



GGRS Gazette

July, 2021

Official Newsletter of the Georgia Garden Railway Society

National Convention Draws 34 GGRS Members !



From left to right: Dennis Bass, Ellen Bass, Emil Decker, John Lees, Linda Decker, Jesse Murrah, Kim Murrah, Roy Williamson, Pam Williamson, Kris Dixon, Charlotte Dixon, Rob & Nicole Aldred.

Those spotted in attendance but missing from the above photo included: Dan Alvero, Bob Avery, Christine & Dave Bennett, Mike Carney, Leslie Ann & Russ Bundy, Eileen & Tom Conrad, Juliet Foster, Alan Luebs, Barb & Phil Jones, Ginny & Terry Manning, Patty & Cullen Reid, Lori & Peter Thomas, and Deborah & Ted Yarborough.

Attendees had an opportunity to visit multiple layouts, ride 1:1 trains, visit back shops where rail museums were restoring various pieces of equipment. There were side trips to riverboat rides, the Wild Horse Saloon, The Grand Ole Opry, as well as options for other Nashville and surrounding area trips. When the Vendor Hall opened, a flood of G Scale patrons rushed through the doors to see what was for sale, the opportunity to buy and sell having been postponed for a year. The event ended with a tasty banquet, and folks started making their way home the next day. Read about the fun in the following pages, as we review the various events of the week spent in Nashville.

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President's Message

Little Red Caboose says if no one else will step forward, he will lead this club from behind ! !

Somebody can win glory, fame, recognition, all by simply taking on the job.

Whata'ya say???



At the Depot

The May Meeting at Ted and Deborah Yarborough's home was held to overlap the Pre-Tour of the 2021 National Convention, giving those passing through an opportunity to stop by on their way to Nashville. It was well worth their time, for the layout was prime for trains, scenes, and luscious greenery all around.

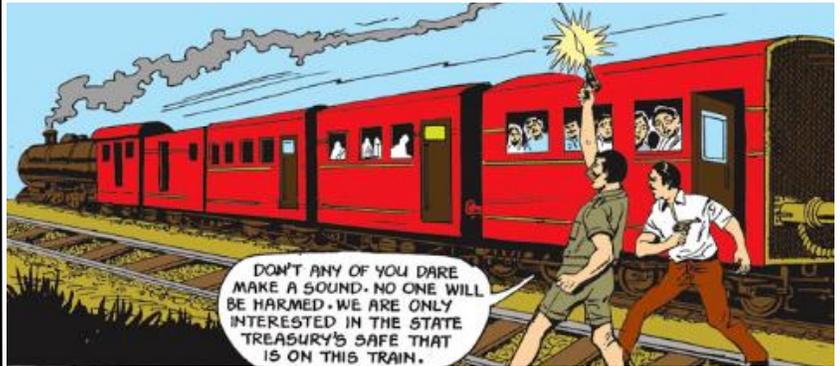


Great Train Robberies #5

#5 in a series about Great train robberies. Would you rob a train to fund your political party?

The Kakori Train Robbery 1925

Most rail heists are inspired by blind greed, but many in India saw 1925's Kakori Train Robbery as an act of political protest. The holdup was the work of the Hindustan Republican Association, a band of militant revolutionaries who sought to free India from British colonial rule. The HRA often resorted to robbery to fund their rebellion, and on August 9, 1925, they set their sights on a British train operating in central Uttar Pradesh state, north-central India. This organization was established to carry out revolutionary activities against the British Empire in India with



the objective of achieving independence.

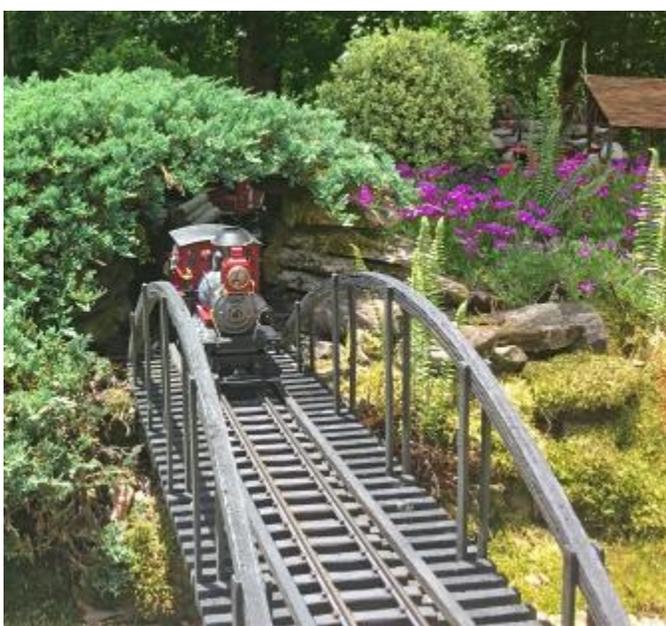
The Hindustan Republican Association (HRA) was formed in October 1924 by a youth group of the Indian National Congress, who were disgruntled over Mahatma Gandhi's sudden call to stop the non-cooperation movement. Since the organization needed money for purchase of weaponry, Bismil and his party decided to plunder a train on one of the Northern Railway lines. It is believed that they looted that specific train because it was supposedly carrying the money bags which allegedly belonged to the Indians and was being transferred to the British government treasury. They looted only these bags (which were present in the guards' cabin and contained about ₹ 8000). As the train neared the town of Kakori, about 10 miles (16 km) northwest of



Lucknow, the train's final destination, the ten armed revolutionaries led by Ram Prasad Bismil overpowered the guards, hijacked the locomotive and brought all the cars to a screeching halt when Rajendra Lahiri pulled the emergency chain to stop the train. While the rest of the men stood guard, four robbers made their way to the guard's van and used hammers to batter their way into a British safe filled with moneybags. Money that had been collected from various railway stations enroute and that was to be deposited at Lucknow.

