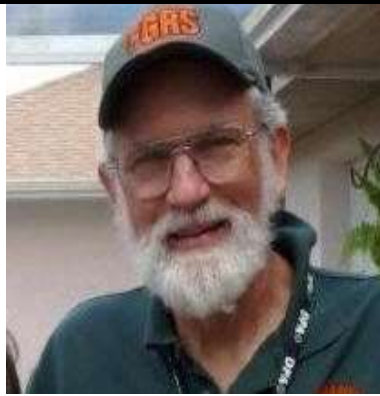




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## **PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM PAUL WAGNER**

We've got everyone working on the modules, now! Fred sent another picture of Millie going at it with a power drill, with the caption "Women with tools, Wow!" But hey, I, for one, have never doubted the capabilities of the fairer sex. That's one of the great things about garden railroading – it's not a male geek thing, there are aspects that are fun for the whole family – these garden railroads have real character – (and most of us are real characters, too!)



We'll be talking about how we will set up the modules at shows when we get together at Sundance on September 15<sup>th</sup>, and at Dave and Ruth Taisch's on October 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing an exhibit at both the Melbourne Train show on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and again at the Tampa show on December 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>. We will set up a booth with a small G scale train demonstration at those two shows, but we should have the new modules ready to make up our new, large layout at the Deland show, January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. New members, Rich and Kim Chatfield, in Sebastian, are taking the lead in getting Treasure Coast garden railroaders together, and will be at the Melbourne show, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hey! All you frustrated Railroad Barons! November – one of the most beautiful months of the year here in Florida – is still available for a meet! Get that track-work cleaned off, get those trains running, and invite 20 or 30 of your closest friends – have a FGRS Fun-Run meet! Remember, it's your house – you can do as much or as little as you want to do. Lots of us have people bring a picnic lunch, so it's really no trouble. And don't worry if your RR is not done – none of ours are either! We all love to see a work in progress. Email or phone Tom Hite, and have him put your meet in the newsletter. Give me a call, too, if you'd like to discuss it.

Sighting at Villages Train Show on August 19<sup>th</sup>! Two good railroaders - good to see Bob Conant back on his feet! Looks like a guy who is thankful to be alive! Still in rehab, but you can't keep a good garden railroader down!



We're looking forward to getting together with you all at the Sundance Central on September 15<sup>th</sup>. (See "Special Events" announcement)

Good Health and Railroading to All!

Paul Wagner



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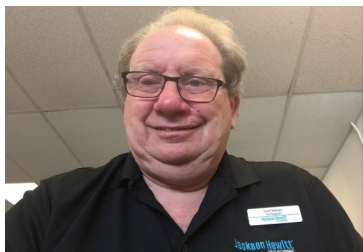
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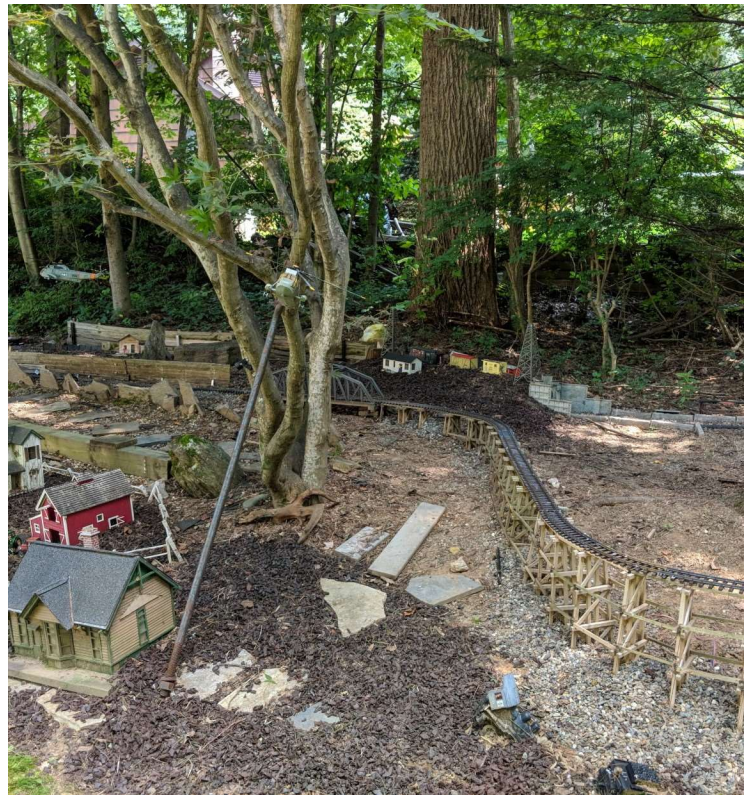
# Member Spotlight

Submitted by Tom Hite:

I attended our annual meeting of the Central Connecticut 'G' Gaugers (CCTGG). This is my northern train group which I have been a member of for over 20 years and my membership continues even from down south. We are a moduler group displaying at various shows in Connecticut and Massachusetts. While at the meeting I forgot to take a group picture of the motley crew. I did take a few pictures of the layout where the meeting took place. Our host was Ray Jakabcin.







