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June 2003



N.T.G.R.C. Celebrates G Day with weekend tour June 21 & 22, 2003

The NTGRC will celebrate G Day 2003 with a weekend tour of layouts. The following layouts will be on the tour.

On Saturday June 21 from 1-5pm, Tarrant County layouts will include Ron Greene's Railroad and Benny & Judy Shields Railroad.

On Sunday June 22 from 1-5pm, Dallas and Collin County layouts will include Alan Gartner and Pam Ragon's Railroad, Dennis Cherry's Railroad, Scott & Karen Whitfield's Railroad, Chuck & Ellen Crane's Railroad.

Scott & Karen Whitfield's Sachse Central & Purple Mountain Railroad

Planning stages of the Sachse Central and Purple Mountain Railroad began in September of 1999. Evergreens were planted across the back third of the backyard. After these had been in about six months, the idea was developed to build a garden railroad to wind through the evergreens as a view from the living room and patio.

The layout encompasses an area along the back fence approximately 60 feet long and 20 feet deep. The mainline is an extended figure eight over and under and was operational by February 2000.

The mainline is 140 feet long with a 15' passing siding on the south side of the west loop. There is

also a 25' spur with a double siding on the north side of the west loop.

In May of 2001 a 10' spur was added in the east loop.

The SC&PMRR has recently developed a ladder style yard that adds 45 feet of track on the south east loop.

New for 2003 is a six foot scratch built bridge.

This is the fourth G Day for the Whitfield's.

Sachse Central & Purple Mountain RR

3331 Scott Dr.
Sachse, TX 75048
972-675-0888

Take 75 Central Expressway north to I-190 George Bush toll way.
Take 190 east to S.H. 78



Lavon drive. Take the Wylie/Sachse exit. Follow 78 northeast to Sachse. Turn left at the second stoplight at 5th street. (by the red cabooses) Follow 5th around a bend to the right where it turns into DeWitt. Continue north about four or five blocks to Scott Drive. Turn right. 3331 is the gray house on the left at the end of Scott Dr.



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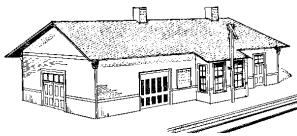
Stay abreast of what's happening in the club and out in the railroad world. Visit the N.T.G.R.C. website for in-depth information, schedule changes and information about many things that just won't fit into a four to eight page newsletter.

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
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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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Chuck & Ellen Crane's Atlantic Crane Lines

After some thought the Railroad name was established and is called The Atlantic Crane Line. All of the structures are being scratch built. The Cranes have a big backyard with a swimming pool, large building, playground area, a large pond with many fish and now the start of a Garden Railroad.

The first section has two loops and two tunnels. One loop is 60 feet and the outer loop is 100 feet.

On the opposite end is a small stream with a lake. The Cranes are going to extend the Garden Railroad to include the large pond and more the yard near the swimming pool.

Atlantic Crane Line

109 E. 8th Street

Irving TX 75060

Phone: 972 579-8087

We are located in South Irving (just South of old downtown).



Alan Gartner & Pam Ragon's Finchfield & Wrensylvaina Railroad

The Finchfield & Wrensylvaina is a Great Smoky Mountain whimsical garden railroad where all the buildings are birdhouses. Welcome to the land of mountain steam railroading, whitewater rafting, hillbillies, moonshine, A place where cars and appliances are never thrown away but instead are left along river banks for Kudsu to grow over. Many of the birdhouses were built by unknown hillbillies. While most Texas yards have minimal contouring, we have acquired about 85 tons of dirt and rock transforming the *entire* backyard into our garden railway. our garden railway. The F&W consists of about 500' of mainline track in three independent loops. The trains run through four tunnels and 14 bridges systems.

Take Renner Road east of U.S. 75 past Shilo to the stop light at Telecom Parkway turn



north to 3402 Birchwood Ln. To contact our hosts call: Allan Gartner or Pam Ragon at (972) 664-9096.



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Dennis & Ann Cherry's Dry Gulch & Rocky River Railroad

The Dry Gulch & Rocky River Railroad is a fictional railroad, one that might have operated around the turn of the century to about 1940. This is basically a steam railroad using Shay's as motive power with 10 wheelers, an Atlantic and a Galloping Goose.

The location can be anywhere in the country, the scenery is a combination of Dry Rocky country and a mountainous area with a lake with two waterfalls and stream.

church and one small town.

