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G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together Is Here!

This month the Georgia Garden Railway Society hosts the largest event we have hosted since the 2018 National Garden Rail Convention. The NGRG planning committee determined there would NOT be a National Garden Railway Convention this year. Their recommendation was for regions around the country to host smaller regional events. The GGRS jumped on that option, and combined the event date with the Atlanta Train Show. Combining the events will provide more opportunity to visit layouts and shop even more vendors of all scales. Our plan is to provide the makings for a fantastic weekend.

Layouts and touring opportunities as early as Thursday; Friday tours, evening picnic buffet style banquet & door prizes; Saturday Train Show extravaganza; followed by more touring opportunities on Sunday. And at a price you can easily afford. Haven't made the reservations yet? It's NOT too late. You still have time to join in on the fun!

At the risk of being repetitive, I am posting the opportunities available article, pitching it at you again for the "First Time" as a second time original ONE TIME EXCLUSIVE

..... AGAIN.... For the first time!Again!!

[Have I reached you now?]

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Terry's Train Tidbits

This is my last opportunity to promote the upcoming 2024 G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together with events as early as Thursday, August 22, but most will be held Friday thru Sunday, August 23-25.

We will soon reach our cap of 100 dinner reservations for that Friday, so don't delay your registration if you have an interest in attending. About two dozen fabulous door prizes will be on hand for that event! The deadline of July 15 for member sign-up for space in the separate White Elephant Sale at the train show on that Saturday has passed. We hope you take the opportunity to shop for bargains from our own GGRS members at the White Elephant Sale. Details on various activities are of course highlighted in more detail throughout this edition of our newsletter!



Terry Manning, President

Remember, Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi River. Travel times for navigator driving distances can be deceiving due to heavy traffic flow in metro-Atlanta counties, especially on Interstates. Our effort has been to try to group yard tours as close together as possible geographically, however volunteer schedules do not necessarily allow strict adherence to this effort. The uniqueness of some yard layouts that could be of special interest to specific visitors also led us to "cheat" a little in scheduling layouts/tours geographically-close on some dates. Also several vendors willing to open their businesses to tours could also only be accommodated on specific dates.

Thursday, August 22 – Driving South on I-75 - Side Trips With History & Shopping To Keep You Busy

Driving South into Georgia on I-75

If you're in route to the host hotel or other Thursday night lodgings you will find the layout of the family of Past Georgia Garden Railway Society (GGRS) President, Ted Yarbrough, open for tours in Chatsworth, Georgia, from 1-5, at 212 Love Drive in Chatsworth. You'll enjoy the interesting track designs and landscaping.

Railroad & Civil War History North of Dalton

The Western & Atlantic Tunnel at the Tunnel Hill Heritage Center & Museum is open 10:00 to 4:00 on Thursdays at 215 Clisby Austin Drive in Tunnel Hill. You can walk or ride a golf cart through the tunnel at the site where the General locomotive passed through during the Great Locomotive Chase.

Southern Museum of Civil War and Railroad History

Located at 2829 Cherokee Street, Kennesaw, this well laid out museum is a short distance from the interstate and features the famous locomotive "The General" of Civil War and the "Great Locomotive Chase" fame (pictured below). The museum houses a collection of artifacts from the American Civil War, as well as railroads of Georgia. The GGRS participates in several of their special events each year.



trains and railroading accessories called Lindy's Trains, an outlet for Trainz.com. This is 1 of 6 such used train booths around the Southeast, including those in Monroe, Lavonia, Braselton, and Buford in Georgia.



Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

This 3,000 acre park features the study of one of Georgia's best known Civil War battles and the opportunity for outdoor activity such as hiking, horseback riding, and picnicking.

Calhoun Outlet Marketplace

Located adjacent to the freeway near Calhoun, this moderate size outlet mall opens at 11:00 a.m. and features Nike, Coach, Adidas, Old Navy, Direct Tools, Carter's and more.

Cobb Antique Mall Includes a TrainZ Outlet

This mall at 2800 Canton Road in Marietta opens at 10:00 a.m. One booth is dedicated to used model



Etowah Indian Mounds in Cartersville

This is one of the more important pre-historic Indian settlements in the Southeast. The 54 acres feature 3 large ceremonial mounds, 4 smaller domiciliary mounds, and a museum open daily.

