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GGRS Tours Southeast Depots

By Pam Williamson

March had our GGRS members traveling independently to visit 3 layouts in Cochran, Dublin and Pooler.

Our journey started on Friday, we headed to Cochran to see the Dixon's. Once we arrived the skies let loose so it was too wet to run trains. No problem, we headed into the *melovetrainz* warehouse. With no prior coordination Mike Clapp, Tom & Eileen Conrad, Josh Sagarin and Diane & Dennis Allen all arrived about the same time as Roy and I, and then the real fun began. There was trading, buying, rifling through the back of the Dixon pickup truck and digging through boxes that were of course, on the top shelf. With the red pickup truck more than full, thanks Josh for helping us transport, we headed to Savannah.



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Terry's Train Tidbits



The winter schedule of train show visitations has ended. Whether in Kennesaw, Duluth, Cartersville, or Chatsworth, we saw our GGRS members supporting garden railroading as well as other scales of model trains. Now we move into that golden (maybe I should say "greener") time of year that those of us in the garden love – **SPRING and SUMMER!** Excursions to East Dublin and beyond to Savannah in

March initiated our garden railroading adventures for the year. The Humphreys will host our first metro-Atlanta meeting of the year in May and we look forward to the fun of touring a garden railway not previously on tour by our society. Plans are also heavily underway to host our G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together in late August. Be sure to register before the early bird deadline passes!

Terry Manning, President

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Platforms among other items in the back of the pickup. Are those coming or going? Lots of Benjamins traded back and forth.



Charlotte, I can see what is in those boxes, but what's in the ones on the top shelf?????? Always the most interesting finds are in the hardest to reach places.



Hey John Lees..... Got any recommendations for fixing up this caboose?





A group dinner was planned at Loves Seafood and Steaks. You think the traffic is bad in Atlanta, well it was not much better on a rainy Friday night in Savannah. Despite the rain and the traffic, a good time was had by all. Pete & Trish Harte, Elliot & Katherine Stotler, John & Carolyn Lank, Dennis & Diane Allen, Peter & Lori Thomas, Josh Sagarin, Roy & Pam Williamson and the Mystery Man (he did not dine with us, but the Navy Viet Nam veteran wanted to be in our picture, so he is. Thank you for your service, Sir).



Saturday was supposed to be another day of rain. Well, it turned out to be a beautiful day. We had co-hosts for our GGRS club meeting.

Richard & Beverly Hyde (Left) opened their home to host and show us both of their indoor layouts.

Jim & Janet Morris (Right) smoked delicious pulled pork as the main entree. Though we had traveled many miles from home our GGRS cooks came through as always finding ways to heat and transport their sides and desserts. A homemade pie was cut into individual pieces placed on dessert plates and wrapped in plastic wrap. One salad was assembled in the hotel room. There was another hotel that had the smell of baked beans wafting down the hall at about 9:00 A.M., and somehow deviled eggs were presented, I didn't get that story.





Did I forget to mention there was more buying, trading and rifling through boxes at the Hyde's. Oh yes, there was more of that.



After the meeting everyone went their own way. While some went home, Roy and I stayed another night in Savannah, had dinner on River Street and took a night ride on the Mary Musgrove. Sunday, we went to Tybee Island for a walk on the beach and had lunch at the Crab Shack.

It was time to head home, but with one more stop. Joe & Mary Schrock's Bulldog Junction. Joe had some new scratch-built buildings and a new area outside the pavilion.





Joe told me the story behind one of his new dioramas. As a young boy growing up in Idaho, his mom worked at the diner and Joe and his brother did some fish frying at the diner. Hence new Diner.

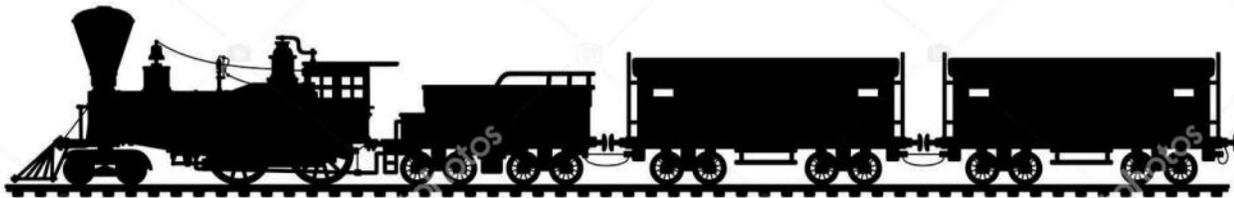


Thank you to all our Host and Hostesses, we had a great weekend visiting our Southeast GGRS members.

