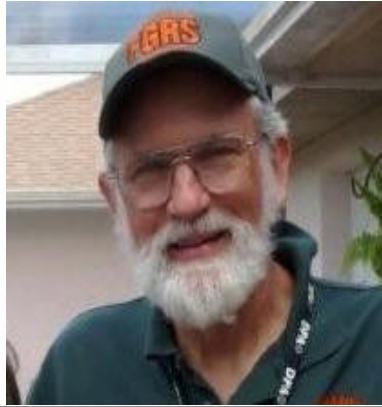




OCTOBER 2018



PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM PAUL WAGNER

Greetings from Colorado, the narrow gauge scenic railroad capital of the world! Sorry the newsletter is so late because of it, but if you have the chance to do the same, I heartily recommend it! See my rundown about the trip in the "Member Spotlight" page of this issue.

What a great time at the Sundance meet in September! Sixteen of us showed up for the pizza social, and then took off for the museum layout. Seemed like people got talking and working out great ideas more than usual! And what a display in the museum layout! Just look at the realistic detail in this photo on the next page.



The courage and sacrifice of our veterans was dramatically highlighted in the military models at the Sundance museum.



You can see the great time Fred Weber and Bruce Benardo were having here.



Lots of great events are coming up in the coming months, starting with a fun run meet at Dave and Ruth Taisch's in Tavares. (See "Member's Meets" section, this newsletter) We will nominate officers for the open positions at this meet, so it is important we have as many people as possible come out to see this fine railroad.

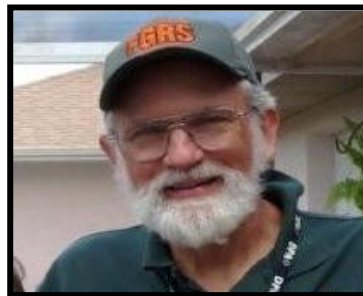
As you will see in the "Meets" page On December 15, we are invited to an open house at the garden railroad of Don and Lenojo Carter in Ocala. This is another exceptional layout, and if you missed it before, don't let this opportunity go by.

This is the same weekend as the Tampa train show, and due to the busy schedule and work to complete the new modules for the Deland show in January 2019, we will not be doing a display at the Tampa show this year. Your board decided that it would be better not to try to do a show we are not prepared for. If you are able to come over the Melbourne trainshow on December 1, please contact Ross Marvin about helping with the FGRS display at that show.

There is no Fun Run scheduled in November, so it will be a good time to just call a few friends and neighbors over to help wind up some railroading projects, or just plain relax with some good train running at your garden railroad. Keep those garden railroads running!

Hope to see you all soon,
Good health and Railroading to all!
Paul Wagner

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Member Spotlight

Member Spotlight - Paul and Patty Wagner

Patty and I were having a ball this month, riding trains, hiking the roadbeds, and I even got a cab ride in Chattanooga, before we made it out West.

The 1914, 2-8-0, #630 is still running like a clock, thanks to the hard work of the folks at this great scenic railway at the Tennessee Valley Railway Museum.



You can't stop grinning when you're hanging out the window of one of these fire-breathing monsters, riding down the rails. Just hearing the whistle blow is worth the price of the ride!



Then, on to chasing narrow gauge steam trains in Colorado – first, the Georgetown Loop, just west of Denver, and then, the Cumbres and Toltec with its west terminal in Chama New Mexico.



Old 111 backs across the high bridge at Georgetown, Colorado.



On the Cumbres and Toltec Scenic RR, engine number 489 leads a double header up the tortuous grade on its way to the summit at Cumbres Pass, Colorado, 10,000 feet above sea level!



At this time of year, the Aspens have turned into a blaze of gold.

NGRC 2019 Updates

Submitted by Bruce Bernardo:

The following are links to the convention.

Check these links periodically because content will no doubt change over time.

[NGRC Newsletter - 17 August 2018.pdf](#)

[www.ngrc2019.org](#)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willamette_Shore_Trolley](#)

The purpose of this newsletter is to help you through the process of registering for the convention.

