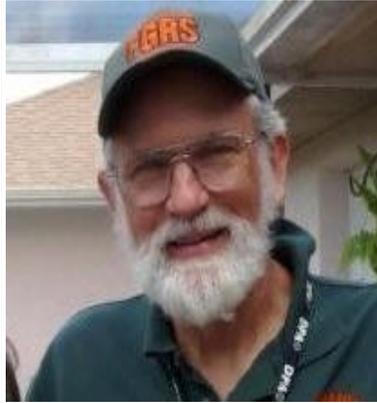




APRIL 2019



PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM PAUL WAGNER

It was another gorgeous day for a meet, and Tom and Gloria Hite were excellent hosts! We had a small group, but had lots of good train running, and friendly conversation. Tom started the day with his impressive 10 car smooth-side NYC passenger train, as well as a long freight train pulled by a multi-unit lash-up. This layout was made for switching, and when several fine visiting engines showed up to run, the large switching yard with the long sidings was perfect for switching rows of cars to make up trains for everyone. Corky was there with his "Bigboy", and Marv Koenig brought in one of his Soo Line Geeps. Both pulled long freight trains. Since last year, Tom has installed a double crossover, which made the switching even more challenging. The trains ran well, although, when the long passenger train failed to return from a run around the house, we discovered a calamitous train wreck in the front yard! Luckily, there was no serious damage (or injuries), and the trains were soon on their way.

When we settled down at the lunch table, a vigorous discussion ensued about ways to make FGRS meets and events even more interesting to both the present and prospective members. Ideas to improve future meets included:

Have clinics at meets. Get people to present “How To” presentations on something they have done on their railroad that would benefit other members, especially new members building a layout. We used to have these frequently, but got out of the habit. Paul agreed to have one at his meet, perhaps on installing radio control and batteries in trains. It was also suggested that the times for the clinics and the luncheon be announced in advance, so people would be sure to arrive early enough to attend those events.

It was suggested that we have some “Project Meets”. Instead of the usual Fun Run, a member could invite people to come and assist with a project, or get together to build something for themselves while working together.

Another suggestion was that we explore other venues for train setups of our modular layout, and that we find ways to present trains in a garden setting at some of them, perhaps approaching County Garden Extension facilities or consultants who have garden shows. It was suggested that we show people at these kinds of events how they could make the transition from a starter set around their Christmas tree to a simple garden railroad.

There was some interest in making covered dish luncheons at meets our the norm, rather than the exception. At present, it is up to the host as to whether the luncheon will be “covered dish” (potluck), or, a “Bring-your-own picnic” type of luncheon. Charlie Beall, whose meet is on May 5 (A Sunday) will have a covered dish luncheon, so you will have an opportunity to see if that is something you would like to do at your next meet.

If you have other ideas, please give me a call or drop a line, and we will put them in the newsletter and bring them up for discussion.

Also, since the last newsletter came out, we participated in the Bradenton Train show, on March 9th and 10th. This was the second set up of the new modules, and they really showed their versatility as we used them in a different configuration to set up a smaller version of the layout. We had planned to set up a small loop of track on the club’s tables, as we did there last year, but a few measurements revealed that our new interchangeable modules could be set up in a configuration that would just fill the allotted space, and were much more impressive than a layout on tables. We had a steady stream of interested people stop by to

watch our trains run and talk about garden railroading, and watch our videos of garden railways.

At this show, we also set up a sales table to sell trains donated to our club by Orlando garden railroader, Chuck Secard. We decided to keep a fine LGB “Coca Cola” Train from the collection for the club to run on our modular events layout, which was a hit with spectators. Even with this, the club realized a large revenue selling many of the other pieces. There still remains about 30 freight cars, and several locomotives that we will continue to offer to members at a very low price. A list of remaining available rolling stock for purchase will be emailed or sent postal mail to members next week. Again thanks to Chuck Secard for this generous gift, who modestly tells us that he is happy that the collection is going to perpetuate the hobby. It will help to enable us to do many more innovative things in the future to add interest for our members, as well as adding resources to reach out to new members and train enthusiasts.

The new Password for the “Members Sign-In” page on the Website starting May 1st, will be “goldenspike”, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the completion of the first transcontinental railway.

Good Health and Railroading to All!

Paul Wagner

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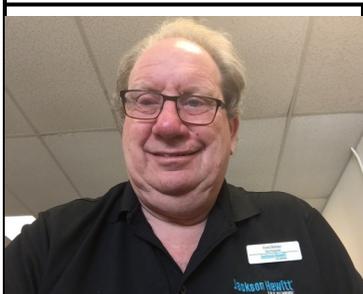
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FUN RUNS AT MEMBERS HOUSES

2019

April 13th, FGRS - 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



May 5th— 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.

MEET AT TOM & GLORIA'S FUN DAY HAD BY ALL



Everyone looking over who should run first.



Of course it's Corkey (in the background) and the Big Boy.



Nothing like a little excitement. CSX was on the hot seat. Apparently six cars at the end of the train came uncoupled. A NYC excursion train slammed into the detached cars. A faulty signal is to blame.



Marv and I are stuck with the clean up.



Here the NYC excursion leaving the yard on its maiden voyage unaware what lies ahead.

Videos of the day

A trip around the layout going through an ally in the yard.