Not to much in dwellings exists except for some farm houses, a church and one small town.

The vegetation is 35 different herbs, Mexican Heather, and miniature Pine Trees. As you can see below, the lake is full of wonderful plant growth and has many exotic lake creatures, like Shubunkins, Large Fan Tail Goldfish and Gambusia affinis a mosquito larvae eating fish.

You will find the locals of Dry Gulch doing quite a bit of fishing in the stream, even if the area is posted. The best fisherman is the sheriff.

Dry Gulch & Rocky River RR

11565 Cromwell Cir
Dallas, TX

214-902-0029

Exit Webb Chapel south off LBJ to Forest. Turn left on Forest to Cromwell. Right on Cromwell to Cromwell Circle (right.)

Bennie & Judy Shield's Twelve Oaks Railroad

Bennie and Judy Shields' 12 Oaks Railroad was started in the summer of 1997.

The railroad features two separate loops totaling about 300 feet in length.

The outer loop has a 24 foot long curved trestle on one end and a four foot long tunnel on the other end. The inner loop crosses over the tunnel and crosses the lower loop via a scratch built bridge. A third loop featuring a mountain and gold mine is planned.

Twelve Oaks RR
2031 Fawkes Ln.
Roanoke, Tx

Phone: (817) 379-1060

Take 114 to Grapevine then exit on FM 1709, Southlake Blvd. west-bound. Go west on 1709 to Randol Mill. Turn right on Randol Mill and go north past the flashing yellow traffic light one more block. Turn left on Fawkes Lane and drive west to 2031. Its on the right side, 4th house from the west end of the street.





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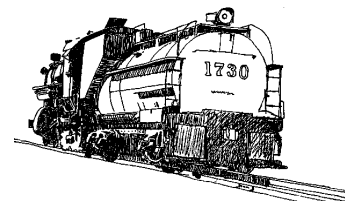
Ron Greene's Railroad

The railroad is a couple of years old. Two loops are running. All of the track roadbed is mulch for now - easy to modify. There are six concrete Lone Star bridges and a wood truss bridge that I got from Roy Hill on the main line. I am planning to use part of a trestle that I scratch built for the layout at the previous house on the middle loop and a small bridge that I got from Bennie Shields on the inside loop. Obviously, with all of these bridges, a pond is being prepared. Actually, three ponds and a

stream with waterfalls are planned. Another carry over from the previous layout is the train house. The train house is a double deck structure. The lower deck will provide shelter for trains during the summer and the upper deck provides a place to operate and view the trains. Like any one year old, its cute and has a lot of potential ahead.

Ron Greene's RR
8328 Thorndyke Drive
North Richland Hills, TX
northeast of Fort Worth off Hwy 1938, Davis Blvd.
6 miles north of Northeast Mall.

From Davis Blvd (Hwy 1938) turn east on Thornbridge, to the end of the street and turn right (south) on Thornhill Dr. then left (east) on Thornberry Dr. then left on Thorndyke Dr. to the end of the street.



Stanley Scherer begins decal graffiti project

I just had an amazing experience. Stanley Scherer just really trashed up one of my box cars and it looks great. Many of you are aware that graffiti gets painted on railroad cars all the time nowadays. Some is unsightly, however there are some real artists out there and Stan has captured the essence of some of the great work painted on railroad cars around Dallas.

We will have photos in future issues of the *Conductor* to give our membership a sampling of what Stan can do. Right now all I can tell you about this

project is that Stanley takes actual photos of the graffiti and decals them onto an existing model car.

The photos are taken at a distance that makes them realistic in size to G scale. If any of you are interested in adding some realism to your rolling stock, call Stanley Scherer at the No Down Low Down Railroad. 214-328-3916 or email him at: stanleyschere@hotmail.com By the way, if you missed last month's meeting at Stanley and Renee's, you missed a good one. A railroad you don't have to crawl around on the ground to

enjoy. Cab rides through the Moffett Tunnel in the den on video and a great Operation Lifesaver presentation. The Scheres' really know how to throw a party.





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

Calendar of Events

*June 21 — G Day Tour
1-5pm
Twelve Oaks Railroad
Ron Greene's Railroad*

*June 22 — G Day Tour
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Sachse Central & Purple Mountain RR
Atlantic Crane Lines
Dry Gulch & Rocky River RR
Finchfield & Wrensylvania RR*

*Sat. July 19 — Scott & Betty Muchow
Evening time TBA*

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