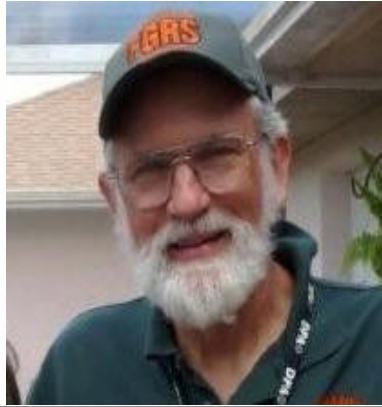




**OCTOBER 2019**



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

A great turnout, and a good time was had by all at the Ridge Live Steamers on September 28. The event was a little light on live steamers, but our own Jay Archer, and his wife Melinda brought in his fine G scale live steamer, and set it up on the Ridge G scale track. Jay braved a serious shoulder injury (for which he has gone under the knife last Wednesday) to fire her up, but, unfortunately, a steam leak developed in his engine, and he had to shut it down.

There were diesel train rides for everyone, and the ride around this beautiful countryside was impressive.

One little "Tom Thumb" type live-steam engine was chuffing around the track for almost the whole day.

There are many excellent scale structures long the right-of-way. Here a Ridge Live Steamer is harassed by train riders as he labors in the sun.

John Abbott, a member of both FGRS and RLS ran his beautiful loco for us.

We continue to make a hit at train shows with our Youth Layout. Some of these shows were formerly considered not be of interest to G Scale railroaders, but we drew a crowd wherever we set them up and ran trains. The video of our garden railroads displayed on the club TV always attracts interest, and gives folks an idea of what garden railroading is all about.

Paul Marella oversees a family having fun with their kids taking the throttle.

The old power supply for the Youth Layout was an inadequate, makeshift affair, so we rebuilt it with new 15 Amp components, along the lines of the DIY project described in a recent Garden Railway Magazine.

George Sheldon, who has been very active in manning this layout, donated a LGB trackside shed controller for the setup, which gave us two uniform controls for the kids to operate the trains.

You will find all the pictures of the meet and show following these notes.

We are still in the planning stage of a 30 Year FGERS celebration Event, please email me with your suggestions. A banquet, picnic, set-up of our modular layout, swap meet are all ideas put forth, so far. Let's hear your suggestion for both a place and program for this event. We are having new shirts and hats made, also commemorating our 30 Years of serving Garden Railroading in Florida.

Hope to see you at Dave and Ruth Taisch's garden railroad in Tavares on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. There is still no Fun Run scheduled for November. Let Tom and I know if you can have one, or, if you would like to have a bunch of folks over for a work session, we can get the word out for that as well. Note that Don and Lenojo Carter will have a meet in Ocala on December 7. A long drive for many of us, but Ocala is a beautiful town to spend the weekend around, and this is one of the premier garden railroads in Florida. Also in December is the big Tampa Train show, on December 21. We will set up the big layout there if they make room for us.

Good Health and Railroading to All!

Paul Wagner



















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# POWER SOUND & CONTROL

## Airwire Throttle Battery Alert from Paul Wagner

While at the National Garden Railway Convention in Oregon, I talked to Keith, the big man from CVP Airwire. I mentioned that people were dissatisfied with the battery life on their best throttle, the T5000, and told him that I planned to try the Eveready (Energizer) "Ultimate Lithium" batteries (non-rechargeable) in mine. I had used them for years in cameras, TV remotes, and in my old Airwire RF1300 throttles with amazing results. He was not familiar with the Ultimate Lithium batteries, but was concerned that they might have too high of voltage for the T5000.





## Airwire T5000 Throttle

He said that unlike the early RF1300 throttles, the T5000 does not have a voltage regulator, and is very sensitive to overvoltage.



Airwire RF1300 Throttle

The Ultimate Lithium battery is rated at 1.5 volts, the same as conventional alkaline batteries, but, in fact, when new, the Lithiums have 1.8 volts each, which, with the two in series will hit the throttle with 3.6 volts - higher than permissible for the T5000 throttle.

