



G-Scale Get - Together . What a Great Time We Had!

The Southeast Regional G Scale Get-Together was a huge success! Garden railroaders from the south as well as California, Maine, Ohio, and elsewhere gathered in Atlanta August 22-25, 2024.

An event car for the L&N railroad was available to commemorate this special occasion. The weather was fantastic, hot but low humidity, for touring garden railroads. Guests enjoyed 14 garden railroads open for Thursday pre-tours, Friday tours, and Sunday tours. There were lots of complements and praises for the layouts from our guests.

Friday night approximately 90 attendees gathered for a Buffet Meal with short remarks from the host garden railway society as well as show vendors and other groups. A surprise was the announcement from Nashville, TN to host the 2027 NGRC. A quick vote was taken and this convention was unanimously approved! NGRC folks accepted the nomination gladly.

Saturday was an event highlight with the 65th Annual Model Train Show held at Gas South Center in Duluth. Over 1500 paid guests entered the doors and enjoyed the "all scale" show, featuring the largest vendors of G Scale in the Atlanta area since the 2018 convention.

USA Trains, BTO club, 2025 NGRC, Melovetrainz, Train Installations, and Trainz were just a few of the exhibitors. The event wrapped up on Sunday with more garden railroads open for tours.

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Terry's Train Tidbits

Nominations for 2025 officers are now being considered and will be announced in the next newsletter.

John Lees: coppermine@windstream.net is serving as Election Committee chairman. Please contact him if you have an interest in serving next year. While most of the existing board have agreed to be nominated again and have served for several years, they would not be insulted if new faces were to step forward and volunteer their services.

Remember also that you need not be an officer to serve the society as a program or one-time event coordinator as outlined in our Policies and Procedures Manual (Section 1.7) on our website.

*Terry
Manning,
President*



The Georgia Garden Railway Society as host, would like to thank all those that attended, volunteered, and supported the event through donations and promotions. We had a blast sharing our hobby with many folks during this time.

Highlights from the Southeastern Get - Together

Ted Yarbrough opened for Thursday and Sunday tours. Photo by Frank Crowe



Dave Bergmann opened his garden railroad on Sunday. Dave also owns Split Jaw and gave tours there on Thursday. Photo by Teya Caple-Woods



Carol & Dan Steidle participated in the Friday tours. Photo by Teya Caple-Woods

Sally & James Bando opened their indoor and outdoor railroads on Friday. Sally served as editor for the tour booklet as well. Photo by Teya Caple-Woods





Melina Jungst, Tom Petty, Pat Law, Bob Hussung, Michele Miller, & Steve Jungst were the hit of the Saturday show with their "Kid's Flatcar Production Workshop." With donated loads and a lot of flatcars from USA Trains, the workshop was a great hit. The list of program sponsors didn't cover all of them, but without the Jungst's leadership it would never have happened. Thanks to all who lent a hand. 20 kids were serviced on this day. Awesome !!!



Suzanna & Mike Carney's granddaughter with her loaded down flatcar.



Their grandson also participated.

As did Eileen & Tom Conrad's son and grandson.



GGRS members Aiden & Hollis Sutton participated as well.





From the Leadership of the Southeastern Get-Together

A Great Big THANK YOU to all who helped with the Southeast Regional G Scale Get-Together

The 2024 southeast Regional G Scale Get-Together has come and gone. It was designed by Garden Railroading News to take the place of national convention. Ours was just one of several regional shows and events that popped up all across the country. With hours of work put in by many people, the Southeast Regional was a success. From pre-tours of garden railroads and the Split Jaw factory on Thursday, until the final garden railroad tour ended Sunday afternoon, there were many GGRS members working to provide guests from Ohio, Virginia, Maine, North & South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, and California lots of southern hospitality. Terry Manning worked hard to keep everyone on track with schedules, financial reminders, and such. Roy Williamson recruited far more G Scale vendors for the Saturday train show than had been in the area since the 2018 convention. Emil Decker and Peter Thomas kept everyone informed with the newsletter and Facebook. Ted Yarbrough recruited the Miller, Bando, Bennett, Thomas, Steidle, Jones, Bass, Bergmann, Avery, Carney, Humphrey, Williamson, Conrad, and Foster families to open their garden railroads for tours. A show car was designed and sold by Roy Williamson. Trainz donated tote bags and opened for tours, Pam Williamson designed the show pin, and the GGRS hosted the Friday Meal complete with door prizes. GGRS board members as well as GGRS members and wives helped stuff tote bags, prepare food and set up the Friday Meal room. Sally Bando served as editor for the tour booklet. There are LOTS of people to thank for this event's success and the above are just a few. There are many more. I think everyone can agree the 2024 Southeast Regional G Scale Get-Together was a great promotion of our large scale train hobby!