When you signed up for our newsletter, it assigned you a logon (your e-mail address) and a random password. That password was e-mailed to you via secure e-mail; and you may change it anytime you desire.

To register for the convention, you will need to log onto our website with your password during registration. If you don't know your password, you will need to click on the "Forgot password" button, and an e-mail will be sent to you allowing you to enter a new password. You can then reset your password using the link in the e-mail. Use your e-mail and password to register for the convention.

We found out today that the DoubleTree hotel will not have our rooms reserved for our convention at convention rates until the latter part of September. So to be sure you get the discount rates, we are delaying opening hotel reservations until September 30, 2018. At that time you can either call the hotel or reserve online.

Bill Derville

Convention Chairman

Registration Procedure

It is a good idea to print this e-mail so you can follow the steps on your computer without looking back at the screen with this e-mail.

To register:

1. Click on the "Registration" menu item.
2. Click on the "Attendee" sub-menu item.
3. Within the page that is presented, click on either "Individual" or "Family" depending on whether you are coming by yourself, or have family members attending the convention with you.
4. If you haven't yet logged in:
5. The screen "Please login to continue" will be displayed. You log in using the same method you used to set up your account to receive newsletters and e-mails like this. That would be with Facebook, Google, or the specific e-mail address you provided when setting up your account.

If you don't remember your password:

1. Click on "Forgot Password" and you will receive an e-mail with your password. You can change your password after you receive the e-mail by following the instructions in the e-mail.
2. Reset your password and confirm it.
3. Return to "Registration" – "Attendee" – "Family" or "Individual"
4. Enter your e-mail and password. Click "Log in".
5. If this is the first time you have logged in after setting up your account, the "2019 NGRC Rules and Terms" page appears. Read and click on the "I agree" button. Click "Continue".
6. The Registration page will be displayed. Click "Register" at the bottom of the page.
7. The next page tells you if you are registering Family or Individual and fills in your e-mail. Click "Next".

Fill out the registration form. If you are registering as a family, and you have more than 4 members in your family attending the convention, please contact the Registrar via e-mail after you have registered to add their names. The Registrar e-mail address is 2019ngrcregistrar@rcgrs.com.

1. After making all the selections you want, click "Next".

2. The “Review and Confirm” screen will be presented. Click on “Pay online” to pay with a credit card. Fill out your credit card information. A picture will come up and you will need to verify you are not a robot. (We know you aren’t a robot, but that is software we can’t change.) Click the “Pay \$xxx.xx (USD)” button (the “\$xxx.xx” will be the total amount due and to be charged to your credit card).

A recap of what you have paid for is the next screen. If you want to make any changes in your registration, or to cancel your registration, please contact our Registrar via this e-mail address: 2019ngrcregistrar@rcgrs.com. If you want a return phone call, please include your phone number in your e-mail.

1. You will receive an e-mail confirmation detailing what you have ordered. Please bring this with you to the convention. It will make things go smoother when you arrive and pick up your Convention Bag at the Registration Desk.

2. If you do not wish to pay by credit card, Click “Invoice me” instead of “Pay now”.

3. The invoice of all items ordered will appear. You will get an e-mail with this invoice. Please print the e-mail and mail with your check. Events are not reserved for you until payment is received. We will notify you if an event which you have ordered is full. Make checks payable to: NGRC 2019 Mail check and invoice to: NGRC 2019 17520 South Holly Lane Oregon City, OR 97045

We hope this newsletter will help you through the potentially confusing registration process. You can always contact us at 2019ngrcinfo@rcgrs.com if you are having trouble.