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At the Depot (Cont.)



The Kakori Train Robbery 1925 (Cont.)

All ten revolutionaries escaped without injury, but in the chaos of the heist one passenger was killed in an accidental shooting. A lawyer, Ahmad Ali, who was a passenger, got down from the train to see his wife in the ladies compartment and was killed in an unintentional discharge by Manmathnath Gupta. This made it a manslaughter case.



The men eluded capture for over a month, but by September the train robbers, along with some 40 others in all, were rounded up and arrested. Eventually, 29 individuals were put on trial before the special magistrate at Lucknow. Of those, two became witnesses for the prosecution in return for lighter sentences. Three - including Chandrasekhar Azad, a leader of the HRA - remained at large. The trial continued for nearly 18 months, with many leading nationalist lawyers providing defense counsel for the accused.

The final judgments were pronounced on April 6, 1927. Three (later four) men were sentenced to death, one was given life imprisonment. Most of the remaining defendants were given prison sentences of up to 14 years, although two were acquitted and two more received pardons. Azad remained unapprehended and was killed in an encounter with police in February 1931.

The severity of the sentences - particularly capital punishment - provoked considerable outcry among the general Indian populace. Several attempts were made to save the four who were sentenced to die, including passage of a motion in the legislative council of



the United Provinces (the colonial precursor to Uttar Pradesh) and a petition to the British viceroy, but they were rejected.

The revolutionaries, who were sent to different jails to serve their punishments, undertook hunger strikes protesting against the jail conditions and also demanding political prisoner-status for them. The four death sentences were carried out between 17 to 19 December 1927. As one of the landmark events of the Indian independence movement, the memories of it are still etched on every Indian's heart.

*******NOTE: Due to, time constraints, the National Convention, content amount, and a host of other items, At The Depot, featuring the June visit to the Cothran Valley Garden Railroad will appear in the next issue.**

Pre-Convention Tour

The Yarboroughs were not the only GGTS members hosting a pre-tour on Saturday. Dave Bennett also showed off his layout, with several scenes with sound modules playing appropriate sound effects. He also sold off a few items before they got to his booth in Nashville. Ask me how I know.



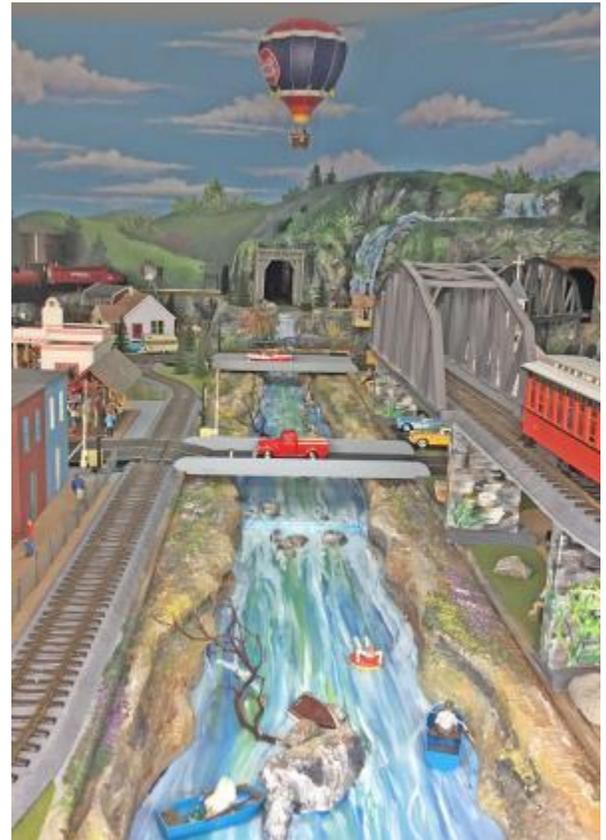
2021 National Garden Railroad Convention Recap
May 30 to June 5, 2021 Nashville, TN

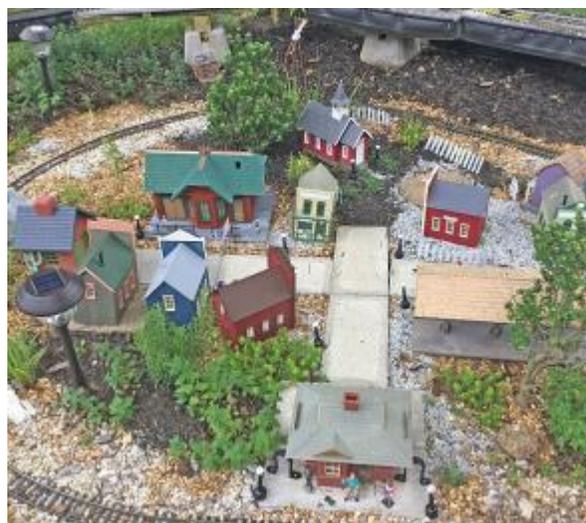
Nashville Area Convention Layouts

As is the case with national conventions, there were many layouts each day to tour. All were worth visiting for one or many reasons. Here are a few photos from several of them.

