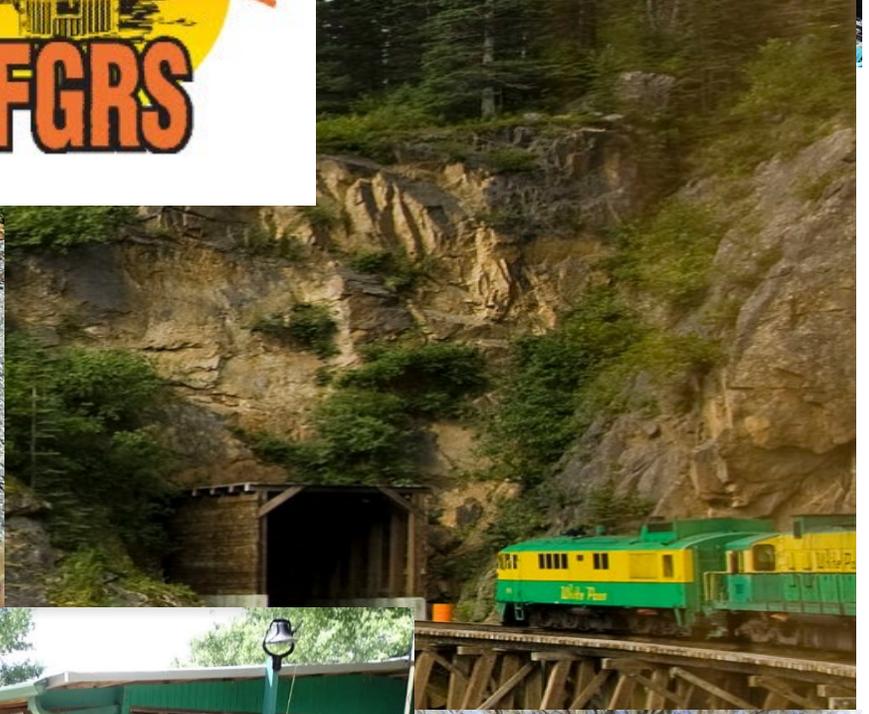
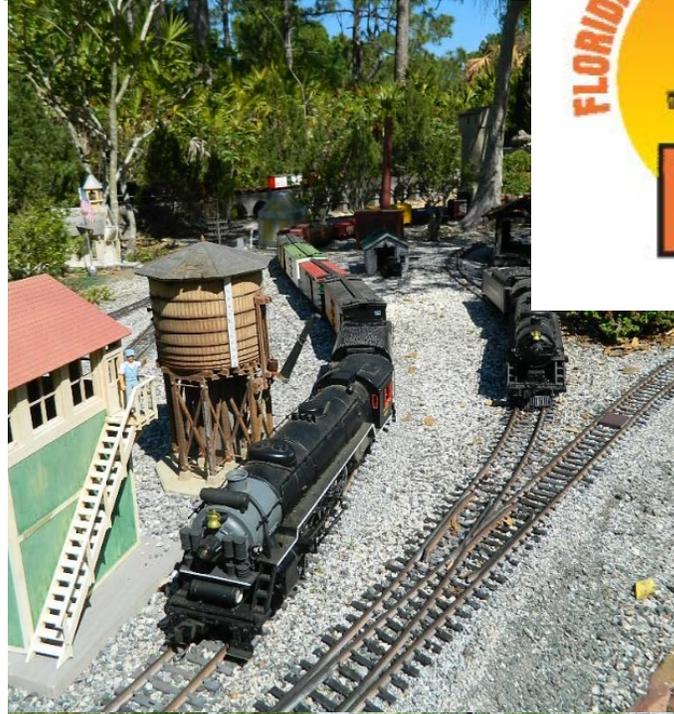


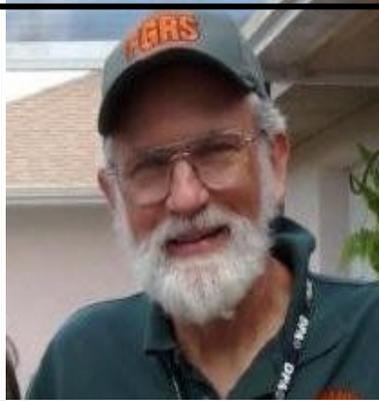


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PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM PAUL WAGNER

First, let me tell you about the final plans for the 30 year FGRS celebration in Fort Myers. To recap what kind of special event it will be, it will be an extended weekend, starting on Friday, February 19th, 2021, and ending on February 21st. It will be somewhat like a National Garden Railway Convention, with many things going on, some of them concurrently, so it will be up to you how many, and which events you want to get in on.

