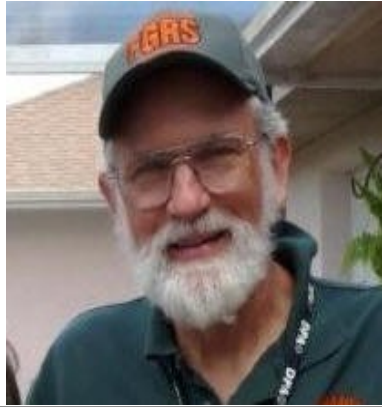




**DECEMBER 2018**



## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM PAUL WAGNER**

Reports of good times by all with their families at Thanksgiving are coming in, glad it was good for most of you, we have a lot to be thankful for. Now back to some railroading!

I probably really muddied the waters about the alternatives for the Tampa Train Show which coincides with the dates of Don and Lenojo Carter's open house meet on December 15th and 16th.

I should have made it clearer that Don is having open house train runs on both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, will be the actual FGRS meet, starting at 11 AM; but Don will also be open and running trains on Sunday, December 16th, starting at 2 PM.

Jay Archer and Fred Weber will be heading up the FGRS table at the Tampa Train Show on December 15th and 16th. If you would like to help, sign up for a time slot, phone Jay at 727-736-1989. Some of you may be able to fit this in with the meet at Don Carter's. I'll be going to both events.

Garden layouts are coming alive again, starting with a Fun Run at Corky and Wanda Eckman's in Englewood in January. See the announcement for that meet, and the others who are stepping up in the following months. And there is

nothing that says there can't be more than one meet per month. Especially if your layout is a long distance from one that is already scheduled, you may fill a need in a different area by having one in the same month. Tom will work with you to try to avoid conflicts.

Anticipation is building about the new modules, and the premier showing we will make at the Deland Train Show, January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Fred, Millie, and Glenn have completed the straight track module bases, and Ron White has now arrived from his summer home, and is set up to help complete the curves, bridge connectors, and final test set-up of the layout. (See articles, in this issue)

Please re-read Fred's article, "FGRS INVITES ALL MEMBERS TO BE "ALL ABOARD"..." which we are inserting again in this issue. Seriously consider becoming involved with the modular layout, especially if you are downsizing your garden layout, as many of our members have done recently. Whether or not you decide to own and create a personal section of the layout, we welcome you to bring trains to the shows and events, and run them for the folks who come to see us. As the managers of the shows see what value we add to their shows, I believe we will be invited to just about all of them in the coming years, and I see this as possibly the main avenue of railroading for those of us who don't have a garden railroad of our own.

Again, please renew your membership early. Address to send check to is on membership form at the end of this newsletter, and on the website "Join Us" page. If your info has changed in any way during the past year, please fill out a new application form and mail in with your check. To check your info on record with FGRS, open the "Members Sign In" page on the website, ([www.fgrs.org](http://www.fgrs.org)) and hit "Members Roster". Password is still "ChooChoo" until March.

Good Health and Railroading to All!

- Paul Wagner

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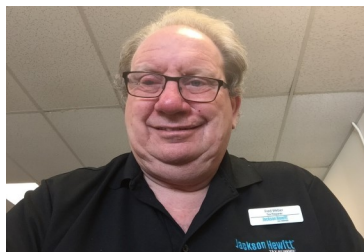


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# Member Spotlight

We welcome submissions of stories about your layout, projects, your interest in trains, and stories about remarkable railroaders you know." "Email to [FGRS.NEWSLETTER.COM](mailto:FGRS.NEWSLETTER.COM)"

# NEW MODULES

**"New modules with track installed - waiting for your personal scenic and operational completion."**



From Fred Weber, Event Manager

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!

# 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](#)

# UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

## 2018 Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows

Submitted by Bruce Benardo

### December 1<sup>st</sup> – Pinellas Park

Lopez Hall  
7177 58<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

January 19th 2019 - Englewood Train Show. Details in next months issue.

February 9, 2019—Jacksonville, FL

For a Complete list of Train Shows go to [http://www.railserve.com/events/train\\_shows.html](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

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](mailto: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 after4 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.

# MEETS AT MEMBERS HOUSES

**2018**

**December 15th.**

FGRS meet and Open House at Don & Lenojo Carter [207-5434](tel:207-5434)  
[doncarter521@embarqmail.com](mailto:doncarter521@embarqmail.com)

6130 NE 3rd. Place  
Ocala, FL.

The SILVER RIVER RAIL ROAD..... Will run from 11:00 AM until 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.