**So the bottom line is, do not use the Eveready Ultimate Lithium batteries in your Airwire T5000 throttle.**





I have researched the available Alkaline Batteries, and notice that Consumer Reports rates several as being superior, most notably the Duracell “Quantum”. I am running carefully controlled tests on the Quantum, and several other leading HD Alkaline batteries, and I will report the results next month. Unfortunately, many user reviews stated that the Quantum, and several other top brands are the worst for reliability and chemical leakage. I wonder if the folks who gave bad reviews got some old ones, or ran them down and left them in the device longer than they realized? Easy to do, I've ruined lots of things like that, my fault. But I will be extra careful in the future to test all alkaline batteries before inserting them, and to religiously remove them from my throttle immediately after I'm done running my trains. All alkaline batteries should read 1.6 volts when new, and should be discarded when below 1.4 volts.

The good news is, Airwire has introduced a great no-frills throttle, the 1300 OPS, which has a built in rechargeable battery, which Keith says will make us



happy. The 1300OPS also has higher power output, so is a great throttle, all around, but cannot be used for programming. You still need to own a T5000 for that, and, the T5000 will be more convenient if you run multiple locomotive “lash-ups”, and/or want to operate switches and other accessories with your throttle.

Anyone with more on this subject, please send it to Tom and me for publication.



# DELAND TRAIN SHOW

Deland Train Show, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

UPDATE Member-at-Large (or a Large Member) Running Amuck

The FGRS Kid's Zone G scale was up and running at the Deland Train show on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to our volunteers - Paul Marella, Cindy Baron, and Kevin Mars for their help with the kids and talking to potential members. It should be noted that this was Paul's third event and Cindy's fifth Event working the Kid's Zone this year. A special thanks to Mr. Paul Wagner, (also know as our fearless leader and President) on doing an outstanding job building the new dual powers supplies and retooling the throttle interfaces for the Kid's Zone Layout. It really is a great improvement on what we were using before.

I also need to report New Members that we enrolled during the show:

Richard & Coleen Stanley: New Smyrna Beach - These folks just moved to beachside from Knoxville TN and know all the food places to eat up there just ask..lol.

Jim Douglas: Clermont - Recently Retired from the Air Force and is working on a new layout at his home. From all of us at FGRS thank you for your service!

Richard and Celeste Clark: Spring Hill - Celeste shared some info about their layout, just like the MAL Richard likes Colors in his Cars...LOL. (Phil and Cindy like colorful trains – Ed.)

Earl and Tanya Sault: South Daytona - Paul and I have been chasing Earl now for about 9 months, and I finally cornered him at his booth at the show...the result: he is now a member..lol . He is also president of the Mustang Club over his way, operates an elevated layout with 3 switch yards and graciously donated a roundhouse turntable to the club this year, I believe, with our project committee.

Bill McBreen: Apopka - (PICTURED) Bill recently moved from Pennsylvania where he maintained an HO layout for many years in his basement. He travels with his own Executive Assistant /Tour Guide, Marie. And they are looking for-

ward to participating in our activities, and enjoying other folks who love trains at our Fun Runs

All expressed their plans of attending our Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Fun Run. Please seek them out and welcome them to our Merry Band of Trainees.



Sincerely and not to seriously submitted,

Your Member at Large,

Phil Barcelona



# FGRS Fun Runs

**2019**

**October 19th** – Fun Run Meet at Dave & Ruth Taisch's house. Address:

Dave and Ruth Taisch

11605 Lane Park Rd

Tavares, 32778

Phone 352-343-3196 or [daveanruth@aol.com](mailto:daveanruth@aol.com)

The Lane Park & Wherever RR will start running trains at 11:00, with plans for lunch at 12:00. Please bring a dish to share. 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. Two mountains with fifty feet of trestle complete the layout. I found a picture of the depot/warehouse that used to be just down the road from us and built a loose interpretation of it for the LP & W this year.





December 7th 2019

FGRS meet and Open House Fun Run @ The SILVER RIVER RAIL ROAD in Ocala at the home of Don and Lenojo Carter - 10:00 AM till dark thirty.

Friends: Make plans now!!

