

January 6, 2018 – January meet will be at the River Bend RV Park in Alva (Near Labelle), on January 6, starting at 10AM. Bring a picnic lunch for you and your guests, and chairs, and a train to run. This layout is battery power only.

The address is 5800 Hwy 80, Alva 33920

This is a gated community, when you arrive, check in at the office, and call Bill Severns, 505-263-1598 for instructions in getting to the layout.

This is a large community club layout which includes several switching yards and interesting routing features, with an extensive scratch-built town and many industries. They operate 1:20.3 fine scale narrow gauge trains, but if you have a "G" scale train you would like to run, bring it along. Check the website for pictures of this fine railroad.

February 17, 2018— Fun Run at Charlie Beall's

Charlie Beall was once again a great host in May, and from all who attended, a Big "Thank You" Charlie for opening up your home and sharing a spectacular Garden Railway layout with us for a Club meeting. If you missed this opportunity, Charlie has reserved February 17, 2018 for another event. The layout is roughly 70 feet x 90 feet and has four 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. Pictures are posted on the "Events" page of the new website. Also...we have two videos of his layout on our closed to members only Group Florida Garden Railway Facebook page from May 10th last year. If you haven't joined yet.....sign up, the Facebook page is free as part of your membership, and you'll see great Garden Railway pictures and videos from members.

March 24th - Fun Run at Paul & Patty Wagner's House.
Details coming in next Newsletter.

April 28th - Fun Run at Tom & Gloria's House. Located at 23379 Superior Ave Port Charlotte. The Tropical RR hours will be 12:00 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.

To schedule a meet at your house, email Tom Hite, Newsletter Chair, with the details. FGRS.newsletter@gmail.com, Phone 860-803-0049.