



GGRS Gazette

May, 2025

Official Newsletter of the Georgia Garden Railway

Ted's Tickets



I am writing this after just returning from our first monthly meeting for 2025.

GGRS set up a nice large outdoor display beside the Chatsworth 1905 L&N Depot. Lori Thomas had her Paw Patrol loop set up in the Talc Room. Lesley Bundy had a beautiful Easter loop running in the Station Agent's Office.

Richard Garlinghouse presented a clinic on making metal roofing as well as sharing photos of his famous creations.

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March's Annual Meeting & Chilly Chatsworth

We finally made it! Got to finally attend our Annual Business Meeting at Provino's, and the food was as good as always. The business was quickly concluded, with Ted installed as the new president, and thanks all around for the hard work and play accomplished in 2024. We held the usual ~~Dirty Santa~~, er..... Celtic Bodb Derg gift exchange, and no one was killed, maimed, or otherwise bewitched, spooked, conjured, or injured.

Our Railroader of the Year, and the new Railroad Family of the Year awards were presented. Ginny Manning was awarded for her super support for the club, and Peter and Lori Thomas were the first recipients of the GGRS Family award.



As everyone sailed off to the far corners of the state, the next event was brewing in Chatsworth.

Ted's Ticket Cont.

Roy Williamson had a booth selling goodies as well. It was great to see an enthusiastic group of model railroaders enjoying the cool day and to see G scale prominently promoted.

Next month our group will be traveling to Grant & Jenny Sweer's Huntsville, Alabama garden railroad. This garden train has been on several convention and special event pre-tours. Check out the YouTube videos under Grant Funk Garden Railroad. You will want to make this journey to the neighboring state!

In case you have been hiding under a rock recently, the Big Train Operators Club 2025 Convention is coming to Helen, Georgia in July. I hope most GGRS members will take advantage of this national event right in our own back yard, so to speak. You must be a BTO member to attend, but please join up and join me in July in Helen. This will be a very fun time for all family members that includes shared meals, traditional Ice Cream Social, a Ladies Wine & Cheese Party, layout tours, the VERY POPULAR drag races, vendor hall, and TWO TRAIN RIDES!

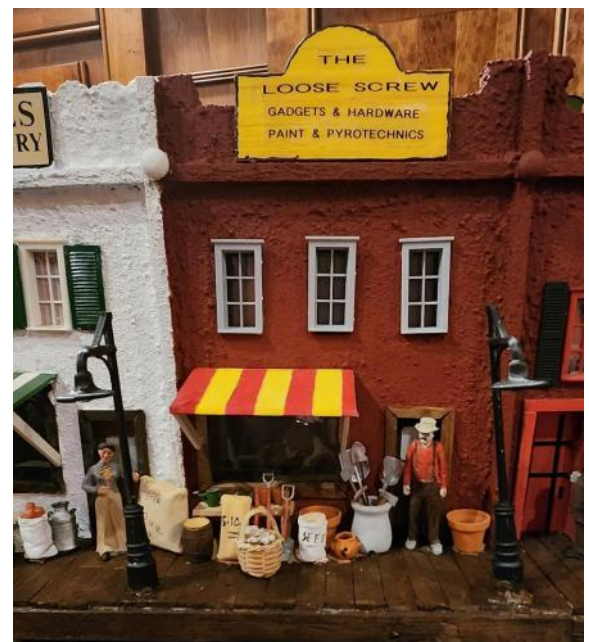
I will close this session by thanking all the new members that have volunteered to host regular meetings for 2025. I LOVE to visit new or new to me garden railroads. I always see something that I like or that inspires me. I hope you will visit these railroads and appreciate the efforts of our host. The GREAT news is the schedule for 2025 is FULL, so contact Pam Williamson to schedule your railroad for a 2026 visit!

*Ted Yarborough,
President*

More March's Annual Meeting & Chilly Chatsworth

Bill Hewitt did a wonderful job refurbishing the GGRS town.