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

Trains will also be running on Sunday, December 16th starting at 2PM for Anyone who can't make the meet on Saturday.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Here is picture of last years meet. You don't want to miss this event.



## 2019

### **January 26 at 11:00 AM**

Fun Run at Corky's

Corky and Wanda Eckman

611 Via Cala

Englewood, 34223

RSVP via 612-850-4071

or email

[wcg611@gmail.com](mailto:wcg611@gmail.com)

Corky will provide drinks. Bring a picnic lunch, chairs, and a train to run. Corky uses mostly battery power, but has track power on some portions of the layout. The WC & GRR Railroad occupies this entire yard, running completely around the house, crossing the driveway in a molded concrete crossing. Photos of this layout have been featured several times in Garden Railways magazine, and it features extensive hardscape scenery, trestles, bridges, tunnels, scores of structures, mines and industries. Watch for many interesting trains to run, including a USA Bigboy.

WC & GRR Railroad was established in 2007 and still growing, including 650 feet of track and 25 switches. There are Scratch Built Mountains, Tunnels, Ponds, Bridges, Trestles and Buildings. The mountains were constructed by Corky himself using concrete and other cement products. He also hand built the 55 ft. long trestle and some of the bridges. Locomotive's include all Steam pulling Logging, Freight, and Passenger trains.

**February TBD** Bob and Irene Anttila Meet in North Port. Details coming in the January issue.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

We welcome submissions of stories and pictures about any vacations you have taken that involve trains.

"Email to [FGRS.NEWSLETTER.COM](mailto:FGRS.NEWSLETTER.COM)"

# 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](mailto:fgrs.newsletter@gmail.com) e-mail by the cutoff date and that's it.**

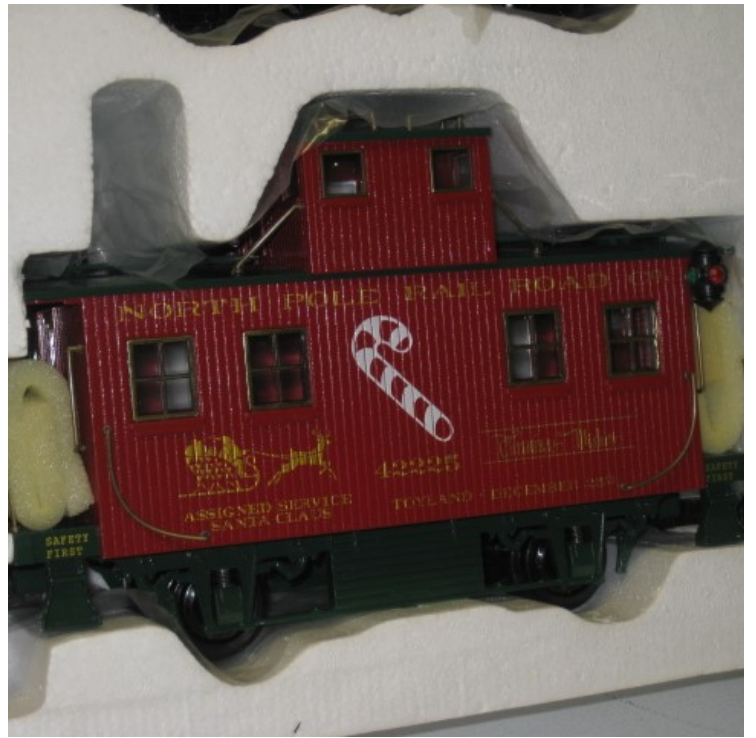
**Items will appear for two issues unless I am notified of sale before hand.**

Bruce Bernardo has the following for sale. He can be reached at:  
[bcb1226@comcast.net](mailto:bcb1226@comcast.net).

Aristocraft # ART-28425 Rogers Christmas Set, New, Complete set and ready to run., \$250.00.









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Gauge SCALE 1:29

**INCLUDES:**  
**Locomotive & Tender**  
**Freight Car**  
**Caboose**  
**4 ft. Circle of Track**  
**Power Pack**  
**Track-to-Pack**  
**Wire Connector**



## G Scale Items For Sale

Keith Wolfe has the following for sale. He can be reached at

[kwolfe@bayareatech.com](mailto:kwolfe@bayareatech.com)

### 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* )



Contact Frank Graham

352 895 2261

It is approximately 45x25 ft. The height is adjustable. I have the uprights dug into the ground resulting in a height of approximately 3 ft. The four ft section is about 25 ft long. The remainder is a two track loop. This will be scraped if no one wants it.

This will be available for pick up at Don's meet





### 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 \$12 each. If mailed add \$1.00. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Town or RR name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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.**