I want to make a special note about the huge building. This was scratch build by Bob Gentile. He is one of the 2 founding members of the club. His work is absolutely incredible. He is just one of many talented individuals in the group.

## Member Spotlight, By Dean Crewdson

### Port Charlotte

Dean Crewdson was another of the very first people to join FGRS back in the 90's. His large, beautiful layout still stands, although family matters and health have kept him from running trains for a long time. Dean was on the board of the club in the early days, and still gets out to train shows and an occasional FGRS meet. – PW.

The other day as I was sitting with my wife at the nursing home I started to think back about the days when the both of us enjoyed the get-togethers with the other railroad club members and we would meet monthly at each members home. Over the years we enjoyed visiting with the other members at the club meetings, having special dinners during holiday times, exchanging ideas on how to fix one of your problems with a fellow club member, to name a few of the special times. And as always, the members would try and think of new ways to make the meetings more enjoyable so the thought of bringing a dish of food to our meetings became a reality. It was most enjoyable when you put all of the food together to enjoy and have a good time visiting and catching up on the latest. And then to go see the layouts and what all the host club members have been doing with their layouts - those were the days! Thank goodness for pictures now. I also miss those days when I would come up with an idea and either build it; or come up with another idea in order to finish what I was trying to do. I don't have much time for all of that now but if I can spare a couple of hours I still love to try something new on the railroad - just to see if it will work and last out in our sun. I have had several hobbies over the years and strongly encourage you to keep up with your hobby. Trains have been the most fun because it allows you to be so creative and they were something we either had or wished we had in our younger days. It is a hobby that you can spend a lot of money on, or simply be creative with whatever material you choose to use to build something. To me, this was always the most fun. Please enjoy your railroading days with your family. Like my wife once said – it's sure nice to have you around the house just in case I need you and not down at a bar where I can't find you! (LOL) This hobby also allows you to have a fellowship with other club members

for as long as you live because you usually need and appreciate help doing things. And after your train running days slow up, you still have your friendships, even if they move out of town. Thank goodness for Christmas, a great time of year to remember old friends. Thank you for putting up with this railroader's old thoughts, and I wish you many years of happy railroading and enjoyment. I would like to add a thank you to the club for continuing to send me the monthly newsletters. Sure do enjoy all the pictures of the layouts and think about all the hard work that is taking place to get them running again, so you and all the club members can enjoy all your hard work.

Dean L. Crewdson

Port Charlotte, Florida



# 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](http://www.ngrc2019.org)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willamette\\_Shore\\_Trolley](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willamette_Shore_Trolley)

The purpose of this newsletter is to help you through the process of registering for the convention.

When you signed up for our newsletter, it assigned you a logon (your e-mail address) and a random password. That password was e-mailed to you via secure e-mail; and you may change it anytime you desire.

To register for the convention, you will need to log onto our website with your password during registration. If you don't know your password, you will need to click on the "Forgot password" button, and an e-mail will be sent to you allowing you to enter a new password. You can then reset your password using the link in the e-mail. Use your e-mail and password to register for the convention.

We found out today that the DoubleTree hotel will not have our rooms reserved for our convention at convention rates until the latter part of September. So to be sure you get the discount rates, we are delaying opening hotel reservations until September 30, 2018. At that time you can either call the hotel or reserve online.

Bill Derville

Convention Chairman

## Registration Procedure

It is a good idea to print this e-mail so you can follow the steps on your computer without looking back at the screen with this e-mail.

To register:

1. Click on the "Registration" menu item.
2. Click on the "Attendee" sub-menu item.
3. Within the page that is presented, click on either "Individual" or "Family" depending on whether you are coming by yourself, or have family members attending the convention with you.
4. If you haven't yet logged in:
5. The screen "Please login to continue" will be displayed. You log in using the same method you used to set up your account to receive newsletters and e-mails like this. That would be with Facebook, Google, or the specific e-mail address you provided when setting up your account.

If you don't remember your password:

1. Click on "Forgot Password" and you will receive an e-mail with your password. You can change your password after you receive the e-mail by following the instructions in the e-mail.
2. Reset your password and confirm it.
3. Return to "Registration" – "Attendee" – "Family" or "Individual"
4. Enter your e-mail and password. Click "Log in".
5. If this is the first time you have logged in after setting up your account, the "2019 NGRC Rules and Terms" page appears. Read and click on the "I agree" button. Click "Continue".
6. The Registration page will be displayed. Click "Register" at the bottom of the page.
7. The next page tells you if you are registering Family or Individual and fills in your e-mail. Click "Next".

Fill out the registration form. If you are registering as a family, and you have more than 4 members in your family attending the convention, please contact the Registrar via e-mail after you have registered to add their names. The Registrar e-mail address is [2019ngrcregistrar@rcgrs.com](mailto:2019ngrcregistrar@rcgrs.com).