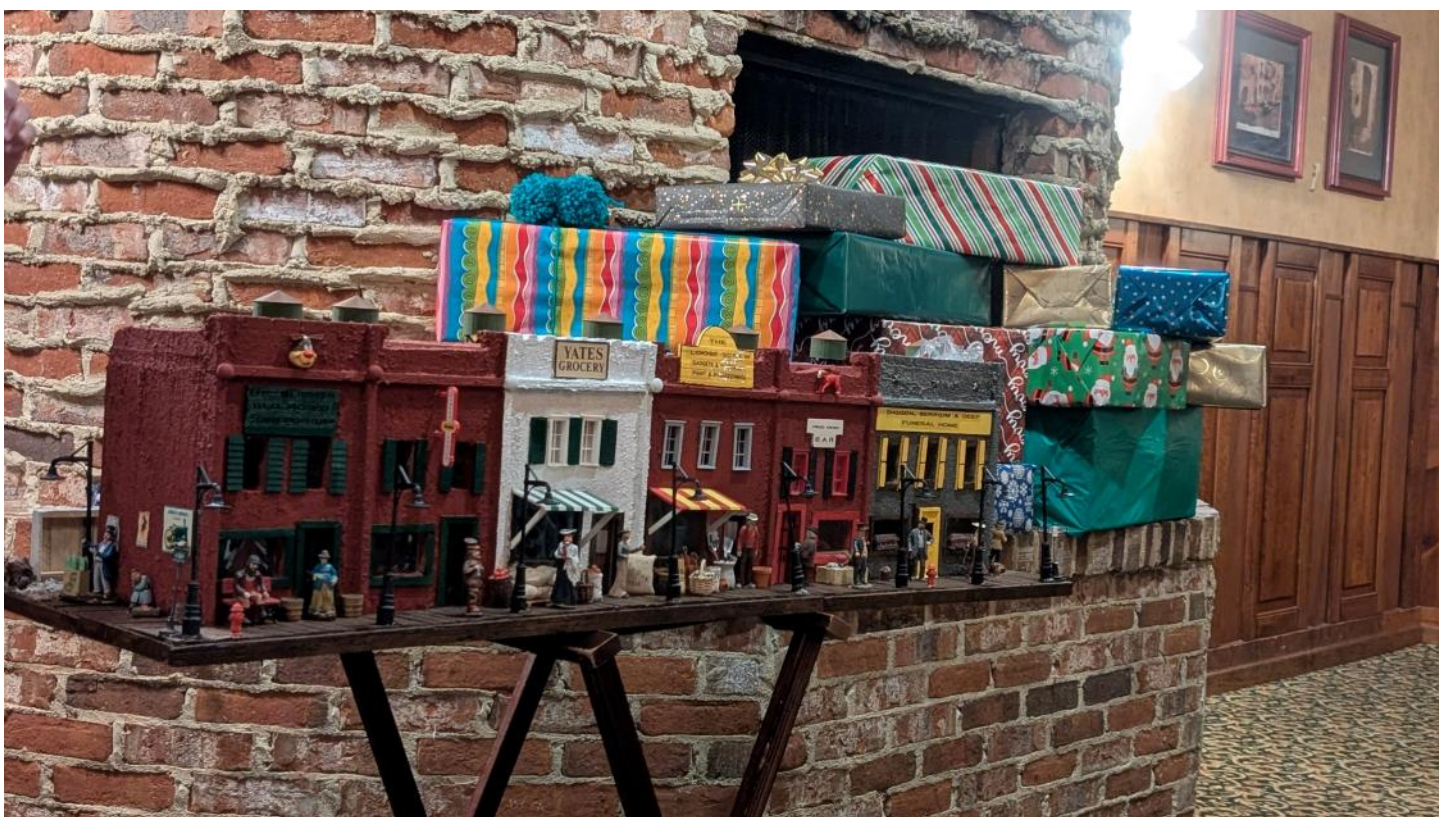
Thank you, Bill.



A big thanks to Carolyn Lank for planning and coordination our Annual Business Luncheon. A round of applause for a job well done!

