



# GGRS Gazette

## May, 2022

Official Newsletter of the Georgia Garden Railway Society

### President's Message



Thank you, Dennis and Ellen, for hosting the first membership meeting of the year! It was wonderful time to catch up with old friends and welcome new garden train aficionados!

Also, thanks to those who setup and supported the Chatsworth train Expo! Our passion continues to grow!

I am super excited for our first progressive membership gathering next month! Please plan to explore all the different depots, towns, eras and rolling stock captured in these train gardens.

*Juliet Foster*

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## Froggy Mountain Breakdown

April was an interesting month, with 1/2 the club at the monthly meeting on the Frog Mountain Railroad, 1/2 at the Chatsworth Depot Model Train Expo, and 1/2 at home or other parts unknown.

Dennis and Ellen Bass hosted on what was suppose to be a warm spring day. It was windy, chilly, but the frogs were out, and so were we.....except when we went back inside to refill out plates. Things were smooth running, and several of the newer members got an opportunity to see what a home hosting was all about. Everybody there was happy we are getting back into the swing of things. They all just want it to be a little warmer, less windy, but not too hot. Looking forward the multi-family road trip next month!

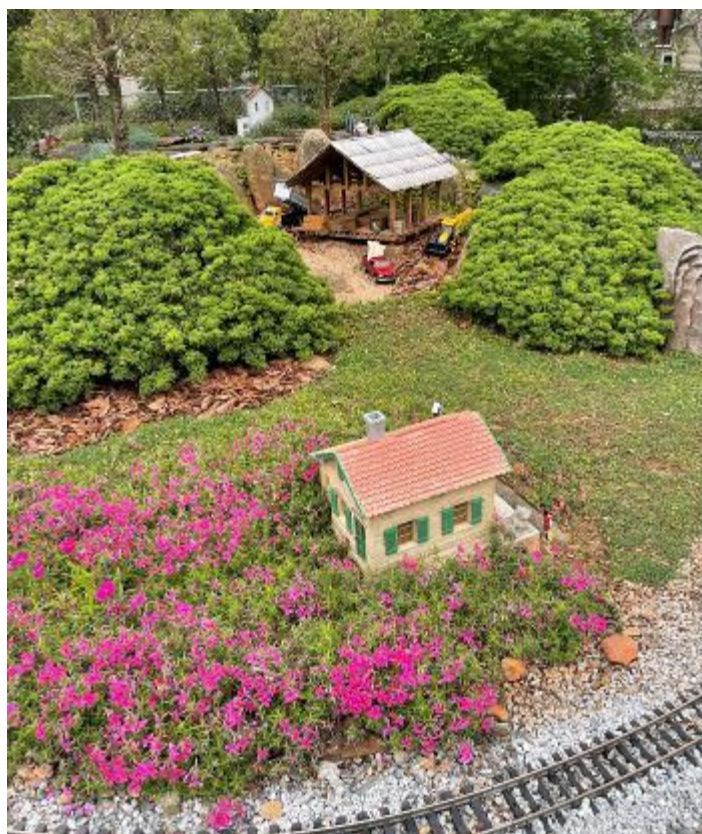


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Egg liners, early spring bloomers, and an AMTRAK train that seemed to be running on time. Wow !







Things were jumping at the airport.....  
Even the cows !









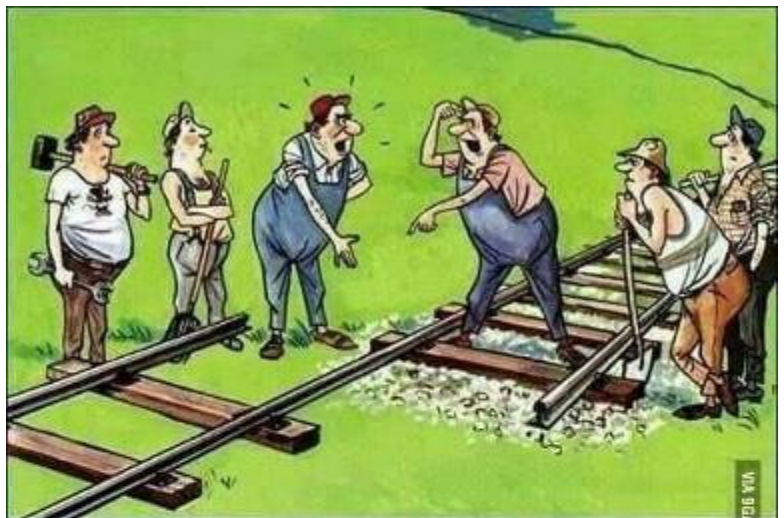
Where, when, and WHAT was the Great Dinky Robbery??