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 – we have strong track power.

The address is:

6130 NE 3rd. Place Ocala, Fl.

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

Look forward to seeing you all -  
Don & Lenojo Carter

352-207-5434

doncarter521@embarqmail.com

**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.**



# TRAIN SHOWS

## NOVEMBER

**November 23**, Regal Railways Toy Trains and Collectable Show,  
Dover, FL, Hillsborough County Fairgrounds  
215 Sydney Washer Road  
Dover, FL 33527

## DECEMBER

December 7, Melbourne Train Show, 9am - 2pm

[Azan Shrine Center](#)

[Melbourne, Florida 32935](#)

**"FGRS will exhibit, please contact Fred Weber if you can help"**

December 22, 23, Tampa Train Show, Florida State Fairgrounds

**"FGRS will exhibit, please contact Fred Weber if you can help"**

## JANUARY

**January 11,12 - 70th Florida Rail Fair**, Deland, FL, Volusia County Fairgrounds (Model Train Show), **"FGRS will exhibit, please contact Fred Weber if you can help"**

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.

# TRAINS FOR SALE

## LGB / G SCALE For Sale

Contact **KEITH WOLFE** if interested:

(941) 447-2359 or email me at [kwolfe@bayareatech.com](mailto:kwolfe@bayareatech.com)

### P CANDY/SWEETS TRAIN: \$250

Lot of 7 cars, all with metal wheels and knuckle couplers.

Baby Ruth, York Peppermint Pattie, Tootsie Roll, Sugar Daddy, Denver & RG Cookie (2), Dads Root Beer Tanker – All we displayed on a shelf in a smoke free home.





**P STATE OF MAINE – 4067-K01 (2): \$80**

Set of 2 LGB State of Maine Boxcars, in original box with grey sleeve.



**14<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION- Bay Area (2): \$100**

Set of 2 LGBMRRC Passenger cars with original box and grey sleeve



### CLUB TANKERS (3): \$130

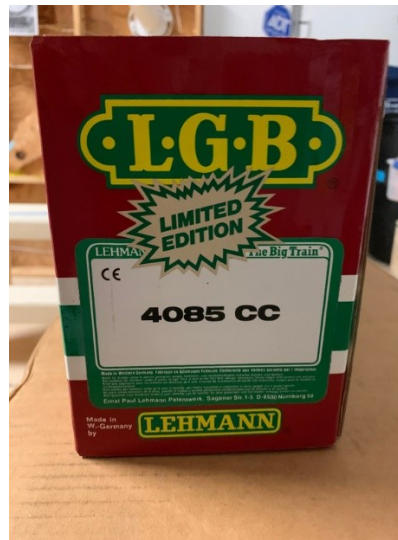
LGB/BTO 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary(2003) tankers, 1 Black and 1 Silver, 1 LGB Garden Rails Convention tanker 96' with original box and grey sleeve



### LGBMRRRC 13<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CAR (2): \$150

1 set of LGB Frankenmuth Michigan 1991 convention cars, 1 box signed by R.Richter (Son of Wolfgang Richter - the co-creator of LGB) with original box and grey sleeve





## DURANGO LGBMRRC 21<sup>st</sup> CABOOSE: \$50

1 LGB MRRC 21<sup>st</sup> annual convention caboose from the Durango, Colorado convention in 1991 with original box and grey sleeve.



### **ARISTO Dash-9 CSX: \$225**

1 ARISTO Dash-9 CSX in the Box, has about 10 hours of run time.



### **4' Hand Made Wooden Trestle: \$50**

1- 4' custom built Trestle, 12" high





Monroe Kleiderman has a bunch of LGB track for sale.

He can be reached at [monroekle@gmail.com](mailto:monroekle@gmail.com) or 727-709-2950.

He also can deliver.



Straight. #10600. 29pcs@\$6  
Straight. #10610. 41pcs@\$12



Curve #15000. 15pcs@\$5  
Curve #16000. 7pcs@\$6  
Curve #18020. 56pcs@4  
Curve #18000. 22pcs@\$8  
Top curve not sure 12pcs@\$9



## 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.**