



GGRS Gazette

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Official Newsletter of the Georgia Garden Railway Society

President's Message



Fellow garden train enthusiasts,

Spring is just around the corner! I look forward to the end of pine pollen season and our first gathering in early April.

A big thank you to all volunteers at the many events this winter. Also thanks for voting online! Both the 2022 budget and the Zelle payment option were approved by our members.

The board is reviewing all comments and will address them all this year. First one was a request for members to share their knowledge and techniques. I need your help to make this happen, let me know if you have any tricks, or tips to share.

Hats off to the 45 families that have already joined or renewed. And if it slipped your mind, this is a friendly reminder to send your 'GGRS' check to James Bando. We would love to see you at our gatherings, excursions and adventures this year.

Juliet Foster

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Interview With Dave Bergmann

Dave Bergmann, GGRS member and SplitJaws Personality appeared live, with prizes on Large Scale Consolidated, YouTube Channel on January 22, 2022. It was recorded if you missed it, you missed a great look into Dave's operations, a live YouTube Channel that regularly deals with G Scale, and it was Guaranteed COVID Free!



Dave has been in manufacturing for 33 years, owning his own business for 22 of those years. He has been a railroad modeler for longer, but has only recently (3 years?) gotten into the larger G Scale. Dave became interested in SplitJaw when they announced they would be closing the business back before the Nashville, TN - National Garden Railway Convention. He checked and pondered, but made no move.

Later, when the business was pretty well done, he again contacted and purchased the SplitJaw Domain. Now began his biggest challenge in manufacturing. Starting from scratch. That's right, Dave did NOT get the tools, drawings or diagrams, nothing but the name. He went out and purchased some older used items from SplitJaw when found on eBay and other sites, and began to reverse - engineer them. But Dave wasn't happy to just remake them. He wanted to re - engineer them to make them better.

Not only did this mean totally redrawing, testing, and retooling his equipment, (or purchasing expensive, new, large production equipment), once he began to advertise, he had to play catch-up with demand from the customer base.

While adding new Split-Jaw clamps as fast as he could design them, he also negotiated the Bridgewater (TM) Bridges line into his offerings. He does not want anyone to confuse them with the fabulous Bridgewater (TM) www.bridgewater.com line of transformers. But the shared name is no coincidence - our line of bridges originated from the same family, who later sold the bridge line. * Bridgewater trade name is used with permission of Bridgewater, Inc. These are awesome detailed bridges.

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While adding all this to SplitJaw, Dave wasn't done just yet. He also decided to add a "Design Line" of bridges, Aluminum bridges that are both attractive, and well-engineered. These offer great value and are truly strong and lightweight. He has a few models that are hinged for humans to get to "the other side of the tracks" as well. The well designed hinge mechanism and drop - in rail clamps ensure proper alignment, a tight fit, and an awesome looking bridge. You could see some of the tantalizing designs behind him during the live show, and he demonstrated how well the lift mechanism worked on the video feed.



He demonstrated the new power - feed set of clamps called "Lug-Zilla", several extended sets of clamps, and shared some free giveaways during the program. OK. Full disclosure..... I won the first giveaway, a great Hex Driver tool, which arrived soon afterwards in the mail. Who would-a thought? No slight of hand in the drawing. I won fair and square!

With great new products constantly coming out, like Electro-Grease, a non-toxic, oxidation blocking, conductive grease, or completely redesigned expansion rails, you gotta go see what's available at www.railclamp.com.

Dave shared some video from his own railway, and from the photo below, you can see why he wanted / needed to get those new expansion rails into production. Alas, he confessed, he has been so busy making, inventing and

innovating new things, he hasn't had enough time to install them on his own railway. His layout, by the way, was a fine custom job by another Dave, our very own Dave Bennett.

Just wait till you see the upcoming turntables. Previewed on the show. You can catch a recording of it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddac4BUIJxg>

You can catch other great YouTube G Scale information on the Large Scale Trains Show: <https://www.youtube.com/hashtag/largescaletrains> Subscribe and get notification for future shows.



