all of our club members who made the Plano train show a major success. Everyone involved did an awesome job. As a club, we have a lot to be proud of. While at the Plano show, I was amazed at how many people from all over the DFW area talked about the outdoor layout they visited and enjoyed at the State Fair.

The State Fair has really helped to give us a higher profile and I think you would agree...good publicity never hurts. The N.T.G.R.C. board will be meeting soon to discuss several issues vital to the health of our club. Those issues include: moving the newsletter toward a more electronic/computer format, by laws assessment, setting a

regularly scheduled day and time for board meetings each month, building contact/communications groups within our club, evaluation of our annual show commitments, and increasing meeting attendance. And speaking of meetings..... we have some great meetings scheduled this spring and I hope to see everyone there.

**Visit [www.ntgrc.org](http://www.ntgrc.org) for club activities**



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## *Calendar of Events*

*February Pending — Cook Children's Medical Center  
Ft. Worth*

*March 21—Shane Craig's Dark Territory Railroad  
2pm*

*April 17 — Paul Douglass  
Meeting and Clinics  
Times TBA*

*May — open*

*June —G Day Celebration  
Sachse Central and Purple Mountain Railroad*

*July — open*