1. After making all the selections you want, click "Next".
2. The "Review and Confirm" screen will be presented. Click on "Pay online" to pay with a credit card. Fill out your credit card information. A picture will come up and you will need to verify you are not a robot. (We know you aren't a robot,

but that is software we can't change.) Click the "Pay \$xxx.xx (USD)" button (the "\$xxx.xx" will be the total amount due and to be charged to your credit card).

A recap of what you have paid for is the next screen. If you want to make any changes in your registration, or to cancel your registration, please contact our Registrar via this e-mail address: [2019ngrcregistrar@rcgrs.com](mailto:2019ngrcregistrar@rcgrs.com). If you want a return phone call, please include your phone number in your e-mail.

1. You will receive an e-mail confirmation detailing what you have ordered. Please bring this with you to the convention. It will make things go smoother when you arrive and pick up your Convention Bag at the Registration Desk.
2. If you do not wish to pay by credit card, Click "Invoice me" instead of "Pay now".
3. The invoice of all items ordered will appear. You will get an e-mail with this invoice. Please print the e-mail and mail with your check. Events are not reserved for you until payment is received. We will notify you if an event which you have ordered is full. Make checks payable to: NGRC 2019 Mail check and invoice to: NGRC 2019 17520 South Holly Lane Oregon City, OR 97045

We hope this newsletter will help you through the potentially confusing registration process. You can always contact us at [2019ngrcinfo@rcgrs.com](mailto:2019ngrcinfo@rcgrs.com) if you are having trouble.



## **UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS**

### **2018 Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows**

**Submitted by Bruce Benardo**

September 1: Train Show, Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne 32935 SchultzSpaceCoastTrains.com, 321-805-1963 (Schulz Space Coast Trains, above)

September 15: Lake Nona Middle School, 13700 Narcoossee Rd., Orlando 32832

#### **September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Brooksville**

Hernando County Fairgrounds  
6436 Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 33601

September 23: Train Show, 605 N. Collins Ave., Plant City 33563, 863-412-3090 (H.B. Plant City Railroad Historical Society)

October 6, 2018 – Volusia County Fairgrounds, DeLand, FL

**Saturday November 10, 2018**

#### **Crystal River, FL**

US Army National Guard Armory  
8551 W. Venable Street  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
Adults \$5.00 children under 12 free  
Hours 9-2  
Vendors and Model Train Layout

#### **October 13<sup>th</sup> – Kissimmee**

The Columbian Club of Osceola County  
2000 Neptune Road  
Kissimmee, FL 34744

#### **October 27<sup>th</sup> – Port Richey**

New Lake Civic Association  
8330 Civic Drive  
Port Richey, FL 34668

**November 17<sup>th</sup> – Dover**

Hillsborough County Fairgrounds  
215 Sydney Washer Road  
Dover, FL 33527

November 17: Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd., Jacksonville 32224, 10A-3P

**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

December 15 & 16, 2018 – FL State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL

January 12 & 13, 2019 – Volusia County Fairgrounds, DeLand, FL

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

## Special Events

September 15, 11:30 AM

Luncheon and Visit to the “Sundance Central Railroad” AKA the SUNCOAST CENTER FOR FINESCALE MODELING.

We will meet at Johnny Brusco’s New York Style Pizza for lunch at 11:30 and then go over to the layout.

The address for the restaurant is

10730 State Rd 54

Trinity, FL 34655

You can view their menu at <https://johnnybruscos.com/menu/> It is a few blocks away from the layout.

This is a large, indoor, fine scale Fn3 layout, depicting narrow gauge operation in Colorado. There are also 3 other fine scale layouts of various scales, and an impressive collection of military models and historical objects. There will be a \$7.00 donation charge per person for the museum.

Please visit:

<https://www.finescalemodeling.org/about-the-center>

to see what this remarkable facility offers. We will get a special tour.

**Please RSVP to Fred Weber**

**email [fgrs.eventchair@gmail.com](mailto:fgrs.eventchair@gmail.com)**

**phone 410-310-6001**





The address of the layout is:  
2645 Success Drive  
Odessa, FL 33556

# MEETS AT MEMBERS HOUSES

## 2018

**October 20th** - Meeting at Dave & Ruth's house. Located at 11605 Lake Park RD in Tavares.

The Lane Park & Wherever RR will start running trains at 11:00, with plans for lunch at 12:00. The LP&W has a thousand feet of track divided into four loops, with another ninety feet of storage track in the shed. We run NCE DCC track power. Twenty two wooden bridges cross two rivers connecting three ponds and two dry river beds. I replaced the last temporary aluminum bridge with a covered bridge last year. Two mountains with fifty feet of trestle complete the lay-out.

## 2019

**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**

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

# 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.**

Bob Anttila has some used track for sale.

Here is the list:

The price will be \$3.00 per ft. for individual pieces. The price per ft is Negotiable. For bulk purchases the shipping cost to be determined.

54-5 ft long pcs.

12- 20 ft diameter curved pcs.

1- "X" crossing

3' + 2' + 1'+ 6" long straight pcs.

8 ft & 4 ft diameter curved pcs.

Contact info:

[banttila@comcast.net](mailto:banttila@comcast.net)

or phone: (941) 468-8183

Thanks Bob



## 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 \$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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**