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G-Scale Southern Regional Get Together

Have you registered for the Regional yet? Late fees will apply soon you know. Are you helping with a layout, your own or helping someone else with theirs? Did you sign up to run the layout at the show, or perhaps give a clinic, or There seems to be a lot of "ors"... That's cause we need you to participate to the MAX and make this the best event for the year. It will help boost our standings as a State Railroading Empire, (Empire State of the South) if you remember your educational years (8th Grade, GA History). My how time flies...

So, I would like to urge you to pick through your pile of unused items and see if you can come up with some donatables for the youth clinic, being run by Steve and Melinda Jungst. I am sure you can find something to toss in the pile. Something a kid would add to a flatcar. Not sure what I mean? Check out the article on page 2.

Terry's Train Tidbits



June 1st Early Bird Deadline

The 2024 G-Scale Southeast Regional Get - Together is just around the corner. June 1st is the **cut-off date** for Early Bird Registration – just 12 days away!

The number of G -scale vendors helping to sponsor this August 23 - 25 event and that plan to host vendor tables has far exceeded our expectations. The **Friday Night Dinner** in Gwinnett County near the host hotel promises to have a lot of surprises, but attendance is limited to the first 100 attendees.

Like the **GGRS White Elephant Sale** on Saturday, a few slots remain open for both. First come, first served!

As we get closer to party time, some of our event coordinators may be looking for a little **volunteer help** from among those registered, so we hope you can spare an hour or two to assist.

Terry Manning,
President

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Introducing Kids to G Scale Railroading

Steve and Melinda Jungst have met with great success offering a youth clinic where kids can create a flatcar load and run it on the demonstration tracks at various shows. The success is proven in the pictures from an April 28th show in Springfield MA where they offered the clinic.



With donated flatcars from Charles Roe, and a gewgaw amount of possible loads, for a \$10 donation, kids can, attend the clinic and create a flatcar load of their own. (The \$10 is requested, but might be covered by anonymous benefactors in certain conditions).

The Jungst's do require a parent to remain with the children while they are working on the load and request a \$10.00 donation. The age limits for this clinic is 6 to 15 years old. There will be a limit of 24 children (the Jungst's currently only have 24 flat cars available). It would be nice to have 12 children per session. It usually takes about 30 to 45 minutes per group. GGRS members will be able to sign their children/grandchildren up in advance. First session at 10:30 am and the second at 12:30 pm.

Melinda feels that they are beginning to make progress in helping youth get involved in the G-scale train hobby and parents have been very enthusiastic about the opportunities also.

BUT: The Jungst need our help

Here is a list of items that we have used at other youth clinics and if anyone in the GGRS would like to donate items, it would be most appreciated.

Flat cars without any load
Flour/Potato Sacks
Pickle Barrels
Tree branches cut into about 5 inch lengths

Figurines

One Inch PVC Connectors (like a culvert in real life)

Pipe (one inch in diameter or less) (I have used PVC pipe or conduit plastic pipe.)

(about 3/4 to 1 inch diameter)

Animals

Plastic Train Wheels / Tractor Tires / Model Car

Tires

Dowel Rods

Spools (any where from 1 to 3 inches in diameter) .

Small tractors/ skid steers/etc. (generally the 1:32 scale works pretty well)

GGRS members may think of other items that would be suitable for flat car loads as well.



Here is a great opportunity to donate some of the junk,..... Er, quality pieces from our bench scrap boxes to a worthy cause. We thin out our box, and maybe, just maybe that spare part you have no use for becomes the key to introducing a new member to the model railroading world.



Vines Garden RR Now Open for the Season

<https://www.gwinnettcounty.com/web/gwinnett/departments/communityservices/parksandrecreation/ourparksandfacilities/guidetovourparks/vinesgardens>

Vines is a beautiful garden themed park situated on 45 acres. The Park is open to the general public year round. For more than 35 years, the park has allowed us to use approximately 1/4 acre to operate an outdoor large scale railroad.

This year opening day was scheduled for May 18th. Activities have begun for this event. Volunteers are needed to help run. If you would like to come spend some time enjoying the outdoors at this wonderful park, your participation will be greatly welcome.

For more information please contact Dennis Bass. email4bassde@gmail.com

Track Warrants

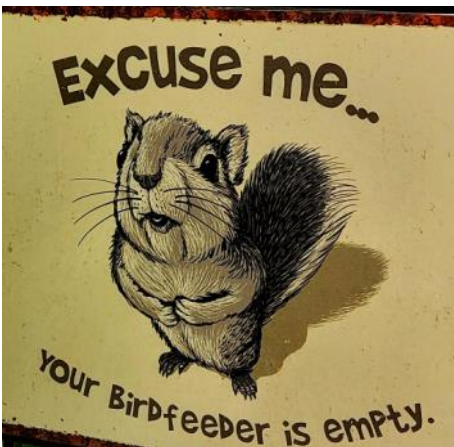
*** NOTE: The Calendar contains some Rail related events that are NOT GGRS events! Due to timing of events and newsletter deadlines,, some updates may not have been posted. Contact host for additional info.

