



The Conductor

March 2004



N.T.G.R.C. March Meeting at Shane Craig's Dark Territory

Shane Craig has agreed to host the meeting on Sunday March 21, 2004 at 2:00pm. His address is 3821 Willow Bend, Midlothian 76065.

His railroad is nicknamed, "Dark Territory". He has a modern operation featuring SP and Rio Grande diesels. His railroad sits on a 1 acre lot less than 50 feet from real railroad tracks!

Directions from Tarrant County:

287 east from Interstate 20 (head toward Mansfield, Midlothian) Pass through Mansfield to Midlothian. Go through downtown Midlothian and continue east to S.Walnut Grove Road. (approx.3 miles) Right (south) on Shady Grove to dead end. Left at dead end on Plainview Rd. Cross tracks and right on Willow Creek. Next right on Willow Bend.

House on the right, 3821 Willow Bend.

Driving from Dallas County: Take Interstate 35 south through downtown Dallas and head towards Waco. 10 miles south of downtown take the Hwy.67 split south to Midlothian.(15 miles) Exit 287 in Midlothian and turn left (east) and follow above directions.

April 17th Clinics & Workshops at Paul & Mary Douglas'

Paul and Mary Douglas will be hosting the April 17, 2004 of the N.T.G.R.C. their address is: Mary Ann & Paul Douglas
4724 Redondo
North Richland Hills, Texas
817 498-0277

The club meeting will feature clinics and workshops given by club members to assist others in further developing their garden railroads.

This is a great meeting for those that are just getting started to attend. If you have always wanted to attempt a project, but were afraid to ask, this is the meeting for you. This is a great

opportunity to ask questions and get new ideas for your railroad. A schedule of events for this meeting will appear in next month's Conductor.

Directions to the Douglas':
From Fort Worth:

On Loop 820 North, take Rufe Snow Exit. Go south to Oliver Street (about 1.2 mile) turn left to Redondo St.

From Dallas:

Go west on Hwy 183 thru Irving - Euless - Bedford - Hurst to Loop 820 North.

Take Rufe Snow exit. Go South to Oliver Street (about 1/2 mile) turn left to Redondo St.

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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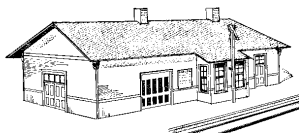
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For the latest on sales, meetings, conventions, and club members' layouts go to the club website www.ntgrc.org
Email your questions to webmaster Dennis Cherry at:
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Name Badges Our club's badge is 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!

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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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May 29th meeting at the No Down Low Down Railroad

Stanley and Rene Schere will open their railroad for the NTGRC's May 29th meeting.

The No Down Low Down Railroad is an outdoor elevated layout. There are good reasons to raise a garden railroad. One is if you have a dog. Stanley has been gracious to accommodate Nelson, the family Basset hound. The de-

sign is also easy on the back, as the operator is not required to crawl around on hands and knees.

More information to come on Stanley's railroad and the meeting activities. The last meeting Stan had was very well planned and interesting.

The Schere's address is;

2319 Tealford, Dallas, TX 75228



Help needed!

Someone adept at computer graphics to help with presentation.

Call Stanley Schere.
214-328-3916

N.T.G.R.C. Board Meetings

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 Beltline Road.

The purpose is to allow any mem-

bers that wish to attend and to provide information on the club's activities to the newsletter editor in a timely manner for publication.

Annual G Day activities coming in June

The N.T.G.R.C. celebrates G Day annually by opening members layouts over the weekend. The dates this year are June 19 and 20. The time is 1-5pm. Plan your tour for the western side of the metroplex for Saturday June 19 and for the eastern side for Sunday June 20.

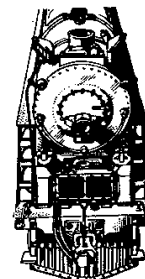
Layouts on the schedule are cur-

rently on the east side.

They include the Whitfield's, Cherry's, Gartner's, Pollis', Crane's, Williamson's, Wells', and Schere's.

More will be added. If you want to include your layout on the tour contact a board member. Make plans for your special Father's Day weekend of garden railroad-

ing for on the G-Day Tour of 2004.





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We're on the Web at:
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Calendar of Events

*March 21—Shane Craig's Dark Territory Railroad
2pm*

*April 17 — Paul Douglass
Meeting and Clinics
Times TBA*

*May 29 — Stanley and Rene' Schere
Time TBA*

*June 19 & 20 — G Day Layout Tour
Sachse Central and Purple Mountain Railroad
Atlantic Crane Line
Dry Gulch and Rocky River
No Down Low Down Railroad
Finchfield and Wrensylavania
Pollis Railroad
Wells Railroad*