



PHOTO ABOVE: A HEAVY MIKADO THUNDERS OVER A BRIDGE ON THE "SOUTH FORK" DIVISION OF THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY ON PAUL AND PATTY WAGNER'S GARDEN RAILWAY – SEE ARTICLE INSIDE.

INSIDE:

PREVIEWS OF UPCOMING MEETS AND EVENTS; ARTICLES FROM LAST MONTH'S FUN RUN AND BUSHNELL LAYOUT CONSTRUCTION, EDITOR'S DESK, AND MORE! LAYOUT CONSTRUCTION ARTICLES WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH.

GO TO WWW.FGRS.ORG, "EVENTS" PAGE TO SEE PHOTOS FOR OUR UPCOMING FUN RUNS. . GO TO THE "MEMBERS SIGN-IN" TO SEE THE CURRENT MEMBER ROSTER, NEWSLETTER BACK ISSUES, AND MORE!



PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM FRED WEBER

April 2022

This month will feature two fun runs on the same day - Charlie Beall and Mike and Tracy Walls will have their trains running at meets, both on Sunday, April 24th. See details for times and locations in this newsletter.

Bushnell Station is moving along the track. We should be running trains in the next couple of weeks. The board has decided to have a meet there every quarter beginning on June 11. More information on this next month.

The club dues are \$25 this year. **Please send your 2022 dues to Ray Lambert at 410 S. Center Street, Eustis, FL 32726.** This helps the club run and plan special events.

The kid's layout was another success at the Deland show. If you like making kids happy running trains, come help your club run this layout. They are the future of our hobby. We also had one of our kid's layouts running in Winter Garden at the Central Florida Railroad Museum. I'm sure kids of all ages enjoyed both displays. Thanks to Phil Barcelona and Rick Summers for organizing these events.

As many of our members will be heading north soon, we want to wish you a safe trip home and look forward to seeing you all again in the fall. Keep reading your newsletter for new events and activities.

- *Fred Weber*, FGRS President 2022

Don't Forget to Order Your New Shirt!

Both 30 Year Anniversary *and* Traditional "FGRS"

All shirts are \$35 which includes embroidering your name, taxes, and shipping to your home. The shirts are made by Core365 and are 100% Polyester - Moisture Wicking, Antimicrobial, UV protection, and easy care.



Traditional Shirts
Available in True Royal (Blue) or White



30 Year Anniversary Shirts
Available Only in "Platinum"

Men's shirts are available either with or without a pocket. Men's "Tall" sizes are only available without a pocket. 30 Year Shirts are not available in "Tall" or with a pocket.

Color choices are True Royal (Blue) or White. 30 Year Shirts come only in "Platinum"

Sizes start at S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4LX, and 5XL

Ladies sizes start at XS,S,M,L,XL,2XL, and 3XL

Youth sizes start at S,M,L,XL

Ladies sizes are true to size. Women who wear a men's large would need to order a ladies "extra large". These shirts are very comfortable and easy to care for. You will love them! All arrangements have been made. Order yours direct from the dealer using the form sent out in a separate document. The form with 30 Year Anniversary Shirts added is being sent out again as you receive this Newsletter. Be sure to include your email address on the order form so they can contact you if there are questions about what you want. Watch for the order form which is being sent out in a separate email today.

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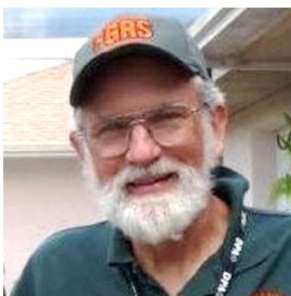
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2022 TRAIN SHOWS AND EVENTS

June 19th - 25th, 2022

NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION 2022

Denver, Colorado

This is the BIG ONE! The deadline for early registration discount has past, but it's still a bargain at the regular price.

This is the narrow gauge capitol of the world, and one of the greatest centers for garden railroading in the country. Tour over 50 garden railways, attend clinics presented by such notable garden railroaders as Marc Horovitz, Kevin Strong, Nancy Norris, and other folks you will recognize.

