



GGRS Gazette

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Official Newsletter of the Georgia Garden Railway Society

President's Message



Welcome to fall!

One month in to this adventure as GGRS President and I must say the job is as advertised! A great experience. The board and members have been fantastic - Everyone pitches in and gets things done. The board even mostly conquered a Zoom call. At the last meeting we confirmed that dues will remain the same for 2022, so plan to stay active in 2022.

My hat is off to everyone that helped in September. And if you missed out - don't worry there are many more opportunities to lend a hand (or host). Next up Cartersville, and January it's the Holiday gathering and Trains, trains, trains. I have received a few suggestions for making events even easier in 2022 and I would like to hear your ideas too.

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Chatsworth Depot



The Engineers, Gandy Dancers, Publicity Representatives, and other working members of the GGRS crew arrived early, and stayed late at the Chatsworth Depot on Saturday, September 11th for the Model Train Expo.

Lots of kids and other visitors were treated to displays at the depot with multiple tracks of model trains of varying sizes on display as well. Families even had the opportunity to ride on a blue "Thomas - like" train around the depot. The day was warm, but not oppressively hot, and occasionally a CSX 1:1 scale ran by to offer their support to a successful event.



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Track Warrants

Event	Location	Date	Status
Model Train Show 2021	Clarence Brown Convention Center, Cartersville, GA	Oct 2 - 3, 2021	http://www.themodeltrainshow.com
Piedmont Pilgrimage Weekends	Various: Don't miss these opportunities to see all scales throughout Georgia.	Weekends Oct. 23 to Nov. 21, 2021	http://www.piedmontpilgrimage.com
GGRS October Meeting	Phil and Barb Jones 8084 Allerton Lane Cumming, GA	Oct 09, 2021	In Planning Stage
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

President's Message (Cont.)

I am told now is the time to celebrate one, two or three of your railroading buddies for 'Railroader of the year'. It's a great way to let them know how much you appreciate all they do. We are looking for nominations. And don't forget if you want to volunteer for the board next year, let the election committee know.

I look forward to seeing you at the Jones' G-Scale layout, it is a delight and a peek into Colorado railroads.

Please share with me your ideas, nominees and time.

Juliet Foster

At the Depot











Harvey Blassingame is his name. Conducting L & N trains was his game. He retired as a conductor for the L&N railroad. He worked out of Chatsworth and when they closed the depot, he worked out of Etowah, TN.

He and Ted worked together at Tennessee Valley Railroad, before his recent 2nd retirement from there.

He donated his conductor uniform (pictured next to him) to the Chatsworth depot.

Incidentally, the CSX train running on GGRS track - flawlessly I might add - was also his. The L & N Caboose was custom painted for him by former member Chris Haon.



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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?

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Highballing down the Track



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Moscow Trains have what Strange Passengers?

- A. Insects trapped in the cars. Honey Bees in the walls.
- B. Emotional support pigs. It's the latest craze.
- C. Stray dogs. They hop the trains.
- D. Drug sniffing dogs. Drug trafficking is bad
- E. Canaries, (carbon monoxide detectors...as in the old mines)

Answer on page 15.

The 2022 National Garden Railway
Convention website is now on line:
visit at <https://www.ngrc2022.org/>

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.

Business Car:

GGRS was well represented at the 59th Atlanta Model Train Show in Duluth.

Joe & Debbie Fotschky set up a fabulous G scale layout that was enjoyed by young and old. Charlie Miller, Event Coordinator, of the Atlanta Model Train Show donated a table to GGRS, to set up an Information Booth. Thanks to all who came to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for Garden Railroading at the GGRS Information Booth; Lori & Peter Thomas, Terry Manning, Linda & Emil Decker, Bob Avery, John Lees, Ed Hamilton and Dan Alvero.

We also had several members who set up as vendors, Dave Bennett, Sally Bando, Chris Dixon and Roy Williamson.



Gandy Dancers

Highlighting Members and their work

Theme for the Month - Depots: Last month had no member layout. We were working at the Chatsworth Depot, so Show us your Depots!