Event	Location	Date	Status
Vines Gardens Railway Opening	3500 Oak Grove Road, Loganville, GA	May, Jun, Jul, Aug, & Sep	Trains run 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10 AM until 2 PM, weather permitting.
Midwest Garden Railroad Gathering	Independence, MO	May 30 - Jun 2, 2024	Away Game
Big Train Operators Convention	Bird-In-Hand, PA	Jun 15 - 21, 2024	Another Away Game
South East Regional NMRA Convention	Decatur, AL	Jun 20 - 23, 2024	Homecoming Home Game
GGRS Club Mtg	Peter & Lori Thomas	Jun 29, 2024	Veggies? Flowers, Trains
GGRS Club Mtg	Tom & Eileen Conrad	July 13, 2024	Home Game
Railroad Rendezvous	Southern Locomotive and Civil War Museum, Kennesaw, GA	Jul 20, 2024 8:00 am-6:00 pm	Circus Theme
G-Scale Southern Regional Get Together	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

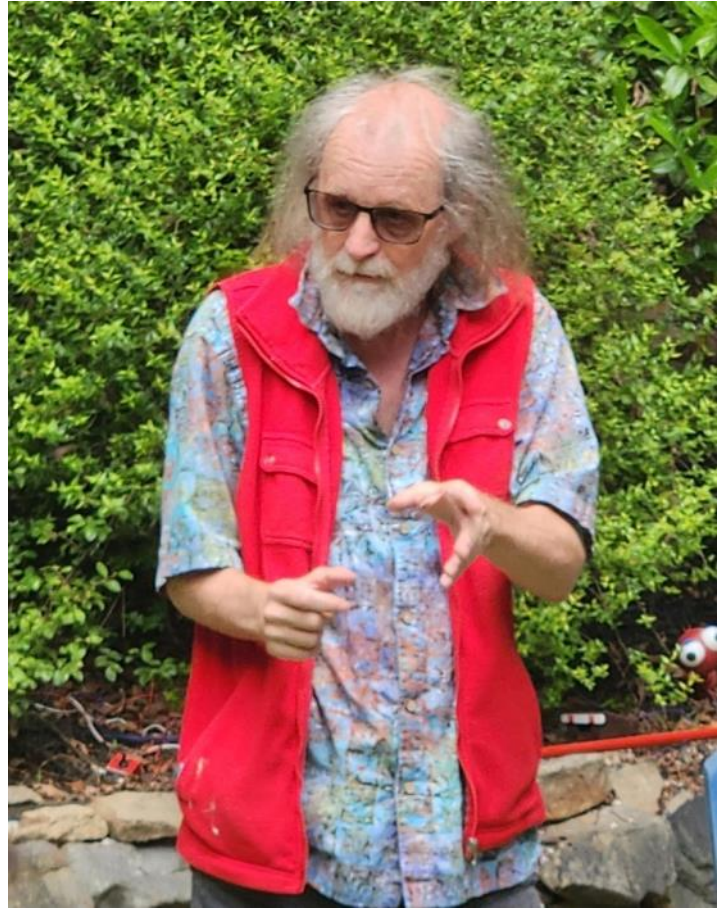
May GGRS Meeting at the Humphrey's

The weather was perfect for the May meeting in Cumming, GA. Our hosts were the Humphreys family, and their yard and layout were well designed and maintained.

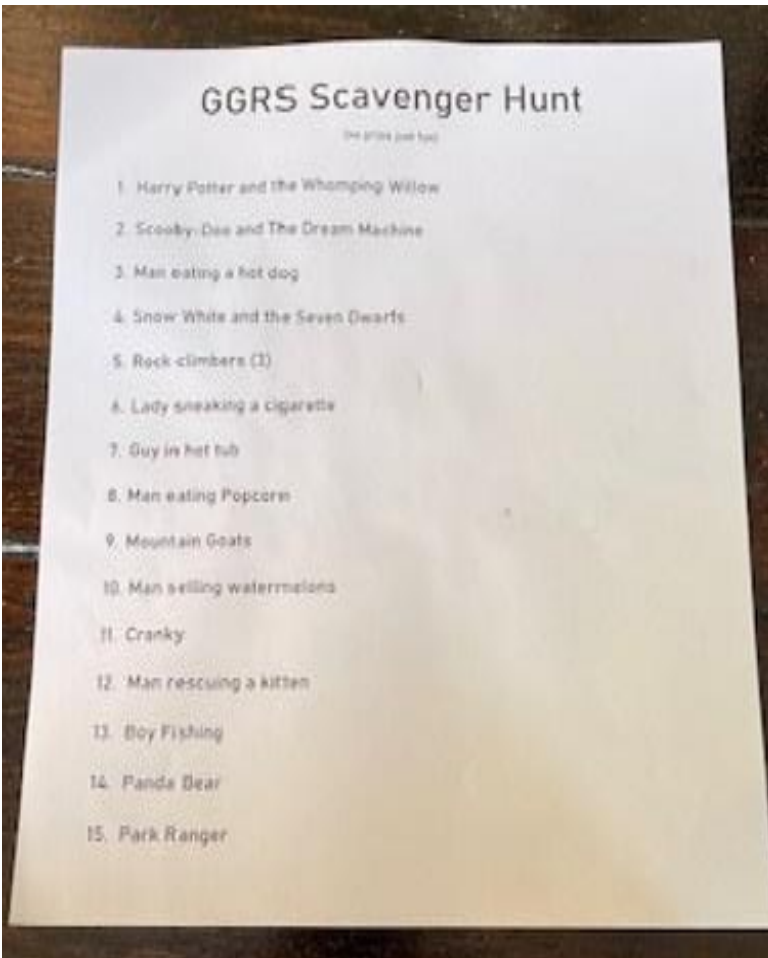
The layout has not been around for an extended period of time, and consisted of multiple circuits of tracks, around various plants, stones, walkways, water features, and yes, even a small Putt-Putt course.