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

2018 Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows

Submitted by Bruce Benardo

Saturday November 10,2018

Crystal River,FL

US Army National Guard Armory
8551 W. Venable Street
Crystal River, FL 34429
Adults \$5.00 children under 12 free
Hours 9-2
Vendors and Model Train Layout

October 13th – Kissimmee

The Columbian Club of Osceola County
2000 Neptune Road
Kissimmee, FL 34744

October 27th – Port Richey

New Lake Civic Association
8330 Civic Drive
Port Richey, FL 34668

November 17th – Dover

Hillsborough County Fairgrounds
215 Sydney Washer Road
Dover, FL 33527

November 17: Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd., Jacksonville 32224, 10A-3P

December 1st – Pinellas Park

Lopez Hall

7177 58th Street North

Pinellas Park, FL 33781

December 1: Schultz Space Coast Train Show, Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne 32935 ,schultzspacecoasttrains.com (Schultz Space Coast Trains

December 15 & 16, 2018 – FL State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL

We will be at the Tampa train show in December 15 & 16. Don't know if we will be able to get enough room to run a layout but last year we had a table which a few of our members were able to talk we people about our hobby. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this event. As the time gets closer we will have more details.

January 12 & 13, 2019 – Volusia County Fairgrounds, DeLand, FL

Attention all club members with those who have in the box railroads!

The new layout will be set up at the Deland show January 12&13 2019. We will be looking for volunteers to set up, run, talk with people, and take down. This opportunity will get you in the show and a chance to watch your trains ran around the track.

February 9, 2019—Jacksonville, FL

For a Complete list of Train Shows go to http://www.railserve.com/events/train_shows.html

Save the above web address as it has a complete updated list of Train Shows Nationwide , along with a lot of other good information about the Hobby. You will be very surprised at how many train shows there are just in Florida year round and will find them listed here.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The following was submitted by Bruce Benardo:

This is the link of "611" at the Museum of Transportation In Virginia.

www.vmt.org.

For the members that could not attend the National Garden Railway Convention in Atlanta back in June here is a link to a Video of the Layout Tour and the Model Contest . Be prepared because it's more like a movie a little over an hour long and is well done. I was at the Convention and missed seeing some of these layouts but have since viewed them thru the production of this video. Thank You Dan Alvero and the Georgia Garden Railway Society for a job well done.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0iPCTzxzsQ&feature=youtu.be>

Submitted by Fred Weber

Get those railroad out of storage and enjoy railroading with other club members.

Please contact me about any events you would like to help out with.

Fred Weber

410-310-6001

Lgbfred2002@yahoo.com

Scottish Festival

We have been ask to ran trains at this Festival. I know it's not real train related but it's a big festival near Jacksonville. I will do this one but need some help. Set up will be Friday. Run trains Saturday until 4. Take down after 4 on Saturday or Sunday morning. We will be in an air conditioning building which is secure. This is February 22,23,and 24. If you have any interest at all let me know. I understand it's a long way until February but the organization would like an answer in the near future.

NEW MODULES

Time now is getting close. Out with the old and in with the new. The crew is Hard at work building new modules.



These are the old module (kid not included) that will be replaced.
See next page.



It takes a long time to set up and they are very heavy.

Go to next page to see the first module.



Ok I started out with pictures of our old layout. I couldn't help but put the pictures with the look on the kids faces watching the trains. We now have a new layout in progress. 14 Modules are almost complete. As you can see the train tracks needs to be installed and the top painted. Ron will be completing these tasks and building the corner pieces. I understand we'll be running the new layout in December. The next few pages are all about the new modules.







FGRS INVITES ALL MEMBERS TO BE "ALL ABOARD" WITH THE NEW CLUB TRAIN EVENT LAYOUT

One of our club goals is to give all members the chance to bring their G scale modeling creativity to future train events where we display our club layout. The pictures above show the new module we will be using for our layout (without the track). The module height is 33 inches and the surface size is 30" x 47 7/8". An additional benefit of our new train event layout is that it will be lighter and faster to set-up and tear down.

The club will be selling modules at \$40 each with track for you to create a scenario with your "personal touch". The reason we want to sell the module with the track already attached is because of continuity. We want all the modules to be interchangeable and cohesive. If you decide to put a switch on your module, you must leave the track ends where they are. **If you come with a module that has been modified and will not seamlessly attach with the other modules, we will NOT be able to use it or adjust it to fit. (Layout tables must have a smooth edge in front)**

If you would like to build your own module for scenery purposes only (no track) to be placed behind the layout, you can purchase one without the track for \$35 or build your own to the module specifications which will be provided upon request. If you would like to add a backdrop to your scenic module or for a club module, you can do that as well.