This young man is busy repairing a roller coaster made of Legos.

Some layouts were intense on small areas, whole others encompassed expansive yardage.







Interesting backdrop printed above.



Live Steam in the Colorado Mts.

Water features were well established.





Note the Lantern. The entire layout was lit for night running with lanterns on posts.

Can you “Over-weather” an engine???? Apparently not.





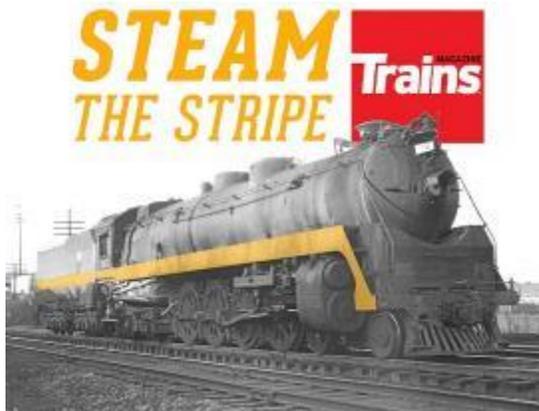
Fiddler's and pickers performed even at personal layout sites.

This was the large layout that was hit by the tornado. The bonfire pile (at right) is of destroyed track support beams.



Trains Magazine Announced Nashville Steam as the Next Preservation Partner April 15, 2021

We were thrilled to host attendees of the 2020 / 2021 National Garden Railway Convention - Nashville in the steam shop this morning! Of course Mother Nature wasn't as welcoming but a little rain wasn't enough to dampen the day. Thanks to everyone who came out to learn more about No. 576 and a special thanks to our incredible volunteers for their outstanding work!



Live steam actually moving on a layout on the soggy day.

Kentucky State Railway Museum



Left: One of only 2 remaining "Jim Crow" cars left in the US. The Louisville and Nashville Combine Car Number 665 was designed for the times of the Jim Crow laws; whichever end was the front during the trip would hold white passengers, while the rear held black passengers.

Below: Monon's first diesel was an EMD BL2 No. 32. It was painted black and gold by Monon, and kept as such, to match the school colors of Purdue University. It was purchased by Monon in 1948.



Below: L & N Company car, the Mt. Broderick was built in two months in late 1926 at the Pullman factory in Chicago, Illinois. She is headed to Chattanooga soon for a paint job and refurbishment before returning to the museum.



Below: Only 2 of these horse drawn trolleys remain in the US. Scheduled to be rebuilt when funds become available.

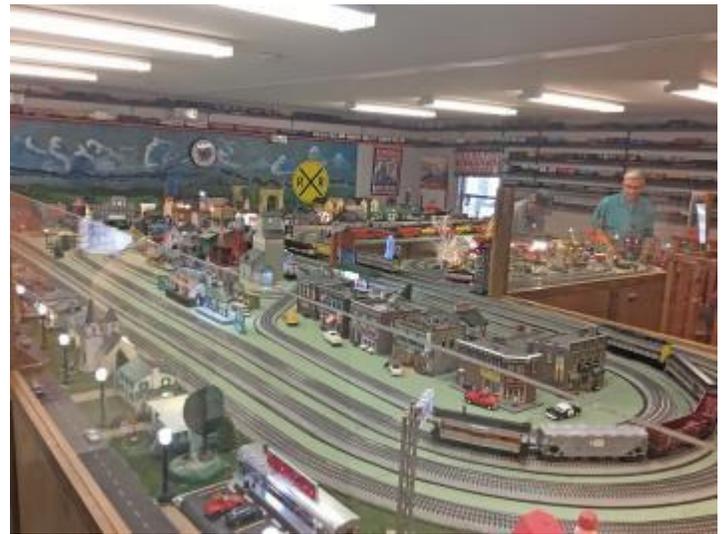




Left: This Little Red Wooden Caboose never left the local division it worked, being the one now owned by the museum. After a derailment, it was purchased by it's conductor, and placed on a farm nearby. The museum acquired it in its pristine, never altered shape, and is only some minor restoration away from being back in service.

Fiddler's Grove

Fiddler's Grove is located within the fairgrounds. The station platform with nearby 1:1 Caboose was the scene for a live band, *Ridin The Rails*, to play railroad themed music. Guitars, Banjos, upright Bass, they were quite good, and just across from the museum with indoor layout in O scale.



Fiddler's Grove is quite unique, in that donated, disassembled, then reassembled on site "original log cabins", furnishings, and other exhibits display early life in Tennessee. Very worth visiting this quaint village.



