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After Hurricane Irma , September 2017

**Canton, St Paul & Pacific
Railroad
North Crisler Street
Canton, GA 30114**

October 26, 2024

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. GGRS's October Club Meeting will be held at the Canton, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad in Canton, GA hosted by Pam & Roy Williamson. We will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for GGRS attendees as well as the C-St.P &P Railway members.

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Terry's Train Tidbits

Our yard did not suffer from the recent storms (our neighbor's downed trees hit the other neighbors!). However, it reminded me of years past when a freak windstorm made our G-scale town of Mount Jefferson look like a scene from Asheville. Hopefully y'all also escaped damage this time around, although I know the Williamsons took a serious hit. If not, send your photos to our editor so we can commiserate with you!

*Terry
Manning, President*



The Canton, St. Paul, & Pacific Railway

Please use Signup Genius to advise if you will be attending and what you will be bringing to round out our luncheon with burger and dog toppings as well as your famous sides and desserts.

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Sign Up!!!!!!



September GGRS Meeting at the Steidel's









Membership Report



Membership News – October 2024

Please join me in welcoming our latest three new family members –

Richard & Rebecca Chitwood from Cumming, GA

Paul Dallas from Watkinsville, GA

Douglas & Matthew Fields from Cumming, GA

At the September monthly meeting I started collecting the 2025 Georgia Garden Railway Society family dues. The following families have paid their membership dues for 2025 -

Alexander/Parber, Avery, Bundy, Chitwood, Dallas, Fields, Herzler, Hewitt, Humphrey, Jones, Karpinski, Lank, Manning, Porter, Reh, Ruff, Scohy, Thomas, Tidd, Wagner, Warren, Weeks, White, Williamson, Yarbrough

If everyone who are members now pays - - - our membership would be up to **85!**

Dues cover the 2025 calendar year of January 1st thru December 31st.

As of January 1, 2025, dues for Georgia Garden Railway Society will be **\$30** for a year. If you pay before January 1, 2025, you can still pay \$25 for the calendar year. **SO DON'T BE LATE!**

Please send your \$25 check for renewal or new membership payable to "GGRS" to:

Ginny Manning
1201 Timber Glen Court
Lilburn, GA 30047

Thank you,
Ginny, Membership Chair

TWO CONVENTIONS IN 2025! By Ted Yarbrough

The National Garden Railway Convention will return in 2025 having been absent in 2024 because no club bid to host. Next year's event will be in Sacramento, California. Yes, it is all the way across the country, but will be well worth the effort and expense to attend. California's weather is ideal for garden railroading and Northern California has plenty of great layouts to see. The vendor hall will be packed with manufacturers and retailers, so there will be many bargains to be had. The BBQ will be held at the California State Railroad Museum. It is possibly the finest railroad museum in the United States! There will be a convention locomotive AND car. Matthew Abreu, the convention chairman, was in attendance at the recent Southeast Regional event here in Atlanta promoting the convention. The event will be June 18-22 and more info will be available shortly. I hope some GGRS members will attend.

The second convention is the Big Train Operators Club (BTO). Teya Caple-Woods, BTO board member, was also at the regional event last month promoting their 2025 convention. This group held a convention earlier this year, in the same Pennsylvania location as their 2022 event. We received the fantastic news just before the Southeast Regional that the 2025 BTO Convention will be in Helen, Georgia. That is almost in our back yard (compared to Sacramento). In order to attend, one must also be a member of the BTO Club (\$50.00 annually and includes quarterly magazine and wall calendar).

Registration info can be found at <https://bigtrainoperator.com>. There is a contest to register new members, so when you join, check the box that you were referred by a current member and choose either Ted Yarbrough, Emil Decker, or Terry Manning (*select one*) (*Editor: Me, me, ...pick me!*) in the space provided, please. The BTO Convention dates are July 13-18, 2025. This organization is smaller than the traditional NGRC convention, but has lots of fun including train rides, vendor hall, layout tours, banquet, **AND LOTS of DOOR PRIZES!** I know you will want to attend at least one of these events, maybe even both!

Please ask me if you have any questions about either of these events.