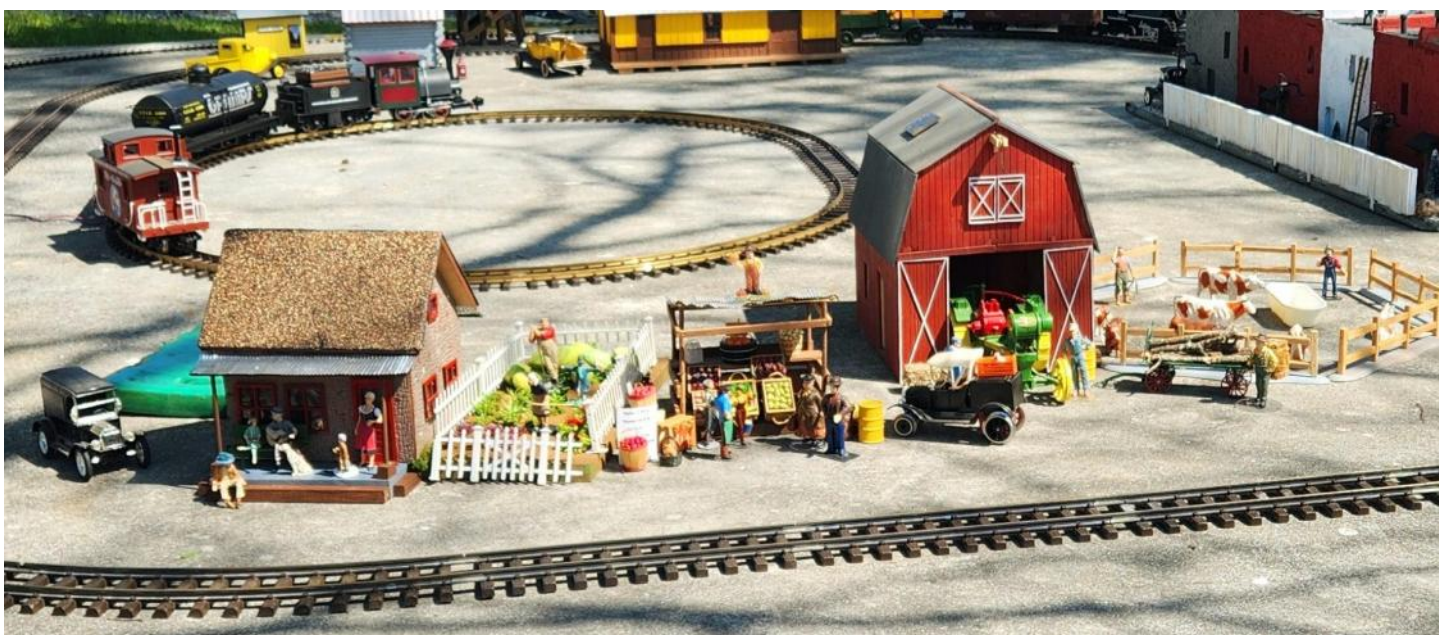














Someone from the club had the lucky ticket and was the winner of the Thomas Lionel Train Set.



Minutes - GGRS March 22, 2025 Annual Business Meeting

At approximately 12:30 p.m. GGRS Past President, Terry Manning, called the membership to order for the Annual Business Meeting at Provino's Italian Restaurant, Kennesaw, GA.

Election of Officers – Terry Manning resigned as President of the Georgia Garden Railway Society on January 18, 2025 in the presence of GGRS Board Members Dennis Bass, Pam Williamson, Ginny Manning and Dan Steidle. Ted Yarborough was notified by phone and accepted the role as President. At today's meeting, John Lees, presented a slate of officers for the Executive Board: Ted Yarborough, President; Terry Manning, Treasurer; Pam Williamson, Secretary; Members at Large Emil Decker, John Lank, Ginny Manning, and Dan Steidle. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Membership - Executive Board Member and Membership Coordinator, Ginny Manning, gave a membership update. We currently have 84 family memberships and 10 outstanding renewals.

Garden Railroader of the Year – There were two strong nominations, from the Membership, for Garden Railroader of the Year. Two awards were presented:

Railroader of the Year – was awarded to Ginny Manning for the work she has done to grow and retain membership by attending GGRS events and manning the membership table to promote the Society.

Railroad Family of the Year - was awarded to Peter and Lori Thomas for their participation at Club layouts (Paw Patrol, touch me train, coordination with other train clubs) serving as Web Master, and always promoting Garden Railroading.

Conventions – there are 2 conventions this year

Nation Garden Railway Convention – June 18 – 22, 2025 Sacramento, CA. This year's convention car is an Engine and Caboose. The Sacramento Valley Railroad Society is working on a display showcasing all 40 years of NGRC cars. They currently have all but two.

Big Train Operator Club Convention – July 13 – 18 Helen, Georgia. Ted Yarborough has been assisting the BTO lining up layout tours and 1:1 train rides. To attend the convention, you must be a member of the BTO (\$50.00 p/year for a family membership). As the convention is right here in Georgia, let's have a strong GGRS presence.

