



GGRS Gazette

July, 2025

Official Newsletter of the Georgia Garden Railway

Ted's Tickets



It is hard to believe that 2025 is half over! I hope you have been able to get outside and work (pull weeds, level and ballast track, refurbish some buildings, trim the right of way, oil up the locomotives and rolling stock, etc.) on YOUR garden railway in between all our rain showers. I know all these jobs keep me busy and with the rain, it seems like I can pull weeds and trim one day and then must do it AGAIN the very next day!

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BTO ?

Bacon, Tomato & Onion? Beer, Tonic & Ovaltine? Blistered Toes - Ouch?
Bravo Tango Oscar? BoxOffice Timely Ovation? Big Tipper's Opinions?
Begin Training Overnight? What does it all mean??



BTO might mean a lot of things, but in July at Helen, GA, it stands for "**Big Train Operators!**" And the GGRS is planning to play their part by providing a **BIG TOURING OPORTUNITY!**

We have several layout tours being held during the BTO Convention, and you were invited, encouraged, and even bribed to become a member and take part in this exciting basket - full of opportunities. If you did, you're going to enjoy some fun "Train Time".

If not, you can still take advantage of the club's portion of the event by dropping in on the 7 Layout tours held on Wednesday, July 16. But wait, there's

more.....

An eighth layout has been added at the last minute! It's never been shown before, so you really don't want to miss it! Read on for more info about your club's goings-on.



Touring the Layouts?

Look for the new GGRS Direction signs to help get there, find the right place, and park safely.

Ted's Tickets Cont.

But that is just part of the fun of the hobby we call garden railroading.

I hope you are all reading the FREE online magazine called Garden Railroading News, or GR News for short. Emil always puts a link in the GGRS newsletter when new issues come out. This magazine fills in the gaps left when national print magazines ceased operations. It is filled with articles and photos that can give us all inspiration and ideas. It has advertisements which let us know what is available so we can make great decisions on that next train purchase. I am the regional representative for this online magazine, so let me know if you have questions or suggestions. It is basically a magazine for garden railroaders by garden railroaders!

I am excited the regular monthly meetings in our back yards at our railroads have started. I am excited to visit new garden railroads hosted by Sweer (last month), Chitwood (June), MacKarvich (August), Stotler (September), and Sagarin (October) families. Trainz will host us in November at their brand-new facility (we toured the old one last August). Please make every effort to attend these meetings and support our new members. Thank you to all our new hosts! Then there is the annual Swap & Shop coming in July at the Manning home and railroad.

The National Garden Railway Convention just finished up in Sacramento. I know some of our members attended and will be sending photos and reports to Emil for publication and sharing with us that did not make the long trip west. The BTO Convention is next month and we have several attending. It is right in our own back yard so to speak, so if you have not registered, please do so immediately and you can join garden railroaders from all over the country in Helen, Georgia. Lots of train activities and social events will be available at the BTO Convention. GGRS is hosting 7 layouts for touring by BTO members (and GGRS members). I am excited for this time in the GGRS year! Thank you for being a part of the Georgia Garden Railway Society in 2025!

*Ted Harborough,
President*

BTO Convention Update!

Georgia Garden Railway Society members may tour any of the layouts that BTO are visiting on Wednesday, July 16 from 10 - 4pm. Layout visitors will need to wear their official GGRS name tags.

As a reminder, layout owners will be invited to BTO's farewell banquet on Friday evening, July 18th. They will also receive a special banquet car as a thank you gift.



A train in a train? Yes, this is a G Scale train operating inside a passenger car on the Tennessee Valley Railroad. Robert Duncan is the conductor.

67th Atlanta Model Train Show

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Membership Report

Membership News – June 2025

My June membership report is short and sweet, so to speak. No additional annual dues were paid during the last month and our membership stands at 88 families.

PLEASE NOTE - Those that have not paid their dues have been removed from the mailing list and the on-line directory.

Ginny Manning, Membership Coordinator

vlmanning@aol.com

Track Warrants

***** NOTE:** The Calendar contains some Rail related events that are NOT GGRS events! Due to timing of events and newsletter deadlines,, some updates may not have been posted. Contact host for additional info.