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 |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| GGRS Club Mtg | YOU? WHO? Sign up now | Openings Available | Start Planning Now |
| GGRS Club Mtg | Richard and Rebecca Chitwood of Cumming | Jun ?, 2025 | New members step forward |

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 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. Around October, we are often asked



for 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!**



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.

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Celebrating 25 Years!



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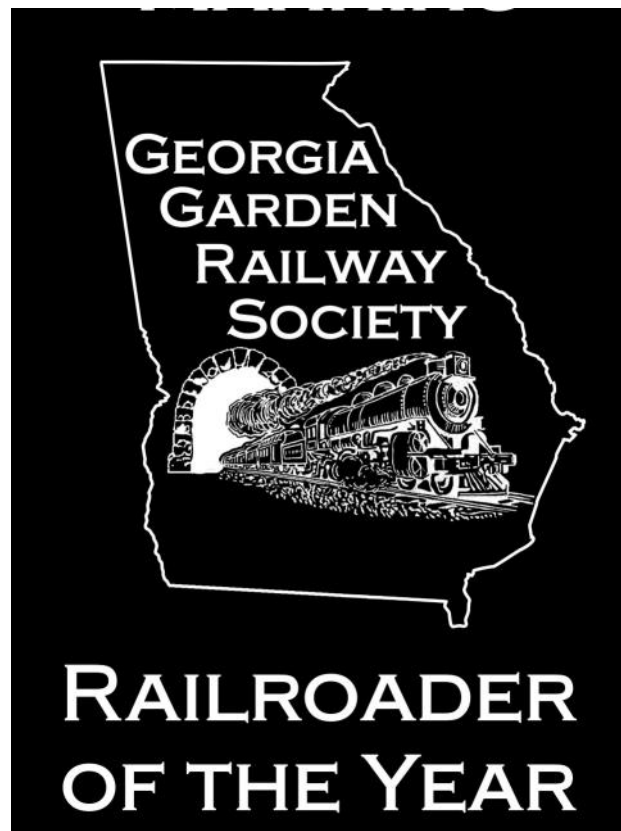
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Garden Railroader of the Year

Looking to the future, please submit nominations for awarding the Garden Railroader of the Year to the Board as soon as possible (temanning@aol.com). The award is presented at the annual meeting in January but time is needed by the Board for review and selection. Emphasis is on activity during the previous year, so 2024 for the 2025 award, but activity in prior years is 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 ??????



"I know it's yesterday's ticket! That's when I got on this bloody train!"

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.





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.

Admission Available At The Door!

\$8 One Day, \$14 Two Day
 Kids 12 & Under Free

For Early Bird Admission, Updates, Hotels & MORE visit our website!
www.greatlakestrainexpo.com

Interested in being a Vendor or Exhibitor?

Preferred method: Visit our website to fill out the request form.
 Alternate Method: Call or email us.



Contact Us

(330) 779-1982

showinfo@greatlakestrainexpo.com

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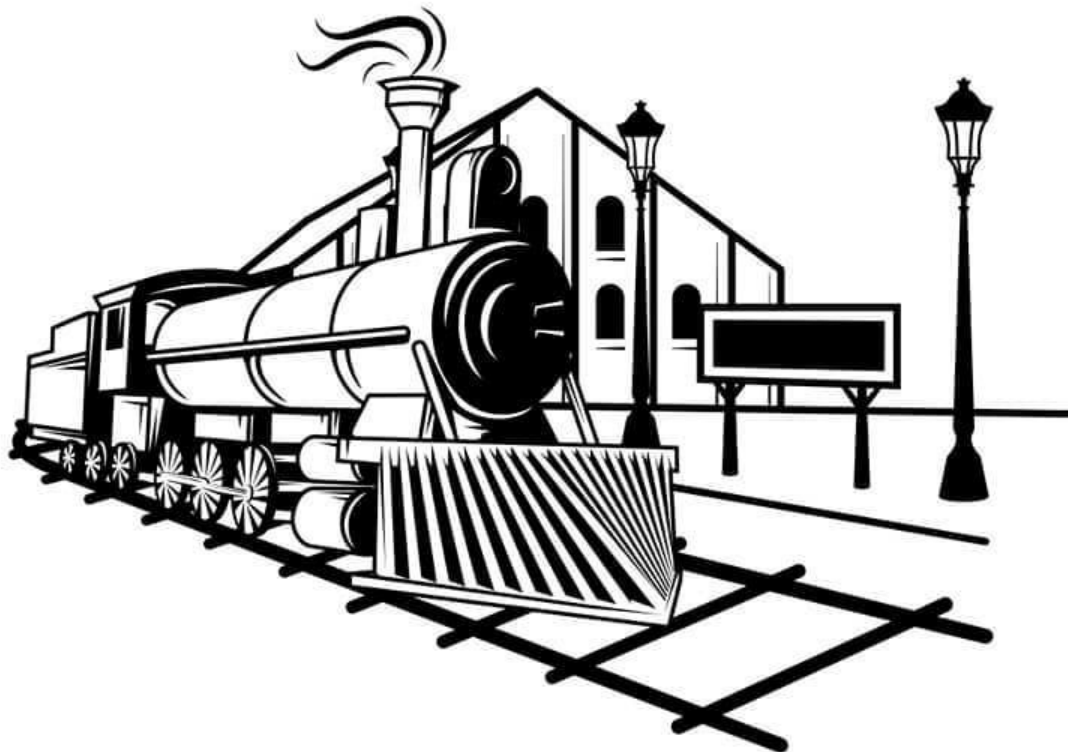