Thursday Afternoon Only, August 22 – South Side of Atlanta**Bridges, Rail Clamps, and Track Accessories in Peachtree City, Georgia**

South of Atlanta off I-85 is the factory for Split Jaw Products - famous for its large bridges and rail clamps. The address is 100 NAECO Way, Peachtree City, GA 30269. The Split Jaw Team will provide a tour of the factory facility and 10% discount on any purchase. **Hosted Tours will be at 1 pm and 2:30 pm Thursday**

afternoon. You are welcome to arrive early and relax in their conference room. Tour times are strictly adhered to since Split Jaw is located within a secure Aerospace factory. If you are curious how rail clamps and bridges are made, come see what they have running. You might also get a sneak preview of a new product or two. Yes, they also have a G scale garden train. The facility closes at 4pm. If you miss the tour, Split Jaw will be one of the vendors at the event on Saturday.



While in the area, you can also add a garden railway yard tour at 450 S. Peachtree Parkway V303 in Peachtree City where Tom & Eileen Conrad will be open an additional day on this Thursday from 1:00 to 5:00.

Thursday, August 22 – Driving South on I-85 - Look for Antiques and Train Bargains**Antiques and Used Trains Just Over the Border in Lavonia**

Open at 10:00 a.m. at 180 Lauren Drive, there is a used train accessories booth at the Lavonia Antique Market called Lindy's Trains. See previous notes for Cobb Antique Mall.

Antiques in Braselton

"A Flea Market" at 10101 Davis Street is a couple minutes off the freeway with a wide range of antiques and collectibles.

Tanger Outlet Center in Commerce

This mall at 800 Steven B. Tanger Boulevard and adjoining business will keep you busy for a while. Mall stores open at 9:00 a.m. and include Coach, Under Armour, Levi's, and Adidas.

Shopping at Mall of Georgia

This is Gwinnett County's super 2-story indoor mall at 3333 Buford Drive in Buford with 225 stores and services – the largest in Georgia. Adjacent businesses add hundreds of other shopping opportunities. You name it and it's probably in the vicinity along with many name brand eating places as well.

Thursday, August 22 – Free Time Near the Host Hotel and Convention Center

If you arrive in the area early on Thursday, you may enjoy some of these sites:

Sugarloaf Mills Shopping Center

While Gwinnett Place Mall is nearby, only a mile from the host hotel at 5900 Sugarloaf Parkway is a unique large, indoor mall that features stores such as Tommy Hilfiger, Polo, Skechers, Saks Off 5th, Ross, Books-a-Million and others.

Medieval Times hosts dinners and tournaments here. A Bass-Pro Shop serves those with outdoor interests.

Upscale Antiques in Buford

The Buford Queen of Hearts Antique Mall at 4125 GA Highway 20 has an upscale variety of antiques and decor including one booth dedicated to low scale used model trains and railroading accessories called **Lindy's Trains** which is an outlet for **Trainz.com**. This is 1 of 6 such used train booths around the Southeast, including those in Monroe, Lavonia, and Marietta in Georgia.



Southeastern Railway Museum

This museum features a wide variety of transportation history at 3595 Buford Highway in Duluth and is open 10-5 on Thursdays-Saturdays and 12 -5 on Sunday. It hosts over 90 cars of railroad rolling stock on 30 acres. Short train rides are often included in admission prices.



Stone Mountain Park



This attraction in Stone Mountain near I-285 and Highway 78 on the east side of the Atlanta outer belt has the largest attendance in the South outside Disney World. It has hiking trails, a plantation tour, steamboat rides, a train ride around the mountain, beaches, fishing, museums, a lift to the top of the mountain, the famous Confederate Memorial etched into this huge piece of granite, and other activities.

Legacy Station Toys & Trains Is a Source of G-Scale Buildings

A short ride from Stone Mountain Park, or 10 minutes from the host hotel, is Legacy Station at 4153 Lawrenceville Highway NW in

Lilburn. It offers an extra 10% off your purchase Thursday-Saturday from 10-6 (extended hours available by appointment). Prices may already be reduced on Studio 54 collectibles and select model train items. It particularly features model trains of all scales and has the largest on - shelf inventory of new Piko buildings and track in Central Georgia. One room is dedicated to a large model train layout. *They are not one of the vendors on Saturday at the train show.*



Randy's Perennials & Water Gardens

Located at 523 West Crogan Street (Highway 29) in Lawrenceville, this nursery features koi fish and pond accessories of interest to garden railroaders and a variety of southern plants.

