



The Conductor

January 2004



NTGRC runs display at Plano Train Show January 17-18

The N.T.G.R.C. will run a display at the North Texas Council of Model Railroad Show in Plano January 17-18, 2004. The show will be held at the Plano Centre on Spring Creek Parkway east of Central Expressway.

Mack Canady has volunteered to pull the trailer to and from the show. **Set up time will be 7:00am** Saturday morning before the show starts. We need several volunteers to help set up Saturday morning and tear down Sunday afternoon when the show is over at 5:00pm.

Dennis Cherry and Scott Whitfield

are show coordinators. Please contact them to volunteer.

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Here is a list of assignments we need volunteers for:

Saturday January 17, 2004:

1 person, 1 hour shifts:

Ticket Sales East Door, 4:00pm.

Layout Tour Support East Door, 4:00 pm.

Ticket Sales West Door, 12N.

Sunday January 18, 2004:

Switching Contest, 11:00am.

Be sure and sign up for a time or

to bring specific rolling items such as rolling stock with and without magnets, steam and diesel, Structures, and accessories. Hand-out materials are in the trailer.

The Plano show is one of the largest shows we participate in and our presence is necessary not only to promote the hobby and the club to a large group of people, but our filling the work schedule is necessary for the club's financial well being.

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.

Scott Whitfield, Editor
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Cook Children's Hospital Display February 15 in Ft. Worth

The Cook Children's show will be scheduled on Feb 15th from 11-4pm. As always the puppets will be attending as well. I have been in contact with Michael McCoy from Calliope's closet to have the puppets there. Mack Canady has volunteered to take the trailer to Ft. Worth, but we would like to

have a volunteer to take it back to Arlington.

Everyone be sure to mark your calendars to attend and bring plenty of rolling stock, structures, and little people. We will have more details in next month's newsletter on the Cook Children's Hospital Display in Ft. Worth.



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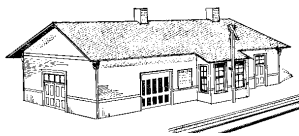
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Name Badges Our club's badge is available from Office Depot stores for around \$5.00. The color is pine green #59, badge style #40. All members are encouraged to wear their badges to all club functions. Not only does it help new members to put names with faces, but it also gives our hosts a good feeling to know there are no strangers in their house!

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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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News from Phoenix — Bennie Shields

Judy and I relocated to Phoenix last month for 6 to 8 months. I'll be doing flight test on a new Italian helicopter for Bell. We rented an apartment on the north side of Phoenix just west of Scottsdale. I had previously contacted the club here, so the first Saturday we were here we visited the club railroad in a model railroad park in northwest Phoenix. We met several members that day and looked at their new club layout which is under construction. The following weekend we attended the monthly meeting and joined the club, then attended an open house at another member's home. The club has HO, N, and G scale members. The new clubhouse will house N and HO layouts. Since G scalers are in the minority here, Judy and I were well received. Since I brought a battery powered train, I ran my train the Sunday after the club meeting on the new layout. I think I was the first to run on the new railroad.

Every Saturday, several of the G scale members work on the new layout from 9 til noon, so I joined them and helped build a stone retaining wall. I ran my train for a while after we finished the construction for the day.

The new layout will have a steel suspension bridge, a steel arch bridge, several tunnels, a turntable, lots of member built houses, business and other features, and a 42 inch high loading trestle to load trains on the track. No more crawling around on hands and knees to put a train on the track! There seems to be some interest in battery power here but not many have tried it. Several guys wanted to know how I had set my engine up for battery and radio control. Track power won't be available for some time on the new railroad, so some of the others may opt for at least one battery powered loco just so they can run a train.

This club is located on county owned

land in a flood plain. The land is free to the club. It is fenced and the gates are locked and secure when there is no RR activity. A large scale 7 ½ inch railroad shares the property, has several miles of track, and gives free rides to the public Sunday afternoons. They have both live steam and (gas powered) diesel locos pulling cars with seats and benches for the passengers.

In this same park, there are a water park, baseball fields, a go kart track and a radio control model airplane airfield.

Check out the website at www.azmodelrr.com for pictures and the track plan for the new G scale layout. More news with pictures later as we participate more with this group.

Bennie and Judy Shields
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On Track... Rusty Wells

As the new President of the N.T.G.R.C., I would like to thank former board members Ron Greene, Charles Difiglia, and David Lynn for their tireless efforts on behalf of our club. As of this newsletter, the new board has met twice and we are upbeat about the year ahead. We have many opportunities for growth in 2004 and I sincerely hope you will take the time to attend our major events and meetings. ***Your involvement is critical if the N.T.G.R.C. is to grow and remain strong.***

If you have questions, comments, or concerns..... call or email a board member. WE ARE ACCESSIBLE and actually like human contact. Our phone numbers and email addresses are in this newsletter and we will do our best to help. You can also reach me at school 469-272-2000 x7376 or my school email welj@chisd.com



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

Calendar of Events

January 3-4
Great American Train Show
Arlington Convention Center

January 17 & 18—Plano Train Show
Plano Centre
10am-5pm

February 15 — Cook Children's Medical Center
Ft. Worth
11am-4pm

March — open

April — Paul Douglass
Meeting and Clinics