See two full size Bigboys (hopefully in steam), tour and ride full size narrow gauge railroads with pre-convention tours, or stay for an extra few days, and do your own tour. You'll be just a few hour's drive from the famed Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, and the Cumbres and Toltec. See details on following page or go to: <https://www.ngrc2022.org/>

For a Complete list of Train Shows go to

http://www.railserve.com/events/train_shows.html

DENVER welcomes you in 2022

37th National Garden Railway Convention

JUNE 20-25, 2022



DENVER GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY



- ◆ 50+ Layouts with Encore Saturday Tours
- ◆ 40+ Clinics featuring Marc Horovitz, Kevin Strong, Nancy Norris & Steve Berneberg
- ◆ Model Contests with Prizes for Youth & Adult Categories

REGISTER ONLINE OR PRINT FOR REGISTRATION BY MAIL

SAVE \$25 WITH EARLY REGISTRATION!

◆ Individual Registration

\$75 by March 31, 2022 - \$100 thereafter

◆ Family Registration

\$125 by March 31, 2022 - \$150 thereafter

REGISTRATION INCLUDES ▶

- ◆ Visit 50 + Layouts Scheduled for the Convention
- ◆ Access to Vendor Hall, Welcome Reception, Clinics and Convention Store
- ◆ Participation in the Convention Model Contest and Youth Model Contest
- ◆ Convention Bag, Program Book, and Commemorative Convention Pin

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS ▶

- ◆ Limited Edition Logo-branded Rio Grande Caboose Only \$98 with Registration

- ◆ Four Pre-Convention Bus Tours – Transportation, Admission, and Lunch
- ◆ Post-Convention Bus Tour – Includes Transportation and Admission
- ◆ Banquet, Ice cream Social and BBQ at the Colorado Railroad Museum
- ◆ Bus Transportation to Layout Tours and BBQ

REGISTER NOW!

VISIT NGRC2022.ORG

Bushnell Station and Florida Garden Railway Society

Outside Garden Layout Progress By Fred Weber, President FGRS

A big thanks to Don Carter, Ray Lambert, Mike Walls, Joey Munoz, Phil Rizzuto, Doug Brainard and Craig Hurst; and from the Bushnell Station - Andy Carroll, and Jim Smith - for their many hours of hard work on the FGRS outdoor layout at the Bushnell Museum.



As you can see, most of the track is down, but we still have a few feet to go to be able to run trains. We plan to run the track inside the Museum. The ballast is started and has a long way to go. We had a very generous donation of buildings for this project. Some could use a little TLC but most are in pretty good shape. So make plans to come by on a Wednesday or Saturday and help get this FGRS outdoor layout up and running. This layout is an excellent opportunity for club members to run their trains and learn how to build a garden railroad. Doug Brainard will be starting in May to plant low maintenance flowers and plants. See what plants will work well on your garden railroad. Come help and learn how not to kill them. As of now we will be able to run trains twice a week. So, dust off those train boxes and come enjoy seeing your trains running on this beautiful layout. Remember, the Museum is a dealer for LGB and FGRS members get a 5% discount on most merchandise in the Museum store. They soon will be a dealer for Split Jaw products and we expect that they will offer a discount on those products (except bridges) as well. They have a good stock from a special purchase of Pola buildings that are being offered at a deep discount, while they last.

To inquire about helping out, call:

Don Carter: 352-207-5434

Ray Lambert: 954-551-3392

You can also contact me with any questions.

- *Fred Weber*, FGRS President 2022
Cell - 410-310-6001

Address of the Gulf Coast and Central Florida Railroad Museum in Bushnell is:
6470 County Road Rd 476 W
Bushnell, FL 33513

UPCOMING FGRS FUN RUNS/OPERATING SESSIONS AND FGRS MEETS AT SPECIAL TRAIN ATTRACTIONS

This month will feature two fun runs - Charlie Beall and Mike and Tracy Walls will have trains running at both of their homes, just a short drive from each other, so you can enjoy them both on one day!

Sunday, April 24, 2022 -

Charlie Beall will open the show at 11:00 AM and will wrap up at 2:00 PM. You can bring a picnic lunch or stop on your way to the second fun run at Mike and Tracy's.

**Charlie Beall lives at
7839 Sloewood Dr Mount Dora, FL
Phone 352-383-3976**



It's always an enjoyable day at Charlie's spectacular Garden Railway layout! Bring chairs and a picnic lunch, and a train to run. Charlie will provide soft drinks and water. The layout is roughly 70 feet x 90 feet, and has four mainlines. Including sidings, there is about 1200 feet of track. It was built in 2006 and has been featured in Garden Railways magazine. There is a waterfall, koi pond, long truss bridges, and a varied, beautifully landscaped terrain throughout the layout. Charlie has 20 locomotives and 111 cars.

