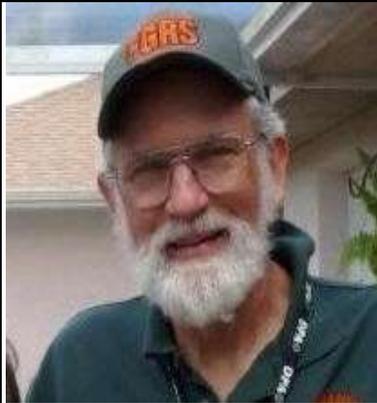




May 2018



PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM PAUL WAGNER

But enough about me! (And your board members) You, the members, throughout the state, are what make FGRS a creative, helpful, and fun, organization. Starting with the next issue of the newsletter, we will re-instate the "Member Spotlight" column. There is so much we can learn from each other, and it is fascinating hearing about the background of each member, and, it is rewarding getting to know each other better. If you haven't yet been featured in the past, please write up a short rundown of where you came from, your career and family, how you became interested in trains, other hobbies, and a few pictures of you, your family, and friends having fun with trains. Or, if you know someone who you would like to write about, ask them if you could write up a column for them. Send them to me, and we'll put them in the newsletter.

Thanks to Ron White and all those who have helped on the show layout modules. Work is progressing on a design and sample modules for a new, flexible lightweight modular layout for set up at train shows. Once the design is finalized, our goal is to have modules that each member will have at home to finish and add personalized scenes, which will mesh with each other when brought together at a show. This should be especially interesting to those of you who, for

one reason or another, do not have a garden railroad of your own. It would also be a good additional activity for those who have a layout – a good place to utilize scenery and accessories not needed at home.

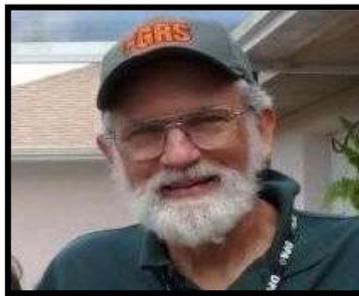
The May 19th meet in Ocala is the last one on the calendar at the moment, but I am hearing from several members who are feverishly working on their layouts that there will be some runs and work sessions throughout the summer. Also, we are looking at several special railroading excursion events, and will announce those next month. It's not too late to get in on the National Garden Railway Convention and Train Show in Atlanta starting on June 4th. This is your chance to go to a national event that is only a one day drive from Florida.

If you haven't yet sent in your annual dues, please get it to Jay. The address is on the application in this newsletter, and if you are reading this and have never joined, we would welcome you aboard!

Good Health and Railroading to All!

Paul Wagner – FGRS President

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In Loving Memory

We are all saddened to here of the passing of Lewis Polk. Not only was he in business to sell trains he was also a train person. He was very good for the hobby. He would always take the time and chat with you about trains or anything else. I never saw him where he wasn't smiling. I myself truly enjoyed talking to him at York each year.

Lewis you may now play with your trains for all of eternity.

RIP my friend.



UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

2018 Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows

Submitted by Bruce Benardo

May 12th: Tampa Train Day, Saturday Only 10-4 at Tampa Union Station 601 N. Nebraska Ave. Info at www.tampaunionstation.com

May 19: Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., Brooksville 34601, Regal Railways, call Joe at 727-244-1341, or www.regalrailways.com

June 2: Azan Shrine Temple, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne 32935m 9A-2P, 321-805-1963, schultzspacecoastrains.com (Schultz Space Coast Trains)

June 2: First Christian Church, 1908 E. Fort King, Ocala 34471, 9A-3P, contact Bob Chadwick at 352-694-6381 (Lions Club Train Show)

June 2-3: 19th Tampa Model Show, Florida State Fairgrounds, Special Events Center, 4800 US Hwy. 301 North, Tampa 33610, Contact Charles W. Miller, 3106 N. Rochester St., Arlington, VA 22213, 703-536-2954, email: rrshows@aol.com; website: www.gserr.com

June 4 thru 9, National Garden Railway Convention in Atlanta Ga. For more Info go to there website: www.ngrc2018.com

July 14: 64th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland 32724 . Contact Charles W. Miller, 3106 N. Rochester St., Arlington, VA 22213, 703-536-2954, email: rrshows@aol.com; website: www.gserr.com

August 18-19: Model Train Show & Sale, Savannah Regional Center, 1545 Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages 32162, Aug. 18 = 9A-4P; Aug. 19 = 10A-3P. Contact Sam Mathis 352-750-2433, sammathis@bellsouth.net, or Cecil Byrd 352693-4079, cbyrd@cfl.rr.com (TheVillagesModelTrainClub.com)

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 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

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

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

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.