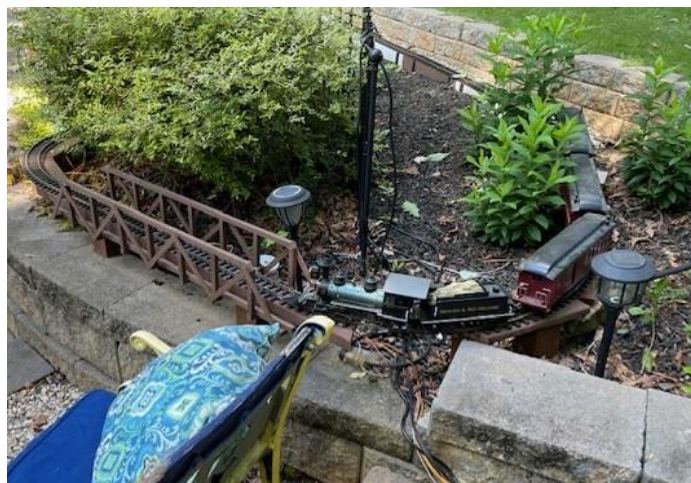














UPDATE: 2024 Southeast Regional G Scale Get Together August 23-25th

The Southeast Regional G Scale Get-Together final plans are coming together nicely. Registration is still open with individual registration of \$25.00 and family registration \$35.00 (increases June 1 to individual \$40.00 and \$50.00 for family). Registration / Order Form for Dinner and Train Car on page 13 this edition. Some of the highlights for this amazing event include:

Registration bag with collector's pin, name tag, tour booklet, discount show admission, and catalogs. Bag can be picked up Thursday evening or Friday morning at the event hotel.

2 garden railroads open for early touring on Thursday afternoon.

8 garden railroads open for tours on Friday.

2 Model Railroad businesses open for tours on Friday.

Evening meal with door-prizes Friday evening.

An enhanced G-scale vendor presence at the 65th Atlanta Model Train Show in Duluth, Georgia, on Saturday. including TRAINZ, Split-Jaw, melovetrainz, and other well know vendors

FREE Clinics scheduled during the show. Take a break, have a seat and enjoy a great time!

9 garden railroads open for tours on Sunday.

2024 Southeast Region Get-Together Car is a USA Trains 40' steel box car with metal wheels with L & N lettering with a discrete 2024 Regional logo offered with 4 road numbers for \$70 pre-order (with registration and pick up in August).

Event hotel is Embassy Suites by Hilton located at 2029 Satellite Blvd, Duluth (walking distance to Saturday's show).

Please note that the Friday meal and show cars are each limited to 100 and are already both selling well, so register SOON to avoid disappointment! The Georgia Garden Railway Society is looking forward to seeing everyone in August at the 2024 Southeast Regional G Scale Get-Together.



Invitation to the 2024 G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together Friday, August 23rd – Sunday, August 25th

Coming to the Southeast Regional Get-Together? You should. Not only can we use you as a volunteer, but those who register can expect the following items.

Regional Bags:

24" H x 18" W



A big thank you to GGRS member Scott Griggs, President of Trainz.com. Scott is generously donating the bags for our 2024 Southeast Regional G-Scale Get-Together.

Regional Pin:

Here is a sneak preview of the Regional Pin we will be ordering.



Regional Car:

The 2024 Southeast Region Get-Together Car is a USA Trains 40' steel box car. The lettering is a combination of a USA Trains 40' foot American Series box car, a USA Trains 50' Ultimate Series box car with a discrete 2024 Regional logo.

The Regional Car will be offered with 4 road numbers 103803, 103804, 103805, 103806. Twenty-five of each road number will be ordered, first come first serve. The cost is \$70.00 per car. Please specify if you want a particular road number.

STEEL BOX CAR

Road Number: 103803	Qty: 25
Road Number: 103804	Qty: 25
Road Number: 103805	Qty: 25
Road Number: 103806	Qty: 25

C485
Road Name: Louisville & Nashville (L&N)
Total Qty: 100
Body Side Color: Blue
Body End Color: Blue
Roof Color: Blue
Door Color: Blue
Corner Steps: Blue
Printing Ink: Yellow

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:

Early Registration (Before June 1st): Individual \$25 _____ Family (2 Adults & 2 Children) \$35 _____

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: \$ _____



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2024 Midwest Garden Railroad Gathering

May 30, 31 & June 1, 2, 2024

Hosted by MO-KAN Garden Railroaders.