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Then at 2PM, (on the same day) Mike and Tracy Walls will open up their layout, the “Cobblestone Railroad”, for their “golden spike” run, the first since they moved to Florida!

Their home is at:

**14611 Green Valley Blvd,
Clermont, Florida.**

Phone: 614-969-7242

They’ll be running until 4:00PM, showing off many nifty scenes and features, including a refurbished vintage steel bridge, an old covered bridge, and lots of canyons, trestles and tunnels. They like mountainous terrain and placed a farm up on the hillside. Notice the vines already growing on the walls in the background of this picture. In the

village, there are cement buildings which should last a long time. It looks like the “Camping World Stadium” is ready for the big game!

Mike says that due to downsizing their Garden Railroad they plan to have some tables set up with 100 plus scale people and variety of other items for sale.

Unsold items will be donated Bushnell Railroad Museum and the FGSR Layout.



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May 28, 2022 – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Open House Fun Run at the Home of
Don and Lenojo Carter**

6130 NE 3rd PL

Ocala, FL, 34470

Phone 352-207-5434



The layout, all track powered, is out doors and has 1,900' of track covering over 1/2 acre. There is a 30' oval fish pond, a 100' stream and an 8' bog with a small town, Silver River. There are lots of houses and people hidden along the way. The era is small town America 1950-something.

If you can't make it for the Saturday meet, Don will also be hosting guests at certain times on Sunday and Monday of that weekend, so give him a call for details if you would like to visit at a different time or day.

**June 11, 2022 – Special Meet at Bushnell Museum FGRS Layout
Details to follow next month**

**If you are interested in hosting a Fun Run, please contact Paul Wagner, the FGRS
Newsletter Chairman at FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com**

Reflections from Fun Run at Paul and Patty Wagner's March 19, 2022



The big steamers were running, and a few folks brought their trains to run – Tom Hite with his smooth running RDC car and John DeCardenas with a classic old free running train set.

We had a truly “International Meet”! Besides the dozen or so members and old friends who came, we had guests from the Czech Republic who had seen our website, and asked if

they might attend. Of course, I said “sure”! They came and were very happy to see a US garden railway in operation. Zuzana Stastna, who now lives in Boca Raton, brought along his daughter, Anna, and his father who is on a brief visit from the Czech Republic.

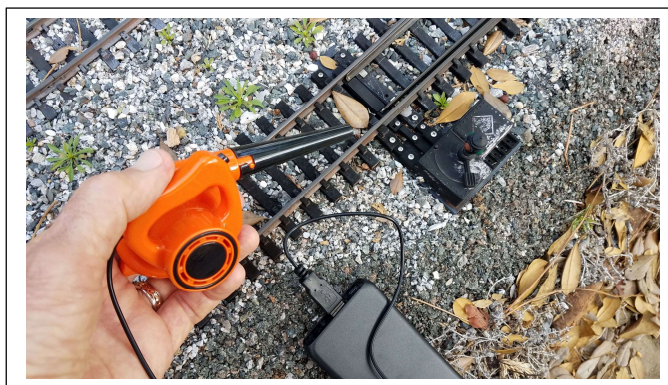


Anna especially enjoyed the trains, and Tom Hite gave her a try at running his RDC car using his Railpro throttle.

Paul and Patty had a few “Show and Tell” surprises that were of interest to others building garden railways.



Always looking for better ways to clean the leaves and gravel out of his dozen track switches, Paul utilizes a Christmas present Patty gave him, a miniature leaf blower for cleaning the points and frogs in his switch tracks, as well as all around the layout. (Patty found this at the local “Booksamillion” store)
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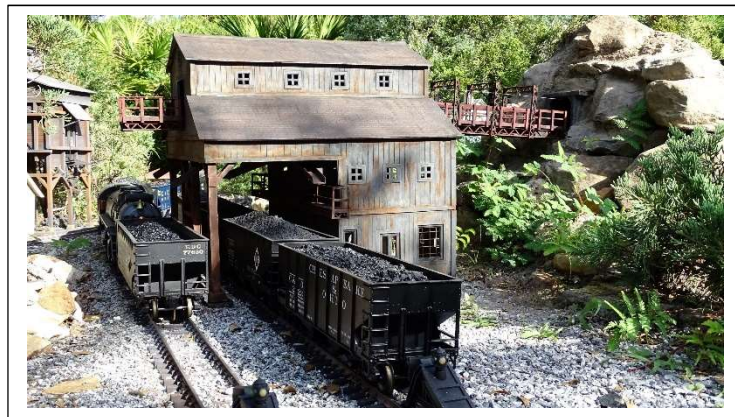