Event	Location	Date	Status
"Tour of the new Trainz Facility"	The new building is now in operation	Stay tuned for more details	Exciting!
National Garden Railway Convention	Sacramento, CA	Jun 18 - 22, 2025	Long distance flight or drive, but worth the trip
Big Train Operators Convention	Holiday Inn, Helen, GA	Jul 13 - 18, 2025	National Event, Local Destination
GGRS Club Mtg	Terry & Ginny Manning Lilburn, GA	Jul 12, 2025	Swap Meet Too!
67th Atlanta Model Train Show	Gas South Convention Center Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA	Aug 23	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
GGRS Club Mtg	Sloan & Sara MacKarvich Buford, GA	Aug, 2025	In Planning Stage
GGRS Club Mtg	Elliot & Katherine Stotler Highland, NC	Sep, 2025	In Planning Stage
GGRS Club Mtg	Josh & Margaret Sagarin Atlanta, GA	Oct, 2025	In Planning Stage
GGRS Club Mtg	YOU? WHO? Sign up now	Future Openings Available 2026	Start Planning Now
Chatsworth Model Train Show	Chatsworth Depot	Apr 25, 3036	Back on the calendar

Head to the GGRS.info website for the most current photo directory updated May 31, 2025.



GGRS 1:1 Scale Copper Hill Ride

Ted & Deborah Yarbrough, Kenny & Denise Pugh, and Greg Harris enjoyed the first 1:1 scale trip for 2025.



You Are Invited to Tour Garden Railroads!

As you are hopefully aware, the Big Train Operators (BTO) will be bringing their 2025 Convention to Helen, Georgia in July. Seven of our member families are opening their G-Scale railroads for conventioners to visit. The BTO has invited our members to participate in these layout tours. **Wednesday, July 16, from 10am until 4 pm** layouts will be open for you to visit. Please wear your official GGRS nametags, as there will be visitors from across the United States on site at the layouts. This is a great opportunity to meet other garden railroaders and show them a little southern hospitality. There are 3 outdoor railroads, 3 indoor railroads and one with indoor, outdoor, AND a caboose!

Copper Mine Railroad

John & Marge Lees

**305 Town Creek Church
Road - Dahlonega, GA 30533
Phone: 678-316-8730**

We are about six miles from the Town of Dahlonega. This area is known for being the site of the first United States gold rush. When we moved here, I had a G scale starter set by LGB. Our first railroad which is still running, is an elevated layout in the lower level of the house. It consists of parallel tracks that run a total of 220 feet. Powered by two transformers the trains run independently of each other. We also have an electrical switch that puts both tracks under control of one transformer. That allows the movement between tracks.

During the pandemic we added a 330-foot layout in the back yard. It runs along a fence line and was built with the purpose of running long trains to be watched and photographed without a curve in the middle. This track is waist high and many visitors bring rolling stock for pictures.

And, finally, in 2006 we moved a 1:1 Southern Railway Bay window caboose onto our property. The X376 sits in the side yard on a 39-foot section of track. After 3 years of work the caboose is fully restored as original on the outside and while remaining "railroad" on the inside, it is my Man Cave. This caboose has become a local landmark that is lighted at night. From garden railroaders, railfans, to civic clubs that come to see the caboose, we have hosted many tours. We have plenty of space for parking, and we have a bridge built that allows for walk on access to the caboose without walking up the stairs.



Cothran Valley Gardens Railroad

Lori and Peter Thomas

**422 Cothran Rd, Dawsonville
Phone: 404-435-5684**

What do you do when you cannot get grass to grow in your front yard? You build a garden railroad, of course! Inspired in March 2017 by a display of G-Scale trains by the Georgia Garden Railway Society, Lori set about planning and building the Cothran Valley Gardens Railroad. This railroad travels back in time to the 1970's to a fictitious short line running through the rural north Georgia mountains.

You Are Invited to Tour Garden Railroads! Cont.

