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## G-Scale Southern Regional Get-Together Latest Update

This information is provided to update those registered for the Get-Together as well as those still interested in registering. On or about August 11, those paying to receive an advance emailed version of the yard tour pamphlet will be contacted with the tour pamphlet information.

Those coming in on Thursday (or with free time on other days) and not familiar with Georgia, may wish to tackle other train related activity, go shopping for antiques, visit a museum, or any of a hundred other things to keep busy. We'll note a few outside the 10-county metro-Atlanta area, but will emphasize activity in Gwinnett County where the host hotel is located. Likewise, since so many people rely on cell phones for details on various venues, we will only include enough details to guide you to a few choices.

### Terry's Train Tidbits

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The August Get-Together is just around the corner. The planning committee has recruited a record number of G-scale vendors for the train show; is preparing a registration package that includes a fantastic Get - Together souvenir pin and special coupons for nearby shopping; has obtained a great venue for the Friday night dinner; is compiling a wide variety of door prizes for Friday; is about to publish the yard tour booklet; and is sprucing up layouts for tours on Friday and Sunday. We have visitors coming from Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Please greet them and welcome them to GGRS territory!

*Terry Manning, President*

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*"I've Been Working On The Railroad."*

Remember, Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi River and that travel time for navigator driving distances can be deceiving because of 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, 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. Several vendors willing to open their businesses to tours could also only be accommodated on certain dates.

### **Thursday, August 22 – Side Trips To Keep You Busy Driving South on I-75**

#### **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 freeway and features the famous locomotive “The General” of Civil War “Great Chase” fame (pictured). It houses a collection of artifacts from the American Civil War, as well as from railroads of Georgia. The GGRS participates in several of their special events each year.



#### **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 is open 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 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.



#### **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 wait 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 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 – Look for Antiques and Train Bargains Driving South on I-85**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 with all the 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 away 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 5<sup>th</sup>, Ross and Books-a-Million.

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.

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 "stuff."

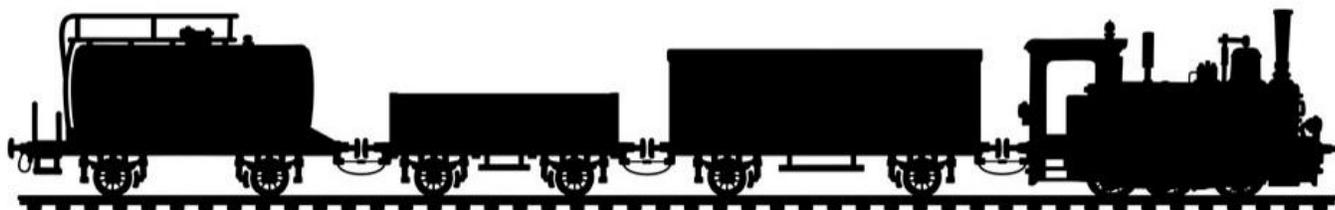
### Friday, August 24 – Yard and Business Tours and Get-Together Dinner

#### Convention Packages Available Again 7 - 9

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 will 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 and train venues, and more.

There is no entrance or parking fee at the dinner site.

There will be **no bus services** provided for this or other Get-Together venues.



### Saturday, August 24 - 65<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## 65<sup>th</sup> Atlanta Model Train Show

### GAS SOUTH CONVENTION CENTER

Formerly the Infinite Energy Center

6400 Sugarloaf Parkway • Duluth, Georgia 30097

## Saturday, August 24, 2024

### 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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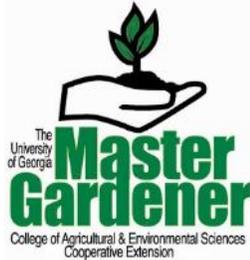
Next Show Date: January 18, 2025