CARTMELL CABIN

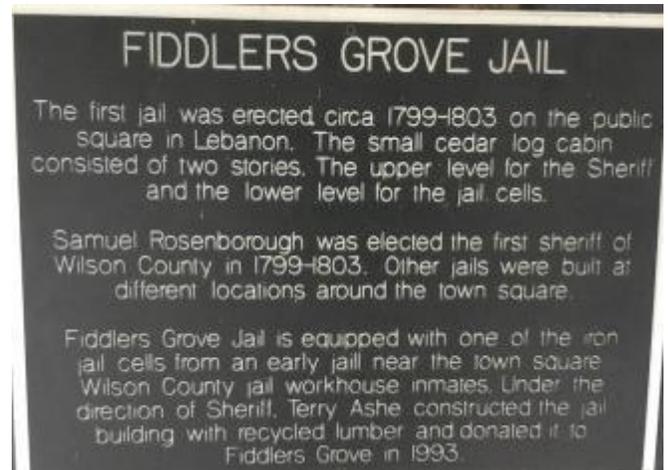
The Cartmell Cabin was the first building built in Fiddlers Grove. The reconstructed cabin was previously the home to the fifth generation of the Cartmell family living in the cabin when the property became part of the Industrial Park on Cainsville Road.

The Cartmell patriarch received his emancipation papers immediately following the Civil War in the 1860's, and was given the logs in this building and some acres to build a cabin for his family to live in and work on.

The furnishings are representative of the primitive furniture from the 1860 era.

The cabin was dismantled and moved to Fiddlers Grove in 1991.

Donated by Rep. Stratton and Marty Bone and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bone and family.



SAM HOUSTON LAWYER OFFICE

In 1818, after studying law for 6 months under Judge James Trimble, Sam Houston passed the Bar to practice law. He came to Wilson County to practice law. Mr. Frederick Golladay befriended Mr. Houston and furnished him a small log cabin for an office near the Lebanon town Square. Mr. Golladay charged him a dollar a month rent: then lent him the dollar.

Sam practiced law for 10 months, at which time he was appointed Adjutant General with the rank of Colonel in Oct. 1819.

In 1827 Sam Houston was elected Gov. of TN. And served approx. 2 years before resigning in 1829.

He later moved to TX where he was elected to the Republic's Presidency, followed by being elected Texas' first senator upon their entry into the US. After serving 13 years, he became Gov. of Texas.

Sam Houston is the only person to serve as Governor of two states.

The pre-civil war cabin was originally on the property of Judge Nathan Green, who was known as the Father of Jurisprudence of the state of TN. The family of Judge Sam Gilbreath donated the cabin in 1994. The Wilson Co. Bar Association assisted in funding the restoration.



Youth Modeling Contest

By Pam Williamson

Here is the back story to the Nashville Youth clinic Modeling contest. Malinda and Steve Jungst, NGRS, were at Caboose Hobbies in Denver, CO during the 2015 National Garden Railway Convention. They were standing in line to purchase a few supplies needed for a building they were making for their railroad. Ahead of them was a mother and her son making his purchases. The cashier asked the little boy what he was going to do with the items he was about to purchase. He said "I am going to take these home and put them on a flatcar and enter it into the modeling contest at the National Garden Railroad Convention which was going on this week, but I know I don't have a chance of winning because I am competing against adults." Since that day Malinda shared this story with other clubs hosting conventions after the 2015 Convention suggesting they have a Youth clinic and modeling contest. Malinda was determined to have a Youth Modeling Contest at the Nashville Convention. It is a small world, the mother and her son whom they met in 2015 were at the Nashville Convention.

Steve spoke with the young man, now a Freshmen in High School, who won the Youth Modeling Contest. He was highly complimentary of the Nashville club for setting up clinics and a modeling contest for the youth and children attending the Convention. He, also, hoped Youth clinics and modeling contests would continue at future Conventions.



Now here is a secret.

USA Trains donated a Santa Fe S4 locomotive to be awarded to the winner of the Best of Show in the Youth Division. Melinda and Steve really wish they could be there when the young man opens his package to see what he has won.



Adult Modeling Contest

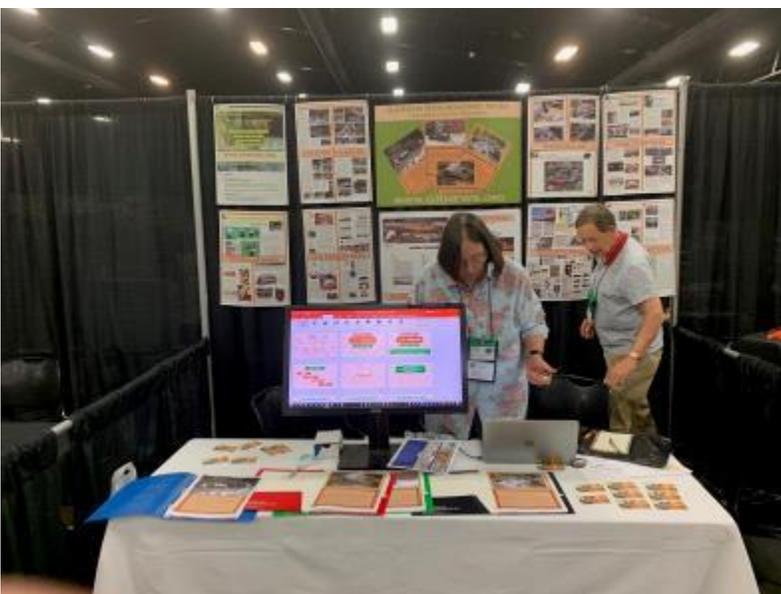
By Pam Williamson

The Nashville 2021 Convention continued the tradition of having a competitive modeling competition. There were four adult categories custom scratch-built building, rolling stock (including locomotive), diorama and Outhouse. (An appropriate scenic item for the hill country of Tennessee

The First-Place winner of the Outhouse category was,



our very own GGRS Gazette Editor Emil Decker.