Answer on page 12.

## Train Slang: How much Railroad Slang do you know?

Gonna go through the A.B.C.'s of Railroad Slang in the next few issues, 20 at a time.

- Ash Cat: Slang term for locomotive fireman.
- Baby Lifter: Passenger Train Brakeman
- Bake Head: Locomotive Fireman
- Bake a Cake: To build up steam
- Bait Can: Lunch Bucket
- Banjo: A fireman's shovel
- Battleship: A Large Locomotive
- Bending Rail: Relining a switch
- Big Hook: Heavy Duty Derrick or Crane Railcar (Wrecking Crane)
- Big O: Conductor
- Big Shot: Yardmaster
- Big Hole : A quick stop.
- Blowing Smoke: To Brag
- Bobtail Haul: a short train - Locomotive with only a few cars and a Bobber caboose
- Boomer: An experienced but transient railroad worker
- Boss: Conductor
- Brass Collar: Railroad Official
- Brass Hat: President or Boss of the railroad line. Also an Advanced Railroad Modeler
- Brass Buttons: Freight Conductor
- Buckle the Balonies: Connect the air hose



## Highballing down the Track

### EVERYTHING YOU EXPECT:

Layout Tours • Vendor Hall • Banquet • BBQ  
Clinics • Model Contests • Ice Cream Social  
4 Star Hotel with Discounted Rates  
Convention Car • Convention Store

### PLUS MUCH MORE:

Welcome Reception • Youth Model Contest • Galloping Goose Rides  
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



<https://www.ngrc2022.org/>

<https://www.ngrc2022.org/local-layouts>

<https://www.ngrc2022.org/schedule>

<https://www.ngrc2022.org/nearby-attractions>



# 1:1 Train / Trail Rides

**By Ted Yarbrough**

Anybody Going to San Antone or Phoenix. Arizona...  
...well, I always did like that country song.

How about anyone going to Denver? So far, I know that Dennis and Ellen Bass, Phil and Barbara Jones, John and Carolyn Lank, and Ted and Deborah Yarbrough are going. If you are going and plan to ride Pikes Peak Cog RR (convention tour #4 and the GGRS official 1:1 scale ride #1), AMTRAK through the Rockies (our 1:1 scale ride #2), and the Jeep abandoned narrow gauge railroads tour (GGRS ride #3) please let us know so we can look forward to seeing you on our trips and enjoy train experiences together.

The GGRS has had as many as 20 members participate in past Denver conventions. It is not too late to sign up for the convention and take advantage of these unique opportunities. The 2022 National Garden Railroad Convention is hosted by the Denver Garden Railroad Society and they hosted the very first national convention. These folks know garden railroading and are happy to show off their layouts, take us on exceptional train rides and even have a BBQ with Galloping Goose rides!

A number of vendors have already signed up to fill the vendor hall. Garden Railroad Conventions are the highlight of the year in garden railroading. Make plans to attend the 2022 event and take advantage of the train rides offered by GGRS members Ted Yarbrough and Phil Jones. Please contact them with any specific questions or to let them know that you will be joining them on their excellent adventures.





## Track Warrants

Event	Location	Date	Status
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

## At The Depots

Our May "Tour of Depots" will be an exciting change. Instead of one layout, we will visit several. You can tour them all, or drop by during the specified hours for any one to accommodate your schedule. You will be welcome at any or all. The schedule includes food at appropriate time, as well as one particular layout without due to allergies. Be aware, be prepared!

### Saturday 5/14

The mega tour starts with:

**9:00am -10:15am.** Bob Avery, 4 Dogwood Road, Newnan GA 30263. 678-463-5283

**\*\*note:** Bob's layout will be open from 8am to 2pm

#### Avery Layout



**10:30am - 11:45am.** Norm and Ann Lundin, 35 Sullivan Road, Newnan GA 30265. 770-251-8035

**\*\*note:** Norm's layout will be open from 9am to 2pm

#### Lundin Layout

The garden railroad was started in this location about 15 years ago in an attempt to solve the problem that nothing would grow under this 200 year old Water Oak tree. We brought in new soil, built up the retaining walls, dug out an 1800 gal. Koi pond, and the low sun plants started to grow.