Thank You,

Terry Manning, GGRS President
Roy Williamson, Event Co-Chair
Ted Yarbrough, Event Co-Chair

At The Show







Patriotic Series

America's Founding Fathers



R86555 America's Founding Fathers Cars



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P16258 Declaration Of Independence



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R86559 The United States Constitution



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R84545 The Bill of Rights

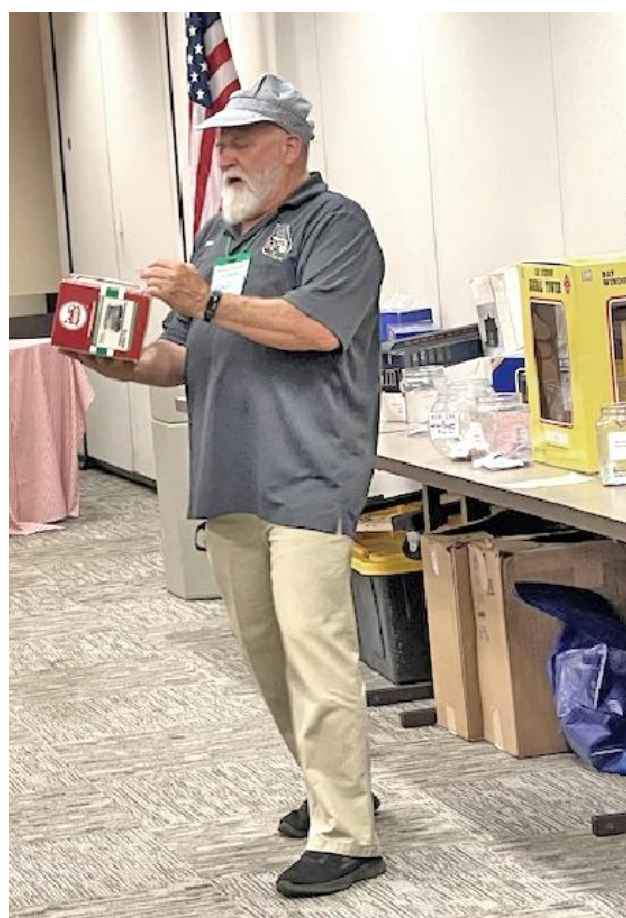




At The Banquet







Raffle Winners !







**Congratulations to
the winners, and a
very big special
thanks to the
vendors,
manufacturers, and
individuals who
supplied the gifts.**

Steve and Melinda Jungst



Emil Decker's
STICKS
+
STONES



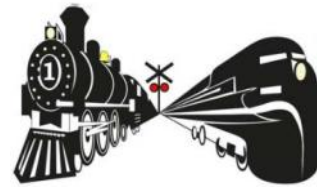
Mike Ledley

*Thank You to all the
Vendors, Manufacturers,
and Individuals who
were so generous with
their contributions to
make the "Southeastern
Get-Together" a success!*

PIKO America



Split/Jaw
Rail Clamps And More



Legacy Station
Toys & Trains

Eileen Conrad



Roy Williamson



RANDY'S
PERENNIALS & WATER GARDENS

Data from the Train Show Promoter Charlie Miller:

Feet of space **60,000 sq. Feet**
400 tables **7 layouts**

Paid attendance **1500**

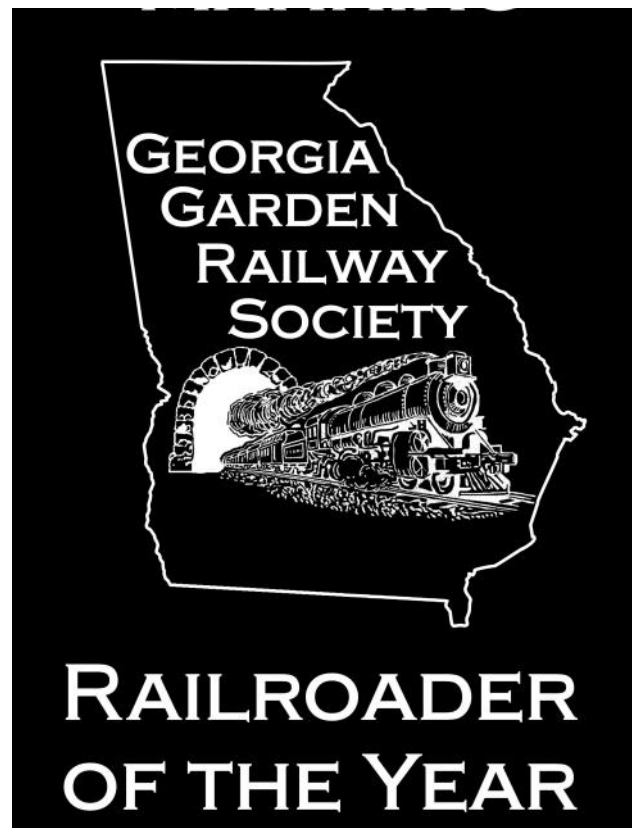
Record sales of Railroadiana, Gordy had record model train sales.

G scale helped to achieve these numbers.

Garden Railroader of the Year

Looking to the future, please submit any nominations for awarding the Garden Railroader of the Year to the Board (temanning@aol.com) as soon as possible. The award is presented at the annual meeting in January but we need time for Board review and selection. Emphasis is on activity in the previous year, so 2024 for the 2025 award, but prior activity is also often a consideration. The award is generally only given once to a person since we have so many award-winning personalities that warrant recognition, but over time the recognition has been repeated in a few cases. Occasionally the award has dual winners. Section 2.4 of our Policies and Procedures Manual lists recent honorees:

2011 Ted Yarbrough
 2012 Richard Garlinghouse
 2013 Alan Mole & Dan Michel
 2014 Chris Haon & Ra Barr
 2015 James Robinson
 2016 Dave Bennett
 2017 Cullen Reid & Russ Bundy
 2018 Dennis Bass
 2019 Ted & Deborah Yarbrough
 2020 Pam Williamson
 2021 Terry Manning
 2022 Emil Decker
 2023 Roy Williamson
 2024 James Bando
 2025 ??????





Christmas Daylight Express - New Holiday Train Ride Announcement

Join the Tennessee Valley Railroad for special Christmas Daylight Express train rides on select dates in November and December.

QUICK DETAILS:

- Ages: All Ages (Tickets: 1 and up)
 - Duration: 1 hour
 - Available: November 15 - December 23
 - Food: Candy Cane
 - Departure Location: [Chattanooga \(4119 Cromwell Rd, Chattanooga, TN\)](#)
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Daylight Christmas Ride!

The Christmas Daylight Express train rides offer all the magic of the season with an imaginary ride to the North Pole. Along the way, you'll be treated to visits with one of our friendly Reindeer and the opportunity to write your own personal letter to Santa. When you arrive at the North Pole, Santa will come on board for a special visit with all passengers.

What's Included

Ticket holders will receive a candy cane and a keepsake boarding pass.

NOTE: This is not the North Pole Limited train ride. This ride is daytime only.

Tickets and Dates

Nov. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 Dec. 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23.

[Click here to Book Now:](#)

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/tvrrail/items/561097/calendar/2024/11/?s=73mrf1xolpxhik6d8zku>

"Heartland of America" Big Boy No. 4014 Tour Schedule Released

We know you're excited and so are we to announce more details for the upcoming "Heartland of America" Tour.

Big Boy No. 4014's tour will start **Wednesday, Aug. 28** in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and pass through nine states: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas. The eight-week tour concludes in late October.

