



# The Conductor

## August 2003



### *Cooks Children's Hospital Sun. August 10th 11am-4pm*

The North Texas Garden Railway Consortium will operate a layout display on Sunday, August 10th from 11:00am to 4:00pm at the Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

It would be good to have some members arrive at 10:00 am to set up. Bring rolling stock, struc-

tures, and little people. Park in the parking garage and wear your club badge. Remember in your photographs not to include patients.

Please call Scott Muchow or Ron Green and let them know you are coming and to find out what time to be there for set-up.

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817-498-8411

Scott Muchow  
(817) 885-4367  
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### *Volunteers Needed For Fair Layout*

The Texas Discovery Garden at Fair Park will have a professionally built G-Scale railroad for this year's State Fair. The railroad will be built and trains supplied by Paul Busse. The railroad will run from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM each day of the State Fair.

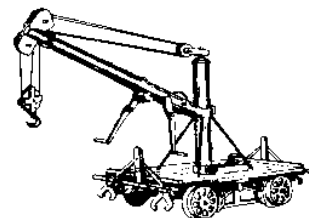
The Discovery Garden is seeking volunteers to run trains and speak to Fairgoers about garden railroading during the fair from September 26 through October 19. They also are seeking people to assist in the railroad construction. This will take place from September 15 through September 25. Each working shift will last three hours with two volunteers per shift. It is their policy to run a

criminal background check on all volunteers to insure the safety of all children who visit the Gardens. Volunteers are asked to donate \$4.00 to cover the cost of processing the check.

In return for volunteer service all volunteers will get a parking pass, T-shirt and tickets into the Fair for the days they volunteer.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Melissa Martin at: Texas Discovery Garden  
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P.O. Box 152537  
Dallas, Texas 75315  
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The Texas State Fair runs from Sept. 26 thru Oct. 19.





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## **Welcome our New Members**

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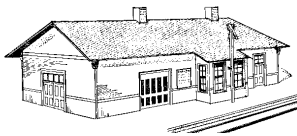
Ron and Nancy Natinsky,  
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## **Name Badges**

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 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.



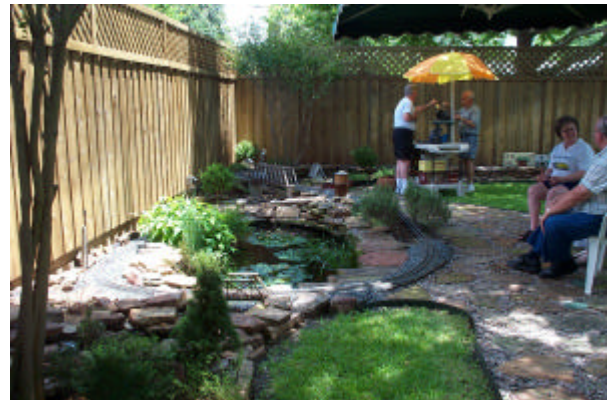
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## *Around the N.T.G.R.C. — G Day 2003*

*Ron & Barbara Greene's Railroad*



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

*Mack & Andrea Canady's Railroad*



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*Alan Gartner & Pam Ragon's  
Finchfield & Wrensylvania Railroad*

## *Around the N.T.G.R.C. — G Day 2003*



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

*Bennie & Judy Shields'  
Three Oaks Railroad*



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## *NTGRC to operate display for BNSF Employee Appreciation Day*

The September meeting of the N.T.G.R.C. will be a special event. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad will host an Employee Appreciation Day on Friday, September 26, 2003 and have asked that the club run a display layout. The time is from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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to volunteer.

The layout needs to contain a safari theme, so bring circus animals and any rolling stock and struc-

tures that would help us with that. The BNSF is paying the club and offering us tours of the freight yards and operations facilities. These tours will be arranged for a time other than the Appreciation Day. This should be a lot of fun and an opportunity to visit some outstanding railroad facilities.

## *Riding the rails - Coast Starlight from Los Angeles to Sacramento — Scott & Karen Whitfield*

Some of the most outstanding scenery in the U.S. lies along the west coast. A great way to see and enjoy it is by train. One has to understand that time is not the important factor in taking a train trip. The focus is to enjoy the ride and see countryside.

The southern segment of our Am-track experience began in Los Angeles. The station is large very spacious. The main entrance is very California in style. An older period more associated with the heyday of train travel. The opposite end of the station is much more updated and modern. It is the hub of much of the California commuter travel.

Our train was a daily number 14 the Coast Starlight 14 coaches pulled by 3 locomotives. Our ride to Sacramento began at 10:15 am and ended after 3:00 am the next morning. Along the way we saw breathtaking views of the Pacific coastline. The trail passed over trestles that hung out over the Pacific Ocean and beaches. We passed through Vandenberg AFB and saw the "elbow" of California near Point Conception as the route turned inland. The unusual colors in the ground cover in the area were spectacular. Silver, gray, purple, orange, and green covered the ground. The track is the only public transporta-

tion that is allowed through the 10,000 square miles of land that encompasses the base. Traveling inland toward Oakland and later bound for Sacramento the citrus fields and vineyards began to fly by as we were seated for dinner in the diner. As the sun set we began to anticipate our arrival in Sacramento as we settled into our coach seats for a nap. We arrived in Sacramento after 3:00 am about three hours late. We hit the sack about 4:00 am in the hotel.

— *to be continued...*



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## *Calendar of Events*

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

*Fri. September 26— BNSF Employee Appreciation Day  
11am—8pm*

*October — Lockheed Martin Train Show*

*November—Holiday Train Show  
Will Rogers Coliseum, Ft. Worth, Texas*

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

*December—Open*