Thursday, August 22 – At the Host Hotel

Finally on Thursday, whether you're local or visiting from out of the region, the lobby at Embassy Suites at 2029 Satellite Boulevard in Duluth will be open to pick up your Registration Package from 4 - 7 pm.

The package will include a Get-Together Souvenir Bag provided by TrainZ. Included in the bag will be a Yard Tour Booklet providing information and addresses on all of the yard tours and vendor businesses, a map for planning tours, map of G-scale vendors planned for the Saturday train show, a \$1 discount coupon for each family member toward admission to the train show, 2 Get-Together Souvenir Pins for a family registration, name tags, passes to the Friday dinner if purchased, your Get-Together Car(s) if ordered, coupons for area shopping, and other "items or stuff."

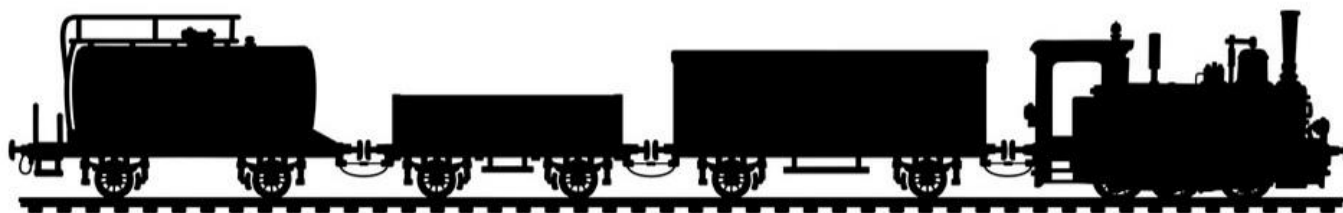
Friday, August 24 – Yard and Business Tours and Get-Together Dinner

Convention Packages Available Again 7 - 9 am

Attendees who have not picked up a Convention Package on Thursday night, may pick them up from 7-9am Friday morning at the hotel (or Friday night at the dinner if attending).

Yard Tours

Tours are scheduled from 10:00 to 4:00 on Friday. Attendees can choose their tour route based on their preferences as described in the Yard Tour Booklet. Future updates may outline a "best" route to follow to cover the most territory in the least amount of time.



Business Tours

Yard Tour Booklet includes two garden railroading businesses that can be visited on Friday. Both will also have booths at the Saturday train show.

David Bennett operates **Train Installations** in Woodstock and travels the country installing (and uninstalling) train layouts of all scales both indoors and outdoors. Stop by to get some ideas for your layout or to perhaps find some used G-scale train accessories or track on sale.

The **TrainZ** warehouse in Buford is one of the nation's largest businesses for used train accessories. You can shop directly for great bargains on this one date.



Dinner Get-Together

The Dinner Get-Together on Friday night will feature an indoor 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. The Get-Together will include door prizes, raffles, tips on additional area shopping, 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.



Saturday, August 24 - 65th Atlanta Model Train Show

The Train Show will be held at the Gas South Convention Center, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, Georgia 30097. The show is operated separately from our garden society and has its own admission fee but has worked with us to feature about 60 tables of G-scale products for the show this year. A \$1 discount coupon for admission is in the Registration Package. Anyone who has not yet received their Registration Package can pick it up in the lobby of the train show at the GGRS Membership Table from 7-9. Parking at the show is a separate fee, but is about one block walking distance for those lodging at the host hotel.

While one member of the family may be engrossed in shopping for an extended time, it is convenient for another member of the family to go shopping at the nearby Sugarloaf Mills Shopping Center previously outlined using coupons from your Convention Package! **GGRS will host a 3-table White Elephant Sale at the show.**

The vendor area will also feature a **G-Scale Kids' Make & Take Workshop** by Steve and Melinda Jungst of Nashville. Kids aged 6 to 15 can make a flatcar load, run it on a show layout, and take the car and load home with them. A \$10 fee for the workshop is payable at the workshops for either 10:30am or 12:30pm.