MEETS AT MEMBERS HOUSES

May 19th - Fun Run at Don & Lenojo Carter 's their Silver River Railroad will be operation from 11:00 AM – 4:00PM

Under construction since 2000.. Almost done...(never)

The host will provide paper products, water, sodas, tables and a few chairs. Please bring a dish to share. You are welcome to bring something to run. I do track power (Bridgeworks 10 &15 amp power) double track with smallest curves are 10' outside & 8' inside radius.

The layout [G scale Trains] is out doors and covers 1,300' 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 "Silver River" is based on the early 1950's.

The address is:

6130 NE 3rd. Place Ocala, Fl.

(Just one mile from Silver Springs @ SR40 and SR35)

Directions from Ocala visa I75, US 441, 301, 27:

Take SR 40 East. This is the road to Silver Springs, to NE 7 Street, just past Ocala Golf Club.

Turn right.

Go East on NE 7th Street to Baseline Rd, (SR 35). (about 2 miles)

Cross over Baseline RD. 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.

Paul & Patty Wagner's Fun Run

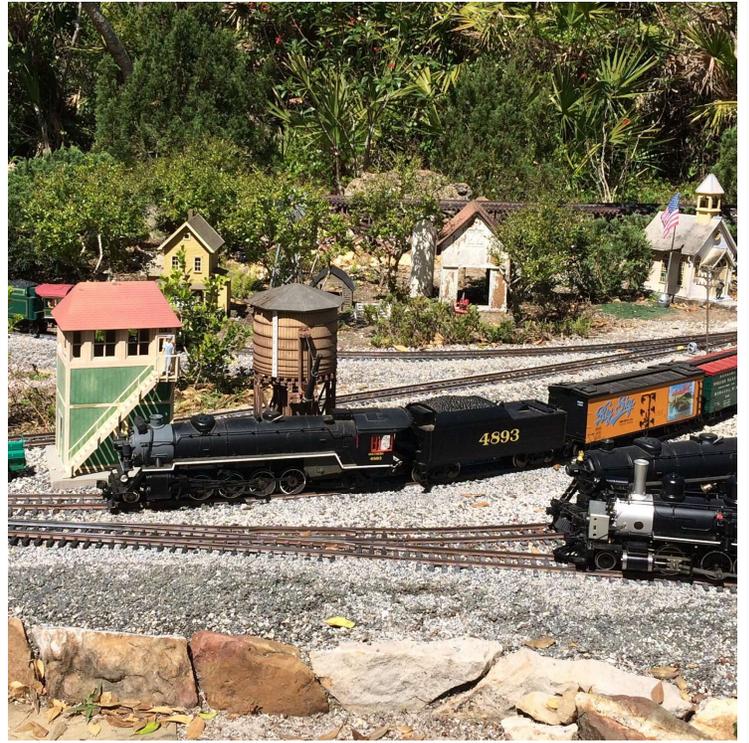
On March 24th our club was hosted by club president Paul and Patty Wagner in Northport Florida. Approximately (30) thirty G scaler's and friends attended, as did an incredible day of weather. If you haven't seen the South Fork Division of the Southern Railway you've really missed an incredible layout with approximately 15 years of TLC and expansion. Roughly 25' wide by 100' long filled with curves, creative scenery/houses, waterfall, pond, tunnels and more. The impressive landscaping is created and maintained by Patty while Paul focuses on track and train maintenance.

There is power to the tracks, but Paul's trains run on battery power, which can also be charged by the track if needed. He runs multiple engines using his Airwire 900 and has both manual as well as electric switches throughout. It's one of those incredible layouts where every time you walk around it, you notice something new. Enjoy the photos and if you want to see additional photos check out Florida Garden Railway Society on Facebook. It's our club's private page.





As you can see Paul & Patty have put many hours into their layout and it shows.



Looks like I-75 at rush hour



Here are the lovely hosts. Patty & Paul want to thank everyone for showing up for a great get together. Fun was had by all.

