



# GGRS Gazette

## November, 2021

Official Newsletter of the Georgia Garden Railway Society

### President's Message



Welcome to all the new members that joined us at the October meeting! Also, I love all the input and enthusiasm I received for 2022. Thanks. Our hosts welcomed the largest gathering this year! (33+) Hats off to the Jones.

Remember, November 20th is our last gathering this year, and I heard something about a chili cook off if you are up to the challenge, or just bring a side. Oh and If you have not shared your input for Railroader of the year, please email ([Juliet\\_esp@outlook.com](mailto:Juliet_esp@outlook.com)) your nomination.

Happy Holidays,

*Juliet Foster*

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## Cartersville Train Show



First time in a long time, the club's elevated track was hauled out of the trailer and put on display at the Piedmont Train Show in Cartersville, Ga.

The double track along with a large number of scenic items were placed on the layout. Houses, trees, and vehicles added to the display. Non-running track was used to depict sidings, and we even had the trolley running in the middle. The arrangement was such that you really needed to travel around the exterior to see all the different scenes from multiple angles.

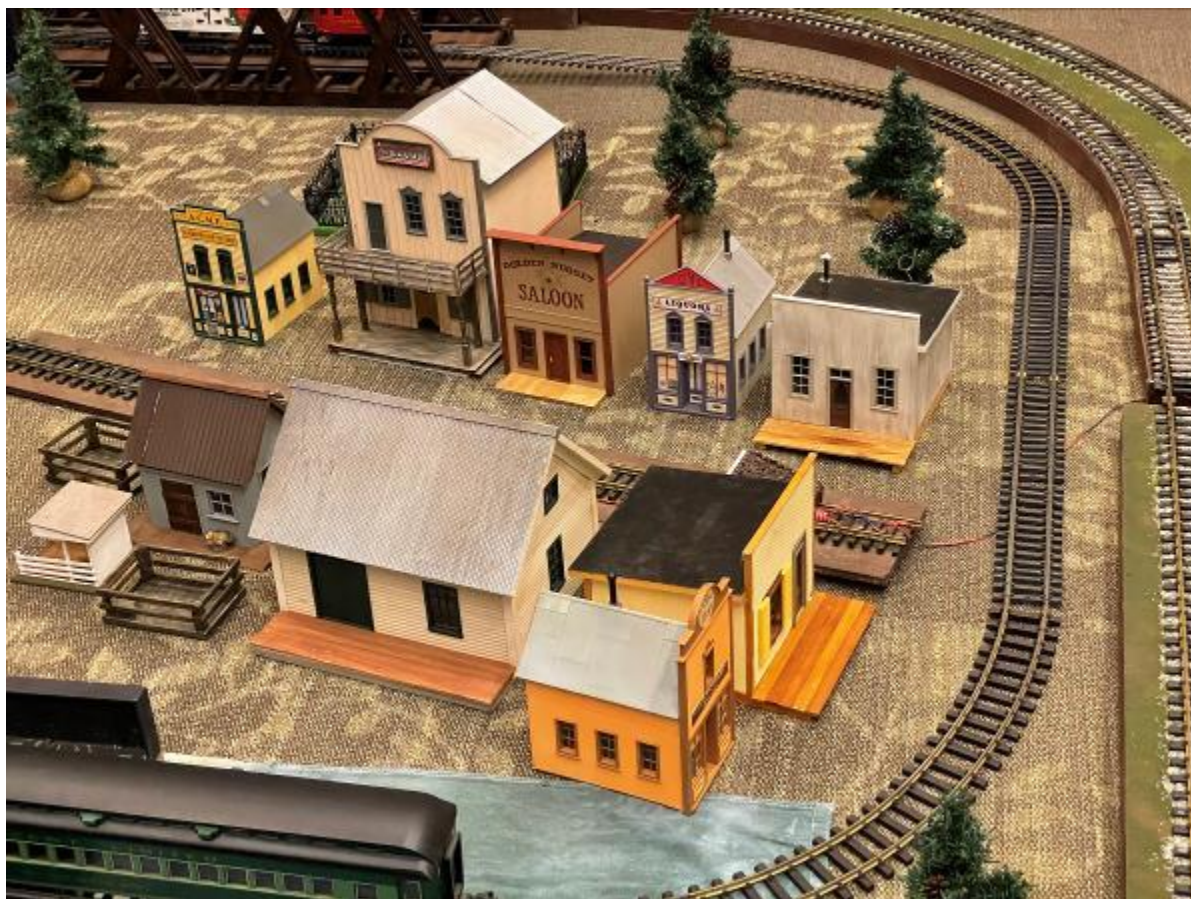
Multiple vendors filled the hall, offering lots of items in varying scales, including G Scale. Other layouts added to the opportunity to explore creative insight into new directions for your own layout.