We have a special rate available at the Holiday Inn Hotel so if you have been thinking about taking a "Stay-cation", this will be an ideal time, and it will be a great chance to get to know everyone in the club better.

On the first day, Friday morning, four layout tours in the Port Charlotte area will be open for you to visit. These will be self-guided, and since most of you will be coming in from the north, you can visit them on your way to Fort Myers. They will open at 9AM, and run until 3PM. When you finish with those, you will stop at the Holiday Inn Downtown to pick up your event ticket and information package, register for a room if you are staying overnight, and to see the club layout in one of the banquet rooms reserved for FGRS.

This will be a good place to meet and greet your fellow members attending the Celebration. Then we will meet at the Murder Mystery Dinner train at 5:30 PM. It is about 10 minutes from the Holiday Inn.

If you're like me, you may have heard about the Fort Myers Murder Mystery Train for years, but have also heard it is a little pricy, and put it off. With the discount we are giving our members, this is going to be the lowest price you will ever get, and if you've done it before, it will be a great opportunity to do it again. My wife, Patty, and I have done it, and I can tell you even at the regular price, it is worth it!

It's a vintage train headed up by an F7 diesel engine, and the clean, roomy, period decorated dining cars will bring back memories of days gone by. The ride provides a view of the sunset over the river, and glides along while you are served a very good dinner of your choice from the menu. A nice glass of wine or beer is a relaxing option, as well. The Murder Mystery show is put on by some excellent local actors and actresses, with audience interaction, lots of laughs and intrigue. Finally you are drawn into trying to solve the mystery, amidst interesting conversation with your friends.

The following Saturday begins with layout tours of 4 fine G scale railroads within 15 minutes of the hotel. In the afternoon there will be a train museum tour and 7-1/2" gauge train ride for us, followed by a barbeque dinner in a hall at a nearby park. The swap meet will be going on as well.

On Sunday morning, we start out with a tour of the Edison-Ford Estate and grounds, and continue with the swap meet and layout operation. I hope you will all join us with the full package, but as you will see in the following pages, there is an optional package without the Dinner Train and Edison Tour.

The "Garden Railroad News"

The Sample National Newsletter you were sent has now been dubbed the "Garden Railroad News". I spoke to their lead person, Bill Derville, with the Portland (Oregon) based Rose City Garden Railway Society, who tells me that they have a full head of steam, and they are moving ahead with it, full speed! They now have 29 people on their task force, an impressive collection of articles ready to publish, and twelve clubs on the West Coast pitching in to make this a success. They are in contact with Marc Horovitz, who is interested in it, and others with decades of garden railroading experience. They want to tap all possible sources, old and new.

They are especially interested in some of the RC and battery articles we have published in our newsletter, and will be contacting us soon for rights to run them in the new, world-wide newsletter. They have been contacted by enthusiasts from all over the world who want to receive and contribute to GR News. They now have a website: www.grnews.org

They are accepting quarter-page ads at no charge. There will be a fee for larger ads, which will fund the GR News' expenses. The next issue of Garden Railroad News is expected to post on November 20th. We will forward it to you as soon as we receive it.

Where did Garden Railways Magazine go?

Here's an update on what Kalmbach plans to do for garden railroaders. Those of you who have started receiving Model Railroader magazine in place of your Garden Railways now know that, so far, there are practically no garden railway pictures or articles in it. With their October 16th Newsletter, Kalmbach announced that they will be offering a *paid subscription to a new on-line "Trains.com Unlimited Membership" which supposedly will give you quick access to all their publications, (including Garden Railways), digitized Kalmbach books, Q & A's with the editors, videos, and behind the scenes webcams, features, galleries, and forums. So far, the release date is listed as "Arriving Soon", and no price has been announced.*

Election of New Board Members

Finally, it is now time for the election of new board members. Please do some soul searching. This is your chance to make a contribution to the growth and program development of FGRS. I cannot serve another year as both President and Webmaster. As you will see in the nomination form in the following pages, the President's position, Vice Presidents for both the East and West Regions, and Secretary are all open.

Zitnik Swap Meet

Due to an overwhelming response to their invitation to area model railroaders to set up tables and sell trains in their parking lot, Zitnik has asked us to limit our participation to two tables, total, for our members use. We will set up two of the club tables early in the morning, and coordinate the space for any of you who want to sell your trains. We will set up our new banner, and hand out brochures promoting garden railroading.

