



# The Conductor

October 2004



## *NTGRC Volunteers helping with the Garden Railroad Display at the State Fair of Texas*

The N.T.G.R.C. is participating in the Great State Fair of Texas. The fair runs through Sunday October 17. During the State Fair volunteers are needed to answer visitor's questions and assist in train maintenance and visitor flow in the railway area. If you would like to help, check the website for volunteer details or contact Stanley Schere at: 214-328-3916 or Ron Natinsky at 972-732-4000. Ron's email is: [ron@obgt.com](mailto:ron@obgt.com) Last year, there were 400,000 visitors to the exhibit and this year State Fair officials expect from 500,000 to 1,000,000 people to visit the garden railroad. As an added bonus... we will be able to hand out brochures and N.T.G.R.C. literature. This should really help us to grow our club and garden railroading in general in the DFW area. Our contact at the fair office is:

Melissa Martin

214-428-7476 ext. 25

[mmartin@texasdiscoverygardens.org](mailto:mmartin@texasdiscoverygardens.org)

The State Fair Railroad's designer, Paul Busse, has indicated that he will be willing to sell the rolling stock used at the State Fair Garden Railroad Display to club members at cost or less depending on the condition of the piece. See Stanley Schere for details. The equipment will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

As a bonus to volunteers Paul Busse will place an order in behalf of club members so they may purchase at his cost any items that are in stock from Aristocraft.

Call Stan Schere for details at: 214-328-3916

## *N.T.G.R.C. Board Meetings are open to you*

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 Belt-

line Road.

The purpose is to allow any members that wish to attend and to provide information on the club's activities to the newsletter editor in a timely manner.

## *A Train Trick or Treat!*

### *Halloween at the Coombs*

*October 30, 6-9pm*

*For more info email:  
[coomer1@verizon.net](mailto:coomer1@verizon.net)*

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### *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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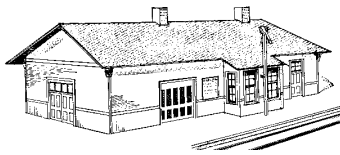
Find the following items of interest on the club website:  
Members Only Area  
Items for Sale  
Volunteer for the 2004 State Fair

If you have information for the website or questions call the N.T.G.R.C. webmaster Dennis Cherry at 214-902-0029 or email Dennis at [dbcherry@swbell.net](mailto:dbcherry@swbell.net)

## **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!

**NORTH TEXAS GARDEN  
RAILWAY CONSORTIUM  
YOUR NAME HERE**



## **Be a Host**

Contact [www.ntgrc.org](http://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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## Lockheed Martin Train Show October 9 & 10

The NTGRC will have a layout on display at the Lockheed Martin Train Show Saturday and Sunday October 9 & 10 in Ft. Worth, Texas. Set up will be Saturday morning at 8:00am. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and bring structures, rolling stock and little people for display. Call Ron Greene at 817-655-7685 or 817-498-8411 for times of operation for the show, the address of Lockheed Martin Facility and directions.



### Sneak Peek

Stanley Schere's entry into the State Fair. We'll do a story on it next month with larger photos.



### On Track..... Rusty Wells

In order for the N.T.G.R.C. to continue to thrive and remain healthy, all of us must make an effort to spread the news about our club and bring in new members that (will hopefully) enjoy railroading as much as we do. As I write this I am asking myself if we, as a club, are really **ready** to help explain garden railroading to over a **million** visitors to the State Fair train exhibit? Have we done all that we could to get set for this event AND participate in BNSF Family Day? The answer to these questions is a resounding **YES !!** We are going to **grow** whether we want to or not. Your board members have

put in an extraordinary amount of time recently to make sure that all of our upcoming events are successful. Special Thank You's must go to Stan and Rene Schere and Ron Natinsky for coordinating the State Fair efforts. After attending the volunteer meeting and seeing the layout first hand, I can't wait to get out there and see everything run. It is awesome ! Another special Thank You to Mack for taking care of BNSF Family Day. Along with Pete and the crew. Your efforts on behalf of the N.T.G.R.C. are appreciated. For whatever time it takes me to write this article, Scott Whitfield

### READY... SET... GROW !!!

spends 20 times more putting together our Conductor newsletter every month. It is truly a labor of love. Scott really does a great job and gives up a lot of his personal time in doing so. If you see Scott, please tell him THANK YOU for publishing the Conductor each month. We are lucky. I am running trains Sunday mornings at the State Fair and I hope to see everyone there. Be sure to wear your N.T.G.R.C. name tag so I know you are "one of us". Happy training..... rw



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We're on the Web at:  
[www.ntgrc.org](http://www.ntgrc.org)

## *Calendar of Events*

*Thru Sunday October 17 — State Fair of Texas Garden Railroad Display  
Fair Park Dallas, TX*

*October 9 & 10  
Lockheed Martin Train Show  
Display setup Sat. 8:00am  
Ft. Worth, TX*

*November — 13 & 14 North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs  
Holiday Train Show  
Will Rogers Auditorium  
Ft. Worth, TX*

*December — Brennerville Line  
TBA  
Lavon, TX*