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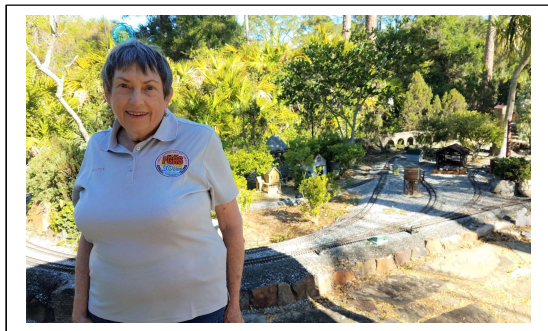
Paul had tried out a product mentioned in May-June 2021 GARDEN RAILROADING NEWS (www.grNews.com) in the article about building a viaduct, (pg 16 and 17), and showed off repairs to his foamboard clad viaduct with the product, as well as showing a bucket with some leftover Flexcoat in it. The repair is tough and flexible and is holding up well so far.



Finally, Paul showed off a “Gn2” mining train, built from American Flyer S gauge parts to represent a 2’ gauge coal mine train emerging from the opening in a mountain, leading into the mining structure.



A thank you note from Patty Wagner



I want to thank FGRS members for the 30 Year Anniversary shirt that Fred Weber ordered for me on your behalf. I guess it was given to me because Paul put in so many hours of labor (along with so many others) in helping to make this event such a success. He got the recognition, but I got the shirt!

Thank you,

- *Patty Wagner*



From the Newsletter Desk

Paul Wagner

Information Resources for Large Scale

As disappointed as I am with the way Garden Railways magazine dumped us of the Garden Railway Community, I have continued to watch for signs of enthusiasm for Garden Railroading at Kalmbach. If you go to Trains.com and look at articles you will see a very nice little collection of Large Scale Project articles, available for free download. I haven't kept track, but the last time I opened and downloaded an article there, it went well, but I was warned – "You have 7 free views remaining. Click here to learn about the Unlimited Membership!" – (I didn't buy an Unlimited Membership, but you might like to – more about that later). You will notice that Kalmbach is still listing Garden Railways magazine as one of their lines, and they have now begun posting some new garden railroading project articles.

When you first open Trains.com, the master website for the Kalmbach line of products, you will see a section titled "Popular Articles". You may see an article heading there titled "Projects – Garden Railways". If not, click on the Projects heading, and find where the Garden Railways projects are. If you find an article you'd like to have, as I mentioned, I don't know how many articles you get for free, or whether the number starts over every year, or what. You can download or print the articles, but if you merely hit the "print" button in your browser, you will print some buttons and pop-ups from their website as well as the article, and it will not fill the page correctly. The best way to download one is to hit "print" in your browser, then select "Save as PDF", select the print page range you want (you can eliminate a page or two of ads that follows the article), navigate to a folder you want to keep it in, and hit "Save". Then you can open the PDF and print it from there if you like.

Notice also, if you first hit the "Garden Railways" tab on the Trains.com website homepage, then hit "Beginners", there is a button there for "Free Downloads". There are all sorts of nice articles, videos, and photos to use for reference or wallpaper there.

If you'd like to get their free "Newsletters" about Garden Railways article postings, along with ads for their publications and various items of interest for all scales, go back to the top of their homepage and click on "Newsletters". Click on the boxes at the bottom for any of the areas of interest you have, ("Garden Railways" is one). You may like to get updates and ads from them about one of the other titles, if so, click on all that apply. Insert your email address, and click on "Sign Up". So far everything you've done is free.

But if you want unlimited access to their posted articles, and other search and download options, you will have to "Sign Up" for a Trains.com "Unlimited Digital Membership" (As they continually urge you to do) After a 30-day free trial, Unlimited Membership costs \$6.99/month, billed annually in one installment (of \$83.88).