- Garden Railroad Layouts
- Social Gatherings
- Workshops and Round Tables
- Vendors and Swap Shop

<https://mokangardenrailroaders.org/2024-midwest-gathering>

We are certain you will be pleased with the accommodations at the Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center. It is nestled within the Falls of Crackerneck Creek at a convenient location with nearby restaurants and access to activities in the KC area. A block of rooms are set aside for this event with an affordable room rate.

- Popular g-scale vendors are planning to be at the Gathering including RLD Hobbies and Reindeer Pass.
- Several garden railroad layouts are being scheduled to tour; an exact number and previews will be given in further updates.
- Workshops will include topics to enhance your railroad. Two of the programs are Power and Control for Garden Railroading and EPL Integration. Others will be announced soon.
- Round table groups are being set up to give you the opportunity to discuss your specific needs and learn from others.
- The early registration with ice cream will be at a garden railroad layout location and promises to be a lot of fun.
- A comprehensive listing of things to do and see in the KC area is being compiled.
- We will be communicating more details on the scope of this Gathering.

Why Choose the L&N as the 2024 G-Scale Regional Get-Together Car?



L&N GP40 3018 leads a southbound tote train #721 past the Hopkinsville, KY depot.
Date: September 1974

The purveyor of the USA Trains 40-foot steel box car is Roy Williamson. Roy is a native of Kentucky where the L&N Henderson division line ran through his

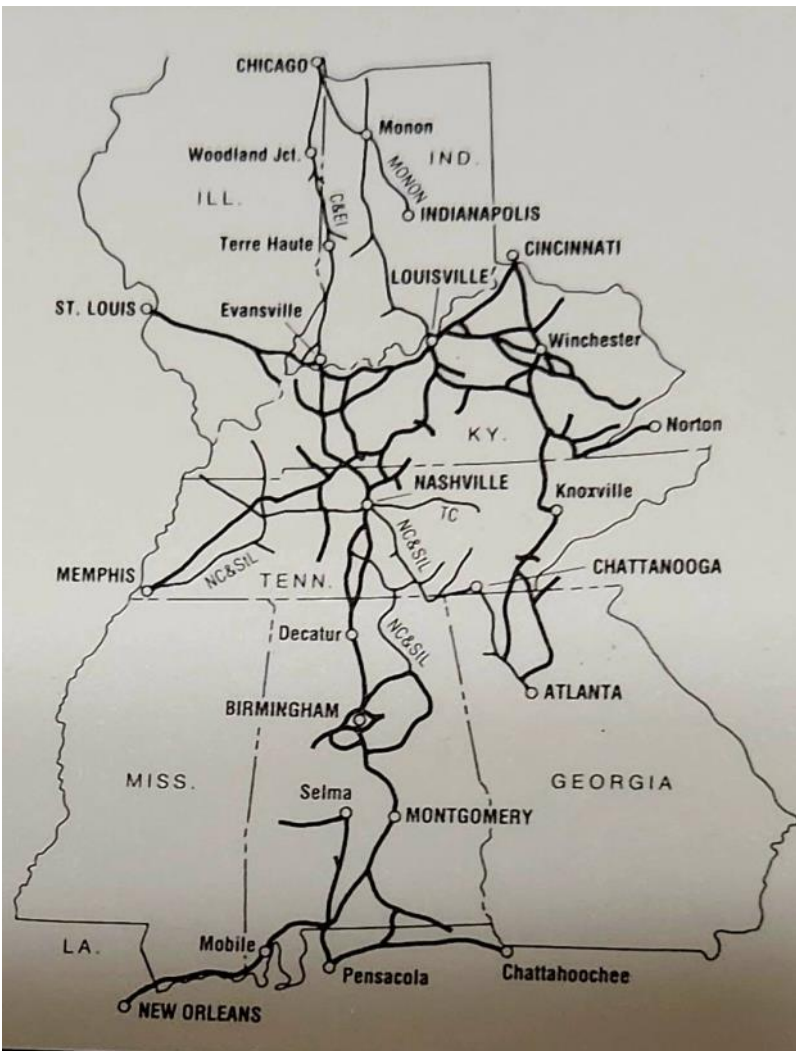
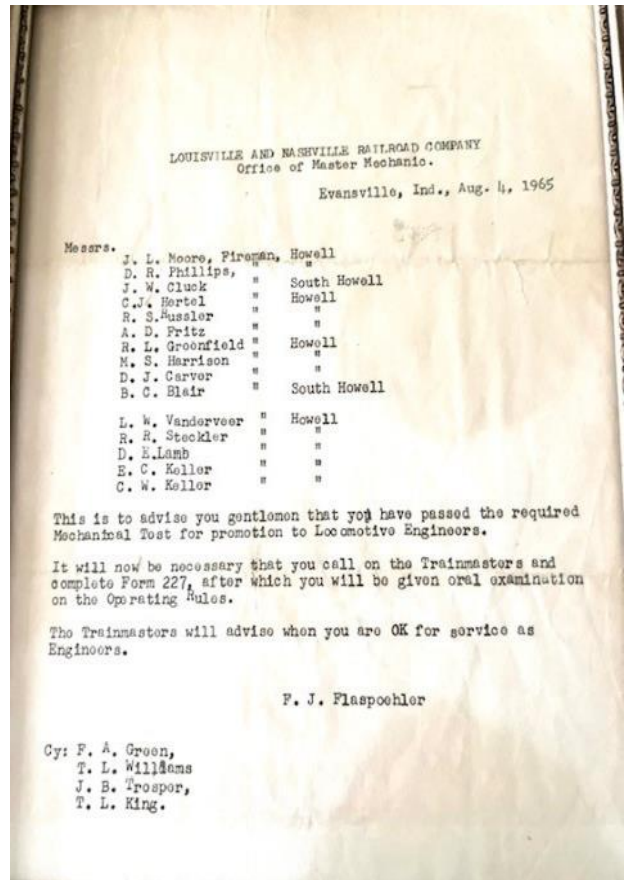