We did well at this show, in that we picked up several new members! Welcome to the club.

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## Track Warrants

Event	Location	Date	Status
Piedmont Pilgrimage Weekends	Various: Don't miss these opportunities to see all scales throughout Georgia.	Weekends Oct. 23 to Nov. 21, 2021	<a href="http://www.piedmontpilgrimage.com">http://www.piedmontpilgrimage.com</a>
Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum	4119 Cromwell Road, Chattanooga, TN	Oct 16-17 & Oct 23 - 24, 2021	60th Anniversary
Smoky Mountain Train Show	3230 Parkway , Pigeon Forge, TN	Oct 23, 2021	
GGRS November Meeting	North Georgia Live Steamers 1632 Centennial Olympic Parkway NE Conyers, GA	Nov 20, 2021	Picnic, Mtg. & Ride 1:00 - 4:30 <i>Ride on trains - \$2.</i>
Atlanta Toy and Model Train Show (Terminus Chapter)	4764 Cobb Parkway NW, Acworth, GA (VFW Post)	Dec 04, 2021	9a.m. - 2 p.m.
"Festival of Trains"	Tellus Museum 100 Tellus Drive, Cartersville, GA	Dec 11 - 12, 2021	
January Annual Business Meeting & Luncheon	Provino's Restaurant 440 Ernest W Barrett Pkwy NW #1 Kennesaw, GA	Jan 8, 2022	\$25 value RR Steal My Gift Exchange Game
Trains, Trains, Trains	Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History Kennesaw, GA	Jan 29 - 30, 2022	In Planning Stage
GGRS May Meeting Southside Atlanta Consortium 2022	Multiple: At least 4 ! Peachtree City and outlying area.	May 2022	In Planning Stage
GGRS Apr 2022 Meeting	Dennis and Ellen Bass 1972 Lansbury Court, Snellville, GA	Apr. ? 2022	In Planning Stage



# SOUTHEASTERN RAILWAY MUSEUM

## NEED TO ADD A LITTLE IRON TO YOUR DIET? WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

No matter what your interest or skill set, the Southeastern Railway Museum offers fulfilling opportunities to get involved. Our dedicated volunteers bring transportation history to life, helping visitors appreciate and understand the cultural, technical, and economic impact of transportation in our region – and they have fun doing it! Museum volunteers come from a wide range of backgrounds, range in age from high school students to retirees and include both men and women.

What do our volunteers do? Here are just a few areas: Train crews, Equipment Restorations, Gift Shop, Birthday Party Hosts, Exhibit Construction, Maintenance, and Repair, Landscaping, Tours and Computer Support.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FUN?

To learn more, go to <http://www.train-museum.org> then click on the Support Us button, then Volunteer.

## Whistle Stop



Our November meeting is on the 20th at the North Georgia Live Steamer's layout in Conyers. We will be providing Chili (s) and ask you to bring the usual sides.

Train rides are \$2 (cost covers insurance for the club). Volunteers are especially welcome.

Fun, fun, fun for our final event of this 2021 year.