**Noon - 1:15pm.** Tom and Eileen Conrad, 910 Huntington Place, Peachtree City, GA 30269. 770-487-2052  
Lunch will be served, and the meeting will occur here.

**\*\*note:** Conrad's layout will be open from 11:15 -1:45

### Conrad Layout

Elevated train layout approx. 490 ft running along the side and backyard perimeter with multiple styles of bridges. Many plants and flowers embedded throughout the R/F layout.



**1:30pm - 2:45pm.** Michael and Suzanna Carney, 124 Sweetwater Oaks, Peachtree City, GA 30269. 678-763-5527

Desert will be served here.

**\*\*note:** Carney's layout will be open from 1:00-4:00

### Carney Layout



**3:00pm - 5:00pm.** David Bergmann, 385 Broadmoor Drive, Fayetteville GA 30215. 404-386-3629

**\*\*note:** Bergmann's have food allergies so please don't bring in any outside food or drink.

### Bergman Layout





## 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.)

*Emil Decker's*  
STICKS  
+  
STONES

**"The truth is not in the  
touch of a stone, but in  
what the stone tells you."**

*Rene Denfeld*

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### Engineer's Wish List




**Embroidery  
Design & Gifts**  
by On-Line Consign, Inc.

**Sally Bando | 404.550.4816 | sbandageorgia@comcast.net**

Machine embroidery designs & themes on shirts and gifts.  
Prices upon request. Company and group projects welcome.

Embroidery Design and Gifts  
Georgia Garden Railway Society  
Club Shirts  
Each Shirt will have the club logo  
on included in the price.

Contact Sally for other designs



Men's	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	Price
							Grey Pocket t-shirt
							\$10.00
							Carbon or Burgundy Polo
							\$20.00
							Carbon or Burgundy Pocket Polo
							\$20.00
							Long Sleeve Denim
							\$22.00
							Short Sleeve Denim
							\$22.00
							Name on Men's Shirt (Specify Name)
							\$5.00
Ladies	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	Price
							Grey T-shirt
							\$10.00
							Carbon or Burgundy Polo
							\$20.00
							Long Sleeve Denim
							\$22.00
							Name on Ladies shirt (Specify Name)
							\$5.00

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Here are a few work in progress pictures of the indoor G scale RR display we are building at the Grady County History Museum in Cairo, GA.



Check out our online store and updated website at [www.traininstallations.com](http://www.traininstallations.com)

We can help you with any part of your model RR project no matter what scale it is.

- Layout planning and CAD drawings
- Custom bridges
- Overhead RR systems
- Model kit assembly
- Train storage shelving

Thanks - Dave 770-597-0038

Now is a better time than ever to distract yourself with the hobby of model railroading! Let us know how we can help.



The Great Dinky Robbery was an incident on May 3, 1963, in which four men boarded the Dinky and abducted four passengers. Princeton was not yet co-educational, and the Dinky was the usual mode of transportation for women dating members of the then all-male student body.

On a Friday evening, four Princeton University students, riding horses in Western attire, ambushed the train as it was arriving at Princeton station. A convertible was parked across the track, forcing the Dinky to come to an abrupt halt. The men, including George R. Bunn Jr. of the Bunn coffee maker family, who was armed with a pistol loaded with blanks, boarded the train and persuaded four female passengers to leave with them. The Dinky later resumed its trip and arrived at Princeton station. Although the University administrators were aware of the event and may have known who was involved, they took no official action. Ah, the good ole days of college pranks and tom foolery!



## Yard Hostler

April has been a full month for me. Lots of yard work, and other distractions to keep me out of the Railroad right of way. Hope to get back to it soon. How is your spring rail-cleaning coming? Why not share your experience, photos, disaster, etc. with us. We all need to have a laugh, cry, and generally know others are experiencing the same things we are. *{helps keep us on track}*....

Looking forward to the Round table of track visits planned for next month. See you down south !

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