hometown of Hopkinsville. Additionally, his brother-in-law, Edward (Ebby) Cardin Keller, known as "Fat Cat" on the railroad, was an engineer for the L&N. Ebby ran a passenger train from Evansville, IN to Nashville, TN and later a coal train from Madison, KY to Nashville, TN. Ebby ended his 30-year career as an engineer running the switcher engine out of Guthrie, KY around 1994 as a CSX engineer.

The **Louisville and Nashville Railroad (L&N)** was a Class 1 railroad that operated freight and passenger services in the southeast United States. In 1850, the L&N was chartered in both Kentucky and Tennessee. Five years later they began building south from Louisville and north from Nashville. The L&N served the heart of the Southeast from New Orleans and Memphis to Atlanta and the Florida Panhandle. It also extended to St. Louis and later reached Chicago.

Despite a period of repeated destruction and rebuilding during the civil War, the L&N emerged prosperous. "Old Reliable" grew to be the largest coal hauler in the South.

In 1982 L&N emerged into Seaboard Coastline. Around 1987 Seaboard Coastline and the Chessie System were merged to become CSX.



The 2024 Southeast Region Get-Together Car is a USA Trains 40-foot steel box car. The lettering is a combination of:

A USA Trains 50-foot Ultimate Series box car



A USA Trains 40-foot American Series box car



A discrete nod to the 2024 G-Scale Regional Get-Together logo:



STEEL BOX CAR

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Put the 3 together and we have the 2024 Regional L&N 40-foot Steel Box Car.

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 24th**, at the **65th 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). A space can be "built up" by stacking items such as boxed rolling stock or using a crate or something similar 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,

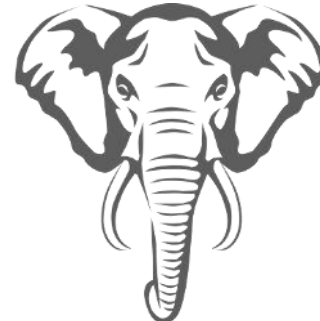
\$20 will be mailed or paid in person before July 14 _____ (Space limited to first 12 families)

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: _____



All Aboard for the **SECOND 1:1 Scale Rail Trip**

By Ted Yarborough

Miss out on the first 1:1 Scale Train Ride with the Tennessee Valley Railroad's Summerville Steam Special?

You can meet the train at Summerville and get some photos of the members on the train as they arrive..... Still not satisfied? Want a **SECOND CHANCE FOR A 1:1?** Willing to do a little exercise for an exiting tour on the rails?

The conductor will shout 'All Aboard' for our **SECOND 1:1 Scale Rail Trip** as we leave the historic Andrews depot at 10:00 am on **Tuesday, August 6**. We will be traveling through the mountains to Andrews, North Carolina to ride RailBikes and enjoy the ride aboard North Carolina's First RailBike Tour for the 5-mile trip to the Historic Valley River Tunnel. Take in the views from the beautiful valley which offers the opportunity to experience beautiful mountains, forests, and abundant wildlife. You will see crystal clear mountain rivers and streams as you cross Historic open deck railroad bridges on your trip to the tunnel. Once there you will have about 1/2 hour to check out the tunnel (which was hand carved by workers from Southern Railway in 1894) and the surrounding area. After your break, you will re-embark for the 5-mile trip back to Andrews for an opportunity to see things you missed on the trip out, so do not forget that camera! There are three riding options:



2-The Cart Ride holds 9 people in captain's chairs that swivel and have arm rests, with no pedaling required.

1-The RailBike is pedal motor-assisted, like e-bikes. Each RailBike seats four people.



3-The Choo-Choo Speeder Ride is in a gas-powered speeder and holds 2 people, with no pedaling required. A driver will drive the Speeder for you as you ride along.

ALL RIDES have individual seat belts for each rider. Riders must be at least 8 years old. You may bring drinks or snacks for the ride if you like.