# North Georgia Live Steamers



1632 Centennial Olympic Parkway, Conyers, GA  
(Across from Hawthorn Suites)



We are in need of engineers and conductors. No experience need just an interest in having fun. For more information contact [Robby Mossman](#) for additional details.

**Contact Robby Here:**

<https://northgeorgialivesteamers.org/secretary?ct=f%28Come+Ride+Trains+with+North+Georgia+Live+Steamers%29>

### At The Depot

Phil and Barb Jones hosted one of the largest attended meetings of the year, (35+) members, including some new members fresh from the Cartersville Train show. As usual, the food was good, the weather was good, the fellowship was good, and the layout.....excellent!







Pam, along with her neighbor Paul, are both new members and attended their first meeting.

Carol (below) and Dan Steidle, new members, showed their willingness to pitch in and be active in the club when they worked the GGRS Info Booth Saturday afternoon in Cartersville.







Phil and Barb's grandchildren set up their holiday scenes. They enjoy the trains as much as their grandparents do.





## Gandy Dancers

Highlighting Members and their work

**Theme for the Month - R.R. Union Strikes:** Below are the photos depicting our members on strike - not sending in photos or info until their, as yet unspecified, demands are met.



## Highballing down the Track



**DENVER GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY**  
proudly hosting the  
**37th NGRC ★ JUNE 20-25, 2022**

The 2022 National Garden Railway

Convention website is on line:

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

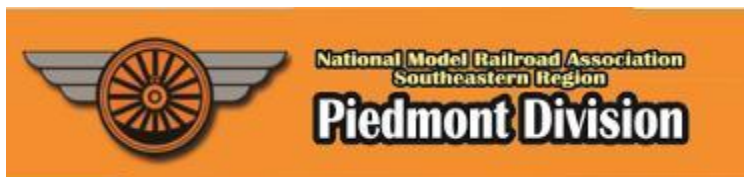
Registration is now open. Registration form available at the site or via this link: [https://dfa523be-bf1d-4941-a215-](https://dfa523be-bf1d-4941-a215-a05aca394771.filesusr.com/)

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



**MANCHESTER, GEORGIA  
RAILROAD DAYS IS BACK  
OCTOBER 15-16  
THIS WEEKEND!!!**

#### **NEW LOCATIONS:**

**Friday Oct. 15 - Railfan Reception 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Manchester Recreation Department gym,  
121 Perry St, Manchester, Ga.**

**Saturday Oct. 16 - Railroad Days Train Show, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Manchester Community Building, 105 E 2nd Ave., Manchester, Ga.**

**Railfan Reception details:  
Harvey George of Fayetteville, Ga. will be our guest speaker presenting a program on "Railfanning the AB&C, Then and Now." The first 50 guests at the Railfan Reception will receive a FREE BBQ plate. Please be our guest.**

**Train Show details:  
Open to the public 9 to 4. Dealers will be selling railroad history photos, books, memorabilia, and models. Model train layouts will be on display.  
REMINDER - our new location is in the Community Building - the Manchester Mill is being renovated this year.**

**More information at <https://www.facebook.com/ManchesterRailroadDays/>**

We are very excited to resume the tradition of Manchester Railroad Days and look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

Larry Goolsby  
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Just a week away, be sure to add this to your calendar

**On Halloween weekend** at the Cumberland County Community Complex the Crossville Model Railroad Club is celebrating its 20 year anniversary Model Train Expo featuring the 90 foot long Miami Valley Modular Railway (Dayton Ohio) layout and vendor/exhibit tables for all things model railroad. The event is being publicized in local print media, posters at businesses and churches, roadside banners, in the model railroading magazines and organizations, on social media sites and at both Crossville and Cookeville movie theaters in their pre show ads. CMRC recently was the cover story of the Cumberland Now circular.

Expo hours are 10-5 on Saturday and 10-4 on Sunday. The entire weekend is **FREE ADMISSION** for everybody to the gate, layout and vendors areas.