Editor Carla and Co-Chairman Bill are pictured. Ted served in the booth for a couple hours Thursday and Friday. Lots of positive responses to the new digital publication were received. We get their publication and forward it to you. They have used several articles from the GGRS Gazette. This is the patron response to the ending of the Garden Railway Magazine. I think we are doing well.

NUMBER OF CLUBS: Now 126. Welcome to the latest clubs to join the GR News community: Tulsa GR Club, First State Model RR Club (DE), Riverside RR Crew (OH), Pittsburgh GR Society, VDO GR Club (AZ) & S Idaho G-Scale RR Society.

SOCIAL MEDIA: The GR News Facebook Group has grown to over 1,600 members. Our Instagram has attracted 250+ followers since launching 3 months ago.

NASHVILLE NATIONAL CONVENTION: We were there, telling the GR News story, collecting feedback and ideas, and displaying the names of clubs in our community. See the 2 images below - 2 because it's a long list!

RR's ARE OPENING: It's wonderful to see garden RR's opening in many parts of the country. We are looking forward to seeing and sharing images. You can share images via our Facebook group (link below) or by sending 1 or 2 of the best to me.

Track Warrants

Event	Location	Date	Status
GGRS July Meeting	Terry & Ginny Manning, 1201 Timber Glen Ct. SW, Lilburn, GA	July 17, 2021	In Planning Stage
GGRS August Meeting	John & Marge Lees 305 Town Creek Church Road, Dahlonega, GA	August ? 2021	In Planning Stage
SER Convention	Hilton Hotel Greenville, SC	Sep 9 - 12, 2021	Rescheduled
The Model Train Expo	Chatsworth Depot	Sep. 11, 2021	Outdoor Display
GGRS September Meeting	Dennis and Ellen Bass 1972 Lansbury Court, Snellville, GA	Sep. ? 2021	In Planning Stage
Model Train Show 2021	Clarence Brown Convention Center, Cartersville, GA	Oct 2 - 3, 2021	On a siding but still on schedule
GGRS October Meeting	Phil and Barb Jones 8084 Allerton Lane Cumming, GA	Oct ? 2021	In Planning Stage
GGRS November Meeting			

Whistle Stop:

July Meeting @ Mount Jefferson



The Manning's railway community is called Mount Jefferson -- a combination of Terry's home town of West Jefferson and Ginny's home town of Mount Gilead .

The 32-foot Serengeti Tourist Railway is one of three railroads operating on in "G" scale in the gardens at the home of Terry and Ginny Manning of Lilburn, Georgia. The STR was created in 2016.

It is encircled by the larger 100-foot Southern Ohio Railroad built in February and March of 2017 that features an 8-foot Warren truss bridge crossing a small pond and waterfall, a tunnel feature, and two other bridges spanning the local roads.



The entire community includes over 200 structures. The Manning's are particularly interested in providing details to their structures that make each of them tell a story. The following storyline places you in the place and era of this miniature community.

The Serengeti Wildlife Preserve and Zoo in Southern Ohio

Two hippos enjoy a watering hole on the Serengeti



In the early 1900s, wild

animal and railroading enthusiast Mars Manning envisioned a wildlife preserve and zoo to be located in Southern Ohio to share his love of animals with the general public of this little served area of the Buckeye State. Unable to obtain necessary zoning changes in either his home town of Marietta in Southeast Ohio or his business location in Cincinnati in Southwest Ohio, he found a suitable site in a farming community called Mount Jefferson about halfway between the two locations in Central Southern Ohio.

It was in this area that Mars Manning purchased the land on which to create his dream of a typical caged zoo area and a separate wildlife preserve area encircled by a small oval shaped tourist rail line. This Serengeti Tourist

Railway operates independently of the nearby larger Southern Ohio Railroad serving the residential and industrial community.

A ride on the Serengeti Tourist Railway allows visitors to view, from the safety of a train car, the African-like scenery of free roaming giraffe, zebra, hippopotamus, deer, rhinoceros, elephant, and other species in a natural setting.

The zoo hosts this pride of lions

Across the railway tracks is located the caged zoo area at which some of these animals, especially those having recently birthed a young one, can be viewed at close range by the public. The caged zoo area also displays predator species such as lions, tigers, and crocodiles not suited to safely share the same space as less aggressive species on the open preserve.

The Serengeti Wildlife Preserve and Zoo is named for that 12,000 square mile area of Tanzania and Kenya in Africa comprised of a variety of forests, swamps, grasslands, and woodlands famous for its herds of 70 different large mammal species. This Southern Ohio preserve became a model for the later appearing Busch Garden programs in other areas of the United States.

Mr. Manning maintains a residence near the zoo as its Director following his retirement as an executive of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in 1920. His small hunting lodge home sits just off the zoo property in a rustic area suited for hunting deer and small game where even an occasional bear might be seen among the rocky terrain.



Rural Mount Jefferson

Much of the surrounding community is rural and includes the two largest farms in the community -- the Pyatt family dairy farm and the Dudley family beef farm. There is also a pig farm along the tracks. A ride through the countryside by horse and buggy or by Model T will take you past

July Meeting @ Mount Jefferson (Cont.)

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The Pyatt family operates a dairy farm

The Pyatt farm includes a lovely two-story home, cow barn, horse barn, chicken coop, milk shed, and potting shed -- many of the buildings painted in the signature white with green trim used by the family for several generations.