There are several restaurants in the area, and one of my favorites is Rib Country in nearby Murphy, NC. This small chain restaurant is known for their smoked meats and signature sauces, plus in-house made cobblers for dessert.

Cost for this trip will be \$55.00. You will be responsible for your own lunch. No refunds are available, but you may transfer your tickets to others if need arises. Please note that advance ticket purchases are required.

Please make your check payable to Ted Yarbrough and mail to: Ted Yarbrough, 212 Love Drive, Chatsworth, Georgia 30705.

Please mail early enough so your money arrives by Saturday, June 15 if you plan to go. **When making reservations, please specify if you want the RailBikes, the Cart Ride, or the Choo-Choo Speeder seating.**

Shakeup at Kalmbach - Train Media all Sold !



WAUKESHA, Wis. — Trains Magazine and all other magazines owned by Kalmbach, along with Trains.com are among assets sold to Chattanooga, Tenn.- based Firecrown Media.

The publications involved will continue to be based in Wisconsin, Kalmbach employees were informed of the sale and told that most employees working on the brands will be offered positions with Firecrown.

Firecrown Media owns a wide range of transportation brands including Flying, Plane & Pilot, Boating, Yachting, and the supply chain site FreightWaves.

Kalmbach CEO Dan Hickey called it “a difficult day in our storied history” in an email announcing the sale.

Firecrown CEO Craig Fuller said in a press release that “The rail titles fit perfectly into the Firecrown portfolio and the breadth of experience of our staff.

Kalmbach has deep ties in the railroad community, having published magazines and books about railroads and model trains for over 90 years. There isn’t a deeper connection in the rail enthusiast community than the one that Kalmbach built. The Firecrown staff will work diligently to continue and build on that connection moving forward.

Membership

Dustin and Vanessa Foster of Flowery Branch are new members.



Clinics

We will rent a room at the Get - Together to use for hosting free clinics on G-Scale related subjects at the Train Show.

These will only last for 45 minutes so you can get back to shopping, or running trains, or whatever is calling to you.

What can you expect during these clinics?

How about spending your lunch hour listening to how John Henry, Railroading Hero of Fame, actually beat a steam drill.....in Alabama, NOT on the C&O! Yep, it was on the Columbus & Western, and I can prove it..... sort of. You decide.

Peter and Lori Thomas have agreed to give you the heads up on designing layouts. Peter will give you pointers on how and where to design and place features, while Lori will let you know which comes first, "The Chicken or the Tracks". (Her Quote.) Even if you have already started, maybe it isn't too late to get some expert advice.

Mike Carney will also be presenting on DCC operations and how you can upgrade your system by installing this feature.

Maybe a repeat performance of one of these, or a SURPRISE Clinician will show.....Who knows???

How can you NOT take time out of your shopping spree to come sit, relax, and learn about one of these fascinating topics.



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Clinic Schedule: Show runs from 9:00 - 4:00				
	Topic	Presenter	About this clinic	Cost?
9:30 - 10:15	?	?	?	?
10:30 - 11:15	DCC	Mike Carney	Installation of DCC is not all that difficult. Mike will talk you through it.	N
11:30 - 12:15	John Henry: Folktale or Real Historic Figure	Emil Decker	Was John Henry at Big Bend Tunnel in WV, or is there a case for him in AL at a C&W tunnel?	N
12:30 - 1:15	Which comes first? The chicken or the tracks	Lori Thomas	Preparing for a garden railroad with a step by step guide	N
1:30 -	Track layouts for garden railroads	Peter Thomas	Planning the track layout for a garden railroad.	N
2:30 -	?	?	?	?

If you are willing to take one of the two time slots and share your knowledge about Growing Plants, Garden Railroading, Historic Train Tales, or any applicable topic, let the editor know and he will slot you right into the system.

eldecker@windstream.net

We will have a TV with HDMI connections, a laptop, and a display table available for your use during the presentation. If you have any other needs, please inform us asap. Thank you.

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.



It's Official! NMRA - National Model Railroad Association President Gordy Robinson and Shane Wilson President of ScaleTrains announced January 27 at the Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show that the Southeastern Region will host the 2026 NMRA National Convention and National Train Show in Chattanooga, Tennessee July 27 - August 2, 2026.





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Railroad Club**
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4th Annual North East Ohio Large Scale Train Show



Just some quick updates on the upcoming 4th Annual North East Ohio Large Scale Train Show @followers! Everything is moving right along for our all G Scale show and June 1st we'll be ready to greet everybody as the doors open at 10am!

Remember if you buy your tickets in advance online before 9PM Eastern on May 31st you'll be granted entry to the show a half hour earlier at 9:30AM!

At this current time, we have almost all the vendor tables sold so if you think you might want to be a vendor register online now before it's too late!