Space is limited.

65th Atlanta Model Train Show

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Next Show Date: January 18, 2025

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Sunday, August 25 – Yard Tours

Tours are scheduled from 10:00 to 4:00 on Sunday. Attendees will choose their tour route based on their preferences as described in the Yard Tour Booklet.

BELOW:

The Pins are in, and ready for the show. They are really nice, with two attachment pins and are heavy. A really quality souvenir.



Membership Report

July 2024

Summertime isn't as busy for new membership, so it has been a few months since I have made a report. I've been happy to see several of our recent new GGRS members attending a monthly meeting providing me with the opportunity to give them their nametags along with an official 'welcome'. We sure do hope you enjoyed your first official meeting and that we will see you often at future meetings and events.

Please welcome our **newest members** –

Barry and Connie Lewis from Cumming, GA

Dustin and Vanessa Foster from Flowery Branch, GA

Arthur Ross and Vicki Griffiths from Sanford, Florida

I also want to take this time to **welcome back** -

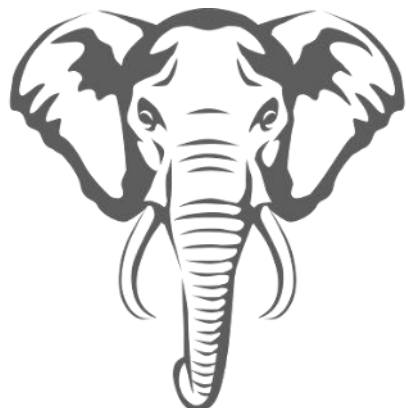
Frank and Ellen Stanley
Bob Avery
Paul and Mary Ann Galvin
J. B. Holiday

Remember that the photo directory is 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. Thank you!

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

Ginny Manning
1201 Timber Glen Court
Lilburn, GA 30047

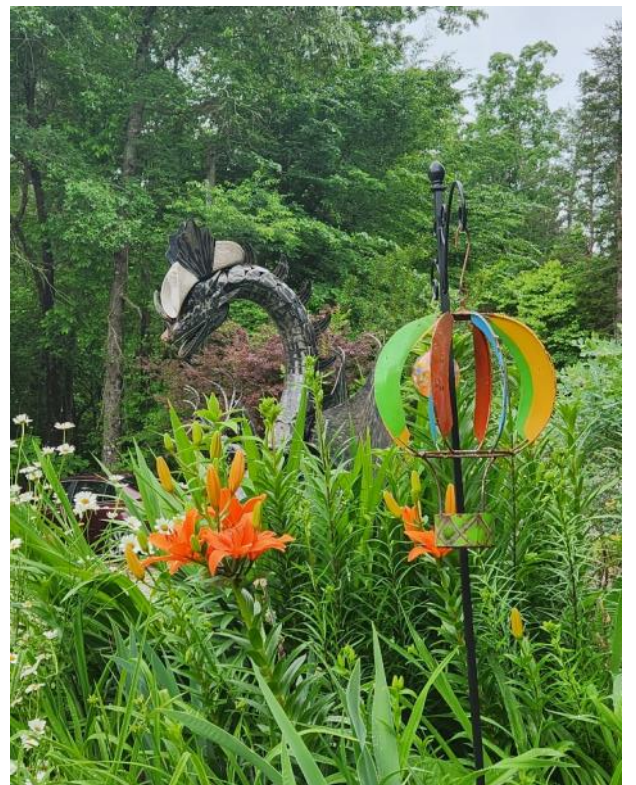
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Ginny, Membership
Chair