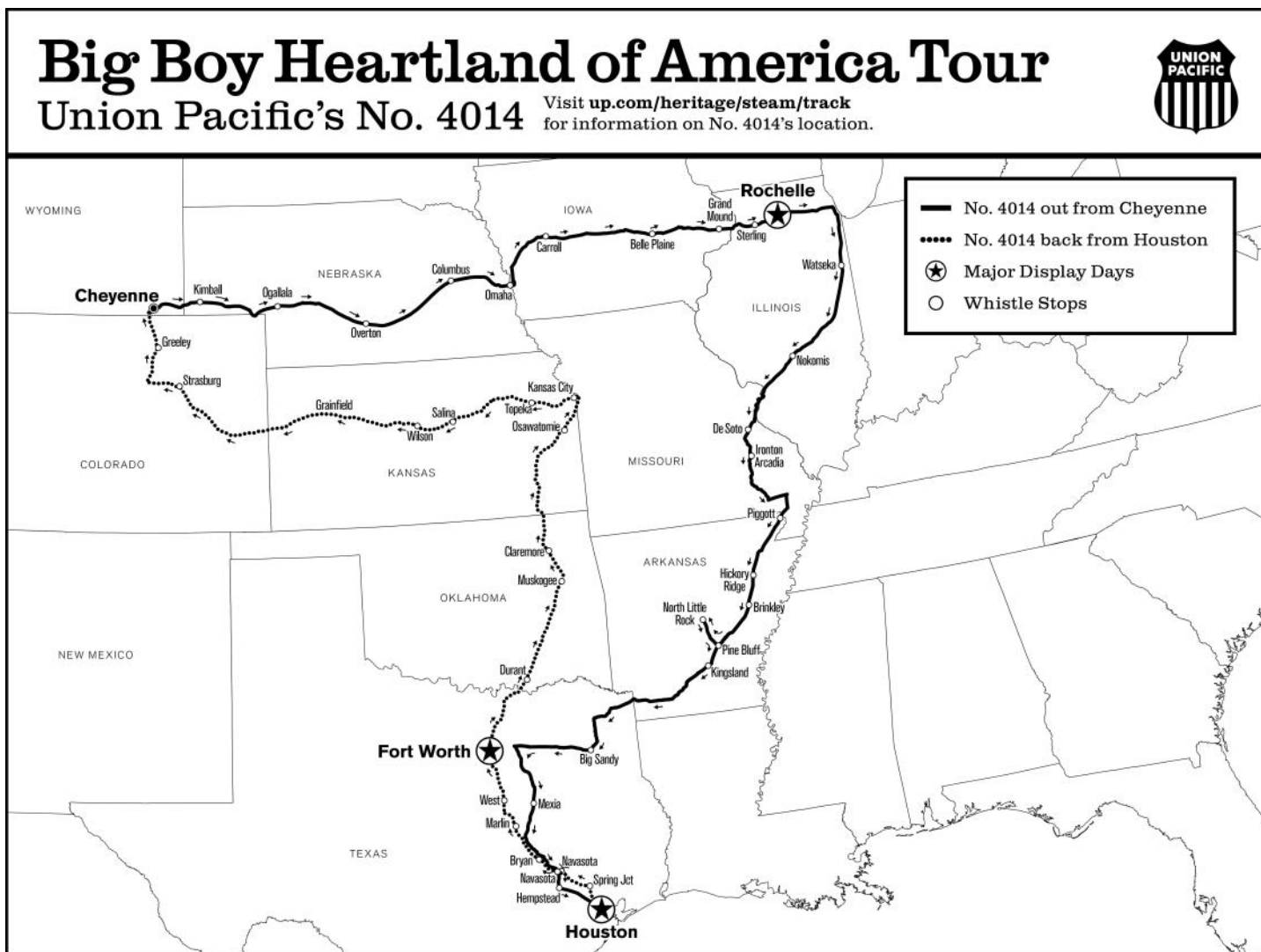
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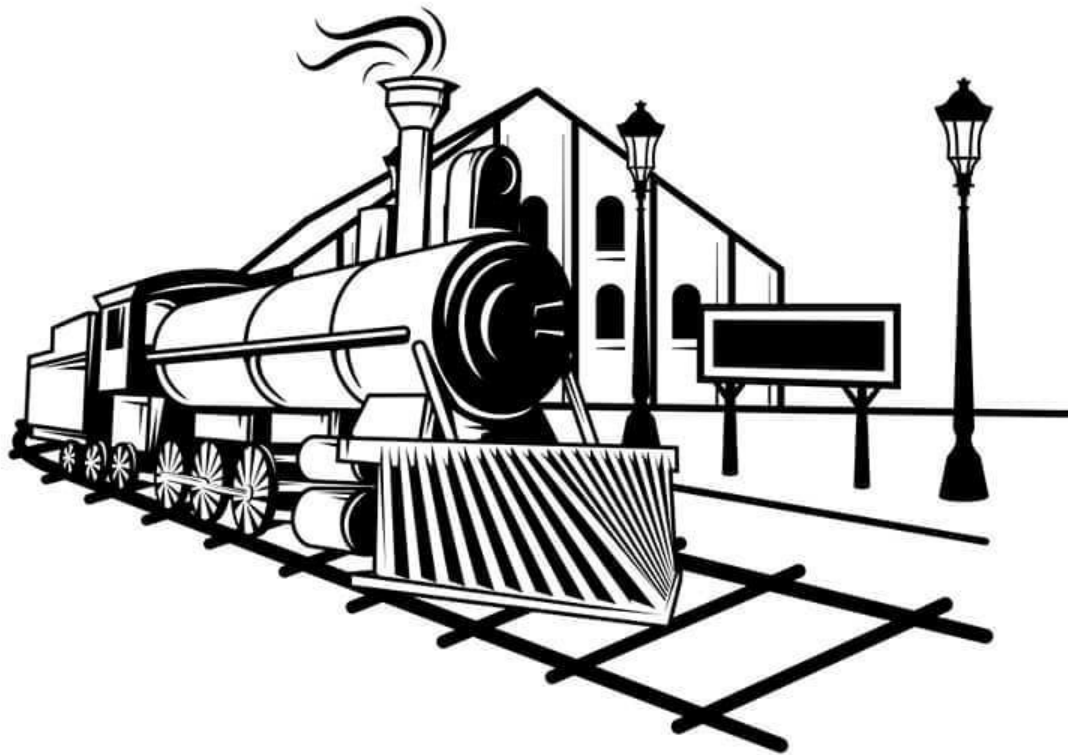
Sunday, Sept. 8: Rochelle, Illinois (Chicago metro area)