2025 Club Meetings - The first Club Meeting of 2025 will be held April 12th at the Chatworth Depot. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Model Train Expo. GGRS will set up two or three loops of track outdoors on the concrete pad beside the depot to run trains throughout the day for visitors to the depot. Lori Thomas will have her Paw Patrol layout and Leslie Ann Bundy will have her Easter layout in addition to the Club free-style layout.

Club Layouts – There are ongoing discussions about GGRS sponsored layouts. In the past, the Society had secured track to large wooden modules that could be configured to fit the space we were allotted for a layout. As venues have changed and space has been reduced, the large wooden modules were no longer needed and the Society transitioned to a free-style layout. In July of 2023 the modules were dismantled. We are now exploring the idea of selling the trailer and housing the free-style layout at the home of a Society Member.

The Vines - Dennis Bass gave an update on the Vines; a 79-acre Gwinnett County Park in Loganville with an outdoor G-scale garden railroad. Trains run on over 1,000 feet of track and a 25-foot bridge. Several GGRS members coordinate the running of the trains on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 10:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. May through September. Volunteers are need to assist with spring clean-up in April and monthly running of the trains. Please contact Dennis Bass email4bassde@gmail.com or 404-312-7942. Due to park renovation the Vines Railroad may be closed in 2026, so make sure to come out this year to see a great railroad.

Miscellaneous – John Lees showcased his book on his Southern Railroad X376 Caboose which was a long-term project started in 2006 when it was moved to the Lees side yard. (If you haven't seen the caboose, and you should, it is one of the layouts on the BTO yard tours).

Roy Williamson advised the membership on a couple of issues:

The Springfield Massachusetts 2026 National Garden Railway Convention is officially cancelled. There will be a train show, but no layouts, no banquet or train rides.

The May GGRS Club Meeting in Huntsville, AL is being billed as a Tri - State G-Scale Meetup. In addition to GGRS attending, the Nashville Area Garden Railroaders and the Alabama Boys (they do not have a formal club) will all be in attendance.

The GGRS Club Meeting at the new **Trainz** facility will be held in November.

At approximately 12:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned; lunch was served follow by a lively gift exchange.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Williamson, Secretary

Membership Report

Membership News – May 2025

I was unable to attend the meeting in Chadsworth earlier this month due to a sudden death in the family. Our president, Ted Yarbrough, sent me a notice of a new member that signed up at that event. The Georgia Garden Railway Society also did receive a new membership by mail, which is listed below.

Welcome to -

Mark Alexander and Maisha (his daughter) from Powder Springs, GA

Kenny and Denise Pugh (have no location at this time)

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 |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| GGRS Club Mtg | Grant & Jenny Sweer Huntsville, AL | May 17, 2025 (Central Time) | 4502 Clyde Circle Owens Cross Roads, AL |
| GGRS Club Mtg | YOU? WHO? Sign up now | Future Openings Available 2026 | Start Planning Now |
| "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 |
| GGRS Club Mtg | Richard and Rebecca Chitwood & Doug and Mathew Fields of Cumming, GA | Jun 21, 2025 10:00-2:00 | New members have stepped forward. How about you? |
| 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, 2025 | In Planning Stage |
| 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 |

Sweet Home Alabama



GGRS near Huntsville, AL in May for TRI-State Meeting

Start time May 17 will be from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 Central time (yes, we cross the border and pretend its fall, and fall back an hour). - Grant really doesn't care what time people leave if everyone is having a good time, but remember you will lose the hour you saved coming over when you return to Georgia.

Entree will be from the smoker - Grant is thinking about a smoked turkey and maybe brisket or pulled pork - Basically some type of smoked meat.

They will set up tables for a railroad and plant swap.

Places of interest near the Grant Funk Railroad:

Rocket Center
Cathedral Caverns
Huntsville Botanical Garden (there is a garden railroad that usually runs on the weekends)



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Next Show Date: January 17, 2026

New location for EnterTRAINment Junction announced!

I am excited to announce that the Motion Museum and International Transportation Haul of Fame will be taking over the former Cabelas in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia (right next door to Georgia's most profitable Costco).

We plan to create the world's largest and finest indoor transportation destination.

The 80,000 sq ft facility is just the start.

We have big plans for the 9 acre property, which we plan to expand.