This gets you:

All content on Trains.com from their family of brands, including the NewsWire, Product Reviews, Track Plan Database, archives of all of their magazines, some online books, and much more.

Andwhat was that? You also get a FREE TEE SHIRT when you sign up!

Possibly, sometime in the future, I might become a subscriber to this extensive service.

In the meantime, the independent *Garden Railroading News* (free at <https://www.grnews.org/>), supplemented by *Garden Trains Annual*, (From White River Productions) are giving me plenty of garden railroading reading. I'd like to hear from you about what you are using and would like to see.

By the way, if you got really stoked by reading about the "Grant Funk Railroad" in GR News, May-June 2021 (I did), you will be pleased to see a 33 page update and detailed "Build Log" of that railroad in the "Bonus Content" on the GR News website – all free, of course.



Member Train Items For Sale

Looking to buy or swap something? Send in your request- FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com

This page has been created solely as a convenience to our members who want to buy and sell from other club members. FGRS takes no responsibility for the condition of the items or sale of items. Any transaction is completely between the buyer and seller.

Please submit items you would like to buy or sell to Paul Wagner, FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com

Ads will be run for 2 months if they are not renewed. Please notify me when an item is sold, so it can be removed from the following newsletter. – Paul Wagner

Wanted! FGRS needs a reversing unit for a trolley track on the Bushnell Layout.

FGRS has received some specialty items that we are offering for sale to members (Below). There will be a general online sale similar to the one we had during the pandemic later in the year in which we will offer a number of pieces of railroad rolling stock, track and structures – watch for an email for those.

For Sale: One bundle of Code 250 track, nickle-silver, including two #5 switches. Old and dirty, some stuck to foam board, but serviceable. Approximately 20 feet.

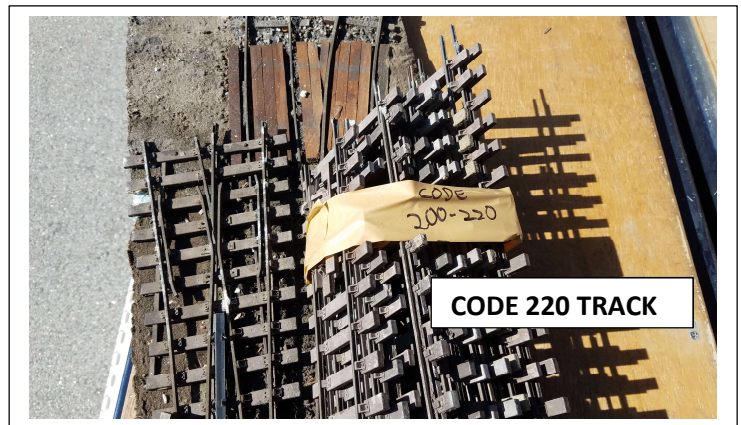
Also included a bundle of odds and ends of Code 220 and Code 200 track.

Nice for industrial spurs even if you are using Code 332 track.

\$20 for the lot.

Contact Paul Wagner

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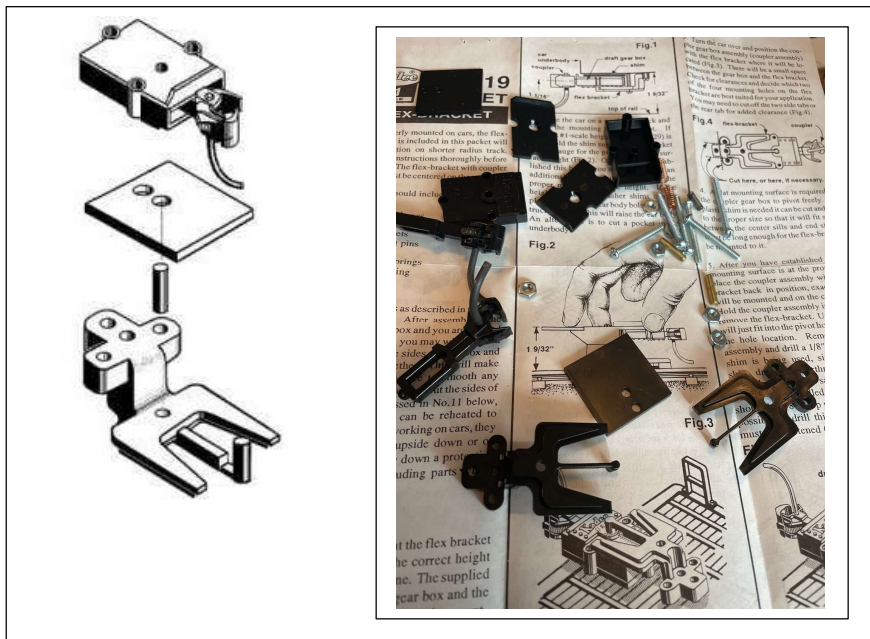
For Sale: 55 Pairs – Kadee “One Scale” Couplers Kadee #819 Packet - \$4.00 each pair