The pandemic has been going on for so long it's easy to forget what a serious threat the Corona virus continues to be. As I write this, the state-wide daily new case count is *three times what it was when we began cancelling events, and the positivity rate and daily fatalities due to the virus are still at an unacceptable level. MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES AT THIS EVENT, AND FREQUENT HAND SANITIZER USE MUST BE PRACTICED. I would strongly advise anyone with high health risk factors to skip this one, and we reserve the right to pack up and leave if the mask use and social distancing measures cannot or are not being practiced.*

Still Zooming!

The October Zoom Fun Run was the best yet! Still only 9 participants, but we had some very interesting conversation, and we got to see Jim Jerele's new indoor layout for the first time. Three other members also showed off their layout operation again. There were conversations about the new Rail Pro RC system, a live steam truck was shown, and there was talk of a live steam 4-8-4 Daylight, soon to make its appearance on our tracks, as well as other news and views from around the state.

John Abbott told us about a super-meet at Ridge Live Steamers to happen next February, as well as pointing out an embarrassing error we made in last month's newsletter – we ran his picture showing him at the throttle of his 7-1/2" gauge loco in the fine article by John Crompton! I had snapped that picture of John Abbott last year at Ridge Live Steamers, and when I saw John Crompton's article about a steam profile 7-1/2" gauge battery powered loco, I sent the picture of John Abbott to Ross for the article, without checking to see who it was! My apologies to John Crompton and John Abbott!

We will have the next Zoom Fun Run on November 28th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. I'll be sending out the usual invitation on the previous Monday.

Good Health and Railroading to All!

Paul



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Remembering Gene Staggs

By Paul Wagner

An old friend and FGRS member, Gene Staggs, passed away on October 15th. Gene was one of the first people I met when Patty and I moved into North Port in 2005. Gene, his wife Cheryl, and several other members had set up a G scale layout at the Ft Myers train show, and when we met them, I couldn't fill out our FGRS application fast enough. We became fast friends, and did a lot of garden railroading and rail fanning together. He once served as President of the Southwest Division of the FGRS, back then. They had a beautiful garden railroad here in Venice, until they moved back near their home town in Indiana for a few years, where he had an ambitious garden railroad under construction.



(Gene and Cheryl's layout in Venice in 2006)



Remembering Gene Staggs

By Paul Wagner

About 6 years ago, they just couldn't take being away from Florida any longer, and moved back, settling in Englewood.

Every day I think of something I'd like to share with him, he shared so much.

Gene was 83 years old.



(Gene, and Cheryl Staggs)



FGRS CALL FOR NOMINEES FOR OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

It is time for elections and we have several positions open. Please let us know if you would like to be added to the ballot, and in which position. Each open position is for a two year term.

President _____

Vice President East _____

Vice President West _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer—filled

Membership—Filled

Newsletter Chairman—Appointed by the President

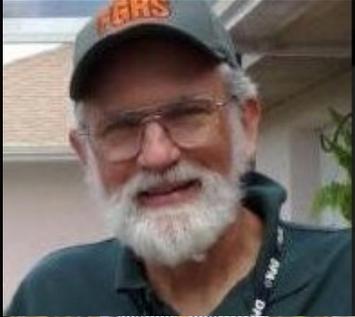
Web-Master—Appointed by the President

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RETURNED/RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1,
2020

SEND NOMINATION BALLOTS TO:

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FGRS FUTURE Fun Runs

CALANDER PLANNING FOR FUTURE FUN RUNS

We're looking for members to host a Fun Run in 2021

We understand that it is uncertain as to whether it will be safe by then, and, of course, any plans you make will be subject to your final go or no-go judgement as your date approaches.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact the FGRS Event Chairman or Newsletter Chairman.

Their information is in the beginning of this newsletter.

We are all hoping for the best, but we will remain vigilant.

Paul

Paul Wagner

2020—2021 TRAIN SHOWS

The listed shows have not yet been officially cancelled, but we are awaiting word from some of them. (except for Tampa)

November 28, 2020

Pinellas Park-Lopez Hall
7177 58th Street N
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

December 12, 2020 Dover

Hillsborough County Fairgrounds
215 Sydney Washer Road
Dover, FL 33527

December 5, 2020

Melbourne Train & Toy Show
9am - 2pm
[Azan Shrine Center](#)
Melbourne, Florida 32935

December 19-20, 2020 Tampa (CANCELLED)

Florida State Fairgrounds (Primarily Model Trains, some artifacts)
4800 U.S. 301 Tampa FL 33610

New Years Show, Sat. January 2, 2021

Elk's Lodge, 401 N. Indiana Ave., Englewood Florida 34223
Adults \$5.00, Children under 12 FREE
EARLY BIRD \$7.00 Reservation 8am to 9 am

Golden Spike Enterprises

January 9 & 10, 2021

Deland—Volusia County. Fairgrounds

February 13, 2021

Jacksonville - Prime Osborn Center
Vendors- Running Train layout- Indoors- Food- Free Parking
All Shows 9-2 \$5.00 Adults Children under 12 free
www.regalrailways.com

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.