Tables are still available for vendors or displays, and, if you don't wait too long, even room for a small club layout.

RSVP to this address, it is monitored daily or contact Ralph Watson at 931-248-4263. For vendor tables or a layout contact Sam Goldkopf at 931-707-8510.

We hope you will join us for a fun filled model train expo and other attractions in Crossville Tennessee.



## ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN

## Guest Experience Associate, Model Trains

**FLSA:** Non Exempt

**DEPARTMENT:** Guest Experience

**Date Revised:** 10/8/2020

**REPORTS TO:** Guest Experience Manager

### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

*In order to ensure the safety of our employees and guests during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Atlanta Botanical Garden follows the recommended guidelines of the CDC. All employees are required to wear a mask, wash their hands often and practice social distancing when possible.*

### *Job Description*

The Guest Experience Model Train Associate, operates in Alston Overlook at Atlanta Botanical Garden, is responsible for maintaining the integrity of the model train garden, welcoming and directing guests throughout the garden during the Garden Lights, Holiday Nights' exhibition.

### *ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES*

- Greet guests with a smile and a verbal welcome using an enthusiastic and pleasant manner
- Ensure all trains are operating properly and alerting the manager on duty of any issues
- Keep tracks clear of debris and clean tracks when needed
- Politely monitor guests to ensure the model trains and surrounding scenery are not disturbed
- Provide guests with information regarding activities conducted at the garden
- Provide guests with directions to food and merchandise venues, offices, and special events
- Communicate correct product information to guests regarding coupons, special offers, and upcoming events
- Maintain clean working environment
- Maintain a working relationship with other departments to ensure up-to-date garden knowledge
- Additional duties may be assigned. Management retains the discretion to change or add to the duties of this position at any time.

*The above job duties and responsibilities describe the general nature and level of work for employees in this position, but this is not intended as an exclusive or all-inclusive inventory of all duties required of employees in this job.*

### *PHYSICAL DEMANDS*

*The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job the employee is required to sit and stand for long periods and walk. The employee must be able to reach with hands and arms; and use hands to finger, handle, and feel. The employee is frequently*

required to climb or balance and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee is frequently required to talk and hear. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move carry, push, or pull at least 50lbs. Specific vision requirements for this job include close vision, color vision, depth perception, ability to focus, and night vision. The employee must be able to take directional cues directly or indirectly.

#### *WORK ENVIRONMENT*

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is exposed to outside weather conditions  
The employee is regularly exposed to wet/or humid conditions, extreme heat or extreme cold  
The noise level of the work environment is usually moderate  
The environment can be moderate to fast paced

#### *Required Skills*

Must be at least 18 years of age or older  
Must be able to maintain a good working relationship with coworkers  
Must be able to work days, nights, weekends, and holidays  
Must be able to work independently and as part of a team  
Previous experience in hospitality or customer service industry preferred  
Previous model train experience is required

It is the policy of the Atlanta Botanical Garden to provide equal employment opportunity (EEO) to all persons regardless of age, color, national origin, citizenship status, physical or mental disability, race, religion, creed, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, genetic information, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law. In addition, reasonable accommodations will be made for qualified individuals with disabilities.

*FYI: The pay rate will be \$15-\$18/hr, depending on experience and if the individual will be working part-time or full-time. The daily shifts available will be from 9am-4pm and 5pm-11pm.*

*We are open on all holidays. On Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day, we will only be open during the nighttime shift.*

**Hollywood is known for its action sets, Computer Generated scenes, stunt doubles, and many ways to create amazing shots that are fake, but look real. Where was this scene shot?**

**Answer on page 20.**





## Shop Foreman

By Russ Bundy

*[Russ sent me this a little while back, and he probably thinks I forgot. Didn't. Just wanted to give it a GOOD issue. Here it is. Thanks Russ .....Editor]*



Empty hoppers look okay, but adding a load can also add a lot of weight. I chose to have “coal” loads and this method is really quite lite.