The railroad features two ovals of track with a crossover bridge and S-curve. The track is surrounded by farmsteads, a small train depot, and a magical village. The rolling stock showcases iconic billboards of the era, pulled by various engines. Given the prevalence of poultry farms in the area, there are plenty of Eggliners speeding around.

Lori and Peter's garden was featured on the 2024 Hall County Master Gardeners Garden Walk and the 2024 Daylily Regional Conference Open Gardens. A visit to the garden is a plant-lovers treasure hunt, with flower beds, specimen plantings, and fruit and vegetable gardens, including a straw bale garden. Garden whimsy ranging from dragons to Chihuly-inspired glass globes adds intrigue on your adventure through the garden. Lori and Peter look forward to your visit!

The Chitwood Railway
Richard & Becky Chitwood
3870 Pilgrim Mill Road
Cumming, GA 30041
Phone: 937-469-5329

The Chitwood Railway is a well-established line with 14 years of existence. It is completely elevated by cedar constructed trestle and truss bridge work. All bridges, trestles, and trackwork was assembled by the owners. With much care and finesse the railroad steps over and around the many plants and gardens that flank its rails.



Colorado & Minnesota Family Railroad
Ron & Kristy Humphrey
5880 Cedar Ridge TRL, Cumming Georgia
30028
Phone: 470-501-1269

The newly completed Colorado & Minnesota Family railroad, located at 5880 Cedar Ridge TRL, Cumming, Georgia was started just two years ago as a single 100-foot loop, running a single Piko starter kit steam engine.

The railroad has grown to include over 500 feet of track running across 4 independent loops of track power, as well as a separate Circus loop and Trolley track. Now running over 10 engines from LGB, USA Trains, Aristocraft, Lionel, and Bachmann. Throughout the layout are over 50 buildings, 25 feet of scratch-built trestle, a Koi Pond, 2 waterfalls and a river, not to mention the 9-hole miniature golf course.

You Are Invited to Tour Garden Railroads! Cont.**Happy Little Train Railroad
Dan and Carol Steidle
804 Lexington Green Pines
Cumming Ga 30040
Phone:404-580-2450**

Our “Happy Little Train” takes you to the Alps of Switzerland and to a small town where the circus is setting up for a performance.

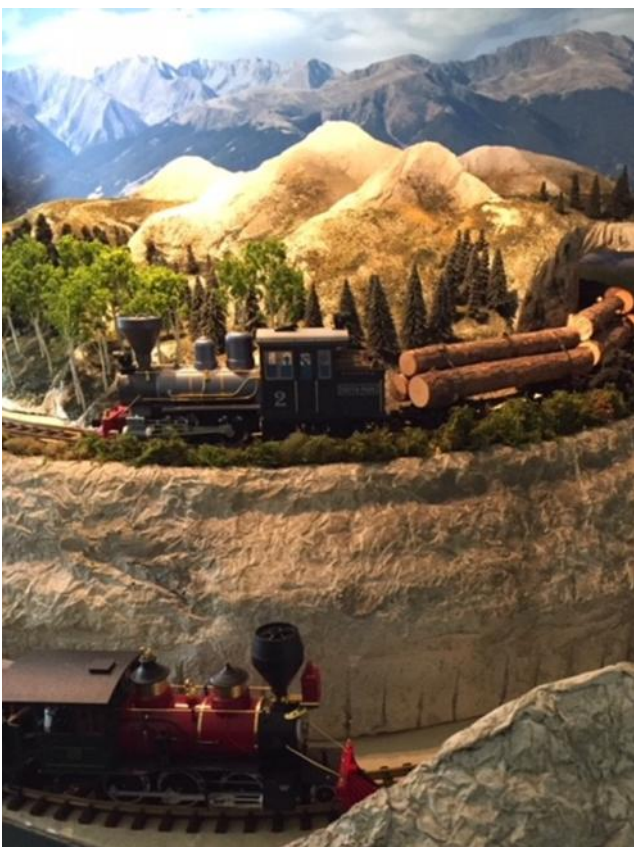
The layout includes a double loop track in the tabletop and an elevated mountain loop. There is an overhead, ceiling mounted railroad allowing 4 trains to run simultaneously.