2020 TRAIN EVENTS

November 8th - Zitnik Trains Outdoor Swap Meet



Hours: 9 am - 1 pm; Open House: 9 am – 2 pm,
Setup at 7 am

Masks required

Address:
Zitnik Trains Parking Lot
5193 73rd Ave N
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Free admission. Free Parking.

FGRS will supply two (2) tables for all our members to use. Contact Paul Wagner to coordinate bringing your items to sell.

There will not be enough space for awnings or sun shades." There will be a barbeque vendor on site for lunch. Masks must be worn.

Directions:
I-275 Exit 28 (FL-694 West/Gandy Blvd/Park Blvd) to 52nd Street Turn left (south) at the light. Zitnik Trains is right behind the McDonald's parking lot.



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FGRS

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 19 TO 21, 2021

The FGRS 30th Anniversary weekend extravaganza will begin with layout tours, a murder mystery dinner train, swap meet and the club's layout.

The second day will consist of layout tours, Train Museum, BBQ dinner and swap meet.

The third day will include the Edison and Ford Estates, swap meet and the club's layout.

Murder Mystery Dinner Train: Although it may be one of the important freight lines in the city, Seminole Gulf Railway is best known for its enjoyable dinner train excursions. Hop aboard the 1930's era vintage train for an interactive and exciting ride through the scenic countryside and indulge in a hearty meal and a bit of entertainment along the way. Featuring fabulous theatrics and comedy acts, to the iconic murder mystery scenario, you will have a chance to win the "Who Done It?" Award. This is one train ride you won't ever forget.

Layout Tours: Enjoy some of the best layouts in the South Western Florida area including a couple featured in Model Train Magazines. The Railroad Museum of South Florida has a layout and train ride. Afterwards we will enjoy an amazing BBQ dinner.

Edison and Ford Winter Estates: This will be a self-guided or guided tour which will include the main house, guest houses, gardens and car exhibit. They also have an amazing nursery with many plants available for sale.

This will be three days of fellowship, club activities and new memories.



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FGRS

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 19 TO 21, 2021

The club will be offering two “member only” packages for this event.

Package #1

The “Atlantic Coast Line” will include all events for the three days.

The “Atlantic Coast Line” is a \$300 value for a couple or \$150 for a single.

If Paid on or Before January 12, 2021: \$100 per person, \$200 per couple.

After January 12, 2021: \$125 per person, \$250 per couple

Package #2

The “Orange Blossom Special” will include the layout tours, Railroad Museum, BBQ dinner and the swap meet. The “Orange Blossom Special” is a value of \$130 per couple or \$65 for a single.

If Paid on or Before January 12, 2021 \$40 per person, \$80 per couple

After January 12, 2021: \$50 per person, \$100 per person

FGRS 30 year Anniversary Commemorative shirts are to be announced at a later date.

Any questions, please email or call Fred Weber at:

Fgrs.eventchair@gmail.com

Call: 410-310-6001

Be sure to make your Holiday Inn reservation to enjoy all the events. The number to call is: 239-332-3232 and the address is 2431 Cleveland Ave, Ft. Myers 33901. MAKE SURE TO MENTION YOU ARE WITH FGRS FOR THE \$139 RATE!

As the virus is changing daily, we will be taking all precautions necessary for everyone’s safety and will update on any changes that may arise.



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FGRS

SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 19 TO 21, 2021

FGRS REGISTRATION FORM FOR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

FEBRUARY 19,20, & 21 2021

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

ATLANTIC COAST LINE PACKAGE

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL BEFORE January 11,2021

Single package \$100 Check Here _____ Couple package \$200 Check Here _____

Starting January 12, 2021

Single package \$125 Check Here _____ Couple package \$250 Check Here _____

ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL BEFORE JANUARY 11,2021

Single package \$40 Check Here _____ Couple package \$80 Check Here _____

STARTING JANUARY 12,2021

Single package \$50 Check Here _____ Couple package \$100 Check Here _____

Check made payable to FGRS. Mail with this form to Fred Weber, 7686 East Oak Forest Street, Floral City, Florida 34436



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According to Wikipedia

White Pass & Yukon Route

The **White Pass and Yukon Route** (WP&Y, WP&YR) (reporting mark **WPY**) is a Canadian and U.S. Class II 3 ft (914 mm) narrow-gauge railroad linking the port of Skagway, Alaska, with Whitehorse, the capital of Yukon. An isolated system, it has no direct connection to any other railroad. Equipment, freight and passengers are ferried by ship through the Port of Skagway, and via road through a few of the stops along its route.