MAY 9-10
 2025
 10 AM - 4 PM

METROPLEX
 EXPO CENTER
 1620 MOTOR INN DR
 GIRARD, OH 44420



Free Parking & Onsite ATM!



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](http://chattmodmod.org).

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

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

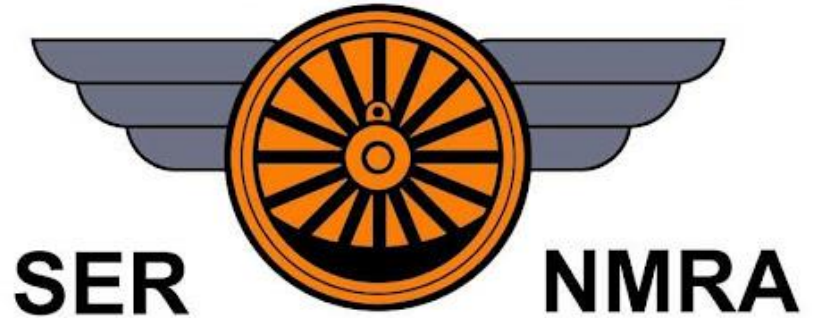
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PIEDMONT DIVISION



The Piedmont Pilgrimage has begun. Get out there and see some truly marvelous layouts.

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
Embroidery Design & Gifts
by On-Line Consign, Inc.
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 |



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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!



First introduced in 2021, we have done our first design upgrade.

Some modular layout clubs had asked for a reinforced version. We thought that was a good idea, so we decided to make the upgrade for **ALL** of our drawbridges.

Effective October 1, 2024, the heavy duty hinge design will be incorporated in all new shipments, at no extra cost for our customers.

Bridges (and Hurricanes) An update from Split Jaw



- Hurricane Update -

Some of you have very kindly asked about the hurricane impact to Split Jaw Products.

Our home office is in St Petersburg, Florida and our manufacturing is in Peachtree City, Georgia. Our manufacturing operations are 100% OK, but our St Petersburg home took serious damage from both storms. Our family are all safe, and after a few days, got our power back. We ARE making shipments, but some items will be delayed until Nov. 11.

We can repair the damage and replace the lost things. So many people have it much worse. Please keep those who lost everything in your thoughts and prayers.

If you have any questions about your orders, please check our [home page](#) for updates, or feel free to write: david@railclamp.com.

Time for Some Christmas Shopping??

The Kennesaw museum advised Sally that they have Christmas rail cars for G-scale in their store. There are other scale items as well. While the items in front are Lionel, some of the boxes say "Large Scale", so you just need to drop by and see. They are \$45 each plus shipping but can be purchased here at the museum as well. If you are a museum member you can use your 20% off the price.



Yard Hostler

Sure wish I could join the fun at Canton, St. Paul & Pacific RR. It's my favorite 7.5" gauge route. Its been too long, but I have obligations elsewhere. Rats!!!! You never been there?? Oh heavens, go - go - go! Remember to submit your nomination for Railroader of the year, and pay them dues before they go up. See you at the next station.

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