

Invitation to the 2024 G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together

Friday, August 23rd – Sunday, August 25th

During most years since 1985, there has been a G-Scale garden railroading national convention hosted annually by different large scale model train clubs across the country even though there is no actual national garden railroading organization. The host organization selected at the previous convention becomes the national organization in the year they are the host. Unfortunately, no national convention will be hosted for 2024 since no one volunteered to host it. However, smaller regional get-togethers have been encouraged to take place. As such, the Georgia Garden Railway Society (GGRS) elected to partner with the multi-scale 65th Atlanta Model Train Show to be held at the Gas South Convention Center, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, Georgia 30097, on Saturday, August 24th, to host a G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together that will feature:

- Up to 10 self-guided metro-Atlanta area garden railway tours daily on Friday, August 23rd, and Sunday, August 25th;
- some out-of-area garden railway tours off selected major Interstates on Thursday, August 22nd, and Sunday, August 25th;
- Tours of the new warehouse facility for nationally known model train retailer TRAINZ on Friday, August 23rd;
- an optional indoor Get-Together Dinner on Friday evening of August 23rd featuring door prizes; suggestions for area dining, entertainment, and train venues; and a preview of train show vendors;
- an enhanced G-scale vendor presence at the 65th Atlanta Model Train Show in Duluth, Georgia, on Saturday, August 24th, including a multi-table White Elephant Sale by GGRS members; and,
- G-scale oriented “how-to” and railroad history clinics.

Since the model train show is a fixed venue, GGRS arranged with the closest motel, Embassy Suites, to block off a number of rooms for get-together attendees and to allow those attending our G-scale activities to pick up get-together packages at Embassy Suites. A link to special rates will be posted at our website: www.ggrs.info.

The Registration Package will include driving instructions and a schedule of garden railroad yard tours hosted by members of the Georgia Garden Railway Society (9:00-4:00 Friday and Sunday), a \$1 discount coupon for each family member toward admission to the 65th Atlanta Model Train Show on August 24th (parking is a separate fee), 2 get-together pins for a family registration, driving instructions and passes you may have purchased to the Friday evening get-together dinner, a get-together car if ordered, a list of G-scale vendors at the train show, and other useful information. The Registration Package will be available at the host hotel lobby of Embassy Suites, 2029 Satellite Blvd., Duluth, GA 30097, one block from the convention center on Thursday evening from 4:00-7:00 and Friday morning 7:00-9:00. Late arrivals can also obtain the package at the dinner Friday evening or at the GGRS Membership Table at the convention center on Saturday.

A Dinner Get-Together on Friday night will be a picnic buffet at the nearby Gwinnett County Bethesda Park Senior Center at 225 Bethesda Church Road, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and will feature door prizes, raffles, tips on additional area shopping and train venues, and more. There is no entrance or parking fee at the dinner site. There will be no bus services provided for this or other Get-Together venues.

The 2024 Southeast Region Get-Together Car is a USA Trains 40' steel box car. The lettering is a combination of a USA Trains 40'foot American Series box car, a USA Trains 50' Ultimate Series box car with a discrete 2024 Regional logo. The Regional Car will be offered with 4 road numbers 103803, 103804, 103805, 103806. Twenty-five of each road number will be ordered, first come first serve. The cost is \$70.00 per car. Please specify if you want a particular road number. A photo of the car will be displayed on our website.

Registrants will be updated on additional get-together news on a monthly basis.

2024 G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together Registration Form
August 23 – 25, 2024

(Please Print Legibly)

Badge Name #1: _____ Badge Name #2: _____

Child Badge #3: _____ Child Badge #4: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Preferred Phone Contact Numbers (Up to 2): _____

Email Address To Receive Updated Information: _____

If arriving by automobile on Thursday, please note the major Interstate highway you will use in Georgia so that we may schedule additional yard layout tours along your route on Thursday.

An advance electronic version of the yard tour information will be available 2 weeks prior to the get-together for an additional fee of \$10. Please circle one: (Yes / No)

Select from the following Registration Fees:

Early Registration (Before June 1st): Individual \$25 _____ Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) \$35 _____

Late Registration (After May 31st): Individual \$40 _____ Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) \$50 _____

Will you be lodging at the Embassy Suites? (Yes / No)

Dinner Reservation on Friday Evening: **\$25 Each Person = \$ _____**

The Get-Together Car is being arranged through the Georgia Garden Railway Society on behalf of a private individual. **Number of Get-together Cars Ordered: _____ \$ _____**

Preferred Road Numbers if available: _____

The Georgia Garden Railway Society hosts numerous activities during the year. To receive our monthly newsletter and invitations to 1:1 rail excursions, warm weather pot-luck luncheon yard tours, train show activity, swap meets, access to our member-only website section, and future conventions, you may wish to obtain a family membership for 2024 for only \$25: \$ _____

Please make payment by check in full to "GGRS" mailed to:

**Terry Manning
1201 Timber Glen Ct SW
Lilburn, GA 30047**

For GGRS Use: Date Received _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Registration: \$ _____ E-Tour Info: \$ _____ Dinner: \$ _____ Cars: \$ _____ Membership: \$ _____