The railroad began construction in 1898 during the Klondike Gold Rush as a means of reaching the goldfields. With its completion in 1900, it became the primary route to the interior of the Yukon, supplanting the Chilkoot Trail and other routes. The route continued operation

until 1982, and in 1988 was partially revived as a heritage railway. In July 2018, the railway was purchased by Carnival Corporation & plc., parent company of the Carnival Cruise Line.



2021 NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION UPDATE

This is a copy of an email. Please USE THE email address in GREEN below to get updated information on the convention.

NGRC 2021 - Nashville News

NGRC Updates Arriving!



Open registration, scheduling and clinic updates, and many more things are covered in this issue of the NGRC 2021 news. (Don't forget to share the info with friends or fellow club members.) To get all the news, [click on this link](#) to download updates on what is new and what to expect.

As always, Stay safe... we can't wait to see you in Nashville!

Find Out More On NGRC2021.com



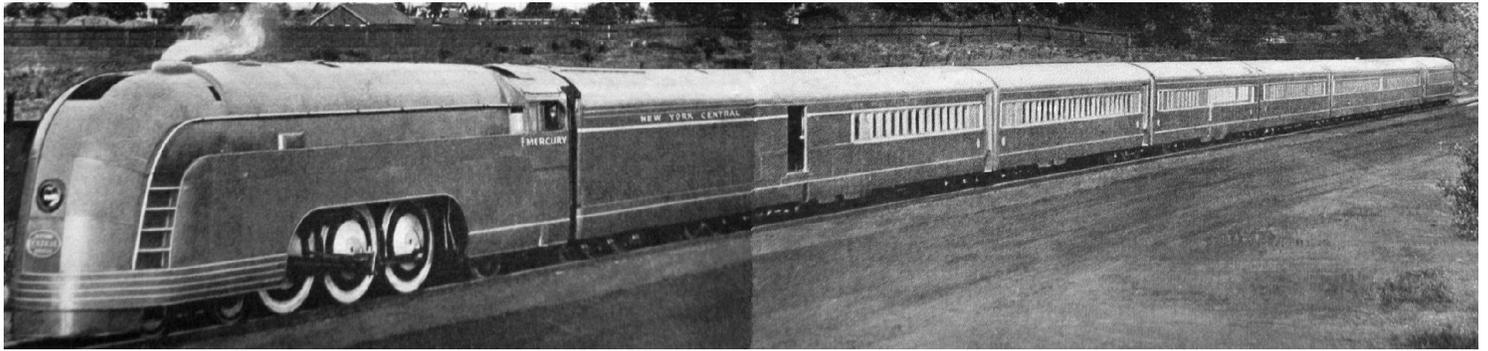
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“The Mercury”

Streamline Moderne design Comes To The Railroad (Part1)

Mercury was the name used by the New York Central Railroad for a family of day-time streamliner passenger trains operating between midwestern cities. The Mercury train sets were designed by the noted industrial designer Henry Dreyfuss, and are considered a prime example of Streamline Moderne design.



The success of the Mercury led to Dreyfuss getting the commission for the 1938 re-design of the NYC's flagship, the 20th Century Limited, one of the most famous trains in America.

The first Mercury, operating on a daily roundtrip between Cleveland and Detroit, was introduced on July 15, 1936. The Chicago Mercury, between Chicago and Detroit, and the Cincinnati Mercury, between Cincinnati and Detroit, followed. The Mercury's lasted until the 1950s, with the final survivor, the original Cleveland Mercury, making its last run on July 11, 1959.

A fourth train, the James Whitcomb Riley between Chicago and Cincinnati, used the same design for its train sets and is considered part of the Mercury family, although it did not bear the Mercury name. The Riley debuted in 1941 and lasted into the Amtrak era, though no longer a streamliner.





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In the mid-1930s, the New York Central launched an experiment to enhance its passenger traffic in the midwest. The goal was a new streamlined service focusing on speed and innovation.