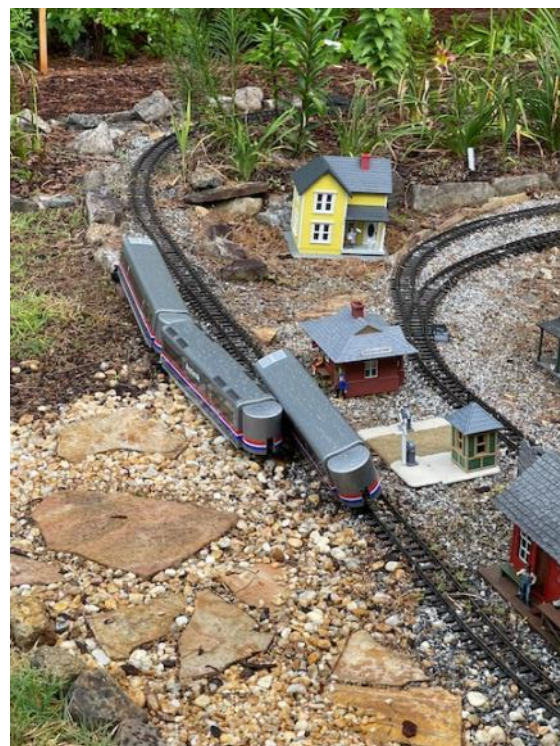


Bargains in the Garden
White Elephant Sale
At the Southeastern
Get-Together
August 23 - 25, 2024

June GGRS Meeting at Peter & Lori's

Everyone is always amazed at the garden side of a visit to Dawsonville's Master Gardener, Madame Lori. (The Cothran Railroad isn't bad either, you know. Here are some of the pictures taken at the event.







I hadn't realized until later in the day, that the Cothran Valley Railroad had a siding just for 1:1 railcars.

“Meddle not in the affairs of dragons, for you are crunchy when fried and good with ketchup.”





TEC Garden Railroad hosts the July GGRS Monthly Meeting

Tom and Eileen Conrad hosted the assembled Train Enthusiasts at their backyard railway, which stretched from one side of the large backyard to the other. The event was held earlier in the day than usual to escape the heat, and the breakfast / brunch fair was delicious and appreciated.

As is often the case, technical issues (*that only crop up due to gremlins who visited after hearing of the event*), created a frustrating time for Tom. As he hurried around trying to solve one “gremlin created” issue after the other. Folks enjoyed leisurely dining, and took in the scenery of the layout, even if the trains were impeded in their run. Here are some photos that should give you an idea of how the event turned out, (enjoyed by all... except, perhaps Tom....)



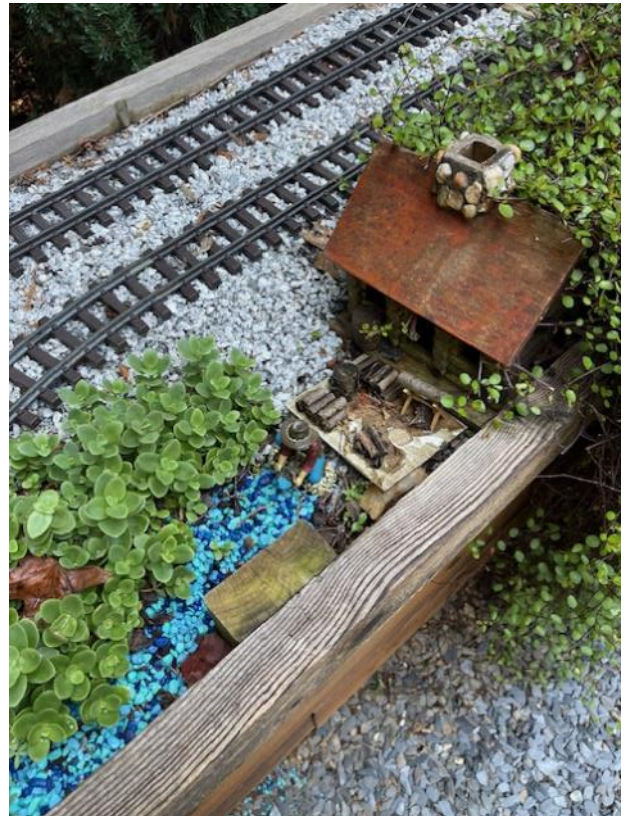




Conrad Stor Z, because.....CONRAD !!! Of course.

Tom had a Dad's Rootbeer train set out, cause he's a Dad. (He also has two grandchildren, so he had two GRAMPS tankers in the consist as well.

The blue rocks representing the gold mining stream looked refreshing in the heat.