The Village of Mount Jefferson

The zoo complex is located near the town of Mount Jefferson. Local residents provide staffing and local businesses provide support for the preserve and its tourist industry. The community continues to grow and includes such facilities as a courthouse, county jail, nursery, dry goods store, grocery, doctor's office, gasoline station, diner, restaurant, fire department, post office, barbershop,

dentist, school, church, lumber yard, fire station, hotel, cemetery, and residential area. The town is served by the Southern Ohio Railroad (also called the Mount Jefferson Railway by the locals).

A residential area of small cottages as well as medium sized homes surround the downtown area of Mount Jefferson.



Circus at the Fairgrounds

Taking advantage of the tourist industry created by the wildlife preserve and zoo, a circus has also made nearby Mount Jefferson its home at the fairgrounds since 2020 and is serviced by a 40-foot Circus Railway and a circus train with a variety of rolling stock. The circus grounds include a freak show, carnival rides, wild animal acts, a clown show, a marching band, and other Big Top attractions.

The parade of elephants is a crowd favorite



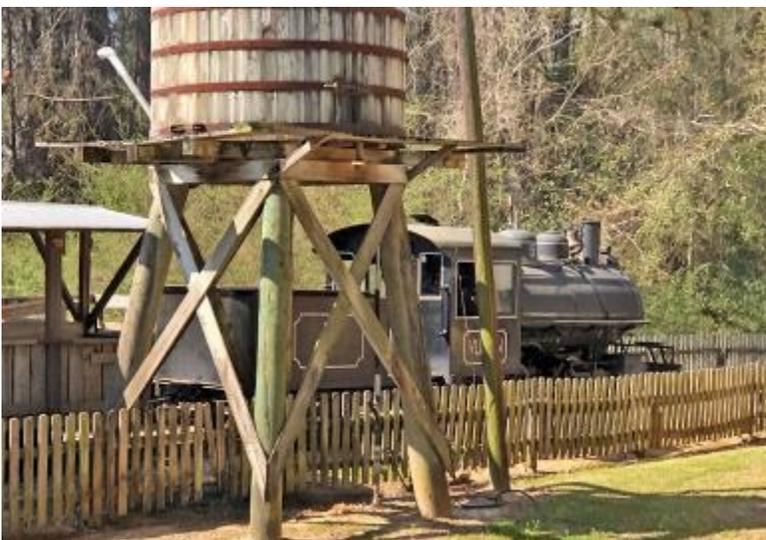
GGRS 1:1 Train Ride

1:1 Scale Train Ride Saturday July 24

The Georgia Garden Railway Society's 2021 train excursion is fast approaching. This year we will be riding a new excursion train in South Georgia called The Azalea Sprinter. This is billed as 'South Georgia's Premier

Excursion Train'. The train will depart Nashville, Georgia at 9:30 am on Saturday, July 24 from the Nashville Farmer's Market located at 700 E Marion Ave, Nashville, GA 31639. We will be traveling about 17 miles north to Willacoochee along the Historic Georgia and Florida Railroad before returning to the Farmer's Market. Our group will be riding in the Club Car that offers great views, while sitting at a table with movable chairs. Power outlets are available in this car, as are light snacks. Our diesel-powered train will have two stainless steel passenger cars (a coach and club car) and a caboose. The railroad's owners, Jaime Cater and Chris Parrott, will ride our car and expressed that they look forward to greeting us. The excursion will last approximately 2 hours. Ted will have your tickets at the train starting at 9:00am. The Lees, Bass, Decker, Lank, Barr, Williamson, Conrad, and Yarbrough families have purchased group tickets (if you made your own reservations with the railroad, I may have those or you may have to pick them up at the train). For more information see: <https://azaleasprinter.com/>

After the diesel ride, we will travel to the Georgia Agrirama in Tifton to ride their 0-4-0 steam powered Vulcan locomotive. This museum has numerous turn of the century buildings moved from other locations and assembled at the museum. Great photo opportunities for future modeling projects! You may ride the train as often as you like, however, the park closes at 4:00pm. You will need to purchase individual admission tickets, which includes the train ride, at the store located before the museum entrance.



Gandy Dancers

Highlighting Members and their work

Theme for the Month - Take-Aways from the National Convention

Several ways to contribute this month:

1. Did you find something truly inspiring at a layout that you want to emulate on your own layout? Got pics?
2. Did you find some awesome layout detail you want to brag about on behalf of the owner? There were some good stuffs shown. Share with those who couldn't make it.
3. Did you find an ultimate buy at the vendor hall? Or make a great sale for you vendors who went?
4. Did you have some experience to share that stands out in your mind, and would be interesting to our readers?
5. Did you attend a clinic that made an impact? Want to write an article? OK, would you be willing to write that article, even if you might not want to? **SHARE!!!!**
6. Did you **NOT GO** to the convention, but have an "instead I did [this] and it was really good!"

1. Did you find something truly inspiring at a layout that you want to imitate on your own layout?

I saw this lookout station on the tour and thought it'd fit nicely on my layout. My only concern was making the ladders, but I found some that will work in the Vendor Hall. I can fabricate everything else. Wish me luck. - Russ Bundy

[Editor's Note: I somehow failed to credit Russ with the article last month regarding the fine job he did on the refurbishment of his horse barn. It apparently implied that the scene was mine. Worthy of my theft, I admit, but no,.....Russ gets the applause!]