"Mercury," the name of the Roman god of messengers, was chosen for its connotations of speed; the name was announced to the public on May 14, 1936.

^[9] The new train was marketed as the "Train of Tomorrow"[[] (not to be confused with the General Motors concept train of the same name in the 1940s), reflecting the emphasis on innovation.

In 1934, Dreyfuss had gained attention for the New York Central with his streamlined design for the Commodore Vanderbilt locomotive. This was his first railroad design; he was best known for his work on consumer products like telephones, fountain pens and vacuum cleaners. In 1935, the Central asked him to take on the new project.

Here is his description of how the plan developed:

The final designs were approved ... but when they were put out for bid prices were so out of line that the project was canceled. It was a heavy blow when I received the bad news, for the trains had been a major effort for our office. I decided to take the rest of the day off, and I boarded a train for the country. En route, traveling the railroad yards of Mott Haven, I saw the answer. I got off the train, returned to New York and suggested [to the Central president] that some of the used cars in the yards might be converted. Out of them the successful Mercurys were built at one quarter of the original figure. The Mercurys have been called a turning point in railroad design. They were the first streamliners done as a unit, inside and out, integrating everything from locomotives to dinner china.

The train's first cars were rebuilt from surplus suburban commuter coaches like those that Dreyfuss saw unused.



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Interior:

For the *Mercury*, Dreyfuss, approached the design of the train as an integrated whole, interior and exterior, from the locomotive to the rear observation car. His goal was to recreate the atmosphere of a private club. His primary concern toward that end was to mitigate the rigid uniformity and long, narrow form of the conventional railroad car. Although each car was functionally separate, Dreyfuss's design minimized the divisions between cars. He did this partly by having interior sections that spanned car boundaries. For instance, the coach section comprised the rear of the first car, the whole of the second, and the forward part of the third. The kitchen was in the rear of the third, while the dining room was in the following car.

He also sought to integrate the cars by the design of the vestibules. He made each vestibule semi-circular and widened the passageway between cars to 1.60 meters (5 feet, 3 inches). The intended effect, when cars were coupled together, was of a single circular room, like a miniature rotunda. Fabric and rubber buffers between cars and above bogie springs were also added to reduce vibrations.



The train's vestibules



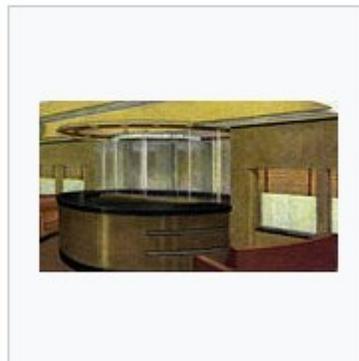
Front of parlor car



Back of parlor car



Section of lounge car



Another section of the lounge car



The train's smoking lounge car



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Within cars, Dreyfuss applied several techniques to break up the space and make it less linear. In the second car, for instance, he interrupted the rows of seating by placing two pairs of seats facing each other across the aisle in the middle of the coach section. Similarly, in the sixth, a parlor car, he broke the seating into two sections with a small private compartment, seating six, in between them. The dining room had three sections.

Two of them were conventional seating, but the middle section was made up of tables for two people seated side-by-side, facing the center aisle. The dining car also had a small lounge section, seating six, for people waiting to be seated.

Dreyfuss also applied innovation to the round-ended observation car, a common amenity of premier trains of the time. To maximize the view, he lowered the sills in the observation area by 30 cm (12 inches), allowing 1.23 m (four foot) high windows. Instead of having the seating around the walls, facing in, he placed the seating in the center, facing out towards the windows. There were banquettes for three facing each side, and one for two facing the rear. In an extra touch, a speedometer was built into the center banquette, a reminder of how the Central was marketing speed with the Mercury.



Portion of dining car



Another part of the dining car



One of the coach cars

TO BE CONTINUED IN DECEMBER ISSUE.....



Member Train Items “For Sale”

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I am clearing out my **USAT Reefer cars @ \$50.00**

Factory Brand New and Well Below Dealer Cost.