Sunday, Oct. 6: Houston, Texas

Thursday/Friday, Oct. 10-11: Fort Worth, Texas

More than three dozen additional whistle-stops in communities across our network are also scheduled. Due to the length of this tour, there is an extended servicing stop in late September lasting two weeks. You can view the entire [steam schedule](https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/track) online at [UPsteam.com](https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/track).





2025 Midwest Garden Railroad Gathering June 4 thru June 7, 2025

Sponsored by the Tulsa Garden Railroad Club

Expo 24 Cross- ville Model Rail- road Club

The bad news is our group is still looking for a place to call home and rebuild our O, HO, N, G, and even Z layouts. Huge amounts of energy and time have been invested. There have been some interesting prospects, but the light at the end of the tunnel got turned off.

There is however good GREAT news. We will be hosting another edition of our Expo train show and swap meet.

The dates are Friday and Saturday October 25 & 26.

The place is the same as last year, Oaklawn Baptist Church social hall 3977 US 70 East, Crossville TN 38555.

The show hours are 9 to 4 both days. Thursday afternoon Oct 24 the hall will be open for setting up. We are welcoming a new traveling modular FreeMo HO layout from the Central Railway Museum crmha.org and the Chattanooga Modular Modelers Club chattmodmod.org layout.

There will be room for ~40 tables, 20 are spoken for already. Cost is \$15 per space if you bring your own furniture, \$30 per 8 foot table if you use one of ours.

For further details or to book table space contact crossvilletrains@gmail.com

Membership Report

Sept 2024

Has everyone recovered from the very busy and successful 2024 Southeast Regional Get-Together weekend in August?

As reported in the August newsletter, we received five new GGRS family memberships who joined when they registered for the get-together. Again, welcome!

Also in August, Bruce and Cindy Scohy from Ohio, rejoined GGRS. Welcome back, we missed you!

On Saturday, August 24th, at the 65th Atlanta Model Train Show at Gas South Convention Center in Duluth, the Georgia Garden Railway Society membership table was up and running. I'm happy to report that four more families became members of GGRS.

Whenever you may see the following at future events, please be sure to welcome them –

Todd & Jeane Alexander from Hull, GA
Ed & Kathy Karpinski from Madison, GA
Mark Thomas from Hoschton, GA
Shawn & Tami Wagner from Auburn, GA

I will start collecting 2025 Georgia Garden Railway Society family dues, \$25, at the September meeting (which is before this newsletter). Dues cover calendar year 2025, January 1st thru December 31st. Please make checks payable to GGRS. You may also mail checks to address below:

Note to - Bob Avery and Russ & Leslie Bundy – you have paid your 2025 dues!