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
GGRS Club Mtg - Colorado & Minnesota Family Railroad	Ron & Kristy Humphrey, Cumming, GA	May 11, 2024	Currently running on schedule
Vines Gardens Railway Opening	3500 Oak Grove Road, Loganville, GA	May 18, 2024	Trains run 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 10 AM until 2 PM, weather permitting.
Midwest Garden Railroad Gathering	Independence, MO	May 30 - Jun 2, 2024	
South East Regional NMRA Convention	Decatur, AL	Jun 20 - 23, 2024	
GGRS Club Mtg	Tom & Eileen Conrad	July 13, 2024	
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

**Vines Garden RR**

<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 is scheduled for May 18th. Activities have begun to prepare for this event. Volunteers are needed to help get ready. Several workdays are being planned to get the railroad and scenery spruced up. 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

Colorado & Minnesota Family Railroad

Ron & Kristy Humphrey, 5880 Cedar Ridge TRL, Cumming Georgia 30028

Ph: 470-501-1269

The newly completed Colorado & Minnesota Family railroad, located at 5880 Cedar Ridge TRL, Cumming, Georgia was started just two years ago as a single 100-foot loop, running a single Piko starter kit steam engine.

The railroad has grown to include over 500 feet of track running across 3 independent loops of track power, as well as a separate Circus loop and Trolley track. Now running over 10 engines from LGB, USA Trains, Aristocraft, Lionel, USA Trains, and Bachmann. Throughout the layout are over 50 buildings, 25 feet of scratch-built trestle, a Koi Pond, 2 waterfalls and a river, not to mention the 9 hole miniature golf course.

Members are welcome to bring a locomotive or entire train to run on the layout if desired. Lunch will be served, and the menu shall include pulled pork & chicken, chips, soft drinks, and tea provided by the host. Members are asked to bring sides or desserts. An area will be set up for members to bring items to sell or trade.

Please park in either the driveway, on the grass, or on the south side of the road (side opposite the house).





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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.

Model Train Expo at the Chatsworth Depot

Thanks to each of you from all the folks at the Chatsworth Depot for participating in the 2024 Model Train Expo. Your efforts made our guest really smile. Thank you so much! Ted.

Think Your G-Scale Derailment Issues are a Problem? How about This?



The Southeast Regional Get-together is being published in many newsletters across the nation. The Colorado DGRS Newsletter recently was one, which included some interesting articles. While they send out the newsletter like we used to do, via PDF, we now post the link on the web so you can have an easier time accessing it.

I imagine they would sign you up if you asked to be added. Ted sent me a copy, and I had to share this photo.

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 going to donate 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

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

The **Southeast Regional G Scale Get-Together** plans are progressing nicely. 14 different self-guided GGRS member garden railway tours daily on Friday, August 23rd, and Sunday, August 25th. An added attraction will be the opportunity to tour the warehouse facility for nationally known model train retailer TRAINZ and our own Train Installations Warehouse on Friday, August 23rd where you might be able to pick up a new item for your own garden railroad. A **Dinner Get-Together on Friday night** will be a picnic buffet at the nearby Gwinnett County Bethesda Park Senior Center from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and will feature door prizes, raffles, and more. An enhanced G-scale vendor presence at the 65th Atlanta Model Train Show in Duluth, Georgia, on Saturday, August 24th, including a multi-table White Elephant Sale by GGRS members; and, various G-scale oriented “how-to” clinics. Confirmed vendors for this exciting one-day show include TRAINZ, Split-Jaw, *melovetrainz*, and other well know vendors.

The 2024 Southeast Region Get-Together Car is a USA Trains 40' steel box car with metal wheels. 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 and reports are that about 30% of the cars are already sold!

The Registration Bag will include driving instructions and a schedule of garden railroad tours hosted by members of the Georgia Garden Railway Society (9:00-4:00 Friday and Sunday), a \$1 discount coupon for each family member toward admission to the **65th Atlanta Model Train Show** on August 24th (parking is a separate fee), get-together pin (1 for individual registration and 2 for a family registration), driving instructions and passes you may have purchased to the Friday evening get-together dinner, a get-together car or cars if ordered, and other useful information.

Registration Bag can be picked up Thursday evening or Friday morning at the event hotel.