It will be your responsibility to store and transport your modules to and from any events that the club schedules. Members needing assistance in building, planning or transporting modules should contact board members or work with fellow club members.

The new event layout was designed as a club activity that everyone can easily "PARTICIPATE IN" and enjoy. Let's enjoy the hobby of G scale model railroading together and share it with the world!

MEETS AT MEMBERS HOUSES

2018

October 20th - Meeting at Dave & Ruth's house. Located at 11605 Lake Park RD in Tavares.

The Lane Park & Wherever RR will start running trains at 11:00, with plans for lunch at 12:00. The LP&W has a thousand feet of track divided into four loops, with another ninety feet of storage track in the shed. We run NCE DCC track power. Twenty two wooden bridges cross two rivers connecting three ponds and two dry river beds. I replaced the last temporary aluminum bridge with a covered bridge last year. Two mountains with fifty feet of trestle complete the lay-out.



FGRS meet and Open House Fun Run @ The SILVER RIVER RAIL ROAD.....
December 15th 2018 11:00 AM till dark thirty

Friends: Make plans now!!

If you didn't make the meet in May and those that did we are doing it again!
We are having an open house to run the trains.
Saturday 11:00 AM till dark thirty.

We will be hosting you the Florida Garden Railroad Society (FGRS) men and women, Saturday from 11:00 AM till 2:00 PM. Bring a dish to share. We will provide the drinks, paper products and some chairs. Other friends and family may be in attendances so feel free to bring a guest.

The layout, track powered is out doors and covers 1,500' of track over 1/2 acre. There is a 30' oval pond 100' stream and 8' bog. The freight yard is in one bay of the two car barn garage. The town will be all decorated for Christmas. Feel free to bring something to run too.

The address is:
6130 NE 3rd. Place Ocala, Fl.

Directions from Ocala: (I75)

Take SR 40 East to NE 7 Street, just past Ocala Golf Club. Turn right.

Go East on NE 7th Street to Baseline Rd, (SR 35).

Cross over Baseline and go one long block to NE 61 Terrace. (Green Ridge Acres)

Turn right off NE 7th Street onto NE 61 Terrace go to the top of the hill to NE 3 Place. Turn right on NE 3 Place. Go to the end of the street and park. (Short block dead end)

The trains are behind the white fence.
Look for the R/R sign's

Look forward to seeing you all.

Don & Lenojo Carter [207-5434 doncarter521@embarqmail.com](mailto:207-5434_doncarter521@embarqmail.com)

2019

March 9, FGRS Fun Run Meet -- 11:00 AM to 4 PM.

Paul and Pat Wagner

1781 S Cranberry Blvd, North Port, 34286.

Phone 941-426-4847, or mobile: 941-445-0409

email: wagstation@aol.com

Bring chairs and a picnic lunch, and a train to run. Paul will provide soft drinks and water.

The layout was designed for 1:29 scale rolling stock - clearances will not allow most 1:20.3 to run. Battery power, only. Sharpest curves are 12.5' diameter with #6 turnouts. Mainline grades are 2%.

This layout is patterned after the South Fork Division of the Southern Railway in the Lake Cumberland area of Kentucky, and depicts the Southern Railway as it would have appeared near the end of the steam era (circa 1945).

There is 300' of main-line and 6 stub sidings, a crossover between double tracks, and a passing siding. The layout is set up for multiple train switching operations

April 6th - Fun Run at Tom & Gloria's House. Located at 23379 Superior Ave Port Charlotte. The Tropical RR hours will be 11:00 to 4:00. Bring your own lunch. Soda and water will be provided. The TRR has 400' of main line track with 20' diameter curves so bring on the Big Boys. The switching yard has 7 tracks for plenty of storage. All switches are #6. Battery power only.