GGRS June Meeting Minutes

At 9:30 a.m. GGRS President, Terry Manning, called the Executive Board to order at the home of Lori and Peter Thomas, Dawsonville, GA. Those in attendance were President Terry Manning, Secretary Pam Williamson, Members at Large John Lank, Ginny Manning, Emil Decker and Dan Steidle. GGRS members Ted Yarborough, Roy Williamson, Sally Bando, Eileen Conrad and Gary Warren.

Upcoming Club Events

GGRS Club Meeting – Eileen & Tom Conrad July, 13th

Railroad Rendezvous - July 20th from 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2024 Southeast Regional G-scale Get-Together – August 22 – August 25

GGRS Club Meeting – Carol and Dan Steidle – September 14th

Trains Trains Trains – January 24-26, 2025

The question was asked if the stipend of \$150.00 to host a GGRS Club Meeting is sufficient, as the number of attendees at our meeting as grown from mid-twenties to closer to 50 participants. Terry will speak with the Humphries and Thomas's to see if the \$150.00 covered their costs.

Membership Update

Ginny Manning provided a list of those members that have not paid dues and will be deleted from GGRS correspondence.

GGRS currently has 72 family memberships.

Treasurer Report

SAVINGS	\$1,143.33
CHECKING	\$7,556.83
	=====
TOTAL	\$8,710.16
AUG GET TOGETHER	\$3,090.00 (NOT YET RECONSILED WITH TERRY'S 6/27 REPORT)
	=====
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$5,620.16

2024 Southeast Regional G-scale Get-Together Update

We currently have 37 Registrations/78 individuals registered. The budget is set for 75 registrations - 125 people.

The Brochure will be sent to the printer by July 15th. The Brochures will be delivered to Pam for inclusion in the Regional bags.

A decision was made to sell the excess brochures at the Train Sale on Saturday August 24th for \$10.00. This would allow those interested, to view the Sunday layouts.

Terry will send an email out to all registered guests about Thursday's layouts and events.

Dan will try to reach Ashley Frasca, WSB radio, *Green and Growing* to try to promote our Regional event.

Ted will contact GR News to see if we can add some additional advertising for the Regional event.

Roy advised USA Trains is sending 8 box cars as Door Prizes.

White Elephant Table

Any items from the GGRS trailer that are not sold today, will be for sale on the White Elephant table.

Extra Regional Pins will be sold for \$5.00 apiece.

Regional Banquet

Each participant at the Regional Banquet will receive 10 tickets. There will be a container/envelope in front of each Door Prize. Banquet participants will distribute their 10 tickets among the items they would like to win (i.e. all 10 for 1 door prize, 1 ticket for 10 different door prizes, or any other combination. Increase your chances by putting more tickets to any given item, but remember you limit the total number of prizes you might win.) There is no limit to the number of prizes won other than the 10 tickets you receive.

There was a discussion to use one of the door prizes as a raffle item. No decision was made.

2025 BTO Convention

Ted advised the 2025 BTO Convention (Big Train Operators) will be held in Helen, GA. Ted will be the GGRS contact person to the BTO.

The BTO has advised they will be looking to GGRS for assistance with GGRS layout tours in the North Georgia area, as well as trains rides, some possibilities being the Great Smokey Mt. Railroad, Tennessee Valley Railroad and Stone Mountain.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

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GGRS Club Meeting & Annual Swap Meet – Carol and Dan Steidle – September 14th

Trains Trains Trains – January 24-26, 2025

Railroad Rendezvous has advised GGRS can come on Friday July 19th from 1-5 to set up. Terry will check with the Bando's to see if they are available on Friday to deliver the track.

The question was asked if the stipend of \$150.00 to host a GGRS Club Meeting is sufficient, as the number of attendees at our meeting as grown from the mid-twenties to closer to 50 participants. A discussion was made to buy paper products in bulk and distribute them to the Host Families.

2024 Southeast Regional G-scale Get-Together Update

The Brochure is schedule to go to the printer July 15th to print 150 copies.

Today is the deadline to sign up for the White Elephant Table.

After today's Club Meeting, we will put the Kids Clinic out to all that have registered for the Regional.

Pam is to provide Terry with a layout map of the G-scale tables at the Gas South.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



Just thought this refreshingly **cool** photo might be numbing for the mind on account of the July - August **heat** upon us now. Think cool, and get out there and enjoy life!