**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.

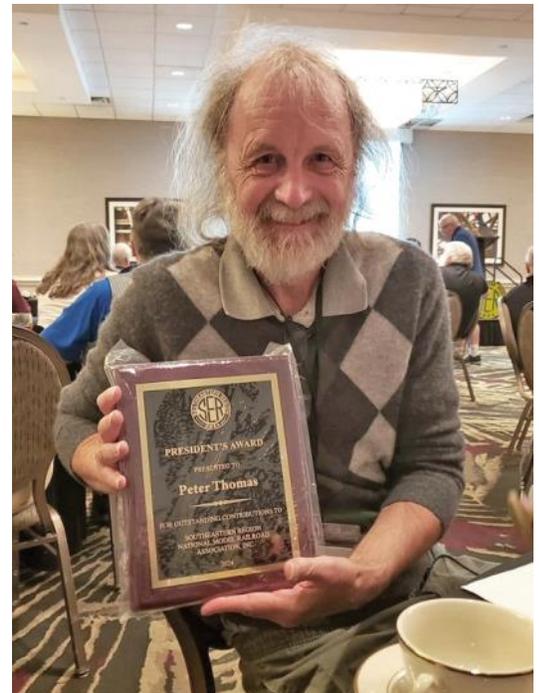


**Gwinnett Master Gardeners Tips  
Did you know your R.R. could be causing your garden plants some problems ?**

Not talking about toxic waste spills caused by derailments, (think East Palestine, OH), or other tragic issues that sometimes happen with railroads and the areas they traverse, but after looking at a lot of pictures, it seems common to use broken granite for train ballast. This can potentially change the pH of soil dramatically over time depending on how clean it is, that is, how much rock dust is in it. Georgia typically has acidic soils and nurseries carry plants for that. The granite could raise the pH into the basic range. If you have trouble with plants not doing well, have your soil tested at your local County Extension Office. It only costs \$7.

**GGRS Members Win Big at South Eastern Region NMRA**

Congratulations to Peter Thomas on being awarded the SER Presidents award. The President's Award is given by the SER (South Eastern Region) President for outstanding service to the NMRA.



Congratulations also to Sally Bando for being awarded the SER Dave Muller Award for her service at the division level.

Thank you both for all your dedication and service.

**TEC Garden Railroad by Tom and Eileen Conrad at 910 Huntington Place  
Peachtree City Georgia 30269. GPS Location 33°21'55.5"N 84°31'55.4"W**

Phone numbers to contact are Land Line 770-487-2052 or Cell 404-395-8628 , Cell 678-634-0321

Our goal is making the area accessible to everyone.

We started with a section of the back yard that had been neglected, filled with weeds including briars and poison ivy. After some bush hogging and weed abatement, Tom and a friend constructed a concrete block area raised 34 inches. It has been developed with town area and tunnel surrounded by ground cover along the track and miniature plants to resemble bushes and trees.

The following year a wooden trestle system with two loops connects to the original town. This has a forest area depicted with Jurassic Park. The next area finds an airport and small village with covered bridge. A Circus is set among various types of moss and flowering ground covers.



The following years we have traversed the width of the back yard with a series of Through Arch Bridges connecting to Planter Boxes displaying Freight docks and Miner panning for Gold. Stonecrop plants and are included. We have now added a drawbridge for easy access behind the track for more plantings. The track now extends the entire width of our lot. Once you pass the drawbridge and a two-track suspension bridge brings you to one more village area with Granary.

The trains then enter Grandpa's train room which houses the parked trains when not in use. While inside, the track makes a 90-degree turn allowing trains to leave the building for one more rural area with a return loop.

There are various flowers encouraging butterflies and hummingbirds as well as much greenery to enjoy all along the 450 plus feet of track.

We look forward to a time for sharing our much-loved hobbies.

*Tom and Eileen  
Conrad*



**Track Warrants**

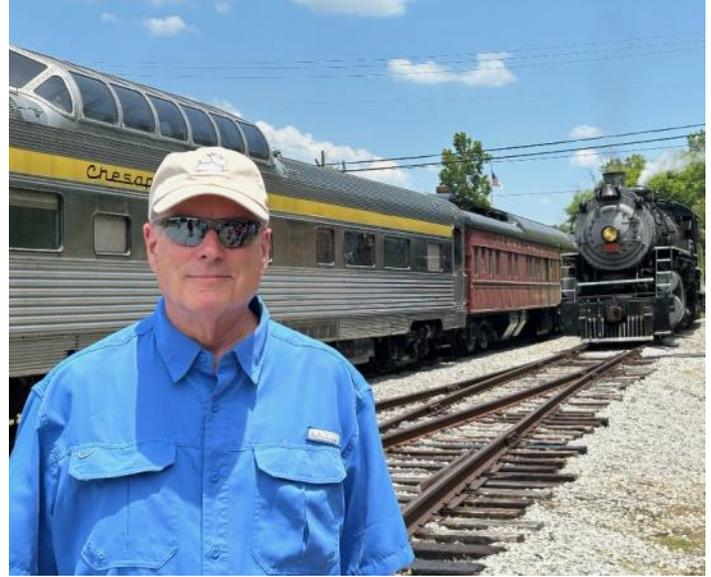
\*\*\* NOTE: The Calendar contains some Rail related events that are NOT GGRS events! Due to timing of events and newsletter deadlines,, some updates may not have been posted. Contact host for additional info.