Banta 1:20 Scale Beaver Creek Fire Department

by Ted Yarbrough

I recently completed the Banta Model Works Beaver Creek Fire Department. The kit is shipped well packaged and has wonderful photo and text instructions. It is rather easy but enjoyable to assemble (I have put together several laser cut kits including one other from this manufacturer in the past).



Be careful separating a few of the small laser cuttings as I broke a couple, but was able to glue them back without any structural problems. The only complaint is that the laser scrubbing on the two front doors could be a little deeper as once paint was applied, even in light coats, they pretty much became invisible.

Each assembly is packaged together.



Sub assembly. I used naming tape to help hold building together until wood glue dried completely.





Siding goes on as thin skin over building base.

Painting & details

I like the fact you can have the windows closed or open to any setting you desire, making for a good option so the windows do not all have to be identical. Instructions show front doors red, but after painting them this way, I decided to repaint them white for more contrast. Lots of options and overall great addition to any garden railroad town.



Finished fire department building on the garden railroad.



GGRS 1:1 Scale Train Rides!

There will be **THREE GGRS 1:1 Scale Train Rides for 2025!** Come ride a real train with other garden railroaders. The first ride is coming quickly on the Tennessee Valley Railroad's Copper Hill Special set for Saturday, May 31. This ride will be diesel powered and follow the Hiwassee River from Delano, Tennessee to Copper Hill, Tennessee. This train excursion will take you to the apex of the renowned Hiwassee Loop. Witness this incredible railway marvel near Farner, Tennessee, where the tracks intriguingly cross over themselves as they spiral up the mountain. Notably, there are only six such loops in North America, with this one being the sole example east of the Mississippi River. Copper Hill is located on the Georgia state line (the line actually runs right through the middle of town). We will be seated in the traditional coach seats. The train will have about a 90-minute layover so you can eat lunch and explore the town before the return trip. The train leaves at 9:30 and returns at 5:30. Tickets cost \$75.00 for adults and \$45.00 for children under 13 years old and must be ordered in advance (tickets are non-refundable, but can be transferred to another person if someone else wants to go in your place). Mail a check, made out to Ted Yarbrough, to Ted Yarbrough, 212 Love Drive, Chatsworth, GA 30705 by APRIL 27 to secure your seat on the Copper Hill Special.



The second & third rides will be with the BTO Convention in Helen, Georgia this July. To help support the BTO, we will be riding on their scheduled train trips. The first BTO trip will be Monday, July 14 on the Blue Ridge Scenic Railway. This trip will carry passengers from the city of Blue Ridge, Georgia to the border town of McCaysville, Georgia. This is on the old L&N Hook and Eye Line. You will have about 90 minutes for lunch at the Bura-Bura Riverfront Restaurant (included in your ticket) and exploring the state line town of Copper Hill, Tennessee. The train will then return to Blue Ridge. Bus transportation is included and there will be DOOR PRIZES on the trip back to Helen. I will ride this trip because I will be taking my great nephews and it is more child appropriate in that it is a shorter bus ride and train ride.



Outdoor Center and return. Steam power is anticipated for this train ride. Bus transportation is included with DOOR PRIZES on the return trip. This is one of my favorite train rides in the Eastern US. In order to ride with the BTO, you must be a member of their group and register for the convention (order tickets on the convention registration form at www.bigtrainoperator.com).



Highballing down the Track

On your way to the 2025 Sacramento Valley National Garden Railway Convention, plan to make a month of large scale train plans.

The **2025 Northeast Large Scale Train Show** will be in Springfield, Massachusetts, on May 3 and 4, 2025.

The **Great Lakes Large Scale Train Expo** sponsored by the Riverside Railroad Crew will be in Girard, Ohio, May 9 and 10, 2025; information at: www.greatlakestrainexpo.com.

The **2025 Midwest Garden Railroad Gathering** will be June 4 to 7, 2025, around Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Convention website is fully online with complete information about activities and tours. Ticket bundles are available for early birds at reduced prices. The site also lists hotels and camping info for RV's.

For all the latest info, Go to: <https://ngrc2025.org/>



40th Anniversary

National Garden Railway Convention

June 18 - 22, 2025

SAFE Credit Union Convention Center - Sacramento, CA



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.