Cut a piece of standard house insulation just slightly smaller than the hopper bay opening. Then add a reinforcement piece to the top. This is more for contour than strength.

Cover the form with plaster cloth. This is used a lot on indoor railroads. *If you don't know how to work with this, I suggest writing a “letter to the editor” asking about a tutorial in a future issue.*



Form covered.

Trim off the excess plaster cloth and add hydrocal as desired. Fit to hopper. The cloth usually adds 1/16” to each side so take that into account when you cut the initial form.

It's really quite lite and doesn't make the cars top heavy.



Once the plaster cloth has dried and been fit to the hopper, you can add the load of your choice. Here I'm using Woodland Scenic Coarse Ballast. This is black, but it comes in a lot of colors. Not really scale coal, but the visual works for me.

Spray the "load" with a diluted alcohol mixture. This helps break up the surface tension. Then liberally coat the load with liquid cement. I'm using Scenic Cement because I like it, but a diluted white glue would work. Note: white glue breaks down easily if it gets wet. My cars won't ever be left outside, but if yours are, the load could come loose.



And that's it.

Technically the load can still be removed. Mine fits tight enough that it would probably do some minor damage to the edges, but easy enough to fix.

It's really quite lite and doesn't make the cars top heavy.



## 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.)



If you need signage for your railroad ... something like a store sign or billboard, consider wood or plastic engraving. I can do a lot of custom work at a reasonable price.



Lettering, images, You imagine it, and I can probably laser carve it.



## Your shirt is dirty! Get a new one !

### Engineer's Wish List

**Sally Bando** | 404.550.4816 | sbandogeorgia@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

The Bando's recently purchased a stone marker for their Grand Western Mining Co. Mountain railroading calls for a mountain shaped stone.

Custom carved stonework for your RR., Garden stones, Pet Memorials, etc. Deep etching ensures years of enjoyment. Let everyone who visits your railway know you are a proud Georgia Garden Railway Society Member.

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# TRAINZ

We've created a discount code **GGRS10off** that will knock \$10 off one purchase between now and midnight, **October 31st.**

Have a great week !

## James Bond Train Scene

The fight scene on top of the train in Skyfall was actually filmed on top of a real moving train, and Daniel Craig did not use a stunt double.

<https://www.fxguide.com/xf/featured/skyfall/>



The train chase was shot in Adana, a modern city in the agricultural heartland of Turkey, close to the Eastern border. The second unit, directed by Alexander Witt, spent one month setting up the action in Turkey and then filmed for two months.

Working on a speeding train, proved both technically challenging and dangerous. Both

Daniel Craig (James Bond) and Ola Rapace (Patrice) performed their own stunts attached to safety wires while the train was travelling at 40mph.



The climax of the sequence took place on the Varda Bridge, an hour outside of Adana.



## Train Installations, LLC

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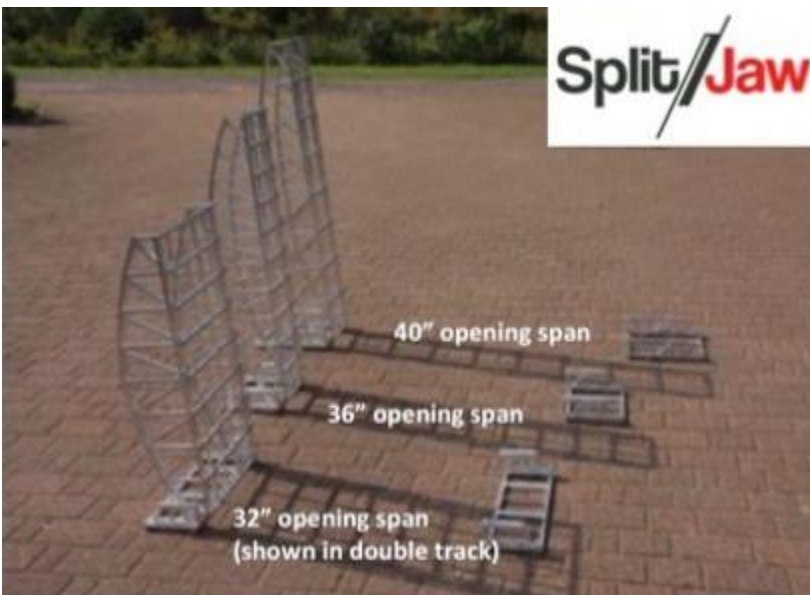
Check out our online store and updated website at  
[www.traininstallations.com](http://www.traininstallations.com)