Tom & Gloria Hite's Fun Run

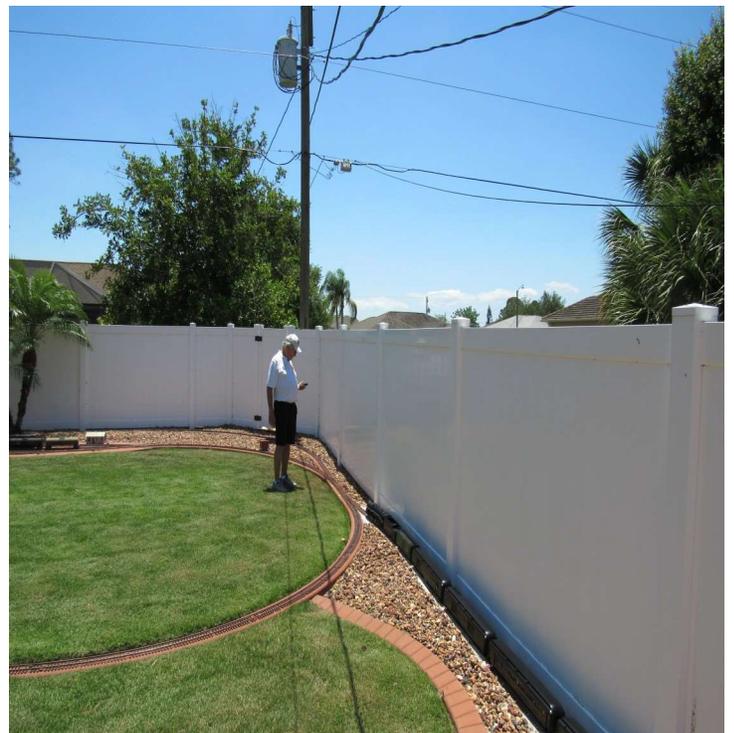
On April 28th we had our fun run. The weather was great the company was even better and of course the trains were fantastic. As you can see the yard was



packed with trains itching for their turn around the layout. Since the mainline is over 400' we had 3 trains running at the same time.



There's Paul cooking up something while everyone else is running trains.



Here's Corkey with his Big Boy and Jim backing in the Hudson at the end of the day. I want to thank everyone who came. I will have it earlier next year so more people can come before you head north. Here is a video of my layout <https://youtu.be/Kj6x1Sltcnc> from the cab.

Garden Railway National Convention and Train show June 4-9

Join Us in Atlanta!