Remember the up-dated photo directory is now available on the GGRS website where you can make a copy for your personal use. If we do not have a photo of you before the end of the year for our 2025 directory, please be sure to see me at the next meeting to have one taken.

Please send your \$25 check for renewal or new membership made out to “GGRS” to:

Ginny Manning
1201 Timber Glen Court
Lilburn, GA 30047

Thank you,
Ginny, Membership Chair

NMRA - National Model Railroad Association

Southeastern Region will host the 2026 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show in Chattanooga, Tennessee July 27 - August 2, 2026.



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
Vines Gardens Railway Opening	3500 Oak Grove Road, Loganville, GA	Aug, & Sep	Trains run 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10 AM until 2 PM, weather permitting.
G-Scale Southeast Regional Get - Together	Gas South Convention Center, Duluth, GA + GGRS Territory	Aug 23 - 25, 2024	Don't You Miss This ! !
GGRS Club Mtg	Dan & Carol Steidle Cumming, GA	Sep 14, 2024	Annual Buy Sell and Trade
GGRS Club Mtg	Canton and St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, in Canton, GA	Oct 26, 2024 10:00 - 2:00	7.5 gauge ride on. Very long track!
Trains, Trains, Trains!	Southern Locomotive and Civil War Museum, Kennesaw, GA	Jan 25 - 26, 2025	Planning in Progress

Volunteers in January

For several years, GGRS has done a layout at the annual "Trains, Trains, Trains" show at the museum in Kennesaw. We believe that event will take place January 25-26 (with set-up on Friday, January 24). We usually get notified by the museum staff requesting the names of anyone in our group who might be volunteering with us for a full day on either of the weekend dates. Those members are provided lunch and are given a long-sleeve "Trains, Trains, Trains" T-shirt by the museum. About October, we are



often asked for such a list of volunteers and what size T-shirt they wear. Planning ahead, please contact President Manning (temanning@aol.com) before October 15 with your T-shirt size if you plan to participate and would like the T-shirt and/or lunch.

NOV. 23rd & 24th IN MILWAUKEE

**TICKETS
ON SALE NOW!**

Trainfest
America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show

Tickets are now available for Trainfest 2024! November 23rd and 24th Trainfest will be at the Baird Center in Milwaukee with over 170,000 square feet of model railroad layouts, products, and more! America's largest operating model railroad show features something for all enthusiasts, modelers, and collectors.

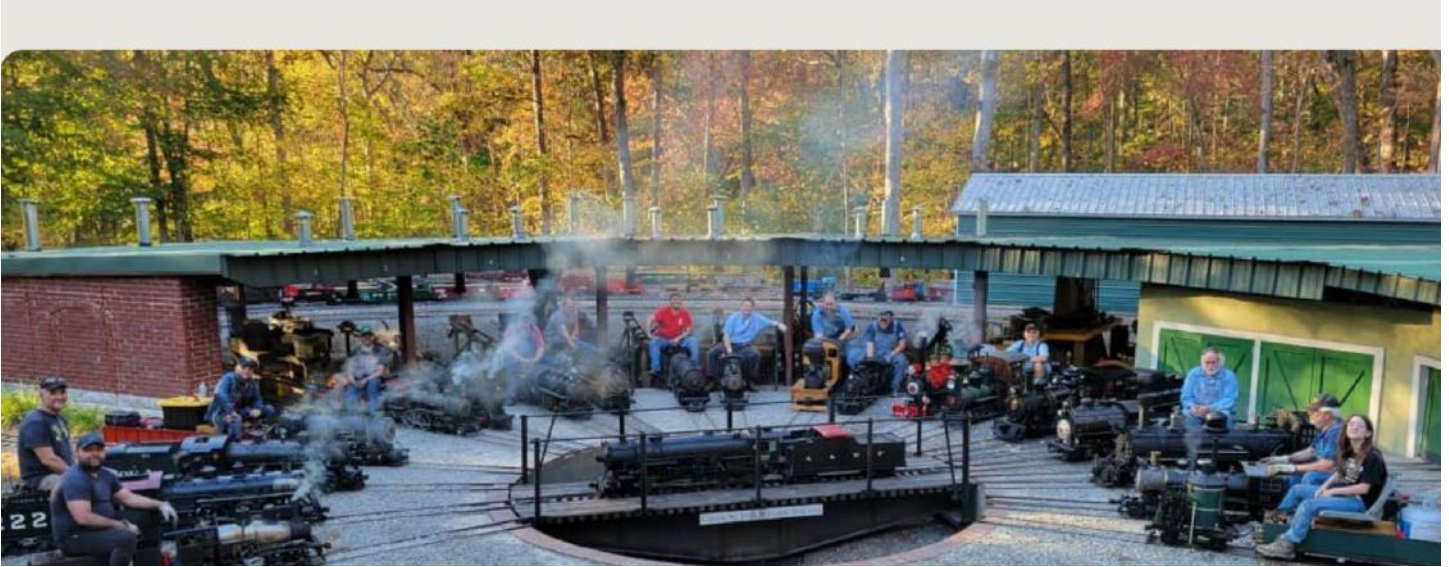
Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of miniature railroading with:

- Beautifully designed and built model train layouts in operation.
- Dozens of model railroad manufacturers.
- Over 50 operating model train displays in many different sizes and scales.
- Over 500 tables of train related merchandise for sale
- Free riding Thomas the Tank Engine for kids.



October Club Meeting in Canton, GA on October 26th at the Canton and St. Paul & Pacific Railroad

Celebrating 25 Years!



CStP&P Mission Statement

The CSP&P Railway was incorporated for educational purposes and to expand general knowledge of the important role that railroads have played in our lives and history. We focus on inventions and developments of railroads in America and around the world, along with metalworking and fabrication skills and techniques of that era.



About Our Organization

The Canton, St. Paul, & Pacific Railway is a 7.5" gauge live steam railroad. The phrase "live steam" refers to any scale model that operates in the same manner as the full size prototype. "Live steam" can be stationary engines, traction engines, boats, and in our case, railroad locomotives.

Throughout the history of live steam railroading, scale steam locomotives have comprised the majority of locomotives being built by hobbyists. In more recent years, more enthusiasts are building scale models of modern diesel-electric locomotives. Unlike scale steam engines which operate exactly like their full size counterparts, these are usually gasoline or electrically powered.

Located on twelve acres of virgin forest that are protected by the Foothills Land Conservancy, our railroad was built and is maintained by a handful of hard working members using mostly hand tools, picks, shovels, and steam or diesel locomotive power.

Live steam locomotives and rolling stock are generally built by individuals in their own machine shops during their free time. Equipment is transported to and from the railroad with pickup trucks, trailers, etc. This methodology allows live steam hobbyists to take their equipment to other live steam organizations across the country.

Canton, St Paul & Pacific Railroad
October 26, 2024
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
N. Crisler Street
Canton, GA 30114

Highballing down the Track

The Sacramento Garden Railway Society will be hosting the 2025 Convention. If California hasn't slid off into the Pacific by then, maybe you will join them. It will be the 40th Anniversary, (with a few years missing).

While there is very little online at this time, you can put your email into the mix and receive updates as the time draws closer. Go to:

<https://ngrc2025.org/>

and provide your email address, then check back often as info gets added.

2025 National Garden Railway Convention's Accucraft Diesel Locomotive and Caboose.



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.



GEORGIA *on my mind!*

BIG TRAIN OPERATOR CLUB
CONVENTION/HELEN, GA
JULY 13-18, 2025

Celebrating 47 years!



Ride the Rails

A Fundraiser to benefit Tri-State Model Railroaders and the Historic Mineral Bluff Depot!



**When: October 26-27, 2024
November 29-30, 2024**

Trips continuously scheduled from Noon through 3 PM

Where: Historic L&N Depot, 150 Railroad Avenue
Mineral Bluff, Georgia 30559

Fun to be had: A 5-mile round-trip ride by **Railroad Motor Car** traveling through the Iron Bridge over the beautiful Toccoa River to Murphy Junction and returning over the bridge back to the Historic Mineral Bluff Depot. Then take a short ride on the genuine **Railroad Hand Car**. Real fun for all ages.

Special for children: Ride the miniature 7½ gauge hand car for free!