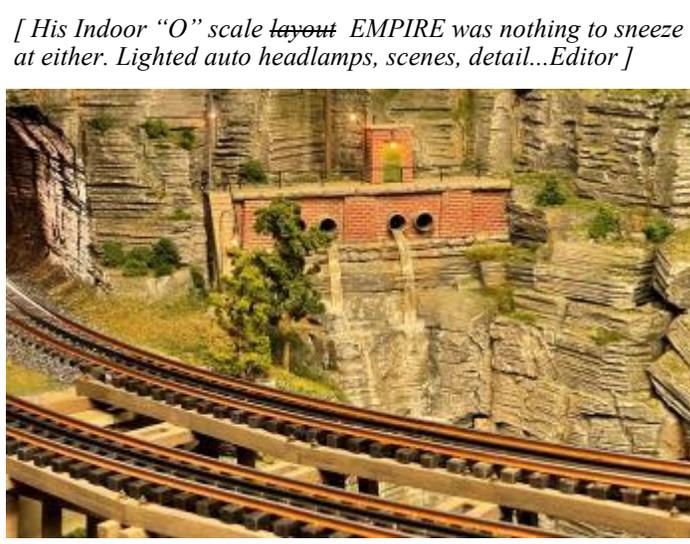
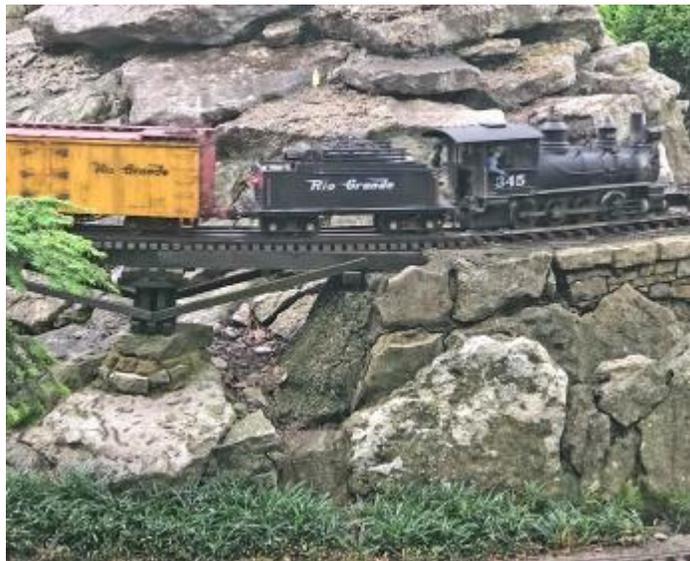


At Dave Bennett's Pre-Convention tour, I caught a glimpse of a derelict engine that couldn't stay on the rails. Seen this scene before, but decided I wanted to have one too. Strangely enough, Dave had a nice dead one for sale. Now all I have to do is rust it up and find a good location for it. - Emil Decker



2. Did you find some awesome layout detail you want to brag about on behalf of the owner? There were some good stuffs shown.

During the convention I was asked a couple of times, 'Did you have a favorite layout?'. My answer was, 'Well, I liked the building at this one, the scale plants at that one, and the train at the other one.' While it is true I found something I liked or that was unique at almost every layout, I would have to say that Dr. Jack Fisher's model of the Colorado Narrow Gauge caught my eye more than others. I have had the privilege of visiting this layout twice and it was equally impressive both times. The scale plant size, customized locomotives, the scratch built structures, and the hand cut rock tunnel portals all made for an outstanding garden railroad. The view from the top of the mountain is also spectacular! The Dr. originally lived across the street, but purchased this property and moved his garden railroad just for the view! I would have to say this garden railroad is ONE of my all time favorites and hope that all those from Georgia attending got to visit this one. - Ted Yarborough



[His Indoor "O" scale layout EMPIRE was nothing to sneeze at either. Lighted auto headlamps, scenes, detail...Editor]

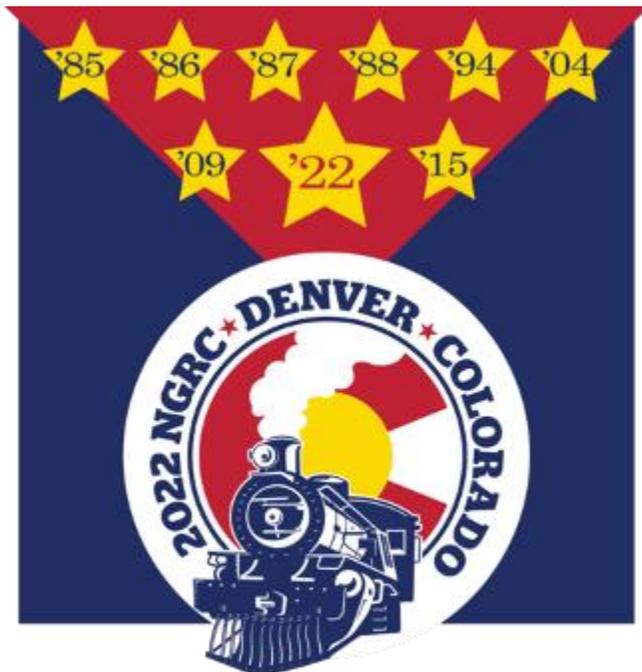


**What was the
“Train de la
Reconnaissance
Francais”?**

Answer on page 25.