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	Jul, 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	Open Slot	Oct 12, 2024	Planning in Progress
Trains, Trains, Trains!	Southern Locomotive and Civil War Museum, Kennesaw, GA	Jan 25 - 26, 2025	Planning in Progress

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- o *Light Duty Power Connector*
- o *½ Length Power Connector*
- o *Insulating Rail Clamps (shown)*

RAIL ALIGNMENT ISSUES?

- o *Double Length Rail Clamp*
- o *Code 250 to Code 332 Transition clamp*
- o *Expansion Sets* Code 332 Brass (shown)
Code 332 Stainless, Code 250 NS

LAYOUT ACCESS CHALLENGES?

- o *Drop-In Lift-Out Rail Clamps*
- o *Draw Bridges:* up to 40" opening
- o *Fixed Bridges:* many styles offered



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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:

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 _____

A Get-together Car (USA Trains L&N Event Car) will be available to the first 100 ordering one or more at the cost of \$70 each. This purchase is being arranged through the Georgia Garden Railway Society on behalf of a private individual. Details and a photo rendering will be posted on the GGRS website in the near future.

Number of Get-together Cars Ordered: _____ \$ _____

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: \$ _____ Car: \$ _____
Membership: \$ _____

2024 G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together Kids Clinic - Introducing Kids to G-Scale Railroading

Steve and Melinda Jungst, Nashville Garden Railway Society, have had great success offering youth clinics at Train Shows around the county. Children receive a G-scale flat car donated by USA Trains. They then pick from a myriad of items to create a flat car load, test their newly created rolling stock on a g-scale layout and take their creation home.

The Kids Clinic is coming to Duluth Georgia at Gas South on Saturday, August 23rd, with clinics scheduled at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 a.m. Space is limited to 12 children at each clinic. If you and your children/grandchildren will be attending the 65th Atlanta Train Show as a GGRS member you can secure a slot in advance. Additionally, if you are there 15 minutes before your clinic start time, your child will be among the first to choose their load items.

Kids Clinic August 24, 2024

GGRS Member _____

Child/Grandchild participating in the Kids Clinic

Name	Age	Parental Helper
Name	Age	Parental Helper
Name	Age	Parental Helper

Fees: \$10.00 per child X _____ = \$ _____

First Come first serve Clinic time

10:30 a.m. _____ 12:30 _____

Check and Registration form must be received by August 14th

Please make payment by check in full to "GGRS" mailed to: Terry Manning 1201 Timber Glen Ct SW Lilburn, GA 30047

Participation requirements:

A parent is required to remain with the child while they are creating and testing their load. The age limits for this clinic are 6 to 15 years old. It usually takes about 30 to 45 minutes per group.



Photos from the April Amhurst, MA Large Scale Train Show



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 not much 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.



Below: 2025 National Garden Railway Convention's Accucraft Diesel Locomotive.



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.



Celebrate the Holiday with Fine Dining Saturday, December 14

GGRS members wishing to get tickets for TVRM's Christmas Dinner Train need to email yarbrough@charter.net with your entree selection (see below) and let Ted know you are mailing a \$95.00 check per ticket made payable to: **Ted Yarbrough 212 Love Drive, Chatsworth, Georgia.** ***Saturday, December 14's evening trip is the date we will be trying to secure. Tickets usually sell out within one to two days after they go on sale, so we have to be ready to purchase. According to the railroad, tickets will likely go on line first or second week of July and because of popularity, tickets can not be held without payment.*** See all the trip info below.

Enjoy a unique four-course dining experience aboard a restored dining car or Pullman, offered by the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum. Departing from Chattanooga's Grand Junction Station, the train takes a leisurely journey through urban East Chattanooga, allowing passengers to enjoy their meal amidst historical views. The menu includes a choice of entrees like carved English roast beef, herb-roasted chicken, or crusted salmon, accompanied by a salad, tomato bisque, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and a selection of bread and butter. Beverages range from water and coffee to iced tea, and dessert options include triple chocolate cake, apple pie, or cheesecake. Guests have the option to dine in the vintage Dining Car, seating four per table, or in the Pullman Car Clover Colony, offering a more intimate setting for two at a slight premium.