The planning for the garden railroad tour taking place June 2nd is coming along nicely. We have four G scale garden layouts and one 7.5" gauge railway currently signed up. The g scale layouts will be open from 12PM to 4PM and the 7.5" gauge from 4PM to 6PM. The exact addresses and details on these layouts will be made available at the show on June 1st. You will be given wrist bands during the show along with a flyer with all the details. The layouts on average have about a 17-minute drive between them. The specific Ohio cities the layouts are located in are Austintown, Girard, Warren, Fowler and Orwell. Be sure to wear your wrist bands while on the tour as this is not a general public tour and only available to everyone that pays to enter the show on June 1st. There is no transportation for this tour so if you don't want to drive check with any friends attending the show to see if they may want to carpool.

Three clinics are being offered this year as well. The topics will be: control options for your g scale trains, Plants for your garden railroad and basics on electronics/leds. The times for these clinics will be posted and announced during the show.

We have more vendors this year than the prior 3 years! That includes Melovetrainz, 4 Track RR and 30+ more vendors! Nobody should leave this years show without finding something they want or need!

We will of course have our large club layout running during the show but we will also have operating displays setup by the Columbus Garden Railway Society, Gold Spike Garden Railroad Club and Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad!

Last but not least are the door prizes. Every hour on the hour we will be doing multiple drawings for door prizes. There's nothing addition to purchase to enter as everyone that pays to get into the show is automatically entered. We have donations from 4 Track RR, Melovetrainz, RLD Hobbies, LGB, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, Reindeer Pass Railroad, Remote Control Systems of New England, Split Jaw and MrPictovid (Large Scale Live).

Please be sure to check back here on Facebook for more updates as we get closer to June 1st (Only 19 days away!) and also on our website https://www.riversiderr.org/large_scale_show where you can also purchase your advanced tickets, register to be a vendor (only a few spots left!) and order show shirts! You can also find links to see local hotels, eateries and attractions!

We can't wait to see you all there!



Back On Track to
Bird-in-Hand
 PENNSYLVANIA
Celebrating 46 Years!
BIG TRAIN OPERATOR CLUB
CONVENTION • JUNE 15-20, 2024

- Thursday June 13, 2024 (or before)
- Committee Arrival
- Friday June 14, 2024
- Convention setup
- Cardinal, Robin and Eagle room setups
- Registration setup (Goody Bags)
- Track setup: Pond, Pavilion, Flower bed, Lobby Track
- BOD Meeting
- Saturday June 15, 2024
- Registration
- Runnin' Trains
- Ralph Wilcox All Aboard Party
- Sunday June 16, 2024

East Broad Top Excursion -
<https://eastbroadtop.com/>

- Convention Rooms Open at night
- Clinic #1
- Runnin' Trains, Raffles, Trivia???
- Monday June 17, 2024
 - Hotel Day/Free Day
 - Runnin' Trains in the Daytime (need to set minimum run times for pond)
 - Convention Rooms Open at night
 - Runnin' Trains, Raffles, Trivia???
- Tuesday June 18, 2024
 Colebrookdale Railroad Excursion -
<https://www.colebrookdalerailroad.com/>
 - Olive Garden (or other Restaurant for lunch after train ride)
 - Convention Rooms Open at night
 - Clinic #2
 - Runnin' Trains, Raffles, Trivia???



- Wednesday June 19, 2024
 - General Membership meeting in the morning
 - Morning Runnin' Trains
 - Convention Rooms open
 - Show @ BIH Stage "The Confession" (Starts around 1pm)
 - Ladies Wine/Cheese
 - Convention Rooms Open at night
 - Clinic #3
 - Runnin' Trains, Raffles, Trivia???
- Thursday June 20,2024
 - Drag Races (sometime in the morning)
 - Take everything down, except for pond track, and vacate convention rooms
 - Trivia Finale during banquet
 - Farewell Banquet
- Friday June 21, 2024
 - Pond Runnin' Trains
 - Pond tear down



The Confession... An Amish Love Story

When our Bird-in-Hand Stage season opens in April, the shows will go on at our temporary location—3063 Lincoln Highway East.



Our Bird-in-Hand Family Inn is open, and check-in has been temporarily relocated to the Pool Building's D Lobby, near the second carport.

Our Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant & Smorgasbord is closed, but as of mid-March, we will be serving lunch and dinner at a temporary location nearby, at the former Revere Tavern, at 3063 Lincoln Highway East in Paradise, which is less than 10 minutes away.

**Back On Track to
Bird-in-Hand
PENNSYLVANIA**
Celebrating 46 Years!
BIG TRAIN OPERATOR CLUB
CONVENTION - JUNE 15-21, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM EARLY-BIRD SPECIAL!