Amenities

- Internet Access
- Swimming Pool
- Fitness Center
- Restaurant
- Pets Allowed (conditions apply)
- Handicap Accessible
- Meeting Facilities
- Smoke free facility
- 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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CONVENTION/HELEN, GA
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Celebrating 47 years!

A reminder to all club members that early registration for this years convention in Helen, Georgia ends on May 1, 2025. Get your registrations in before the prices go up! Let's make this one of the best! Go to the club website for more information and to download registration forms!

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.)

Two important bits of news from the BTO Club
The Convention Schedule and Registration forms are out.

The Menu Choices for the box lunch were not specified on the Reg Form due to time constraints. Here they are for the 7/17/25 Great Smoky Mountain Trip. Sandwiches - **T**urkey, **H**am, **C**hicken Salad, **V**eggie Wrap with cookie, chips and water. If you are choosing that trip, please send me your choice of sandwich for each person in your party.

We now have several Registrations (about 9 or 10)

Any thoughts? Share them with me or Tim

Thanks for your help in notifying members.

Using Credit Cards for Registration. I would like to have those wishing CCs to complete the paper form and write "Use PayPal", just under "**Registration Total**". I will create an e-mail Invoice from PayPal and have it sent to you. It will include a 5% adder for PayPal processing charge. When paid, the Registration will be confirmed through e-mail to the member. The BTO Club never sees or has access to your Credit Card Info.

*John Groot, Registration
4 Saslow Ct.
Quarryville, PA 17566*

<https://www.bigtrainoperator.com/2025/pdfs/2025%20conv%20registration%20form%20wMenu.pdf>

Big Train Operator Club Membership Application



The Big Train Operator Club will not sell, share or otherwise provide any personal information to any entity or organization for any reason.

Membership Chairperson: David Snow

Welcome Aboard

☐ 1-year BTO Club membership, USA

Annual dues of \$50 includes \$40 for a 1-yr subscription to the Big Train Operator Magazine.



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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| Construction | Plastic body, Brass castings |
| Mini. Radius | 4 ft. |
| Length | 24 in. (609 mm) |
| Width | 4.3 in. (109 mm) |
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See-through roof walks
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The Hook & Loop will mate with all other brands. The AML knuckle couplers will not reliably mate with the other brands. The cars do have a mounting pad to install Kadee body mount couplers (906 Style)

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For pickup at our 2025 Convention there will be no shipping charge by the Club.

There will only be 60 cars made. 15 of each road number.

Spring and Autumn in Durango!

Ride the Galloping Goose!

Are you a "seasoned" Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge passenger looking for a new and different way to enjoy upper Animas Valley rail travel?

The Galloping Goose Historical Society and DSNG have scheduled unique excursions this Spring and Autumn using RGS Goose No.5.

Goose 5 is a 1933 fully restored railbus that carries 27 people. There are seats up front in the cab, offering an "over the motorman shoulder" view. Additional panoramic view seating is available in the rear. The seats are unassigned, allowing everyone a chance for a cab ride. Stops are made along the way for photo runbys.

Secret:

Even a steam engineer who rode with us claimed that our cab view is a better than his!



Have you ridden the Durango and Silverton before?
This is a new way to experience D&S from "up front".
**A Cab Ride! See past cab Photos below!*

*May 2nd trips to Event Park are an inexpensive way to experience the Goose.

*Not sure about an all-day trip?

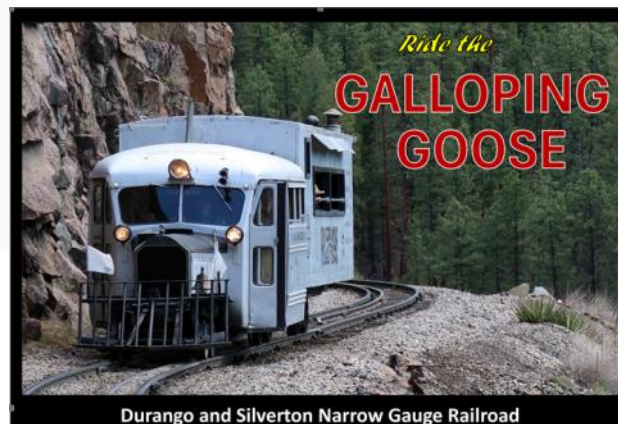
Consider the Cascade Canyon trip, which is less than a full day.