Track Warrants

Event	Location	Date	Status
Atlanta Toy And Model Train Show	VFW Post 5408: 4764 Cobb Parkway NW, Acworth, GA	Mar 5, 2022	No layout planned
Piedmont Division Model Train Show	Cartersville, GA	Mar 13 & 14	Load in March 12 GGRS is allocated 2 layouts
2022 Model Train Expo	Chatsworth Depot	Apr 09, 2022	In Planning Stage
GGRS Apr 2022 Meeting	Dennis and Ellen Bass 1972 Lansbury Court, Snellville, GA	Apr 09, 2022 10:00 - 2:00	Run a train ?? Track power available
GGRS May Meeting Southside Atlanta Consortium 2022	Multiple: At least 4 ! Peachtree City and outlying area.	May 2022	In Planning Stage
Southeastern Railway Model Railroad Days	Duluth, GA	Jun 11 - 12, 2022	Invite with free tables ? ?
GGRS Jul 2022 Meeting	Juliet Foster and Alan Luebs	Jul 9, 2022	In Planning Stage

2022 Chatsworth Model Train Expo

The Model Train Expo will return to the Chatsworth Depot on Saturday, April 9, 2022. The event is returning to its April date after being cancelled by COVID in 2020 and postponed to September of 2021 by COVID. This is one of the more popular events with model trains of various scale including at least one "ride on train". The trains will operate both inside as well as outside the depot. Groups from Atlanta and Chattanooga areas will be on site to display their models.

A model train will be raffled off that day. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and can be purchased at the event or in advance from the Crown Achieves or from depot committee members. The model train is an HO steam locomotive with cars, track, and power supply manufactured by Bachmann Industries, a leader in model railroading. A few other prizes will also be included in the raffle.



The depot's big blue train will be giving rides. Model trains operating will feature an outdoor garden railroad (weather permitting), the Henry Family 7/8-gauge ride on train, Walt Liles' operating HO model train 'Snow' layout, Southern Museum's Lionel train, wooden train play area for little kids, as well as the depot's own HO and G Scale operating layouts. Vendors expected to be on site include those offering train themed embroidery, clothing for kids and adults, train art, and model trains of all scales.

The depot will open for viewing the model trains at 12 noon and remain open until 5 pm. The Caboose will open for tours during the same hours. The adjacent Wright Hotel will open for tours from 1 to 4 pm. Admission is free complements of our 2022 business partners Made possible by Peebles Funeral Home, Murray County Elected Officials, Captain D's, Bojangles, Krystal, Dr. Robison, First National Community Bank, and Bradley's Ace Hardware. Donations are always appreciated. The Chatsworth Depot is located at 219 N. First Avenue, Chatsworth, Georgia.

Highballing down the Track



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2022 NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION JUNE 20-25, 2022



Convention Registration is now open. Registration form available at the site or via this link:
https://dfa523be-bf1d-4941-a215-a05aca394771.filesusr.com/ugd/006123_d64cc1da04054cb297e36fcfddb07b00.pdf

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 Free Admission to Colorado Railroad Museum • Live Steam Track
 Bus Tours to Cheyenne Depot Museum
 Big Boy 4004 • Colorado Model Railroad Museum
 Georgetown Loop / Argo Mine
 Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad
 Pikes Peak Cog Railway • Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad
 Royal Gorge Route Railroad • Forney Museum with Big Boy 4005



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REGISTRATION INCLUDES ►

- ♦ Visit 40+ Layouts Scheduled for the Convention
- ♦ Access to Vendor Hall, Welcome Reception, Clinics and Convention Store
- ♦ Participation in the Convention Model Contest and Youth Model Contest
- ♦ Convention Bag, Program Book, and Commemorative Convention Pin

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS ►

- ♦ Four Pre-Convention Bus Tours – Transportation, Admission, and Lunch
- ♦ Post-Convention Bus Tour – Includes Transportation and Admission
- ♦ Banquet, Ice cream Social and BBQ at the Colorado Railroad Museum
- ♦ Bus Transportation to Layout Tours and BBQ

PLUS ► Limited-edition Convention Car – Logo-branded Rio Grande Caboose available for \$98



TVRM is happy to announce Thomas the Tank Engine and Percy will be here **April 23, 24, 30** and May 1 for the 'Dream Big Tour.'