*Altoona Depot at the Chatsworth expo got a lot of traffic the day we were there.
- Editor*



Not sure if Pam's Egg Liner village had a name, but the multiple units that ran past the depot and the activity around it certainly indicated a lively train based population in the town. - Editor



The Mount Jefferson Depot. - Terry Manning



The Durango and Silverton Depots. - Ted Yarbrough

[Ted sent me these two, and told me to pick one..... How can you choose to do that with the Durango - Silverton combo. Nope! You get both. Editor]



*The Mossy Banks & Brambleton RR main depot
- Emil Decker*



The Depot at Cedar Creek seems no less busy, moving freight - Russ Bundy

Shop Foreman

By Ted Yarbrough

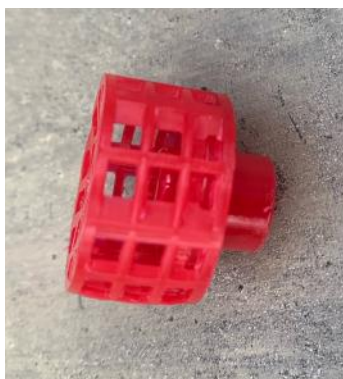


[Ted Yarbrough says this important railroad component is readily available at a big box store near you. Think he's crazy? Think again.Editor]

I have found a way to replicate the spark arrestor used on most Colorado Narrow Gauge Railroads and a few other lines. You simply need a hummingbird feeder.

You take the bee guard off by just pulling it straight out. You will get 5 spark arrestors from each feeder.

You may have to clean out some of the moldings of thin plastic. This is easily done with a hobby knife. The plastic stem will fit perfectly in Bachmann Big Haulers and Annie's. You may have to file or trim to fit other locomotives.



You will need to paint the bee guard (probably black or silver or graphite). You can brush or spray. I usually dip the spark arrestor in a small amount of paint to coat the inside. Once painted and dried, you are ready to install on your favorite locomotive.



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
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							\$22.00
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Thanks - Dave 770-597-0038



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Moscow Trains Strange Passengers?

E. Stray dogs that hop the trains. There are a large number of stray dogs located in Moscow. Over time these creatures have learned how to take the railway system from the suburbs going into the city. These dogs use the train to get to the city easily to scavenge for food.

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/Technology/stray-dogs-master-complex-moscow-subway-system/story?id=10145833>

Stray dogs use the handy underground Metro to beat the traffic and get from A to B. Yep. They have figured out how to use the city's vast and complex subway system, getting on and off at their regular stops. The human commuters around them are so accustomed to it that they rarely seem to notice. "In Moscow there are all sorts of stray dogs, but... there are no stupid dogs," Dr. Andrey Poyarkov, a biologist who has studied Moscow's strays for 30 years, told ABC News.

As many as 35,000 stray dogs live in Russia's capital city, scrounging for food and trying to survive. Taking the subway is just one of many tactics the strays have come up with for living in the manmade wilderness around them.

ABC News found a female stray in the Kievskaya station, and barely managed to follow her as she zipped between the legs of the bustling travelers around her to catch a ride on the Koltsevaya Line. Once on board, she settled down on the floor among the feet and legs, even dozed a bit, and occasionally got up for a brief conversation with a friendly human. She seemed to sense that such close quarters were no place to appear threatening.

There is a British cat famous for regularly taking the bus and a squirrel in Oklahoma who became a local hero when people began to notice that it regularly obeyed traffic signals when crossing a busy street.

"The take-away is that animals are not just passive in this," Linden told ABC News. "They are figuring out what we're about and how they can game the system, and work it to their advantage as well."

The strays have developed a variety of techniques for hunting food in the wild metropolis. Sometimes a pack will send out a smaller, cuter member, apparently realizing it will be more successful at begging than its bigger, less attractive counterparts. Another trick the researchers report seeing is the "bark-and-grab": a dog will suddenly jump up behind a person in the street who is holding some snack, enough of a surprise that the food gets dropped for the grabbing.



Moscow's subway strays even have their own statue in the Mendeleyevskaya station. It commemorates Malchik (Russian for boy), a stray who lived there until he was stabbed by a fashion model in 2002 who didn't like how Malchik barked at her terrier. Outraged Muscovites erected the statue. Passersby now rub the Malchik's shiny bronze nose for good luck.

Yep. Even got a postage stamp.



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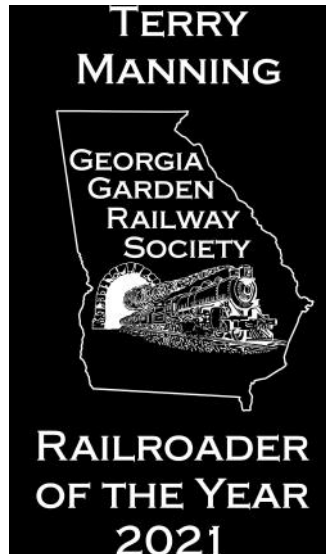
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Railroader of the Year

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.

Yard Hostler

Great fun at the Chatsworth Depot, and more opportunities to play trains coming just around the corner. Great fall weather to work in the yard, so we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting (Phil and Barb's), Show (Cartersville), or at your layout soon. Keep an eye out for the Piedmont Pilgrimage.

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