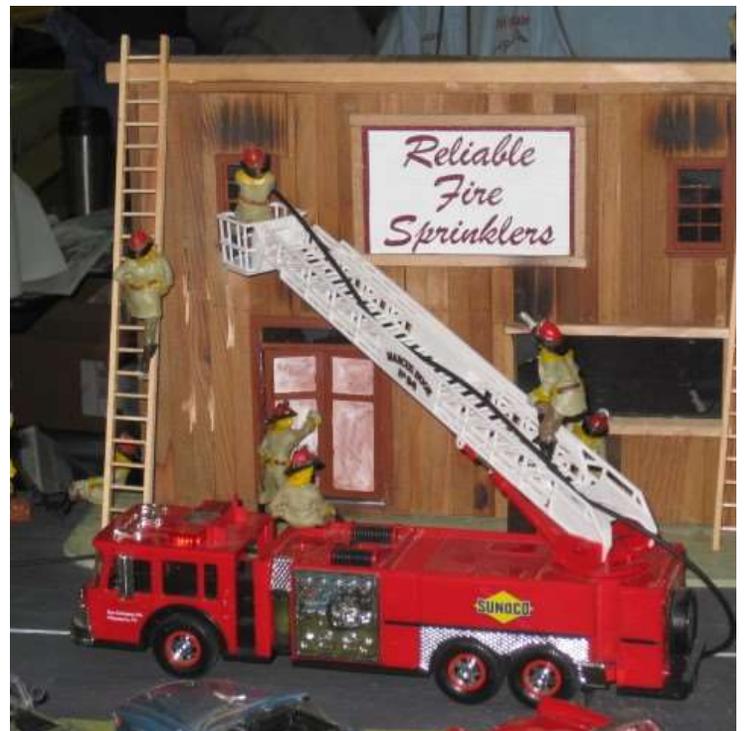
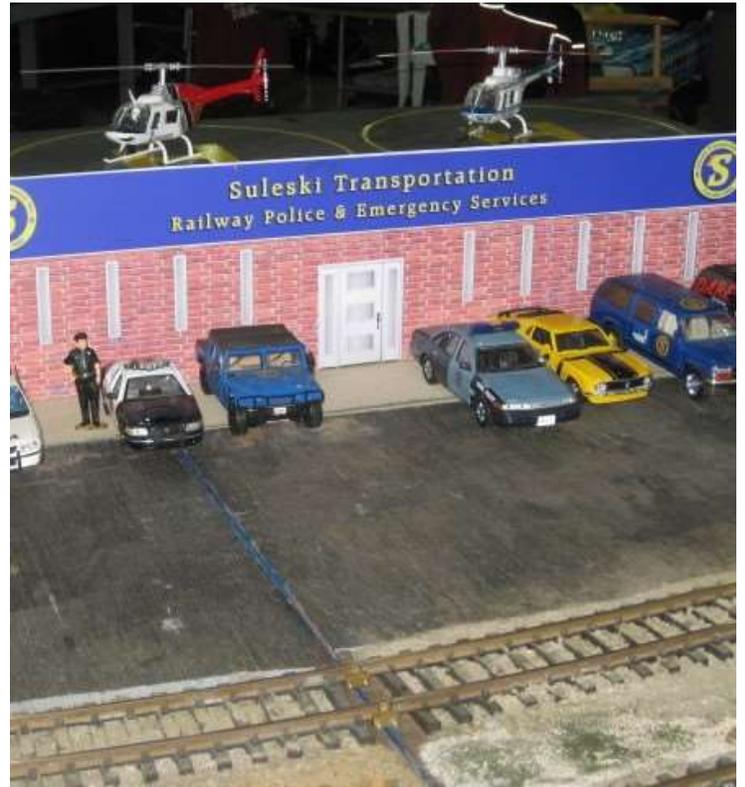
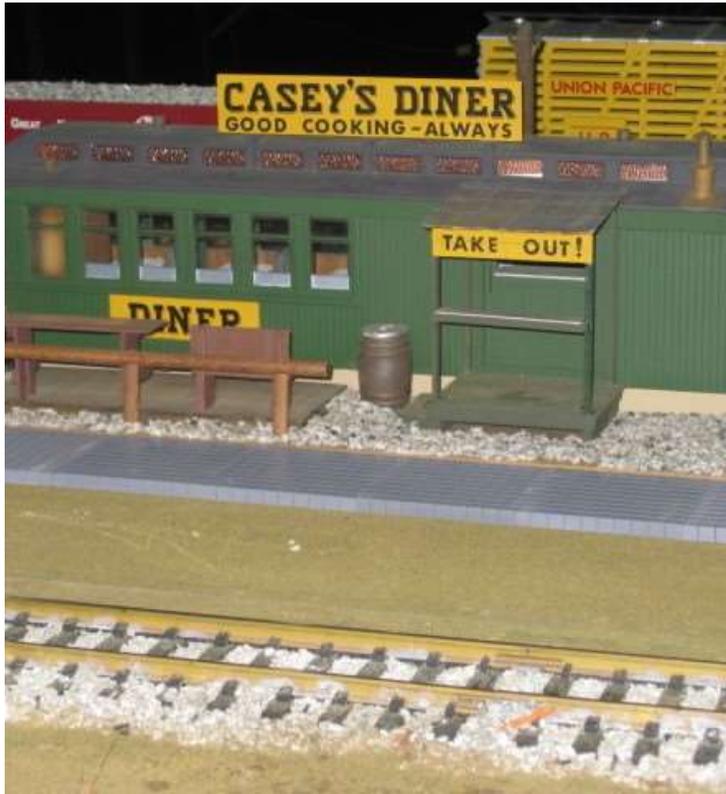
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ALL TRACKS LEAD TO ATLANTA IN 2018!