The layout features approximately 300 feet of track, scratch building models, ski lift, painted mural, tunnels and a turntable.

A custom-built truss drawbridge with kill switches to cut power when bridge is up.

Features: structures, model scale plants, scratch buildings, painted mural.

Sorry, but Not handicapped accessible (second floor).

**Higher Grounds Railroad****Phil & Barbara Jones****8084 Allerton Lane, Cumming, GA 30041****Phone 407-921-2345**

The Higher Ground Railroad is one of those rare INDOOR G-Scale layouts. The theme is based on 1890's Colorado Narrow Gauge Railroading near the mountain towns of Buena Vista and Leadville. The layout traverses approximately 500 ft of track flowing through two upstairs bedrooms covering an area of 13 X 37. Railroads represented include Denver & Rio Grande as well as Denver & Rio Grande Western, Rio Grande Southern, Colorado & Southern, and the Denver, South Park & Pacific. Highlights include the town of Buena Vista, a scale model of Mount Princeton, a double decked 4 track swinging entrance bridge, and a four-photo wall mural of actual Colorado scenery. There are hundreds of trees, animals, and people all over the fully scenery covered layout.

The second-floor layout is accessible by stairs or a lift chair system, however the layout room is not “wheel chair accessible” due to narrow doors.

You Are Invited to Tour Garden Railroads! Cont.**The Wabash & Weissach Loop****Greg & Judy Harris****3101 Raskarity Road Cumming, GA 30041****404.625.3878**

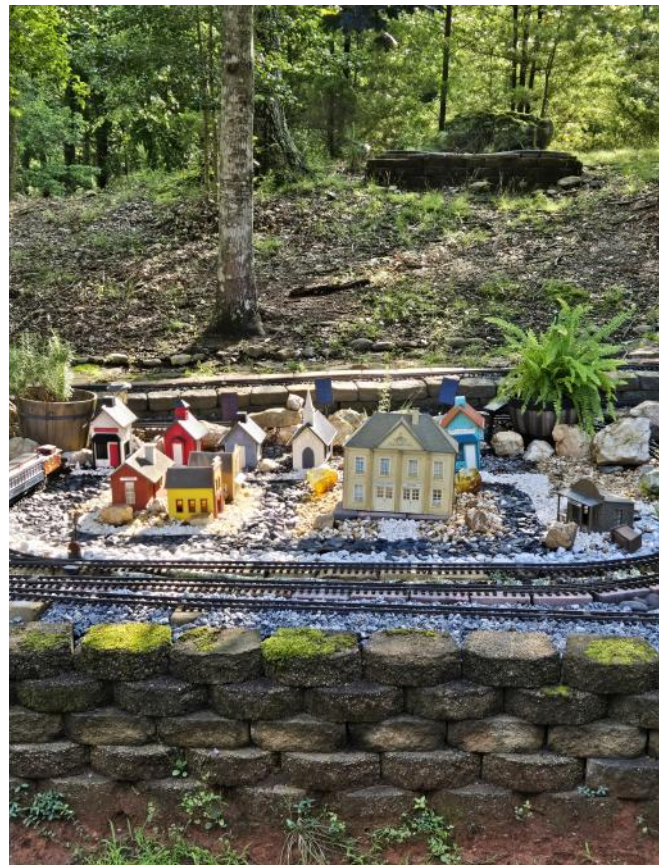
The Wabash & Weissach Loop is an indoor overhead garage train, suspended from the ceiling and mounted on the walls, 9-feet off the floor and 140 LF loop around the garage constructed by Dave Bennett (Train Installations) in 2022. The walls of the garage also have G scale shelving installed which holds 10+ locomotives and 50+ cars.

**Last minute addition to the tour !!!!!!!! We are happy to welcome
Mike Dozier to the Layout Tour!**

Mike Dozier**34 Highview Lane,****Dahlonega, GA 30533****Phone 678-314-9334**

Since Dahlonega was the site of the first Goldrush in the US in the 1830's i have tried to build upon that theme. Of course those familiar with GA history are aware this area was occupied by a Tribe of Gnomes prior to the arrival of the gold miners. Unfortunately, they were rounded up by the government and Moved out west as part of an event called the Trail of Beards

I am just a touch over three years into this hobby with about three hundred feet of tracked laid in my yard. I have a wraparound porch at my house, so it is constructed in an L shape around a corner of the porch and able to be viewed from the shade on a hot July day.