Contact: Bruce Benardo, 941-474-2792

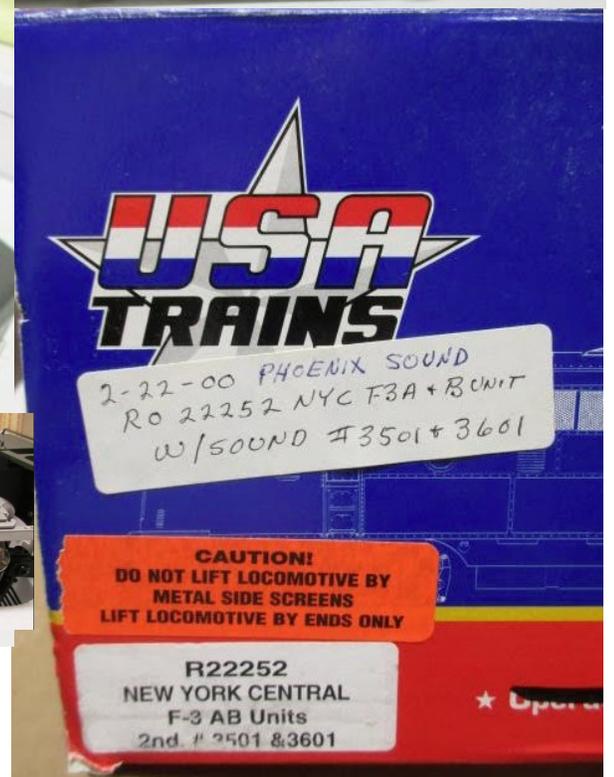
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For Sale: **Aristo 22352 & R22252/USAT NYC Diesel Set**, Phoenix Sound, Excellent Running Condition. \$700.00



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For Sale , **Aristo 22809 New Haven Powered Rail Diesel Car** , Pre-Owned, Excellent Running Condition. Call or email for more information. \$250.00



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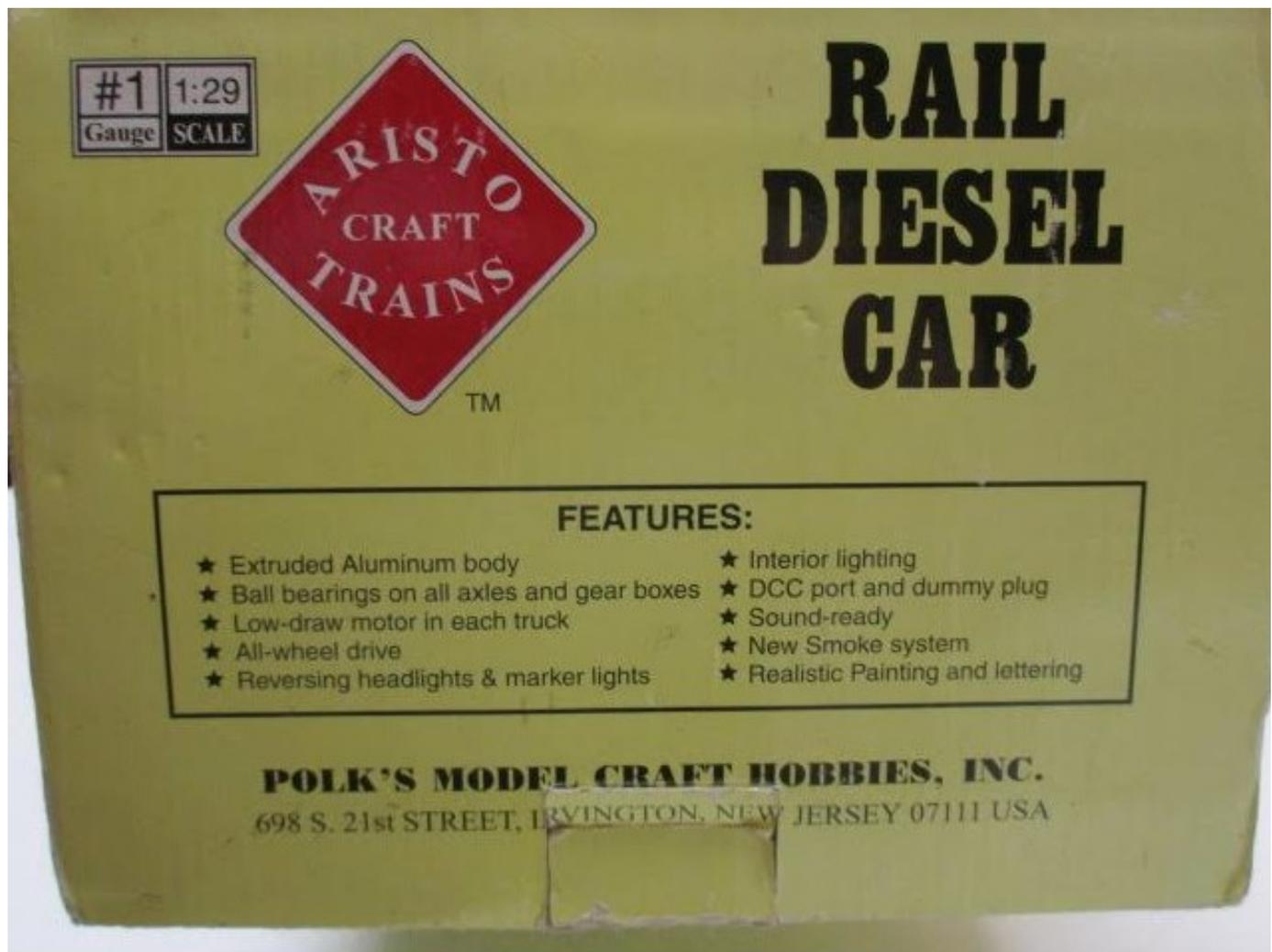
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Item #1: **.Aristocraft brass curved track, super wide 10 foot radius.** Each piece is about 48” long. Pre-owned but in great shape. 16 pieces, making a full 20 ft dia circle. + 2 pieces, same size, but ties closer together. About 72 ft total. The bunch: \$125.00