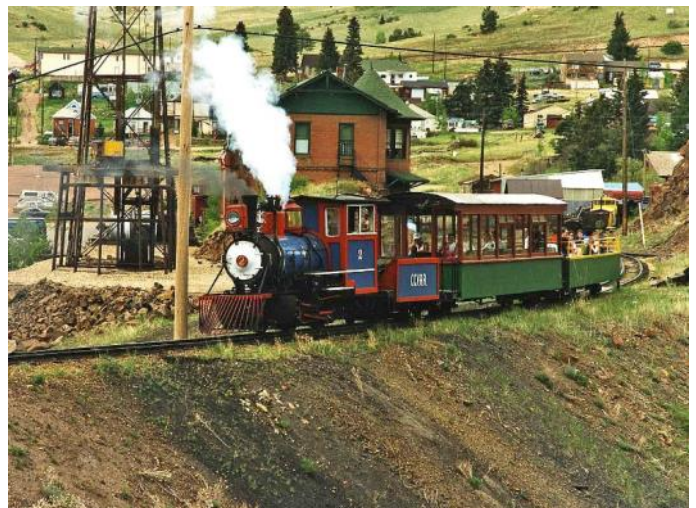
1:1 Train Ride

By Ted Yarbrough

Life is full of choices. Some can be good, and some can be bad. We love choices on the menu at a restaurant. We love to pick the options on our new car. We are excited when a new G-scale loco comes out in a variety of road names. Yes, we have choices almost every day. So, the GGRS has options for

some 1:1 scale train excursion related to the 2022 National Garden Railroad Convention in Denver this June.

All of the convention offerings of pre- and post-convention tours are excellent 1:1 scale trips. All look interesting. I have selected the one listed as 'Pre-Convention Tour 4' as our 'Official 2022 GGRS 1:1 Scale Trip'. This trip leaves the hotel at 7:00 AM on Monday, June 20 and includes rides on two railroads, Pike's Peak Cog RR and Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge RR. The cog railroad takes you to the top of a 14,000 ft mountain in the heart of the Rockies. The line was rebuilt over the last two years with new track and cars. The narrow gauge ride out of Cripple Creek is 2 ft trackage re-laid on historic roadbed and is powered by a small steam locomotive. Cost is \$115 per person and includes both trains and charter bus transportation, with lunch on your own. The convention officially kicks off the next day.



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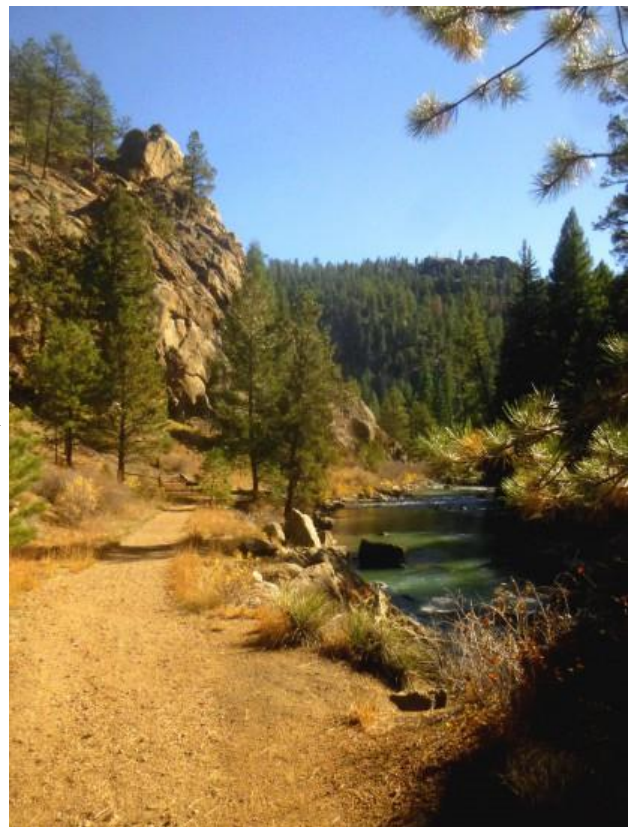
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Our SECOND 'Official' GGRS 1:1 scale train ride for 2022 will be AMTRAK 's California Zephyr through the Rockies, from Denver to Glenwood Springs. This trip will involve riding to Glenwood Springs on Saturday, June 25, spend the night and return to Denver on Sunday, June 26. The ride includes passage through the world-famous Moffat Tunnel and over some of the most spectacular mountain scenery of any AMTRAK route as the train crosses the Continental Divide. The train leaves Denver's Union Station shortly after 8:00am and arrives Glenwood Springs around 1:45pm. The return trip leaves at 12:00 and arrives Denver at approximately 6:30pm. Round trip tickets in coach are approximately \$74.00 each (AMTRAK does raise the ticket price as the train starts to fill). There are several hotel options in Glenwood Springs from the more expensive and historic Hotel Denver, located just across the street from the AMTRAK Station and the Hotel Colorado which is another historic property and is about a two-block walk from the station (they also have a shuttle that may be available) to the traditional chains like Holiday Inn Express, Hampton Inn, Best Western, and even local mom and pop hotels. Deborah and I will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express where the cost is \$275.00 per night.