Also, visit inside the Depot and see the progress being made on the large "HO Scale" model railroad based on the L&N Railroad's "Old Line" from Atlanta, Ga to Etowah, TN, and the branch line through Mineral Bluff to Murphy, North Carolina. Come see everything that's new! Participate in the operation of a train. Free parking!

Cash and Charge cards (except Amex) accepted.

Suggested Donation: MOTOR CAR- \$15.00 - Adults
\$5.00 Ages 3-12

HAND CAR - \$2.00 - Per person/per trip
Mini Hand Car - Free - to all ages

Come ride the Motor Cars

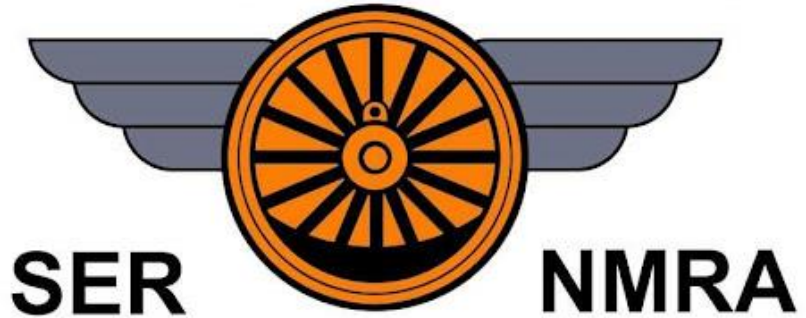
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423-299-3914



PIEDMONT DIVISION



It is time to begin planning the 2024 Piedmont Pilgrimage, the annual tour event of the greater Atlanta area's great model railroads.

The 2024 Pilgrimage will take place for five weekends starting Saturday, October 26. As always tours are typically scheduled to last four hours with morning tours beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturdays, 11:00 AM on Sundays, and afternoon tours beginning at 1:00 PM on both days. Hosts may also request to be open all day.

If you are new to the NMRA or our division and are not familiar with the Piedmont Pilgrimage please check out the official website.

<https://piedmontpilgrimage.com/>

The Rip Track

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

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.)

Engineer's Wish List

Sally Bando | 404.550.4816 | sbandogeorgia@comcast.net

Machine embroidery designs & themes on shirts and gifts.
Prices upon request. Company and group projects welcome.

Embroidery Design and Gifts
Georgia Garden Railway Society
Club Shirts
Each Shirt will have the club logo
on included in the price.

Contact Sally for other designs



**"The truth
is not in
the touch
of a stone,
but in
what the
stone tells
you."**

Rene Denfeld

sticksNstones@weegrr.com

Men's	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	Price
Grey Pocket t-shirt							\$10.00
Carbon or Burgundy Polo							\$20.00
Carbon or Burgundy Pocket Polo							\$20.00
Long Sleeve Denim							\$22.00
Short Sleeve Denim							\$22.00
Name on Men's Shirt		(Specify Name)					\$5.00
Ladies	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	Price
Grey T-shirt							\$10.00
Carbon or Burgundy Polo							\$20.00
Long Sleeve Denim							\$22.00
Name on Ladies shirt		(Specify Name)					\$5.00

New Live Steam and more...
from our Custom Shop



ACCUCRAFT 2-6-6T Mason Bogie
Live Steam, Gorgeous Livery!



ASTER BEYER-GARRET 4-8-4+4-8-4 NO. 6020
LIVE STEAM COAL OR GAS



The Australian "Big Boy"
Over 41 inches of mechanical motion!!
See our video of this amazing model.

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The NEW TRAINZ
facility is coming
along. Gonna be a
great and shall we
say, MOVING
experience. Stay
tuned for more
details!





After a series of tech challenges culminating in the sudden & unforewarned expiry of my laptop, E4 is out. Better late than never.

**Here is the easy link
to share with your members**

GR News E4 2024 Easy Link

BTW - You and your members can **ALWAYS** go to to the GR News website and read/download the latest edition.

You and your members can also access the past 21 editions of GR News and a lot of other GR resources

This is the link to the GR News website.

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

Yard Hostler

Boy, the Southeastern Get-Together was a great success. Thanks to all who helped make it possible. But the fun isn't over yet.... The year ain't finished, and we are already lining up fun for 2025. Make sure you stay affiliated, active, and accessible.

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