The cost of registration is \$25.00 per an individual registration and \$35.00 per family (up to two adults and two children) for registration prior to **JUNE 1, 2024**. Late registration, **after JUNE 1, will increase to \$40.00 per individual and \$50.00 per family registration.** A registration form can be found at www.ggrs.info, please print the registration form and mail it along with your check to the address on the form. Be sure to include fees for the Friday night meal, train show car(s), and early email of tour booklet if you desire any of these extras.



Remember, GGRS members will need to register for this event if they want the bag, collectors pin, plan on attending the layout tours, attend meal, or purchase the show car(s)!

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: \$ _____

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,

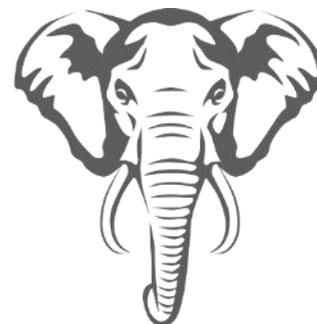
\$20 will be mailed or paid in person before July 14 _____ (Space limited to first 12 families)

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: _____



Last Call: 1:1 Scale Train Ride June 22

By Ted Yarborough



The GGRS 1:1 Scale Train Ride will take place on Saturday, June 22 when the Tennessee Valley Railroad's Summerville Steam Special departs at 9:00am from Grand Junction Depot, 4119 Cromwell Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Boarding starts at 8:15. This 9-hour excursion is planned to be pulled by historic Southern Railway Locomotive #4501. The trip will pass through the pre-Civil War Missionary Ridge tunnel, cross a couple high bridges, pass by the National Cemetery while skirting around the edge of Chattanooga before passing into Georgia and going through Rossville, Chickamauga, Rock Springs, and Lafayette prior to arriving at Summerville. The locomotive will turn on the turntable in Summerville and pull the train back to Chattanooga. Riders will exit the train for about 1 hour in Summerville to watch the locomotive on the turntable and visit the historic depot. The steam train will arrive back in Chattanooga at approximately 6:00pm.



Our tickets will be in a standard 1940's to 50's era passenger coach. A special 10:30 lunch will be served to our group in the dining car. Ticket cost is \$105.00 per ticket. Everyone riding the train must have a ticket. This train will sell out, so we must reserve early. To order, send a check made out to Ted Yarborough to Ted Yarborough, 212 Love Drive, Chatsworth, Georgia, 30705. Deadline for your ticket order to be received is April 22 (we have only 12 of our original

20 tickets remaining). Please note that tickets are non-refundable, but can be sold or transferred to other GGRS members or friends if for some reason you are not able to attend.



Clinicians Needed!

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

Attendance will be open to everyone. We can host recruitment types of clinics such as "**Starting a G-Scale Garden Railway**" or "**Questions and Answers about Building or Expanding a Garden Railway**" (looking at you David Bennett.....).

There are many other suitable subjects, like railroad history, gardening recommendations, infrastructure, buildings, You name it, we can do it. Maybe from 5 - 7 clinics in the time frame we have..... **What do we not have?** A list of ready made clinics we can simply add water and stir.....

We Need Clinicians. Folks who will stand up for 45 minutes

and share their personal experiences, expertise, or blarney about railroading. Please consider taking on a spot in our Clinic Schedule. Contact: Emil Decker, eldecker@windstream.net, and let him know your availability. Don't be the one who misses out on the fun of sharing. Maybe we can fill up all the spots and turn some folks who think, "Oh, I can never have a garden railroad," into someone who says, "I am so excited! How can I join the Georgia Garden Railway Society and get started on my new railroad?"

Perhaps the BTO and/or Sacramento might want to pitch their next convention as one of the topics? **We need your input NOW!**

I'm thinking of a history based clinic. "John Henry, Steel Driving Man. Fact or Fiction?" Should be a fun break from all the buying and selling during the Train Show. A chance to sit down and hear how I think John Henry was real; beat a steam-drill in Alabama, and NOT at the Big Bend Tunnel on the C & O!

I also a commitment from Michael Carney for a tutorial on DCC for a Garden Railroad layout.

WE are definitely going to need more than this. Have heard rumors of folks willing, but I need firm commitments! Let me know asap so I can start to schedule. If you have a preferred time let me know that too. Thanks!!

2024 Southeast Regional Layout Tours & Booklet As of 4/12/24

Thursday Afternoon (possible), August 22:

Yarbrough (1:00-4:00) - Chatsworth

Friday (10:00-4:00), August 23:

Ted & Deborah Yarbrough (10am-2:00pm) - Chatsworth

Dennis & Ellen Bass - Snellville

Phil & Barbara Jones - Cumming

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2024 Southeast Regional Layout Tours & Booklet (Continued.)