Item # 2: **.Aristocraft Wye,** matches the radius of the curved track.

New in Box \$50.00



We are in Sarasota. Contact:

David Linick
201-417-5313
dslinick@gmail.com



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Item #3 : Makings of a simple outdoor track loop based on the use of **SkydeckUSA pedestals** for support and heavy duty landscape edging for the track framework and roofing material for the road-bed.

The pedestals (figure #1) allow height up to about 24", but now at about 12". They also have height adjustment so that levelling or setting up a grade is easy to do. A few photos attached, but if you are interested, I am happy to send you more photos, I have a sufficient quantity of pedestals for the initial loop and close to enough riser pieces to add another 4" height to each pedestal. Its easy to order more on line via the Skydeck website. I

have enough edging (figure #2) to finish the loop, but you'll need more of the PVC lattice that I used to join the halves together and more of the roofing starter material.

Take away the whole thing for \$150.00 (you'll need a truck or large SUV!)

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Figure #1

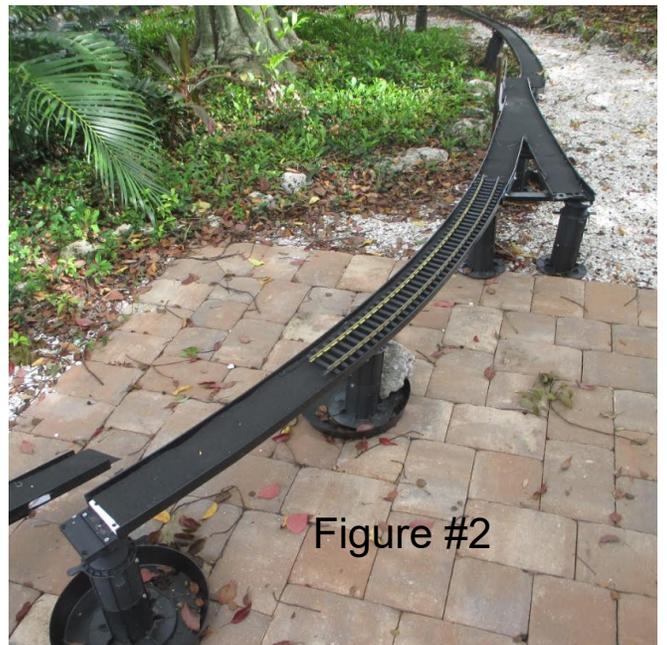


Figure #2



What is Your Latest Project?

You and your stories and experiences being a Garden Railroader can add value for all members.

Sharing your latest project, worst and best model or train moments as a teaching experience for other club members is newsworthy!!!! . So whether its your backyard project, or a vintage train adventure, we'd love to hear about it.

For those that have shared a BIG "THANK YOU" . You are making our newsletter better.

So send articles/stories, ideas, pictures with text. What will make this newsletter more fun to read is seeing what members like you are doing, have done or learned. So a few guidelines to help me, help you.....

1) When submitting pictures and articles to the NL please make sure the articles are written in Word and the pictures as SEPARATE .JPG attachments.

Imbedded pictures in an e-mail sometimes gets stripped off by virus software, or just come out weird. Separate attachments please.

2) A few sentences to be put in the NL is okay. It doesn't have to be long.

Please feel free to contact me at:

fgrs.newsletter@gmail.com

Thank you!

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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: _____
