



The Conductor

September 2004

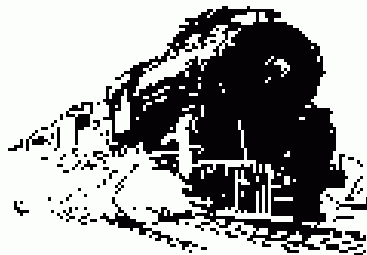


You will be needed to help on September 24 either at the BNSF Display or the State Fair of Texas

The N.T.G.R.C. is committed to participate in the BNSF Family Day events in Ft. Worth on September 24. If you can participate and need more information on this club sponsored event contact club President Rusty Wells by email at: RnCwells@sbcglobal.net or call him at: 972- 293-2606.

Also on the tracks is the Great State Fair of Texas. September 24 is the opening day of the State Fair. If you would like to help, check the website for volunteer details or contact Stanley Schere at: 214-328-3916 or Ron Natinsky at 972-732-4000. Ron's email is: ron@obgt.com

Last year, there were 400,000 visitors to the exhibit and this year State Fair officials expect from 500,000 to 1,000,000 people to visit the garden railroad. As an added bonus... we will be able to hand out brochures and N.T.G.R.C. literature. This should really help us to grow our club and garden railroading in general in the DFW area.



N.T.G.R.C. Board Meetings are open to you

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 Belt-

line Road.

The purpose is to allow any members that wish to attend and to provide information on the club's activities to the newsletter editor in a timely manner.

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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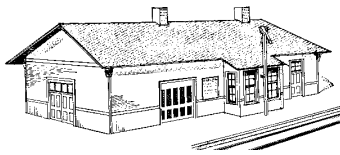
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Find on the Web for September.
Paul Kepner For Sale Items. Micro Layout designs.
Members Only Area. Volunteer for the 2004 State Fair
Special Sale of Equipment (Members Only area)
Visit the web for the latest on the club's activities.
If you have information for the website or questions call the
N.T.G.R.C. webmaster Dennis Cherry at 214-902-0029 or
email Dennis at dbcherry@swbell.net

Name Badges

Our club's badge is available from Office Depot stores for around. The color is pine green. 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 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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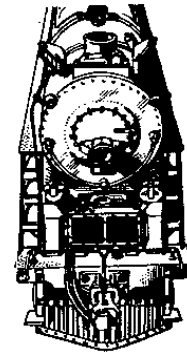
No pay no play — Scott Whitfield

I was shocked to be told a few weeks ago that we only had 22 club members pay their dues for 2004. And I was one of them! I checked back on my records and there was no sign of a check. I could see why it could have happened as I am always one of the organizers of the Plano Show in January and get really snowed sometimes.

We are in the process of trying to clean up the mailing list for the Conductor and get the membership rolls as accurate as possible. Please do what you can to assist Ron Natinsky in this, and if you notice that you are not getting the Conductor in the next couple of months, it's probably because we don't have a record of you paying your dues.

State Fair Garden Railroad rolling stock available

Paul Busse has indicated that he will be willing to sell the rolling stock used at the State Fair Garden Railroad Display to club members at cost or less depending on the condition of the piece. See Stanley Schere for details. The equipment will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Call Stanley at 214-328-3916.



Lend Stan a Helping Hand

Stanley Schere will be holding a fold, stamp, mutilate party at his house **Saturday Sept. 4, 2004 at 10:00am** to whenever we're done. If you can, drop buy and help Stan and Rene' get all the promotional material to hand out at the State Fair Garden Railroad Display.

Stan will also be needing help in preparing the rolling stock for the fair by changing out the plastic wheels with steel and doing some finish work on the kits when they arrive.

Give him a call at 214-328-3916.

The State Fair Orientation for Volunteers Sept. 15 6-8pm

September 24 – October 17
(State Fair of Texas)

During the State Fair volunteers are needed to answer visitor's questions and assist in train maintenance and visitor flow in the railway area. The train's designer, Paul Busse will need help with the installation of the G-scale model

railway in the gardens starting Sept. 13.

Contact: Melissa Martin
214-428-7476 ext. 25
mmartin@texasdiscoverygardens.org
Orientation will be held at the exhibit Sept. 15 6-8pm.

As a bonus to volunteers Paul Busse will place an order in behalf of club members so they may purchase at his cost any items that are in stock from the distributors that have provided models for the display.

Call Stan Schere for details at: 214-328-3916 .



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

Calendar of Events

*September 24 — BNSF Family Day
BNSF Headquarters Ft. Worth, TX
and*

*September 24 thru October 17 — State Fair of Texas
Fair Park Dallas, TX*

*October — State Fair of Texas Garden Railroad Display
Fair Park Dallas, TX
and
Lockheed Martin Train Show
TBA*

*November — 13 & 14 North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs
Holiday Train Show
Will Rogers Auditorium
Ft. Worth, TX*

December — open