Dan & Carol Steidle - Cumming

John & Marge Lees - Dahlonega

Peter & Lori Thomas - Dawsonville

James & Sally Bando - Woodstock

Russ & Leslie Bundy - Marietta

Dave Bennett - Woodstock

Trainz Warehouse - Buford (*business*)

Train Installations - Woodstock (*business*)

Sunday (10:00-4:00), August 25

Roy Williamson - Braselton

Terry & Ginny Manning - Lilburn

Dave Bergman - Fayetteville

Bob Avery - Newnan

Michael & Suzanna Carney - Peachtree City

Tom & Eileen Conrad - Peachtree City

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½ page Dave Bennett (train Installations)

½ page Mike Deveney (TrainMasters)

Back cover-melovetrainz

North Carolina Transportation

The NCTM is having their annual train show on May 18/19. As part of this celebration, the 100th anniversary of the on-site roundhouse will be celebrated.

Southern motorcars have been invited to take part in this celebration.

They'll be open May 18 from 9AM until 5PM and May 19 from 10AM until 5PM.

On the evening of May 18, they are also planning a dinner train, a presentation by Bill Shafer from SRHA about Southern passenger trains in the 1970's (before the Amtrak takeover of the Crescent in 1979), and a night photo shoot at the Roundhouse and elsewhere to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Roundhouse.

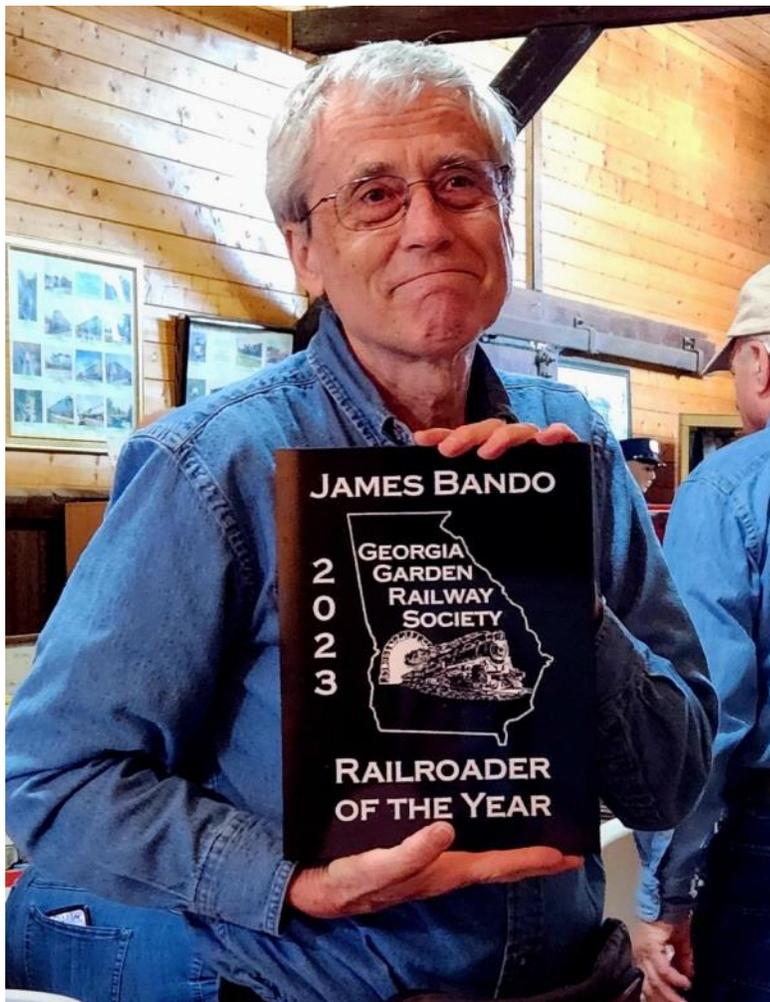
Any cool Southern-vintage speeders, or any speeder owner for that matter, are welcome to come and we offer public rides during this event.