The trip I booked is leaving Denver's Union Station in a passenger coach on Saturday, June 25 and return on Sunday, June 26. What a way to end the 2022 National Garden Railroad Convention! You will need to make your own AMTRAK and hotel reservations for this trip. Be aware that this is a summer tourist town and train tickets and hotels will book up quickly.

Phil Jones is heading up a 4-wheel drive vehicle tour of some old abandoned narrow gauge railroads and a few ghost towns along the way on the weekend after the convention (see page 8 for more info). This is the same time as the AMTRAK trip, so choices will have to be made. This is the only time frame the 4-wheel drive tour would work out. We both understand that not everyone likes the same things and are glad to support each other's trips and are excited to have these choices to offer. The convention ending AMTRAK or 4-wheel drive of abandoned narrow gauge railroads and towns would each be an excellent and exciting end to the convention week. Hope to see you in Denver and on the 2022 GGRS 1:1 scale trips!



~~1:1 Train~~ Trail Ride

By Phil Jones

Colorado Railroad Adventure

Accommodations for all nights will be in Buena Vista, CO and will cost approximately \$150/night per couple.

In Buena Vista, CO we will stay at an Airbnb or motel depending upon the number of people interested in this trip. We will not be driving any "off road" jeep trails,

however, a high clearance auto (or preferably a SUV) will be needed. Vehicles can be rented in Denver and could be shared with a second couple or individual.

Saturday, June 25

Leave Denver at 8:00 AM. Drive on Hwy 285 to Como via Kenosha Pass (paved road) which is the old route of the Denver's South Park and Pacific Railroad (DSP&PRR) to Breckenridge. In Como, we will visit the restored former roundhouse, turntable, hotel, and the train station. Then we will drive onto the old DSP& PRR railroad grade which goes over Boreas Pass to Breckenridge. (The road is a well maintained gravel road.) The railroad stop at the top of the pass has several abandoned structures.

Then we will continue on to Breckenridge for a late lunch. From Breckenridge, we will go over Hoosier Pass (paved) to Fairplay and visit the restored South Park Mining town. There is a small entrance fee to visit this old mining settlement but it is well worth the small price due to the large number of restored buildings.

We then will take Hwy 285 over Trout Creek Pass (paved) to Buena Vista where we will have dinner and spend the night.

Sunday, June 26

Breakfast in Buena Vista before visiting the Midland Railroad Tunnels, the Buena Vista Heritage Museum, and the Buena Vista Train Station. We next will follow the now "road" of the former DSP&PRR railroad bed going up Chalk Creek to the Alpine Tunnel, stopping at Mt. Princeton Hot Springs for lunch. Then we will head on to see the old Ghost Town of St. Elmo. From there we will go to the abandoned former town sites of Romley and Hancock located at the base of the Alpine Tunnel's East Portal which is where the railroad went through the Continental Divide. The roads are paved at first and then transition to gravel. Gravel portions are usually in good condition and offer two lanes of traffic. There are many former mines and abandoned mining buildings to see along the way. We will return to Buena Vista for dinner. On the way back to Buena Vista, are the Mt. Princeton Hot Springs. These offer delightful hot pools to enjoy, for those interested. Bring a swimsuit! No skinny dipping allowed! There is an entrance fee charged to swim at the hot springs.

Monday, June 27

Option #1 – Return to Denver to fly or drive home. – 2½ hour drive to the town and 3 ½ hours to the airport.

Option #2 – Depart Buena Vista for a great adventure driving over the Continental Divide going over the Cottonwood Pass (paved) to Taylor Park, and then on to the old Ghost Town of Tincup for lunch. (The view from the top of Cottonwood Pass may be one of the most majestic and beautiful in the world!)

From Tincup we will drive over the Cumberland Pass road (gravel) to Pitkin where we will drive the DSP&PRR Alpine Tunnel railroad bed (gravel) up to the western portal of the Alpine Tunnel. Driving across the famous "Palisades" built by Chinese laborers is thrilling (and safe). There are restored ruins at the portal. From there we will go across the Continental Divide on Hwy 50 (paved) over Monarch Pass to Salida.

Dinner will be in historic Salida and then we will drive back to Buena Vista for the night.

Tuesday, June 28

Option #1 – Return to Denver to fly or drive home.

Option #2 – After breakfast in Buena Vista, we will drive to Leadville and then on up to Hagerman's Tunnel (an abandoned Colorado Midland RR bed (gravel) to the Hagerman's Pass East Portal. (Local conditions will determine how far up the road we will travel.)