Tickets and Information:

Call 970-247-2733

or visit www.durangotrain.com Galloping Goose #5 page.

All fares subject to 8% DSNG historical preservation fee.



Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

BOOK YOUR 2025 RGS GOOSE NO. 5 TRIP NOW!

TIMETABLE AND FARES

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| <u>April 26th, April 27th</u> Round trip to Cascade Canyon \$160 | <u>May 10th, May 11th, May 18th</u> Round trip to Cascade Canyon \$160 |
| <u>May 2nd</u> Round trip to Event Park \$35 departs at 9:25 am, 10:45 am, 12:00 pm | <u>September 6th, September 13th</u> RGS Goose No. 5 to Silverton bus return \$225 |
| <u>May 3rd</u> RGS Goose No. 5 to Silverton Steam Train return \$225 | <u>September 7th, September 14th</u> Bus to Silverton RGS Goose No. 5 return \$225 |
| <u>May 4th</u> Steam Train to Silverton RGS Goose No. 5 return \$225 | <u>All Trips Depart from Durango</u> |
| TICKETS and INFORMATION Call 970.247.2733 or visit www.durangotrain.com <i>All fares subject to 8% DSNG historical preservation fee.</i> | |
| Presented by: Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores, Inc The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad | |



GREAT LAKES LARGE SCALE TRAIN EXPO

National Train Day 2025!

Sponsored by the Riverside Railroad Club & 4 Track RR!
"Formerly the North East Ohio Large Scale Train Show"

Join us for two spectacular days of large scale train fun!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Vendors, Vendors, VENDORS!

Find new & used G Gauge and Larger models trains, parts, accessories and MORE!

Operating Large Scale Layouts

Explore the multiple operating G gauge layouts setup by various clubs!

Clinics & Workshops

Learn from others in the hobby!

Kids' Activities

Fun activities for kids including hands on clinics!

Door Prizes

Multiple door prizes given away on the hour!

Food & Refreshments

Enjoy a variety of food options available on-site.

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The Rip Track

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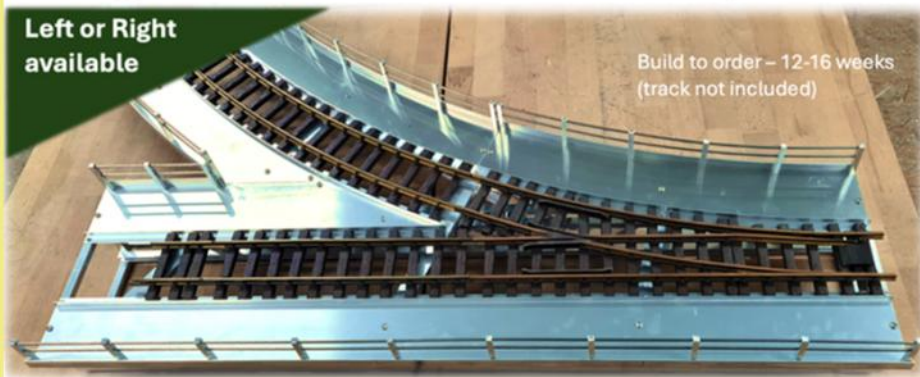
*All our aluminum bridges are made
from ultra durable aircraft grade
aluminum that will last a lifetime.*

New! Bridge Turnout Sections

**Left or Right
available**



Build to order – 12-16 weeks
(track not included)



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.)