May 4th— Fun Run at Charlie Bealls. Charlie said the layout is roughly 70 feet x 90 feet and has four train track lines. It was built in 2006. There is a waterfall, water feature, stocked with fish, long truss bridges, and as the pictures show a varied, beautifully landscaped terrain throughout the layout . Also...we have two videos of his layout on our closed to members only [Group Florida Garden Railway Facebook page](#) . If you haven't joined yet....sign up, it's free as part of your membership, and you'll see great Garden Railway pictures and videos from members.

The meet starts at noon, bring a dish to share, and chairs.

His address is 7839 Sloewood Drive, Mount Dora, 32757.

cbeall7839@gmail.com

Phone 352-383-3976

if anyone else is interested in hosting a fun run at their house please send me an e-mail with all the details, date, time, address, length of main line, minimum diameter curves, what you will supply, and anything else you feel is pertinent to the event.

If you have requested to host an event with someone else you need to contact me to get onto the official schedule. Please do not contact any other board member. Things can get forgotten or lost in transition.

LINKS TO TRAINS PAST & PRESENT

Here are two YOUTUBE links for your enjoyment.
These were submitted by Fred Weber.

<https://youtu.be/8C1GTp7seKQ>

<https://youtu.be/EG-cEEY5vt0>

TRAINS FOR SALE

This area will be used to list trains for sale. List them here before going to e-bay. If a club member wants it, you can save the hassle of listing and fees.

Rules are simple. Submit two pictures per item, a description of the item, contact information, and the price.

Send your info to the fgrs.newsletter@gmail.com e-mail by the cutoff date and that's it.

Items will appear for two issues unless I am notified of sale before hand.

Bob Anttila has some used track for sale.

Here is the list:

The price will be \$3.00 per ft. for individual pieces. The price per ft is Negotiable. For bulk purchases the shipping cost to be determined.

54-5 ft long pcs.

12- 20 ft diameter curved pcs.

1- "X" crossing

3' + 2' + 1'+ 6" long straight pcs.

8 ft & 4 ft diameter curved pcs.

Contact info:

banttila@comcast.net

or phone: (941) 468-8183

Thanks Bob

G Scale Items For Sale

Rolling Stock

Denver-Rio Grande:

All have metal wheels & Kadee couplers \$30.00 each or \$100.00 for all 4



Pacific Fruit Express

Both have metal wheels & Kadee couplers \$30.00 each



LGB 4069 Cargo Container Cars

3 with LGB couplers, 2 have knuckle couplers in original box \$25.00 each



LGB SETS

LGB Stainz Starter set with track & power \$225.00



LGB Stainz Limited Edition set with 3 European passenger cars \$225.00



16' x 20' Overhead Railway System (Ceiling Trains)

Overhear Railway System designed for up to a 16'x20' room with 1 covered bridge and 1 open bridge. \$500 (*or make an offer*)



For more information, Email Keith Wolfe: kwolfe@bayareatech.com



FGRS Membership Application

The Florida Garden Railway Society (FGRS) invites you to join a group of people who share a common Interest in large scale trains, both indoors, outdoors, or modules. We are a group of individuals, Couples, and families who enjoy socializing with others and participating in train related activities. Dues

\$30/YR for single or family memberships. Annual dues include subscriptions to FRS Newsletter. All renewals are due in January. If interested in joining FGRS or to renew your membership, please

Complete this application and send a check payable to Florida Garden Railway Society (FGRS),

Attn: Jay Archer, Florida Garden Railway Society, P.O. BOX 2695, Dunedin, FL 34697-2695

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone#: _____

E-Mail: _____

Would you like your information shared with the club members only? Yes _____ No _____

Name badges are \$18 each. If mailed add \$3.00. They have two lines: One for your name and the other line can have the town

where you live or the name of your railroad.

First Badge

Second Badge

Name: _____

Town or RR name: _____

Please take note

When submitting pictures and articles to the NL I need the articles written in Word and the pictures as .JPG attachments.

Imbedded pictures in an e-mail sometimes gets stripped off by my virus software.

A few sentences to be put in the NL is okay.

Copying word documents into the NL works great. Problems exist when I have to copy and paste. Imbedded pictures do not work well and sometimes come out weird and I have to do a lot of editing.