Convention Registration:
Includes FREE BTOC Golf Umbrella to the first 50 registered members only! (omit one umbrella per registered member)
Early Bird: Prior to April 15, 2024 \$100
Regular: After April 15, 2024 \$125

Registration includes BTOC Member & all family members

Events	Number of Attendees	Total
6/15 Ralph Wilson's All Aboard Party <small>Free coffee/refresh for all registered attendees</small>	Adult* \$ 35 Child* \$ 25	\$ _____ \$ _____
6/16 East Broad Top Railroad <small>Includes coach transportation with beer lunch</small> <small>Please choose one selection for each paid attendee:</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Italian <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie	Adult* \$100 Child* \$ 85	\$ _____ \$ _____
6/17 John Groof's Ice Cream Party (includes number attending)		FREE!
6/18 Colebrookdale Railroad/Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles/Lunch at Grind Restaurant <small>Includes coach transportation and lunch</small> <small>Lunch selection information will be available as part of your goody bag</small>	Adult* \$130 Child* \$115	\$ _____ \$ _____
6/19 Bird-in-Hand Stage Musical "The Confession"	Adult* \$ 44 Child* \$ 18	\$ _____ \$ _____
Ladies Wine & Cheese Get Together (includes number attending)		FREE!
6/20 Farewell Banquet	Adult* \$ 38 Child* \$ 29	\$ _____ \$ _____
-Child 12 and under	Registration Total	\$ _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED...
 Make reservations directly with the Bird-in-Hand Family Inn. Call (800) 537-2535 and request BTOC rate. The room rate is \$142/night +tax for single or double occupancy; \$164.50/night +tax for triple occupancy and \$187.00/night +tax for quad occupancy. The choice of Standard (2 queens) or Deluxe (1 King) are available. All nights receive 2 breakfast smorgasbord tickets. Children of 4-17 years of age add \$12.50 for smorgasbord.
 Please make your reservation now... rooms are limited!
 See reverse for additional information. PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES.

BTO - Big Train Operators registration form now available:

<https://bigtrainoperator.com/WhatsNew/pdfs/2024%20conv%20registration%20form.pdf>





GR News

Latest issue is now available. We are listed in a couple of spots for the Southeastern Regional. Check out the whole newsletter at:

<https://dl.orangedox.com/GRNews2024-2-MarchApril2024>

Rick Bremer at Fairplex continues to promote the 100th Anniversary of the railroad. The article in the local paper for the San Gabriel Valley includes a link to the GR News issue and quotes the story.

<https://www.dailybulletin.com/2024/05/07/la-county-fairs-garden-railroad-still-chugging-along-after-100-years/>



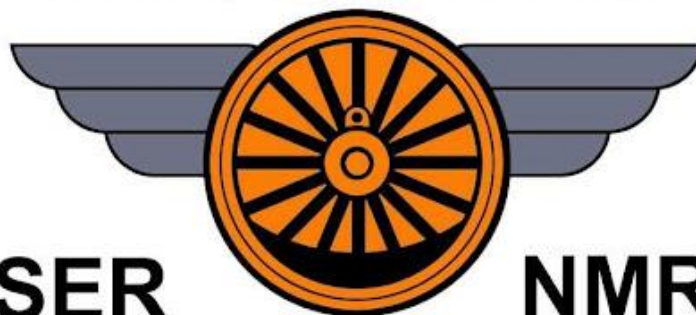
Join Us In Beautiful Decatur, Alabama for River Rails 2024

The Mid-South division invites you to join us in Decatur to enjoy clinics, model, prototype, and non-rail activities at the Southeastern Regional Convention, Thursday June 20th - Saturday, June 23rd 2024. The convention hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton.

DoubleTree
by Hilton Hotel
Decatur Riverfront
1101 6th Ave NE
Decatur, AL 35601
(256) 355-3150



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.)

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



**SPRING USED SALE
40% OFF ALL USED
20% OFF ALL BRASS
20% OFF ALL RAILRODIANA**

May 16th to May 25th [last min. notification to make this issue]

Shop New Items On-Line 24/7 at trainmastermodels.com

Come shop with us!

Thursday, Friday and Saturday 11 to 6

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Auburn, GA 30011

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Train Installations, LLC

Woodstock, GA 30188

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dave@traininstallations.com



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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 |
| Scenery items | Diecast cars | Incomplete multi-packs | Plasticville buildings |
| | | | 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!



Do you subscribe to the Split-Jaw Products notifications available by email? I receive them, but unfortunately the timing is such that the short time frame for a sale and the publication of this newsletter do not always match up.... SO..... **SUBSCRIBE!!** Then you will know in time to get fantastic prices on great products!

MEMORIAL DAY SALE

****SUBSCRIBERS GET A 4 DAY PREVIEW****

OUR ADS BEGIN TUESDAY MAY 21, SO HURRY.

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APPLIES TO ALL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING OTHER DISCOUNTS THAT MIGHT BE IN PLACE.

- **NEW ORDERS ONLY**
- **UNLIMITED USES PER CUSTOMER.**
 - **SALE ENDS JUNE 1, MIDNIGHT PT.**
 - **NO MINIMUM ORDER**

Yard Hostler

The June issue is in your hand..... or on your screen. There is great excitement over the Southern Regional Show and Boutique Extravaganza!

We still need volunteers at every level of this event, and if you checked the pages before this section, you know we need parts and pieces for the kids build-a-flatcar..... Or build a loaded flatcar. An empty flatcar might look ok on our layout, but "IT'S FOR THE KIDS"!!! There, made my pitch.

The BTO is still looking??? to come to Helen although Unicoi Lodge was voted down by the board due to the high cost of the nightly rate and a few other items. They have contacted another hotel in Helen and are negotiating with them. We will attempt to keep you informed. (No update as of yet... stand by)

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