Duration

2 Hours

Additional Information

While there's no formal dress code for the dinner train, many guests enjoy dressing up. Boarding takes place at the Grand Junction depot, **4119 Cromwell Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.** Check the calendar for operation dates and departure times. Please note that Chattanooga is in the Eastern Time Zone.

ENTREE CHOICES:

- Carved English Roast of Beef with Madeira Sauce.
- Herb Roasted Stuffed Breast of Chicken with Cumberland Sauce.
- Crusted Filet of Salmon with Roasted Sweet Red Bell Pepper Sauce.
- Vegetarian Lasagna

Sides: Tomato bisque, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, bread, and butter.

Beverages:

Water, Coffee, Lemonade, Iced Tea (Sweet or Unsweet).

DESSERT:

Choose one: Triple Chocolate Cake, Apple Pie, or Cheesecake with Strawberries.

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

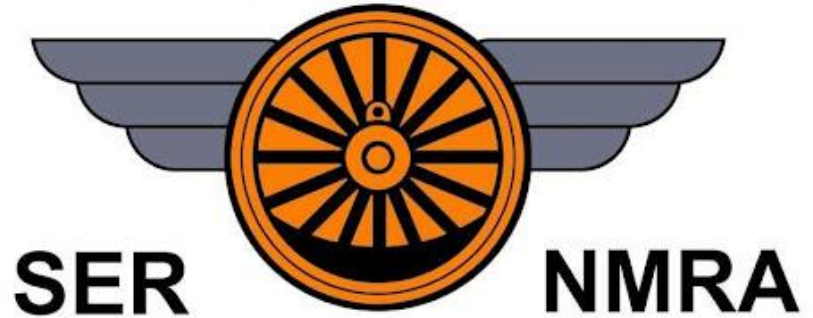
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PIEDMONT DIVISION



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
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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Leaving the hobby? Sellmytrains.com

I have the attached list of LGB equipment available for sale. It has been lightly used by the grand kids, but never set up outside. If interested, please contact me.

Robert Moore

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LGB TRAIN INVENTORY

1- 20401 US Complete as-is. MRC Railpower 1300 transformer -
 1- 72301 Complete as-is. Trainpack 100 transformer 9- NO 1500 track sections in box -
 12- NO 1000 track sections in box -
 1 - NO 1015 Track -
 1 - NO 1007 Track -
 13 - NO 1060 LONG Track. In box -
 13 - NO 1100 no box -
 1- 5065 road crossing - no box -
 1-1205 N right rail switch- in box -
 1-1215 N left rail switch - in box -
 1- 5075 Switch control unit - in box -
 Switch control wire - no box -
 1 - Bottle 5001 - Smoke generator and cleaning fluid - 7oz. -
 1 -Railcar 3306 Lake George and Boulder car - in box -
 1- 4306 Circus Car - in box -
 1- 4044 small railcar - in box -
 1-3016 - Buffet car - in box -
 1- 3011 Passenger car - in box -
 1- 4011 Orange freight car - no box
 1-4065 Caboose. - no box -
 1- 5027 - Assortment of Animals - in box -
 1- 5027 - Assortment of Animals - in box -
 1- 1024 - electric switch - no box -
 1-4023 - high side Freight car -
 1- 4021 - high side Freight car- in box -
 1- Pola Train Station - no boxes is-
 1-Silverton Train Station - no box - as is -
 LGB - 4 -Seated Passenger set - no box -
 LGB - 4 - Railroad worker set = no box -
 LGB - 2 - Standing passengers - no box -
 1- Graduated woos Trestle - 32 piece- set for LGB -
 1- LGB train tunnel - as is -
 1- LGB POLA book -
 1- 0024 LGB Instruction book-
 1- LGB Telegram - Winter 1993 booklet -
 1- LGB D 8500 The Big Train book - good condition -

Yard Hostler

I really need some **cooler** weather so I can get out in the yard and work the RR, the Garden, and simply bushhog the yard at some point before 9:00 p.m. Hope You are dealing with the weather..... Might want to consider how good the **A/C** in the Gas Light Center works. Might find some **cool** items for sale..... **Ice** the deal on the loco, freight car, or building you have been wanting. Come on down to the Southeastern Get-Together. Don't **Freeze** yourself out of a great deal. We're gonna have a **Not-Hot (even, perhaps, COOL)** time.

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