Highballing down the Track

Announcing the 2025 Convention Hotel:

Holiday Inn Express Helen, GA.

Enjoy recreational amenities including an indoor pool and a 24-hour fitness center. The hotel also features complimentary wireless Internet access and gift shops/newsstands.

Satisfy your appetite at the hotel's coffee shop/cafe. A complimentary continental breakfast is served daily from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Featured amenities include a 24-hour business center, complimentary newspapers in the lobby, and a 24-hour front desk. Free self parking is available on-site.

Make yourself at home in one of the 86 guestrooms featuring refrigerators and flat-screen televisions. Cable programming and DVD players are provided for your entertainment, while complimentary wireless Internet access keeps you connected. Conveniences include safes and desks, as well as phones with free local calls.

When you stay at Holiday Inn Express Helen, you'll be in a national park, within a 15-minute walk of Helen Tubing & Helen Water Park and Chattahoochee River. This hotel is 0.2 mi from Alpine Helen/White County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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- Smoking Areas
- 24 hour Concierge
- Conference Center

The cost per room will be \$169 plus tax. This includes breakfast and free parking. Rooms outside of the convention time are at a discount room rate of \$209 per night. Because there are limited rooms available in the area, we urge club members to reserve rooms as soon as possible.

RESERVATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

To reserve a room, call the hotel directly at
706-878-1084 extension 3.

Ask for the special BTOC rate for July next year.
Reservation deadline is June 13, 2025.



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A reminder to all
club members:

Early registration
for this year's
convention in
Helen, Georgia has
ended.

Sunday July 13, 2025

- BOD Meeting
- Convention Setup
- *Registration Opens*
- Runnin trains
- *All Aboard Party*
- Convention Rooms Open
- Trivia contest #1

Monday July 14, 2025

- *Blue Ridge Scenic Railway*
- Convention Rooms Open
- Clinic #1

Tuesday July 15, 2025

- *General Membership Meeting*
- *Free Day to Explore the Helen, GA Area*
- Convention Rooms Open
- Ice Cream Social
- Trivia contest #2

Wednesday July 16, 2025

- *Georgia Garden Railway Society
Layout Tours*
- Convention Rooms Open
- Ladies Wine & Cheese Get Together

Thursday July 17, 2025

- *Great Smokey Mountain Railway*
- Convention Rooms Open
- Clinic #2
- Trivia Contest #3

Friday July 21, 2025

- *Drag Races*
- Teardown Convention Rooms/
Banquet Setup
- *Farewell Banquet*
- Trivia Finals

Register Today!

(Schedule subject to change.)



Want some railroad history related to North Georgia?
 What was the Civil War's "Great Locomotive Chase"?
 Where are those locomotives today?
 Who received the nation's first "Medals of Honor"?

Come to the Thursday, July 17 BTO Clinic at 7 p.m. and meet Union secret agent James J. Andrews and his nemesis, Confederate Conductor William A. Fuller, as they describe the thrilling account of the theft and recovery of the locomotive, "The General" and the 90-mile chase from Atlanta to Chattanooga.

The plan was to steal a train on its run north towards Chattanooga, stopping to damage or destroy track, bridges, telegraph wires, and track switches behind them, so as to prevent the Confederate Army from being able to move troops and supplies from Atlanta to Chattanooga. But as one would expect, the plans started to fall apart as soon as they were implemented.

This presentation will give you the full story from the gentlemen themselves.....(well, perhaps from their ghosts) and direct you to the most interesting train drama from the Civil War, or as we here in the south call it, "The war of Yankee aggression".

