



**All Points North  
Railroad  
Conroe Division  
Timetable No.**

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**In effect  
at 12:01 A. M.  
Sunday, March 23, 2008**

**Central Time  
Cross and west**

**Mountain Time  
Paulsboro and west to Oakley and Champion**

**Pacific Time  
Burnito and west**

**Rules and Special Instructions**

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# APN Railroad

## Special Instructions

1. We have freight and passengers to move, but not at the expense of having FUN!
2. (A) Crews **MUST** contact the dispatcher before they depart from their originating terminal and when tying up at their final destination.
2. (B) Crews **MUST** contact and obtain permission from the Conroe Yard Master before entering the Yard Limits.
3. (A) **Throttles**: APN RR utilizes an NCE DCC System for control. Operators are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the throttles prior to session start. If in doubt, feel free to ask an APN member.
3. (B) When you are done tying up your train at its final destination, please turn off the loco's lights and sound (if so equipped) and set the throttle to loco **address 0**. The latter will minimize the likelihood of multiple operators having control of the same loco.
4. (A) **Local Control**: Turnouts with local control capability are identified by a blue track on town control panels. The dispatcher has to grant local control. When the BLUE LED is illuminated, you may throw the turnout as you wish.
4. (B) When leaving an area that you were granted local control in, please leave switch thrown in "**normal**" or **mainline** position.
5. **Signals**: Where signals exist they must be obeyed. Where a block is not guarded by a signal, Crews **MUST** obtain permission from the dispatcher before entering that block.
6. **O.S./Interlockings**: The dispatcher can not align sidings if the OS shows to be occupied. He may contact you by radio to ask you to reverse your train to allow you access to your requested route. OS sections are isolated by an insulating gap in one rail. APN MOW recently installed right-of-way signage marking these locations (Ties painted white and adjoining white posts).
7. **Uncoupling**: In some areas, the location of under-track magnets are marked by a white "M" diamond-shaped sign. In most other areas, skewer sticks should be aplenty. (APN Special Agents are investigating reports of "skewer breeding" on RR property, as they seem to multiply abundantly)
8. (A) **Radios**: In our "alternate universe", the dispatcher is hundreds of miles away, trying to stay awake watching moving colored lines on a screen. Cornfield meets don't make for good public relations, so keep an ear on the radio for any changes or instructions from the dispatcher.
8. (B) Before keying up the radio, monitor for current transmissions. Be patient and wait your turn to use the radio airwaves.
8. (C) Always identify yourself when beginning each radio conversation by announcing your train number.
9. Non-alcoholic beverages are available to crews for their enjoyment in the crew lounge. Food and drinks are **not allowed** in the layout room. Smoking is prohibited inside the building.
10. Off duty crews are encouraged to socialize in the crew lounge, but please refrain from entering the layout room unless you are on duty. This minimizes distractions for crews and adds to the realism of operating.
11. Pay attention to fascia signage and control panels. In some locations, upper and lower level signage are in close proximity.
12. **Conroe Yard**: As the Conroe yard switcher(s) finishes preparing a departing train, they are to notify the dispatcher via the intercom so the Crew Call Board may be updated.
13. (A) **Crew Call Board**: The board shows all trains that may be run for the session. Any available crew in the "lounge" may sign up for the next available train by placing their name tag(s) in the "Crew" column. The board also indicates relative difficulty of the trains. Deals may be made between crews, but keep the fighting to a minimum.
13. (B) When you have tied up your train, mark the train as "terminated" on the board by posting the time.