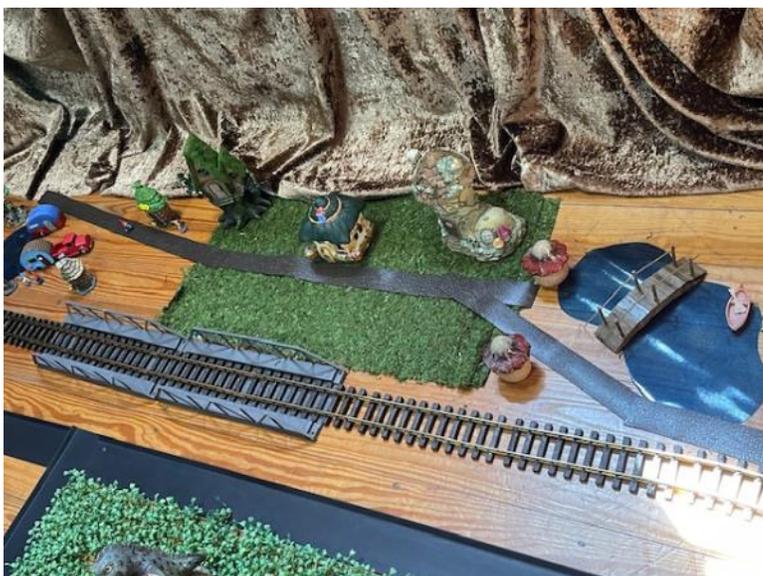
Want a ride on a motorcar? Enjoy a first class railroad museum? Spenser, NC is a great trip you might want to consider.



GGRS April Meeting at the Chatsworth Depot

We finally got together with James Bando, the 2023 GGRS Railroader of the Year at the Chatsworth Depot. True to form, he was already there when the bulk of the membership arrived, helping others set up their displays. James is a true credit to our hobby line. Thanks for all you do James.





There's no place like Gnome, be it Alaska, or on a G-Scale Layout. The Gnome layout ran well, after a few power issues. Probably was Gnome-zilla crashing through the power lines.







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.





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 - FROM 12-26-2024

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: <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey <input type="checkbox"/> Ham <input type="checkbox"/> Italian <input type="checkbox"/> Veggie</small>	Adult* \$100 Child* \$ 85	\$ _____
6/17 John Groof's Ice Cream Party (includes number attending)		FREE!
6/18 Colebrookdale Railroad/Boyerstown 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 queen) 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>

This issue features the Fairplex Garden Railroad celebrating its 100 year old anniversary on its 10,000 feet of track; a review of Accucraft's 2-cylinder 13T Class A Shay and a scratch built Union Pacific M-10000. It also includes the construction of steel arch bridge and tips for building structures that live outdoors.



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

GGRS Club Meeting March 23 - Takeaway Items

We had a well-attended meeting at the Hyde's. The rain cleared out and we had 19 member is attendance. Jim Morris cooked pulled pork and our cooks figured out how to transport sides and desserts via crock pots, coolers, making salads in their hotel rooms, brownies, cookies and a homemade pie. The meal was tasty with plenty of leftovers.

During the Business Meeting I basically went over highlights of the Gazette:

April 13th - Chatsworth Depot

May 11th - the Humphries will be hosting

May 18th – The Vines opening and need for volunteers

June 22 - 1:1 Tenn Valley train ride and the need to get payment to Ted on time despite our current difficulty with mail service.

June and July open to Host (The Conrad's volunteered to host in July – they are busy adding to their layout and want a trial run before the Regional.)

August – no GGRS meeting – we'll be having the Regional on August 23-25

September 14th – the Steidle's will be hosting the GGRS meeting as well as the Annual Buy Sell and Trade

October – open to host

Regional updates - Hotel, White Elephant, Silent Auction – Booklet Cover, Regional Car, Friday night banquet and Registration deadlines and need for funds.

I spoke with Peter Thomas about maybe repeating the layout clinic he did at Juliet's with the paper plate. I also spoke with Lori Thomas about repeating her Garden Railroad plant clinic she did at the Jones. Both are probably a yes.

The membership is anxious to volunteer, several don't have layouts to open. They want a Sign-up Genius with tasks they can sign up for. I spoke with Ted yesterday and we came up with some volunteer slots:

White Elephant Table

Registration desk

Banquet – center pieces

Bag assembly

Layout volunteers - unless the host family has their own assistants

Clinics speakers

Clinic Sign-up room control



Complete Your Point to Point Layout With A New Streetcar

The Bachmann Closed Streetcar is now equipped with metal gears for smooth and long-lasting operation. Based on cars typically found in North American cities from the late 1800s to the 1920s (and in some cases later), the Closed Streetcar features an operating headlight on each end, a fully furnished and lighted interior with seats and hanging straps for standing passengers, poseable doors, and a non-functional positionable metal trolley pole. Transport your Large Scale citizens around town or across your holiday scene in style with the Bachmann Closed Streetcar.