<https://youtu.be/26zFBLJ4zM0>

Fast freight

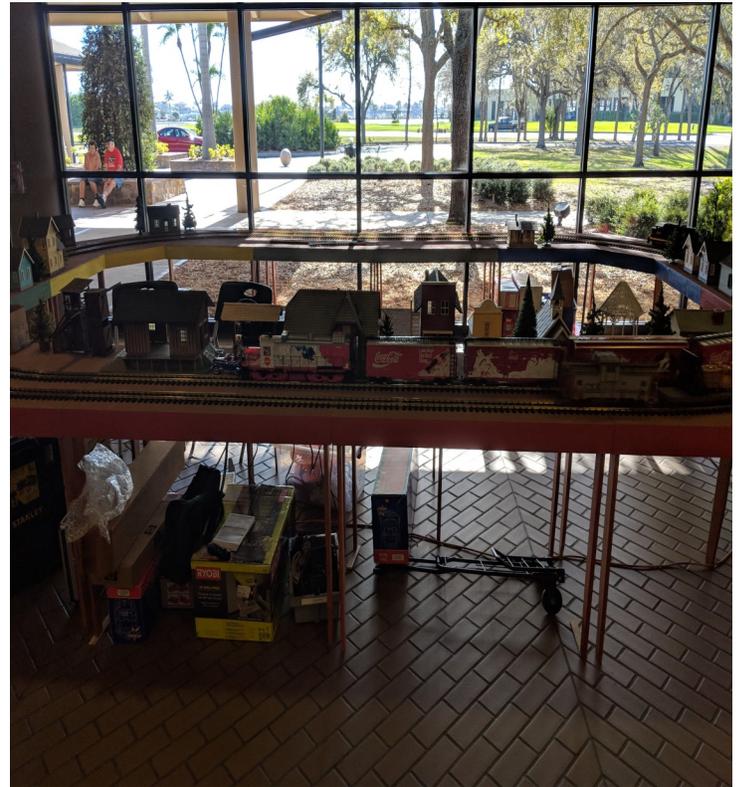
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Here is a blooper. Not all things are perfect

<https://youtu.be/hbqfm2m9Bck>

RealRail Model Railroad Expo, Bradenton Area Convention Center

We had a great time at the show. The new modules were great.
The trains were selling like hot cakes.



UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

2019 Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows

Submitted by Bruce Benardo

APRIL

Apr 6, 67th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds Deland, More Info at www.gserr.com

Apr 20 Regal Railways Toy Train Collectible & Hobby Show Pinellas Park More Info at www.regalrailways.com

JUNE

Jun 1/2 ,21st Tampa Model Train Show & Sale, More Info at www.gserr.com

For a Complete list of Model Train Shows and other information about the Hobby go to railserv.com

AUGUST

Aug 27– 31, GR National Convention

For a Complete list of Train Shows go to http://www.railserv.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. .

NGRC 2019 Updates

Submitted by Bruce Benardo:

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](#)

LINKS TO TRAINS PAST & PRESENT

Submitted by - Paul Wagner

Still subscribing to Model Railroader Magazine, even though I don't work much in small scale trains anymore, I was surprised, on their 85th anniversary of publishing, when they offered a free download of "The Model Railroader" Volume 1, No. 1 from 1934!

To read it, copy and paste the entire string below into your browser; and click on the link:

http://mrr.trains.com/how-to/2018/11/the-model-railroader-january-1934-issue?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=SA000_MR_R_181120_P00000_FirstIssueBonusNotification_Final&utm_content=&recipientID=Mjc0NDUwOTQ4MDYzS0

Besides providing a look at the state of model railroading in 1934 – a much folkier pioneering activity than it has become today - I was surprised to find that two of the layouts highlighted in that first issue were garden railways! One of them in "O" scale, and the other employing 2-1/8" "Standard Gauge" track. Both used overhead trolley wires to power the engines, but the guy with the standard gauge railroad actually ran 110 volt AC through the open trolley wire! (Got to watch your wrists when re-railing a train, I would think)

The nine page magazine also printed several inspiring articles including "Building a Model Railroad with Christmas Presents" ; and one man's philosophy for extending the "Electric Train Season" to become an exciting year round hobby. Enjoy! - PW

Submitted by Tom Hite.

I found these enjoyable.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dtm7SQfNppM

Big Boy Update

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Plt6UgVo9x4

www.up.com/media/releases/190314-big-boy-schedule.htm

UP releases schedule for 4014, 844 steam trips to Golden Spike anniversary

Thanks to Trains Magazine Newsletter, Submitted by Paul Wagner



UP Big Boy No. 4014 at the Cheyenne, Wyo., round house on May 8, 2014. Five years to the day later, it will arrive in Ogden, Utah, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad.

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Union Pacific has announced its long-awaited schedule for steam operations this summer, featuring the return of Big Boy 4-8-8-4 No. 4014.

Events begin Saturday, April 27, with 4-8-4 No. 844's departure from Cheyenne. It will travel to Rock Springs, Wyo., that day, and to Ogden, Utah, on April 28. It will be on display in Ogden April 29-May 4 and May 6-8, then take part in the Gold Spike 150th anniversary celebration in Ogden on May 9.

The Big Boy will be christened on Saturday, May 4, in Cheyenne at 9:30 a.m., and depart a half-hour later for Rawlins, Wyo. On May 5, it will go from Rawlins to Rock Springs; on May 6, from Rock Springs to Evanston, Wyo. After a day in

Evanston with no public display, it will travel from Evanston to Ogden on May 8 and take part in the celebration on May 9.

Both locomotives will be displayed in Ogden May 10-11 before double-heading back to Cheyenne, traveling from Ogden to Evanston, on May 12 and Evanston to Rock Springs on May 13. After two days of display in Rock Springs (May 14-15), the doubleheader will move to Rawlins on May 16 and to Laramie, Wyo., on May 17. After one day in Laramie with no public access, they will complete the return to Cheyenne on Sunday, May 19.

A full schedule with times and information on intermediate stops each day is available on the Union Pacific website.

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.



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 FGRS 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: _____

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.