



The Conductor

November 2003



N.T.G.R.C. Display at the Holiday Train Show

The N.T.G.R.C. will run a display at the Holiday Train Show in Ft Worth, November 15-16, 2003.

The show will be held at Will Rogers Auditorium:

Volunteers are needed. Please call Ron Greene at 817-498-8411 to sign up for a time to work the show. We need a Show Coordinator. A Trailer Coordinator is also

needed. A gas allowance will be paid for transporting the trailer. Volunteers for all the standard activities, set up, tear down, trains, and operator are needed. Set up time is 5:00pm Fri. Nov. 14. As of this time the following workers are needed: 1 person each hour for Saturday Early Entry Control 7:00 am - 8:00 am and

8:00 am - 9:00 am; 1 person each hour for Saturday Ticket Sales 10 - 11, 11 - 12, 12 - 1, 1 - 2, and 2 - 3:00 pm.; 2 person for Sunday Ticket Sales and Information Table 1 - 2:00 pm, and 1 person for Sunday Ticket Sales 2 - 3:00 pm. We will require more volunteers to fill slots until 5pm both days.

Sachse Central and Purple Mountain RR's Polar Express Celebration November 30, 2003 5-8pm



Scott and Karen Whitfield will once again open their railroad to the public for a Christmas Celebration.

The annual "Polar Express Celebration" will take place on the Sachse Central and Purple Mountain Railroad Sunday eve-

ning November 30, 2003 from 5 to 8 pm. Over 7,000 lights will decorate the evergreens on the layout. Santa's village, the Christmas Train, and a new Christmas Trolley will be in operation along with the standard rolling stock.

Structures on the layout will be decorated with lights. Scott and Karen welcome any volunteers from the club that wish to help, or just come by to visit.

ning November 30, 2003 from 5 to 8 pm.

Over 7,000 lights will decorate the evergreens on the layout. Santa's village, the Christmas Train,

This will be the fourth year the Whitfield's have opened the layout at Christmas time for a seasonal celebration.

The Whitfield's live at 3331 Scott Dr. Sachse, TX. From George Bush Turnpike, take the Sachse/Wylie exit on S.H. 78 to 5th Street, turn left and follow to Scott Dr. turn right and follow to end of street on left.

972-675-0888.



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Retired with an existing in-
door layout.

Ron & Nancy Natinsky
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Dallas, TX 75248
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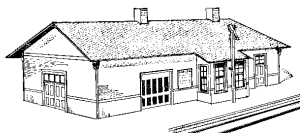
ron@obgt.com

Ron has an existing outdoor
layout and is good with
landscaping, track laying,
miniature gardening, elec-
tronics & bridge work.

Name Badges

Our club's badge is available from Office De-
pot 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 mem-
bers 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
817 282-5531
judo_rn@msn.com

NTGRC Shirts

The NTGRC has arranged for PANDA Em-
broidery located in Grapevine, Texas to
provide members with NTGRC logo & cloth-
ing. They offer a wide variety of styles and price range for clothing. Simply
visit their facility one street north and ½ block east of the Grapevine Ta-
rantula 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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North Texas Garden Railway Consortium Official Ballot for Board of Directors 2004

If you are unable to attend the official November meeting of the N.T.G.R.C. at the Holiday Train Show, you may cast your vote by completing and signing this ballot and mailing it to:

Scott Whitfield, Acting Ballot Manager N.T.G.R.C.

3331 Scott Dr.

Sachse, TX 75048

Ballots must be postmarked by November 17, 2003 and completed properly with voter's name & signature.

The following are nominees for N.T.G.R.C. Board of Directors. Vote for three nominees.

Paul Kepner _____

Write in vote _____

Rusty Wells _____

Write in vote _____

Paul Douglas _____

Ron Natinsky _____

Voter's Signature _____

Voter's Name _____

Thank you for participating in the democratic process of electing leaders for the N.T.G.R.C.
Your vote, your interest, and your participation are sincerely appreciated.



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Bennie bound for Phoenix

Judy and I are packing for an October 29 departure for Phoenix. We'll be there through next April. We'll resume NTGRC activities next spring. I'll join the Phoenix G Scale club as soon as I arrive. They have an outdoor club layout running in Adobe Mountain Park.

We'll see all you guys next year.
Bennie and Judy Shields

***Volunteers needed for
Holiday Train Show
November 15-16.
Call Ron Greene
817-498-8411***

Railroad items for sale

John Brunette, a former club member is moving and does not have the room for his collection. He lives near Hulen Mall in Fort Worth. The collection is extensive and may be of interest to our members give John a call at 817-292-3388.



Sachse Central and Purple Mountain Railroad
Pictured above.

Bob and Cindy Roerig's Christmas Display
Pictured left.



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A Train Riding Vacation by John Eckam

On a sunny Thursday I traveled from Erie, PA to beautiful Buffalo, NY! By pre-arrangement, first stop was at the Museum of Erie, GE History within the GE Transportation Systems plant.

Since 9/11, the plant no longer offers tours, however, the museum staff are knowledgeable and screened an excellent video detailing AC6000 construction. The test trackage is visible from public streets, still under wire too!

Onward I traveled to Titusville, PA for an afternoon ride on the Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad. A very scenic trip that ran parallel to Oil Creek where the original U.S. oil field began about 1860!

The consist is diesel powered and includes a functioning RPO and gondola. The roundtrip was two and one-half hours.

I stayed overnight in Kane, PA, then rode the Knox and Kane Railroad to remains of the Kinzua

Bridge. Once one of the highest railroad bridges in the world, the bridge was destroyed this July by a tornado. This ride was very rough due to poor roadbed and coach maintenance.

Over Labor Day weekend, I rode Amtrak roundtrip from Buffalo to Schenectady to visit my cousins. Amtrak's Empire Service utilizes Amfleet equipment which clearly needs refurbishment. All in all, a good vacation for a train fan.

Roherig's Christmas Display

Holiday Open Backyard at Cindy and Bob Roerig's

What: About 8-10 trains will be in operation all over the house - 3 or 4 in the front, and the rest in the backyard. The house is decorated with nearly 20,000 lights and about a dozen animation characters. There has been a new trolley line installed in the backyard this year.

Where: 3710 Poplar Court, Carrollton (from Rosemeade Parkway and Marsh Lane in Carrollton, go north one block on Marsh, turn right on Glen Morris...go four blocks to the house on the corner. Enter

through the Glen Morris side at the rear of the house.)

When: Friday, Dec 12 through Friday, Dec 26 from 7-10pm nightly (weather permitting)

If unsure of the weather or lost: Call 972-306-4444

This is the eighth year that we are opening our yard to the public. We ask that you make a donation to benefit the Metrocrest Food Bank or bring a



canned item to donate. (The food bank is able to turn a dollar into 7 cans of food, so cash goes farther!) All proceeds are donated to the Metrocrest Food Bank (over 33,000 so far).



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

Calendar of Events

*November 15-16—Holiday Train Show
Will Rogers Coliseum, Ft. Worth, Texas
10am-5pm*

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

December—Open

January—Plano Train Show

February —

March —

April —