<https://www.grnews.org/>

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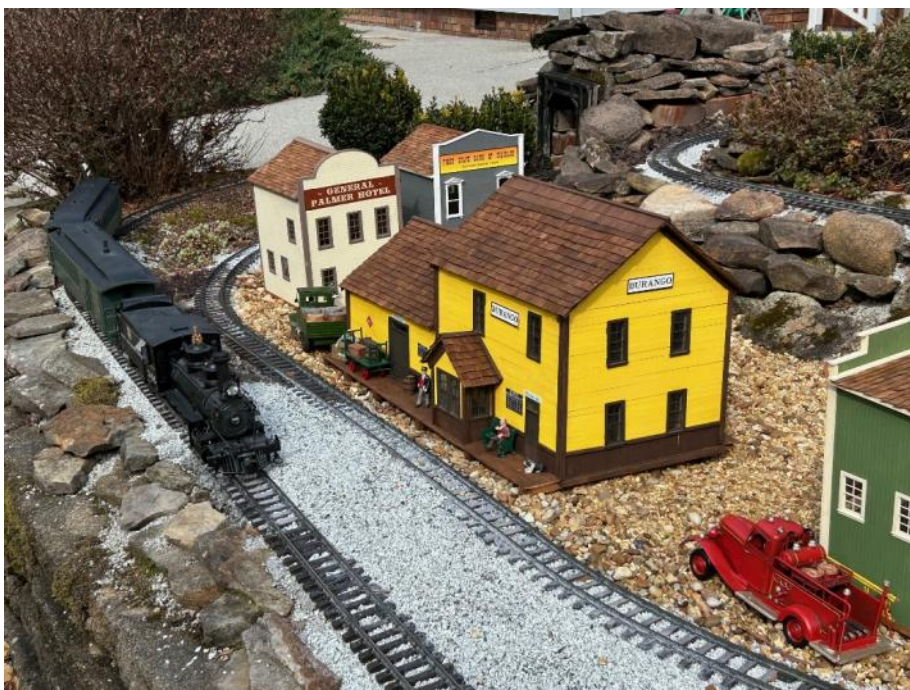
A multi-generational layout started by a grandfather and maintained by a grandson is featured. The Loco of the Edition is an unusual scratch-built Western Maryland RR diesel. A battery & radio control installation is described in detail with images. And there are lots more highlights!



Anyone with one of these G scale locomotives they would like to donate to the Chatsworth Depot?

We would love to have a small G scale CSX or L&N diesel loco to run on the museum's layout.

Contact Ted Yarbrough.



Thinning my collection.

LGB 2-6-0 Mogul with box (locomotive does not fit back in box due to snow plow, spark arrestor, and tender modifications). Smoke, lights, sound, and locomotive work properly (but it is old). \$350.00.

Aristo-Craft 2-8-0 C-16. No box. Has QSI digital sound card. Smoke, lights, sound, and loco work properly. Little use. \$300.00. Can pick up at any future meeting or in Chatsworth.

Large train depot. Basswood construction with cedar shingles. Plastic doors and windows. Depot is not waterproofed (would need heavy coat of polyurethane for continued outdoor use). Details on depot walls and platform are not included. \$250.00 Ted Yarbrough

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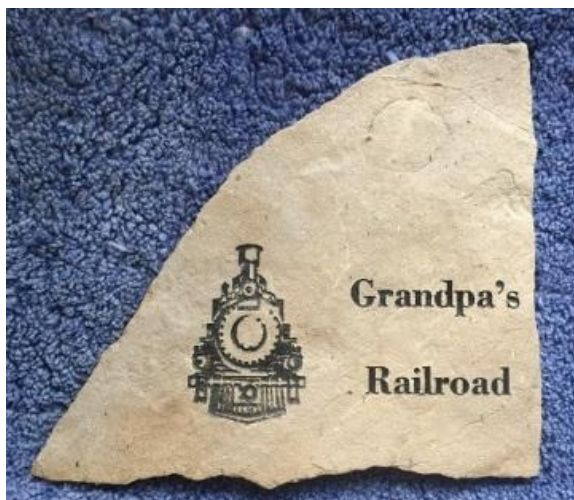
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This is a photo of my outdoor G scale garden railroad which I need to sell. I've had it here for 25 years plus the time I had it in Pennsylvania. It's too much for me to manage, especially since spending two hours to trim it gives me knee problems. The sale includes one each of Bachmann's geared locomotives, one Bachmann 2-2-0 steamer, one LGB 2-6-0 steamer, one Hartland mu car plus all track, signal, people, buildings and power packs, including handheld transmitter and matching receiver. If you need more photos let me know. Also would appreciate it if you could spread the word. Thanks. Dennis Lynch

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Yard Hostler

May, the flowers should be in bloom, following the annual dusting of tree pollen. Outdoors events should not be as cool as the breezy Chatsworth event. Can't complain though. I won the Lionel train set. I suppose I will end up putting it to good use at the pediatric ward of the Northeast Regional Medical Center in Gainesville. The Piedmont Division of the MNRA set up a display for the kids and I have been taking care of it for years now. Self enclosed, with push buttons, ole Thomas may be taking a trip or two around the carnival setup.

Looking forward to a trip to Alaska in late May - June, so be ready for some photos from that excursion. Y'all enjoy your summer opportunities as well.

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