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.
GGRS Club Mtg	Peter & Lori Thomas	Jun 29, 2024	Veggies? Flowers, Trains
GGRS Club Mtg	Tom & Eileen Conrad	July 13, 2024	Brunch 10:00 a.m.
Railroad Rendezvous	Southern Locomotive and Civil War Museum, Kennesaw, GA	Jul 20, 2024 8:00 am–6:00 pm	Circus Theme
<b>G-Scale Southern Regional Get Together</b>	Gas South Convention Center, Duluth, GA + GGRS Territory	Aug 23 - 25, 2024	Planning in Progress
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

**TVRM 1:1 Scale Ride**

Eight GGRS members took advantage of the 1:1 Ride from Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum start point in Chattanooga to Summerville, GA and back.





We still have room for people to ride the rail pedal bikes (other options are full). Ted needs the money by June 30 in order to reserve a seat. \$55.00 per person for the August 6 ride to the tunnel and return from Andrews, NC.



## 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 31<sup>st</sup>): 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

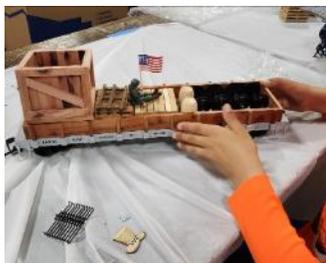
10:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 12:30 \_\_\_\_\_

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



## Bargains in the Garden - White Elephant Sale

GGRS members interested in selling any of their G-gauge accessories can reserve 1 of 12 2-foot by 3-foot tabletop areas as part of a planned 3-table vendor display hosted by the Georgia Garden Railway Society on **Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**, at the **65<sup>th</sup> Atlanta Model Train Show** as part of the **2024 G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together**. The member need not be in attendance to use one of the spaces or to set up their items, but they must be a GGRS member registered for the convention get-together. All items must be clearly marked with a sales tag that cites their last name, short item description, and selling price so any volunteer manning the tables can sell an item without reference to the owner. Items must be functional and undamaged or marked "As Is" with a description of any defect. Items without this information will be removed from the sales tables. Any item sold at a lower price will be marked as such since the sales tag and all sales proceeds will be combined together. Each member will be returned their items and sales proceeds after the show. Unsold items may be placed for sale at the next one or two scheduled GGRS meetings if desired. Unsold items not retrieved within 60 days become the property of GGRS.

Members are **limited to one such slot per family** and must reserve the slot prior to July 14 (the day after our July membership meeting) with a \$20 donation to "GGRS" given to White Elephant Coordinator Terry Manning ([temanning@aol.com](mailto:temanning@aol.com)). A space can be "built up" by stacking items such as boxed rolling stock or using a crate or similar item to create a raised shelf and may also use the floor space beneath their slot (thus doubling their available space). Unsold spaces will be used to enlarge paid spaces.

Participation is on a paid first-come basis to the first 12 participants. Items for sale need not be provided at time of payment reservation. Payment will not be included as a line item on the registration form but can be included in the same mailing as your registration form with the following information. Sale items can be left with the coordinator as agreed upon between them.