Think about other ways or things we can help you with while we are stuck at home over the next few weeks including.

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

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

**Thanks - Dave 770-597-0038**



**Split/Jaw**

We are pleased to announce our DESIGN LINE DRAWBRIDGES now have 3 options for opening sections. Need space for lawnmowers, lawn tractors or mobility aids? We now open up to 40". Single Track or Double Track versions.

<https://www.railclamp.com/>

## 2022 Election of Executive Board Members

In accordance with Section 3 (Election Committee) of Article VII (Elections) of the GGRS Bylaws, the Election Committee is required to report a slate of nominees for the election of Executive Board members by means of the newsletter at least 30 days prior to the annual scheduled election (January 8, 2022). The slate of nominees for that purpose is as follows:

President – Juliet Foster

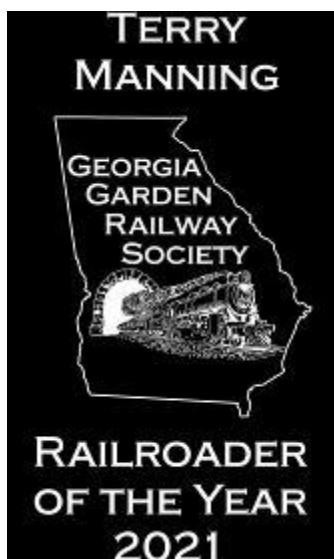
Secretary – Pam Williamson

Treasurer – Dennis Bass

Members-at-Large (4) – James Bando, Emil Decker, John Lank, Ginny Manning

Additional nominations may be made from the floor (Section 4: Voting) at the Annual Business Meeting on January 8 provided the Election Committee Chairman (Terry Manning – [temanning@aol.com](mailto:temanning@aol.com)) has been notified of the proposed nomination at least 14 days (December 25) prior to the scheduled election (to allow for printed ballots). For any contested positions, each of the candidates shall receive up to 5 minutes to speak for themselves on their qualifications or to designate another member to speak on their behalf prior to the voting.

Submitted by the Election Committee comprised of Terry Manning, Bob Avery, and Marge Lees.



## Railroader of the Year

Terry was a great nominee for Railroader of the Year for 2021. Got someone in mind as the 2022 Railroader ??? Send your written nominations to our President or some other member of the board. They are now soliciting your input. The floor is open until the Nov. 20 meeting. The award will be presented at the Jan 2022 Annual meeting.



## Polar Express Returns to the Chatsworth Depot - Dec. 4

The Chatsworth Depot, a Whitfield-Murray Historical Society property, and the Murray County Library will once again team up to present The Polar Express on Saturday, December 4. The depot will be filled with operating model trains, some in Christmas decor, and a special train will take riders on a short trip to visit Santa Clause at the City Park. Local retired educators will bring the story of The Polar Express to life with dramatic readings of the beloved children's classic book. Refreshments will be served inside the depot. The Chatsworth Elementary School Chorus will kick off the afternoon with a concert starting at 12:30. Train rides, operating model trains, story reading, and refreshments will follow. The event will last until approximately 4:30. Admission is free for children 10 years old and under, with a suggested donation of \$3.00 for all others.

## Yard Hostler

Hard to believe, but the year is drawing to an end. Good train shows that produced new members, some great get-togethers, and exciting times ahead.

Don't forget that you make this newsletter possible through your contributions, written, photographically, and through hosting at your layout.

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