Highballing down the Track



The 2022 National Garden Railway Convention website is now on line:
visit at <https://www.ngrc2022.org/>

Colorado 1:1 railroading cannot be beat. We are looking into some awesome opportunities for post-convention group excursions you won't want to miss. Stay tuned for more details.

DENVER GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
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VISIT [NGRC2022.COM](https://www.ngrc2022.com)

3. Did you find an ultimate buy at the vendor hall? Or make a great sale for you vendors who went?

I went to the convention with a list of items I was in search of. I was able to find a few items in the vendor hall and that made me very happy. I was looking for a long D&RGW caboose with the Flying Grande herald. I have seen several from Accucraft recently on Ebay and figured that would be my only choice. Then, after going around the vendor hall a couple times, I located a Bachmann Spectrum 1:20.3 caboose exactly like I was searching for. The price was even about the same as when they were originally released and much less than the brass Accucraft. I also purchase a wooden bridge, a small wood barn, and some rail clamps. It was nice to be able to DRIVE to this convention and not worry about shipping! - Ted Yarborough



OK. I guess I am the Jack Benny of Garden Railroading. I like a deal. A really CHEAP deal. So there was this vendor from Georgia whom I know, who took a bunch of stuff up to Nashville to "off-load" on someone. Who could resist a \$5 "Building-in-a-Bucket"? Heck, the bucket alone..... Well. I'll let you know if I got a deal once I de-bucket it, and see what I can do with the currently condemned abode. *[Shame I didn't see it at his pre-convention sale. Could've saved us both from having to lug it around on the GA-TN-GA round trip.]* - Emil Decker.

4. Did you have some experience to share that stands out in your mind, and would be interesting to our readers?

The Nashville Garden Railroad Convention had everything it takes, in my opinion, to make for a successful event. Pre-tours were in place and some attendees took advantage. Deborah and I had a few. There was a tourist train ride on the opening day just a little ways up into Kentucky. Garden railroads were open and on tour. They were indoor, modular, outdoor raised, outdoor garden settings, large and small, modeling steam and diesel, and even a live steam layout. The owners were very welcoming and seemed excited to show their garden railroad. A variety of clinics were held and the ones I attended were full of convention goers and were very informative. A BBQ and convention banquet were held. The vendor hall was full and had some 'show special' prices on a few items. Hotel was amazing with all the gardens to be seen. Finally, there were post convention layout tours. The 2021 National Garden Railroad Convention was GREAT! - Ted Yarborough

5. Did you attend a clinic that made an impact? Want to write an article? OK, would you be willing to write that article, even if you might not want to? **SHARE!!!!**

There was a very good "roundtable" discussion on the future of conventions, G-Scale railroading, and membership hosted by the GRNews folks. Stay tune for an article related to that discussion.

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Crickets.....???

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.)



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Name on Men's Shirt (Specify Name)							\$5.00

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Grey T-shirt							\$10.00
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Name on Ladies shirt (Specify Name)							\$5.00



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- Layout planning and CAD drawings
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Split/Jaw Product News:

- **STAINLESS STEEL** rail clamps and track accessories are coming very soon. We are now taking orders for July/August shipping. We heard you - thanks for asking!

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“Train de la Reconnaissance Francais”

Originally these French railcars were designed to haul freight and later converted to transport Allied troops and horses during World War I and II. The name “Forty and Eight car” (Hommes 40. Chevaux 8) comes from the wartime capacity of the car, meaning it could hold forty men or eight horses.

Built in France between 1872 and 1885, the wooden boxcar measures twenty-nine feet long by nine feet wide and it weighs approximately twelve tons. It is about the third of the size of an American boxcar of similar construction. Later renamed the Merci car, it has traveled many miles to transport cargo during peacetime, soldier’s during World Wars I and II and later, gifts of gratitude to the American people in 1949.

After the war, efforts to assist Europe rebuild after it was reduced to ruin were an American desire. A Washington Post newspaper columnist, Drew Pearson, began a grassroots effort to gather supplies for war-ravaged areas in 1947. Americans responded with zeal and the aptly named “American Friendship Train” with \$40 million dollars in supplies filling 700 cars was sent to Europe.

A French rail worker and World War II veteran, Andre Picard was so touched by this gesture he suggested France reciprocate. A French veteran’s organization quickly embraced his idea and developed a committee to collect the gifts. A search was conducted to acquire boxcars from throughout France and restore them for the journey. Over 52,000 gifts totaling 250 tons were collected to fill 49 boxcars bound for all the 48 states in the U.S., with one car to be shared by the District of Columbia and the territory of Hawaii.

The car shown in this quiz was the KY car, on display at the KY Railway Museum. If you wish to see the Georgia car, you can find it at the Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History in Kennesaw, GA., on loan from the Georgia Capital Museum collection.

The cars of New Jersey and Connecticut were destroyed by fire and the Colorado car has mysteriously disappeared.



Yard Hostler

The National Convention in Nashville was quite a hit! Those who went really had a fine time.

For our next Gandy Dancer Section, everybody who went to the Convention surely picked up something for their railroad. Those who didn’t go might have ordered or purchased something as well. Why not share your latest acquisition with us for the next edition of the GGRS Gazette. ***Look What I recently acquired for my Railroad.***

Ted, you and I have to share something other than the caboose and “building-in-a-bucket” we purchased.....sorry. They appear in this issue.

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