### I will participate in this proposal:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Enclosed Non-refundable \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ (Space guaranteed); or,

\$20 will be mailed or paid in person before July 14 \_\_\_\_\_ (Space limited to first 12 families)

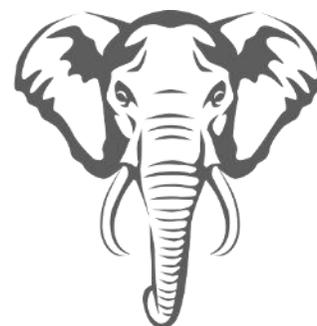
I want unsold items at the end of the train show to be placed on sale at future GGRS meetings. Yes / No

I volunteer to help manage the 3 tables at the train show (3 persons per shift) for the following 2-hour shift(s) (mark all that apply):

8:00-10:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00-12:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00-2:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 2:00-4:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00-6:00 \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly Describe Items To Be Displayed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



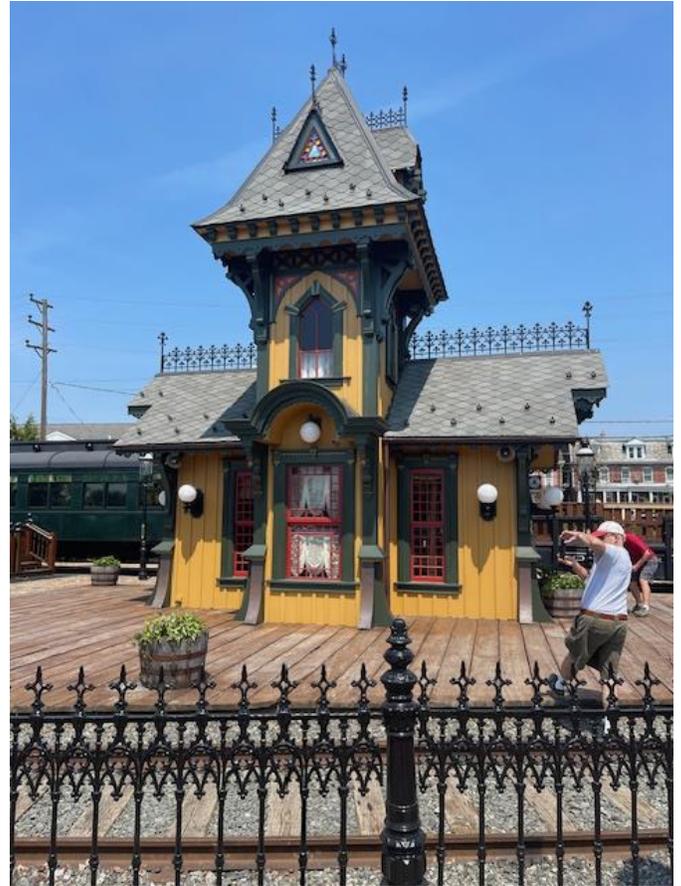
### BTO 2024..... and MORE for 2025

Three members of the GGRS made it to the BTO Convention at Bird-In-Hand, PA this year. David Lester, joined Emil and Linda Decker there. The winnings were less for the club, as fewer members attended, but the big grand prize was the announcement that the 2025 BTO Convention will be in Helen, GA next year!

**July 13 - 18, 2025**

While negotiations are continuing for the hotel and reservations, the confirmation of location was revealed, and more info will be forthcoming in the BTO magazine.









## 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.**



**It's Official! 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](mailto: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: July 5 – 6, 2024**

**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.

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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  
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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  
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*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.)*

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Georgia Garden Railway Society  
Club Shirts  
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*Rene Denfeld*

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It's a warehouse sale!

Lindy's Trains, the low-price outlet for Trainz.com, is having a warehouse sale Saturday, June 1st from 8 am to 12 noon. Previously we listed May 25th as the next sale, but that's Memorial Day weekend and we'd like to take it easy too!

While these items didn't make the cut for listing on Trainz.com, we're sure you'll find a few good buys perfect for providing kitbashing material for your next project. Most merchandise available will be \$20 or less.

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| What can I expect? | Athearn "blue box" trains | Toy trains in multiple scales (majority O and HO) | Open-box kits          |
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|                    |                           |   | Miscellaneous toys     |

Cash or credit only. Bring your truck or trailer to 4729 Nelson Brogdon Blvd, Suite E, Sugar Hill, GA 30518. Next to Dana Safety Supply!

Who knows what you might find? Subscribe to TrainsZ Newsletter and get the notices for the next time Lindy has a sale!

**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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**Mobile: 770-335-0359**

### 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

Looks to be one hot summer. Hope you are staying cool. A cool option for you is the August Southeast Get-together. Come join us.

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