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But there's more than just trains at TrainTastic! Guests will be able to ride on a real train car as they enter a space that honors the period when trains were crucial to our country: the 1950's. Numerous S.T.E.A.M.-inspired activities emphasizing Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math will entertain visitors, young and old, while sharpening their problem-solving skills. A one-of-a-kind climber will help visitors burn off their own energy physically with its wild tangle of ramps, nets, tunnels, slides, stairs, and railroad-themed play spaces. Then, a mini model town with two-story buildings that doubles as a birthday party space will make visitors feel like they're back in the 1950s. And that's just the beginning!

BUY YOUR TRRAINTASTIC TICKETS TODAY!

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday - July 12 G-Scale Swap Meet

The monthly yard tour in July will also feature our semi-annual swap meet. Bring a table, set up a tent, or open your trunk and sell your excess model train accessories! Dozens of G - scale buildings will be available for sale, lots of figurines, and many vehicles.

Just a mile away, the Five Forks Antique Mall at 4100 Five Forks Trickum Road SW in Lilburn will also be open from 10:00 to 6:00 if you're in the market for some unique home décor. (Yes, it's hard to believe but some GGRS family members would be more interested in buying jigsaw puzzles, Beanie Babies, accent furniture, lamps, jewelry, and such than railroad crossing signs!)



The 2025 Southeastern Region Convention September 18 - 20, 2025 in Gatlinburg, TN

- Clinics
- OP Sessions
- Contests
- Prototype Tour
- Layout Tours
- Non-Rail Activities



For More info and to register, visit: 2025SERConvention.org

Or email to: info@2025SERConvention.org

GGRS Executive Board Minutes

Minutes - GGRS June 11, 2025 Board Meeting

At approximately 1:30 p.m. the GGRS Executive Board convened at the home of the Mannings. In attendance were President Ted Yarborough, Secretary Pam Williamson, Treasurer Terry Manning, member at large Ginny Manning and members Dennis Bass and Roy Williamson.

Treasurer Report

Terry Manning advised the club's bank accounts have been consolidated into one fund at Wells Fargo, making it possible to move our account to the Renasant Bank. Dennis requested permission to shred past years finances after backing them up on a zip drive. It was decided to give all documentation to the new Treasurer; Terry will store or shed documents when necessary.

Club Trailer – The trailer has been moved to the Mannings where we discovered the trailer has roof leaks. Additionally, a large collection has been donated to GGRS and The Vines Railroad. GGRS now has a substantial surplus of track, buildings, engines and rolling stock. A vote was taken and approved to sell the trailer in the \$1,000 - \$2,000 price range “as is”. All Board Members in attendance were in favor. John Lank made Ted aware that he was not in favor of selling the trailer. To replace the trailer GGRS will be renting a 5' X 10' storage unit at a location accessible to the Layout Coordinators.

Track - A decision was made to keep enough LGB track for 3 loops as well as some straight track. The remaining stainless steel and Aristo Craft track will be sold. The trolley track and stops will be donated to The Vines Railroad. Engines and rolling stock were gone through. A decision was made to put hook and loop on all rolling stock. Most of the recently donated engines are LGB which have hook and loop couplers.

Excess track, engines, rolling stock, buildings, die cast cars ... will be sold.

The first sale will be at the Annual Swap Meet being held at the July 12th Club Meeting at the Mannings.

The second sale will take place at the BTO. Roy has a couple sale tables at the BTO July 13 – 18. He will take some of the unsold LGB engines and rolling stock to be sold on consignment.

The third sale will be at the August 23rd 67th Atlanta Model Train Show held at Gas South. GGRS will purchase 2 tables for the sale, at a price of \$65.00 per table.

The recently refurbished Down Town building currently has turn of the century figures. We decided figures could be changed out but if we would have two themes, 1950's and Turn of the Century, they would go best with our current inventory.

Ted would like to see some live plants added to our layouts as we are a “Garden” Railroad club.

Terry has written a detailed Job Description of the Layout Coordinator. It was decided to add this to the Policy and Procedures Manual.

Director and Officer Insurance. The price has not increased from the 2024 – 2025 policy. A unanimous vote was taken to continue with the Insurance policy. Pam will send the invoice to Terry for payment.

