



April 2017



PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM ROSS MARVIN

The year is in full swing with a January event at the Wagner's, a FGRS layout set up at the two-day Deland Florida Show at the end of January, a February "Fun Run" at the Kimmel's, and coming up quickly is the April "Fun Run" at the Hite's, with "Fun Run" to follow in May at Charlie's place. Thank you all for making our club more fun. A solid start to our year.....so a few housekeeping thoughts:

- 1) If you have not, please send your 2017 dues to Fred, and remember you can get a personalized club badge as well.**
- 2) Please send in your newsletter articles to Tom so they can be included in our upcoming issues. There is an encyclopedia of "G Scale knowledge" out there from ideas/experience on layouts to scenery, electrical to equipment. Your experience and knowledge/ideas will help all of us.**

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FGRS UPCOMMING MEETS AT MEMBERS HOUSES

APRIL 8th - Meet at Tom & Gloria Hite's. 23379 Superior Ave Port Charlotte, FL. Drinks & snacks are provided but bring your own picnic lunch. Must be battery powered to run a train.

Hours 12-4.

RSVP 860-803-0049.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON
ANYONE'S LAWN.**

May 20th - Meet at Charles Beall's house. 7839 Sloewood Dr. Mount Dora, Fl. Drinks and paperware will be provided. Bring a chair if you want to sit. Hours 12-4.

UPCOMMING TRAIN SHOWS

59th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland , Fl.32734, 2017 Saturday April 8th, 9 am-4 pm.

Contact Charles Miller 703-536-2954. Website = www.gserr.com. EM = rrshows@aol.com

17th Tampa Model Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, 2017 Saturday June 3rd, 9-4, and Sunday June 4th, 10-4 .

Contact Charles Miller,EM = rrshows@aol.com Website = www.gserr.com .

60 th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland , Fl.32734 Saturday, July 8th, 2017

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2017 The Orange Blossom Special NMRA National Convention, Orlando, July 30th - August 6th.

More Info @ www.NMRAStores.com

The Villages Model Train Show & Sale, Saturday Aug 19th, 9-4 and Sunday Aug 20th 10-3.

More info @ www.thevillagesmodeltrainclub.com

Regal Railways Shows: for info, contact Joe Schramm or visit www.regalrailways.com; 727-244-1341. All shows 9 am - 2 pm; Early Bird 8 am - 9 am.

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.

Past meets

There were not many FGRS members but we had a great turn out of visitors at River Bend on March 5th. Perhaps we will get some new recruits from those. The track was flawless as usual, but the wind-blown debris was a problem. We were on constant guard of fallen branches and acorns and cars were blown off the track on the long viaduct. Many interesting trains were running, including a Soo Line F7 set from Marv Koenig.





Here is a link to Large Scale Central where Pete Thornton has written about the meet and has some included pictures.

<http://www.largescalecentral.com/forums/topic/26655/open-house-at-riverbend-park>

Looks like a great time had by all.

What's going on in the garden

No articles were submitted this month.

LINKS TO TRAINS PAST & PRESENT

The purpose of this area is to give members a chance to see and share videos of the classic trains we collect, running in real life.

GEORGETOWN LOOP

So a GIANT “THANK YOU” to Fred Weber for sharing “The Georgetown Loop” which runs out of Colorado. This is the [first run of Georgetown Loop Railroad 2□8□0 No. 111](#) in October 2016, the latest video in the Trains Presents series! The locomotive was built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1926 for the International Railway of Central America in El Salvador. What a beauty. Here is the link and the website:



[http://trn.trains.com/photos-videos/videos/2017/03/trains-presents-georgetown-loop-no-111?](http://trn.trains.com/photos-videos/videos/2017/03/trains-presents-georgetown-loop-no-111?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=News0TRN_170306_000000_Final&utm_content=&spMailingID=28136401&spUserID=MTE2MDY5NDc3NjExS0&spJobID=1000901022&spReportId=MTAwMDkwMTAyMgS2)

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

THE HORSESHOE CURVE



Most rail fans have heard of the historic **Horseshoe curve**, but either way you are in for a treat with these three videos. They have recently cleared out many of the trees that over time blocked out this spectacular view. This three-track rail curve stretches 2,375-feet across the Allegheny Mountains. Join the thousands of spectators who visit yearly to witness this historic triumph in Altoona, Pa.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lb5OzEZjUj4&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLUq3gXMR3o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Ptw7igKlrM>

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 up to four pictures, a description of the item, contact information, and the price.

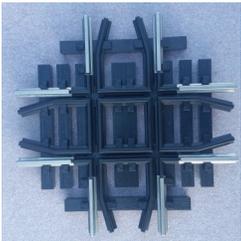
Send your info to the fgrs.newsletter@gmail.com e-mail by the cutoff date and that's it.

Items will appear for two issues.

SS 90 Degree crossover brand new. \$30.00.

2 Aristo SS right hand #6 switches brand new no box. \$125/switch.

Contact Tom at Thomasrhite@gmail.com if interested.





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: Fred Weber, 7686 E. Oak Forest St. Floral City, FL 34436.

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: _____

The FGRS Newsletter will be Published by the 7th of each month. The deadline to submit information for the newsletter will always be the last day of the month.

- 3) Remember to join our Facebook Page. Pictures and video can be seen on our club Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=florida%20garden%20railway> It's closed to only our group and is a great place for idea sharing. A big "Thank You to Mike McLaughlin, for sharing lots of great pictures of his outdoor layout.**
- 4) Last year we did a swap meet at the Winter Garden Railway Depot....called the Central Florida Railway Historical Society in June. If you are interested in repeating it again, please send me an email. If you have different ideas.....let me know. This is your club too, so input is wanted and appreciated.**

One more addition to the newsletter. Since we all love trains it makes sense to use the ability of this electronic newsletter to "Link" us to real train experiences. So in this newsletter Tom and I are going to add a section called "Links to Trains Past & Present". It will give us the ability each month to share and show videos of the trains that rail fans have captured, as well as what cities, private entrepreneur's, clubs, and organizations are doing to restore and run trains around America and the world. Who knows.....it might give you an idea for a future vacation. We hope you'll enjoy the additional content.

Keep on G-Scaling. Ross