Whimsical Fun For Your Garden Layout!

Shop Large Scale Eggliners

Bachmann Eggliners are colorful egg-shaped vehicles designed to zip around your Large Scale indoor or outdoor (garden) train layout. Manufactured to run on any G Gauge 45mm Track, Eggliners come in a variety of colors and designs. Choose from whimsical holiday schemes, traditional railroad schemes, or first responder and animal-inspired liveries. Featuring a powerful two-axle motor block design these self-propelled vehicles are sure to add fun and excitement to your large-scale train layout. Bachmann Eggliners come equipped with operating headlights and marker lights, and a factory-installed polarity switch for changing the direction of travel.

Upgrade your indoor layout with Bachmann's new Auto Reversing Point to Point System

The Bachmann Large Scale Optical Auto-Reversing System brings automatic point-to-point train or streetcar operation to your railroad. Set up your system, add your train, and watch as it operates back and forth at your specified speed and stopping intervals between two destinations up to 20' apart. Indoor use only.



OPTICAL AUTO REVERSING SYSTEM
Item #96222



FOOTBALL
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SCHOOL BUS
with Flashing Roof Light
Item #96288



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Item #96284



D&RGW™
Item #96285



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.)

Engineer's Wish List

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

Sally Bando | 404.550.4816 | sbandogeorgia@comcast.net

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



“The truth is not in the touch of a stone,

but in what the stone tells you.”

Rene Denfeld

sticksNstones@weegrr.com

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

More Intermodal fun!
Hurry, the last intermodal sale sold out in 24 hours



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dave@traininstallations.com



John Abreu of Seneca, South Carolina, has contacted us that he is selling a large collection of new and almost new G-scale trains, buildings, and accessories. He can be contacted at **(302) 740-0882** and hjabreu@msn.com for photos and other details.

Michael Niebaum (of Michael's Custom Woodworking of past train shows). Located in Kansas. Selling the items listed in photo on the right:

Info #: 913.837.5198

FOR SALE

Battery powered U.P. Set – Piko style
Information call 913-837-5189

Mogul 1209 Airwire controls #38236

Caboose Sherman Hill #38656

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MSRP \$2113.96

Ready to run includes battery charger

Test run on stationary. Cars have never been run.

COST \$1600.00 plus S&H

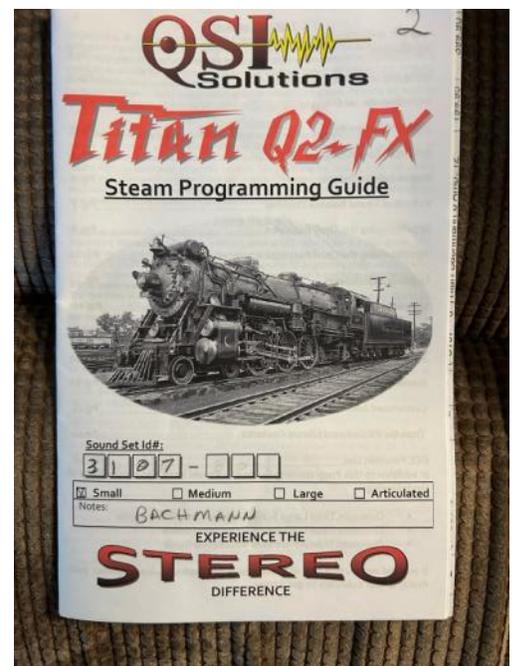


Are you a fan of RBP Trains? It's hard not to be. Don't worry, he's not leaving the hobby - but some of his collection could be yours!

Trainz.com (that's Trainz with a Z!) has acquired a portion of Chris's collection. We showed it at the York TCA event, April 18-20. There was a certificates of authenticity, signed by Chris, for these locomotives. HOWEVER - What didn't sell at York will be popping up on our website soon after. Watch Chris's videos on YouTube.

Ted Yarborough:

I have two QSI Titan plug-n-play 21 pin DCC steam sound boards for sale. Designed (and used in Bachmann C-19 locos) for Bachmann. Have been told they also work with Aristo p-n-p boards. \$100 each. Steam chuff, whistle, bell, volume,



Yard Hostler

OMG! It's May. Next month school starts and the next is Christmas..... Oh wait, its only Walmart prepping their aisles. Gonna have a lot of fun in the coming months. Hope you are planning on joining in and volunteering for our regional extravaganza. Don't let it be said that it "Would" have been great but for the lack of helpers.....

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.

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