Passing of a GGRS Member – Milinda Griggs passed away on May 21, 2025. A decision was made to make a \$25.00 donation in lieu of flowers to the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Society. When members Dan Alvero and Alan Luebs passed a \$25.00 donation was made to the families requested charity. We will add donation instructions to the Policy and Procedure Manual stating; if a GGRS Member, spouse or active GGRS member child passed we will send a \$25.00 donation.

The Vines Railroad – Dennis advised the Vines Railroad will be moving to a new location within the Gwinnett County Vines Garden. It will most likely be an unwooded area allowing the Vines Railroad to open almost year-round. Some of the Engines and rollingstock from the newly donated collection were given to the Vines Railroad. The donor who contacted Dennis had stated the family wanted the trains to go to someplace where they would be used. Dennis is planning to invite the family to the Vines Railroad to see their father's train running.

Request for a Club Layout – Roy advised Lori Thomas has asked if GGRS would like to set up a layout at the Hall County Master Gardeners Fall Expo. Set up would be on Thursday September 25. Trains would run Friday September 26, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday September 27, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. It was decided we will need more info before making a decision. Pam and Roy will obtain additional info from Lori Thomas.

GGRS Board Meeting Minutes from the May 12, 2025 meeting were approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The Rip Track

**Need Repairs? Supplies?
Buy Good Stuff from
our Members**



All-Aluminum Bridge Pier System –

a new part of our Design Line bridge line. These light but strong piers will be offered in 12”, 24”, 36” and 48” high versions (some heights will be made-to-order only). We will have a single track 24” on display at NGRC. We plan to introduce double track versions by August. MSRP pricing starts at \$98/each.

Aluminum Bridge Pier System (48” single track version shown)



Outdoor 3D-printed bridge pier kits – A concrete style bridge pier 12” high. The “kit” aspect is that it needs to be coated with an epoxy coating before outdoor use, then it can be painted and weathered. Split Jaw will be releasing similar (and much bigger) products in our new proprietary VLMFP (Very Large Mono-Filament Printer). MSRP pricing is \$125/pier, two for \$240.



Members with Garden, Train, or other related items to sell (new or used) can submit their items for inclusion in “The Rip Track”. Send information to the editor for the next issue. Items will run for a single issue, unless the editor is notified to repeat the item. (Quality photos appreciated) Members with related business advertising may also submit ads. These will run continuously until policies change or notice is given. Non-member publishing by arrangement. (Contact Editor for details.)

Just in time for the 2025 NGRC, Split Jaw is announcing the following:

The Station Stopper system – great for commercial displays, Seasonal Layouts and Permanent layouts. The Station Stopper will automatically sense a train passing the Deceleration Sensor, then gradually bring it to a precise stop at the Stop Sensor. Needing only a 3-foot minimum distance between sensors, the Station Stopper is triggered by an easily installed magnet under your loco.

This new layout automation device features our new wireless sensors - long wire runs to reed switches are not needed. Using a 9V battery rated to last 1 year or more, you are free to place the sensors at train stations, water towers, grade crossings, etc.

Rated at 10amps and tested on triple-headed diesels pulling 10 lighted passenger cars having power-hungry incandescent lighting. Each Station Stopper comes with: Central Unit, wireless Deceleration and Stop Sensors, Receiver unit. For outdoor layouts, we plan to offer an optional Sheds for the sensors, and optional Enclosure for the central unit/receiver. MSRP \$249.

Here a few shots of the items that will be up for sale at the July 12 meeting.





JM HOBBY SUPPLY AND RAILROAD ARTIFACT AUCTIONS SUMMER SALES NOW POSTED!

Saturday, July 26-Sunday, July 27 sales now open for pre-bidding!

Hello Friends and Clients!

We are excited to offer you our next two railroad artifact and model train auctions, which are our two summer sessions for 2025! Over 1,000 items are up for bid on Saturday, July 26 and Sunday July 27. Let us give you some details about each session! We hope you will share this with your fellow railroad friends/club members/collecting friends as well!