Contact Fred Weber

FGRS.President@gmail.com

This stock number will come up on a search as an “O” scale draft gear box. It is apparently an old stock number that has been changed. This packet contains a pair of **KADEE #1-SCALE #882 FLEX-BRACKETS & #820 #1 SCALE COUPLERS** with draft gear box.

Kadee uses the #1 Scale designation to indicate that it is smaller than the couplers usually used for G scale. It is primarily for use with 1:32 rolling stock, but some use them for 1:29 or even 1:20.3 as they are actually closer to correct scale size for all of these scales than the “G” scale couplers. However, it is our experience that the larger ones work better, thus most G scalers use the larger couplers which are designated “G” scale. If you like the #1 Scale couplers, this is less than half price.



Bruce Benardo has Track for Sale

Call 941-474-2792 or em , bcb1226@comcast.net

Track is like new as it was only used on my Indoor Shelf Double Loop layout that I have removed from my train room. It all fits on the 3/4" plywood corners & 1x12 wood shelves that are cut to fit in a room 27' X 10' - 6" . Brackets are not included. Green I/O carpet to cover the bare wood and act as a roadbed for the track all cut to size is included along with front trim to cover the front edge.

Track is all Brass , Aristocraft American Style ties and is in excellent condition. It consists of 1 full box of 9 ft diameter and 1 full box of 10 ft diameter curves.

12 pcs of 5 ft straight, 1 pc of 3 ft straight, and 3 pcs of 2 ft straight. Some pcs were cut to fit size of room.

Track is priced as total package consisting of the above and there are some extra pcs not listed that are thrown in at no cost.

All of the rest of the wood layout is included free and you will need a pickup truck to haul it as the 1X12 shelves are 16 ft long unless you want to cut them.

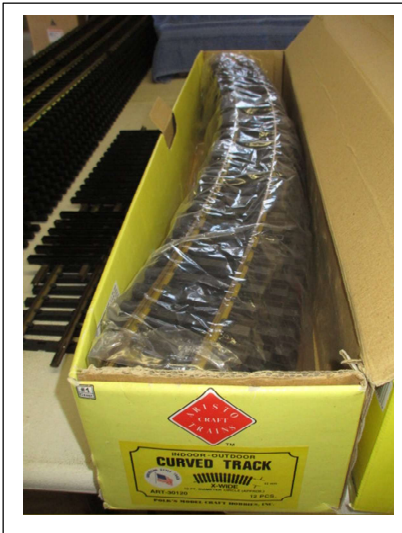
Price for all of the track is \$665.00 and is not being broken up.

The layout wooden shelves are free to the buyer, take it or leave it.

Contact Bruce Benardo @ 941-474-2792 or em , bcb1226@comcast.net

Photos on the following page.

(Member Train Items For Sale, Continued)
Bruce Benardo Track Sale Photos:



Original layout on shelves. (Trains, signals, and brackets not included)

FGRS Membership Application for 2022

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 and outdoors, or modules. We are a group of individuals, couples, and families who enjoy socializing with others and participating in train related activities.

Dues for 2022: \$25/YR for single or family memberships.

Annual dues includes a subscription to FGRS Newsletter, via web and email. If you cannot receive the newsletter via internet, a printed copy will be mailed to you. All renewals are due in January. If you are 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: Ray Lambert, Membership Chairman
410 S Center Street
Eustis, FL 32726

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. The badge has 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: Name: _____ Town or RR Name: _____	Second Badge: Name: _____ Town or RR Name: _____
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