We will return to Leadville for lunch with options to visit the historic Healy House, the Tabor Opera House, Baby Doe's Mine and/or the Colorado Museum of Mining. Just walking down scenic Main Street is a good choice to see a slice of life from the 1800's. We then will return to Buena Vista for the night.

Wednesday, July 29

Depart for Denver to drive or fly home.

As soon as possible and by the end of February, at the latest, I will need to know who would be interested and committed to the Colorado Railroad Adventure so that reservations can be made for the stay in Buena Vista, CO.

There are many side trips already offered by the Denver Garden Railroad Society both before and after the National Convention, as well as the train trip organized by Ted Yarbrough. My feelings will not be hurt if there is no interest on the part of any of our GGRS members for this extra Colorado Railroad Adventure. If you have any questions, send me an email to bjones2163@aol.com or give me a call at 407-921-2345.

At The Depot

Members of the Georgia Garden Railway Society are hard workers. This was evidenced recently at Trains, trains, trains. Helping were Roy Williamson, Dennis Bass, Cullen Reid, Phil Brand, Russ & Leslie Bundy, Sally & James Bando, Ted & Deborah Yarbrough, Dan & Carol Steidle, John Lees, and Pam Kennaman. There may have been a couple of other members in and out during the event.

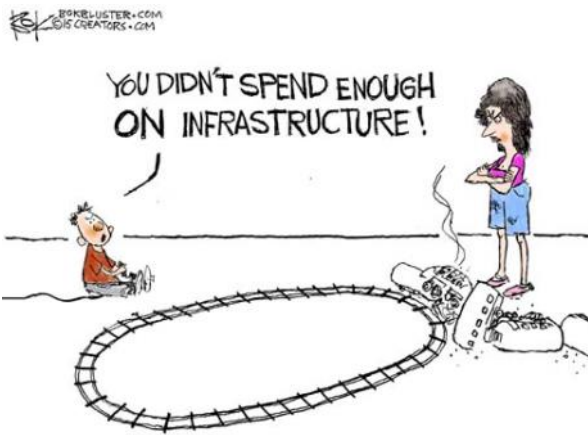


March, Moth, and Monarch all begin with “M”. What does this have to do with trains?, Well I will tell you, when you tell me - When did a moth save a Monarch?

Answer on page 15.







Railfanning

Fun watch. Came from the Florida Garden Railway Society Club President.

LGB <https://youtu.be/feRh7LhXnQI>

Job training with model railroad <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TLcaJdsRr0>

Railfanning Cats??

Katzen mit bahns ? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ILk621wzf4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmHv8TdB3f4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TG5GWT5yKcQ>

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GGRS 2022 budget vote

23 Responses 01:25 Average time to complete Active Status

1. Proposed 2022 Budget vote

For	20
Against	1
Abstain	2



2. Interest in GGRS offering Zelle payment option

I like the idea	14
I am opposed to the idea	2
Other	5



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Long Sleeve Denim							\$22.00
Short Sleeve Denim							\$22.00
Name on Men's Shirt			(Specify Name)				\$5.00

Ladies	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	Price
Grey T-shirt							\$10.00
Carbon or Burgundy Polo							\$20.00
Long Sleeve Denim							\$22.00
Name on Ladies shirt			(Specify Name)				\$5.00

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 hobby of model railroading! Let us know how we can help.

Thanks - Dave 770-597-0038

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Queen Victoria it was, one night on a train headed towards London.

In Great Britain, a night train was carrying Queen Victoria. Suddenly, the engineer saw a phantom figure... in a black cloak standing in the middle of the tracks, waving its arms back and forth. The engineer jammed the brakes, stared into the fog, and saw the bridge ahead had been swept away. Later, when they reached London, the engineer discovered a dead moth at the bottom of the engine's head lamp. He pressed the moth against the glass of the lamp, turned on the light and saw the black-robed figure. Seconds before the train was due to pass over the missing bridge; the moth had flown into the lamp. The image was of a black-robed man waving his arms to stop. The queen was saved by a moth. As far as the moth was concerned, it was just flying to a light. I wonder if the Queen knighted it?



How they do birthdays in Kentucky?



Yard Hostler

Well, the winds of March are a coming. Daffy dillies are beginning to sprout. Train shows are back on the schedule, and your layout is calling out to you to come give it some attention. Give us the lowdown on what you are planning this year. Send Pictures, stories, etc.

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