The Saturday, July 26 session features all of the railroad artifacts. Pre-bidding begins on Tuesday, June 10, and will continue right up until the LIVE BROADCAST of the sale, at 9AM on 7/26. At that time, you will be able to watch and hear the auction LIVE on HiBid and make LIVE bids. You can get a link to all of our sales by clicking to jmhobbysupply.hibid.com, or on our website at www.jmhobbysupply.com under the AUCTION TAB in the menu.



This session features over 100 railroad lanterns, class lamps, marker lamps, caboose lamps, and switch lamps. There are railroad signs, spittoons, art, locks, keys, public timetables, employee timetables, books, photos, ink blotters, ephemera, passes, blueprints, china, many lots of dining car silver, telegraph equipment, tools, badges, step boxes, jugs, buttons, locomotive bells, builders plates, RR milk cans, and much more. Some items have been listed but are still arriving, and we will post their pictures and descriptions yet this month or in early July. The dining car silver features many new and unused pieces; some still in their original wrap! To have the opportunity to offer these is nothing short of amazing! Many of the lanterns are choice pieces, with lots of original tinware that shines through, or finely restored pieces! Many rare, hard-to-find roads are represented as well.

The Sunday, July 27 session features all of the model trains, and the first part of the Eldon Shirey motor estate (more on that in a moment!). This session is a timed session, with items ending in lot order, 60 seconds after the last bid is

made. About 200 lots of brass locomotives, passenger cars, and freight cars in HO and HOn3 scale, with many rare and difficult to find examples, are included in this sale. There are also lots with parts, figures, buildings and structures, plastic locomotives, freight cars, and passenger cars, along with vehicles. Most items in this sale are HO and HOn3 scales, but there is also a nice selection of N, and a few O, SN3, On30 and G scale items. Many items are new in their original boxes, and as always, all locomotives have been tested so you know what you are buying!





As for the Eldon Shirey estate, people around the world knew Eldon "The Motorman" Shirey, who ran an Ebay store known as "Micro-Loco Motion" for many years. Model railroaders bought tens of thousands of replacement motors from him to fix locomotives in all scales, as well as motors to animate or power scenes on their layouts (like bascule bridges, wind generators, etc...) He also sold to model car enthusiasts, model boat builders, model airplane flyers, and more! Sadly, he passed a number of years ago. As JMHS&RAA bought hundreds of motors from him for our museum layout and for repairing customer projects, when we spoke with his son and daughter, they were excited to have us sell the remaining

motors from Eldon's estate...over 15,000 of them! You may have seen some of our advance promotion about the sale of these motors over the past year. All of these motors retail for \$5-\$50 (or more!) individually, but we have grouped them into lots by brand and by item number, with the first 300 lots in this sale. Each motor starts at \$1 or less! These are new motors, with most of them tested. All are sold as-is, where is. Once they are gone, there will be no more!

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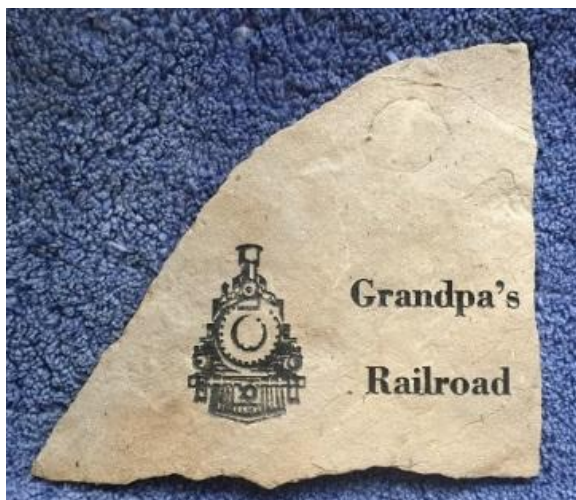
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If you have never been cruising, or train riding in Alaska, or any type of vacation travel beyond the lazy summer days of Georgia, you don't know what you are missing. I had quite an adventure/misadventure. When you have an hour or two, I'll tell you all about it. Otherwise, I will post some photos in next months edition of the Gazette, when you really want to think about cool wind blowing in your face!

Until then, let's make the most of this summer's activities!

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