

Layout Tour Guide
November 17th Tour, Meet, Buffet, and Raffle.

Stop #1

Wagner Division, Southern Railway
Paul and Patty Wagner
1781 S. Cranberry Blvd.
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The layout covers 23' X 72' of hilly terrain with a pond and 5' waterfall. There is a 300 foot double track mainline which can be operated point-to-point between two towns, with stations, industries, and a coal mine on 6 stub sidings along the way. There are loops at the ends for continuous operation. The landscaping was constructed using 14 tons of rock and 70 yards of various types of fill and cement mixes. When complete, the layout will depict the Southern Railway as it would have appeared near the end of the steam era (circa 1948) in the mid-South. Rolling stock includes 1:29 scale steam engines and heavyweight passenger cars in Crescent Limited livery; coal hoppers serving a mine; and several peddler freight trains.

Stop # 2

IRON MOUNTAIN & SOUTHERN RR
Bob and Irene Anttila
7448 Brookhaven Terr.
Englewood
941-474-0453

Upon entering our backyard you are greeted by a 35' long forward-reversing mine train line. Beyond that is our L shaped layout of 160' by 25' which includes 4 individual operating loops plus 1 forward-reversing track. Part of the layout is covered by a 20' by 30' canvas roof. We also have an 8' by 12' covered rail yard for staging. We have an active volcano with a backdrop of a mountain scene painted on a 5' high by 30' long canvas. The layout is controlled from an operations deck complete with a TV monitor with remote cameras. Our engines include LGB, Aristo, USA, MTH, and Bachman, both steam & diesel. To top this off we have a 24' by 10' indoor loop. Total track footage is over 1000'.

Stop #3

The DB & Southern Railroad
Frank & Vilma Schlee
2000 Forrest Nelson Blvd A-4
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
941-257-4411 cell 941-421-2118
Contact person: Frank

Begun in the summer of 2003, after clearing several thousand square feet of 'jungle', bringing in more than 80 yards of dirt and stone, the DB (dirt bag) & Southern RR began to take shape. After weathering 2 hurricanes, the layout comprises an area of 25' x 160' with 550' of SS track. The features, 15 bridges, an Aqueduct and waterfall add viewing interest to the triple dog bone 370 single track main line. The RR is located behind our townhouse on 'public land'. Please follow the parking signs to the church parking lot next door.

Stop #4

The Pennsylvania Funtime RR
Dean and Ann Crewdson
160 Compton Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Contact: Dean – 941-235-0925

Our railroad is just a fun railroad which consists of Five lines and one monorail through Disney's contemporary hotel on top of the mountain. When the wind isn't blowing too hard we can also set out our Saturn V rocket with the space shuttle. We have the layout 16 inches off the ground and all together around 600 plus feet of track. Among the shrubs, plants, flowers and waterfall with two ponds you will find 3 tunnels, 11 different bridges and many buildings. It is always work in progress and having fun doing it.

Stop # 5

The 'Mile High' RR
William (Billy) Vollmer
23526 Shelby Rd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Contact person: Billy – 941-743-7136

Located on a 80' x 120' lot behind his house, and at an average height of 4' above ground, with an A/C train shed 24' x 36', just begins to describe the unique character of this RR. The RR has more than 700' of main line which starts and ends in the 'shed'. Billy can dispatch and collect trains from the holding tracks in the shed which are waist high, operating in complete comfort. The layout has a curious mixture of American and European structures.

6th and Final Stop on Tour

BNR Railroad

Betty & Ray Neid
22107 Malone Ave.
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
941-625-1262
Contact person: Betty

Amid lush landscaping trains travel through tunnels, over bridges appearing and disappearing in this garden railroad. The theme is a rural countryside with buildings scattered in between the lush foliage. The era is the 1950s with both steam and diesel and a few European engines just for fun. The railroad is L-shaped about 12 x 80 with some 500 feet of track. The power is both electric and battery. The railroad is for fun and the pleasure of turning on the trains and let them run and sitting back with a social experiencing the scene before us.