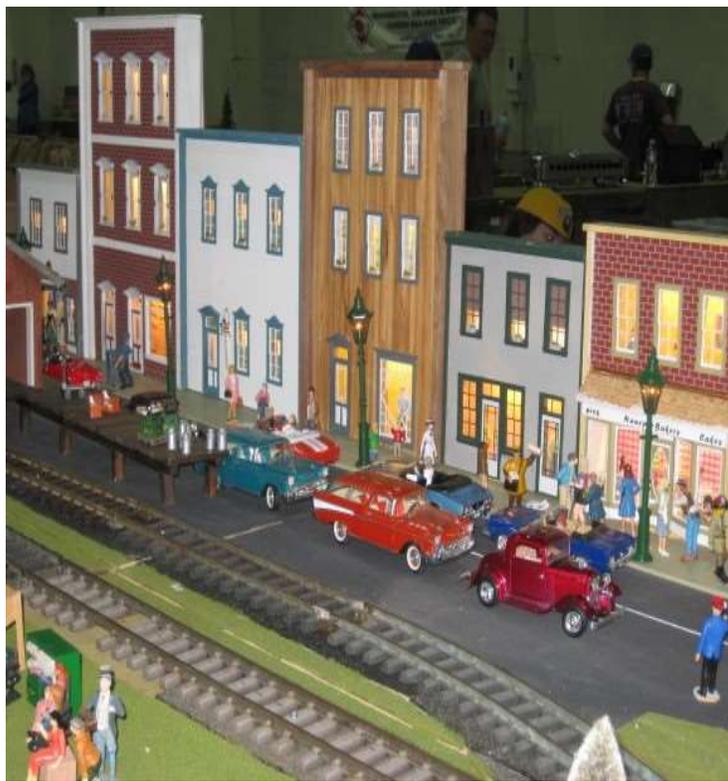
STONE MOUNTAIN PARK - HOME OF THE NGRC BBQ
THURSDAY JUNE 7TH, 2018
Visit www.ngrc2018.com for more information.

For more information visit their web site.

<http://ngrc2018.com/>

Here are some pictures from the ECLSTS by
Bruce Benardo





These are all scratch built. I happen to know two of the persons who built the structures on the New Hampshire layout.

LINKS TO TRAINS PAST & PRESENT

Article by Tom Hite

As you all know we went on a Grand Canyon trip (no vacations anymore when your retired). During the trip we had the occasion to visit with two scenic railroads. The first one was the Grand Canyon RR and the second was the Verde Canyon RR. If your planning to go out there these two are a must do. The scen-



ery is incredible plus the added feature is your on a train kind of checks off two boxes. The first RR was the Grand Canyon.

They have three operating EMD F40PH's and one Alco FPB-2 unit. We took the train that had the two F40's.

It was nice seeing these in operation again.

It is a two hour ride up to the canyon. We chose to do first class.



Here is the FP40 Alco set up. Th Alco is not as high and conforms more to passenger car height. Yes this Alco did a smoke show upon departure from the station.



I was told that they have another F40 in the shop being restored. They do all their maintenance in house with a complete machine shop. I decided to take a picture of the connections between

the EMD and ALCO. As you can see the EMD is much higher. When I took this picture the train soon departed so I was unable to ask

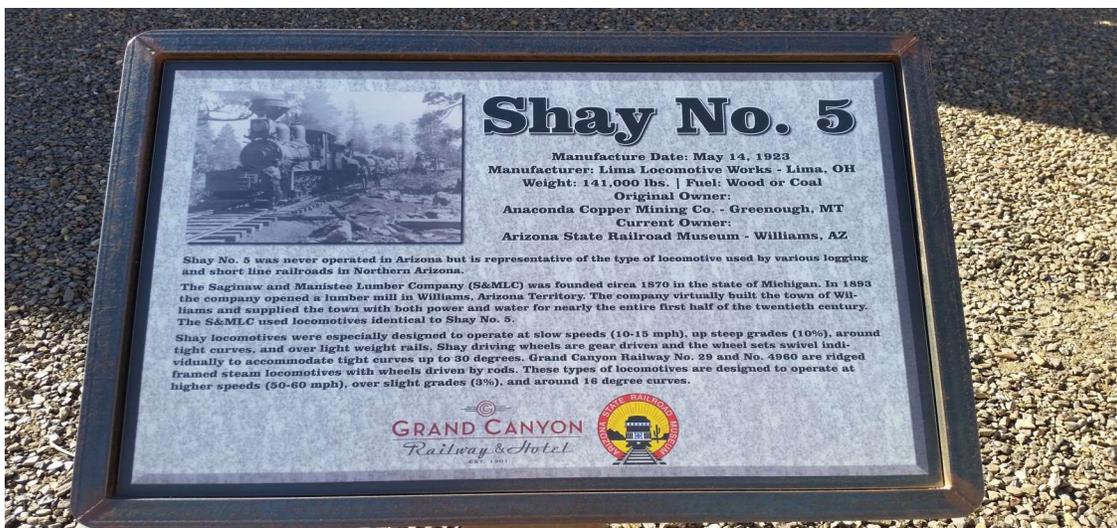


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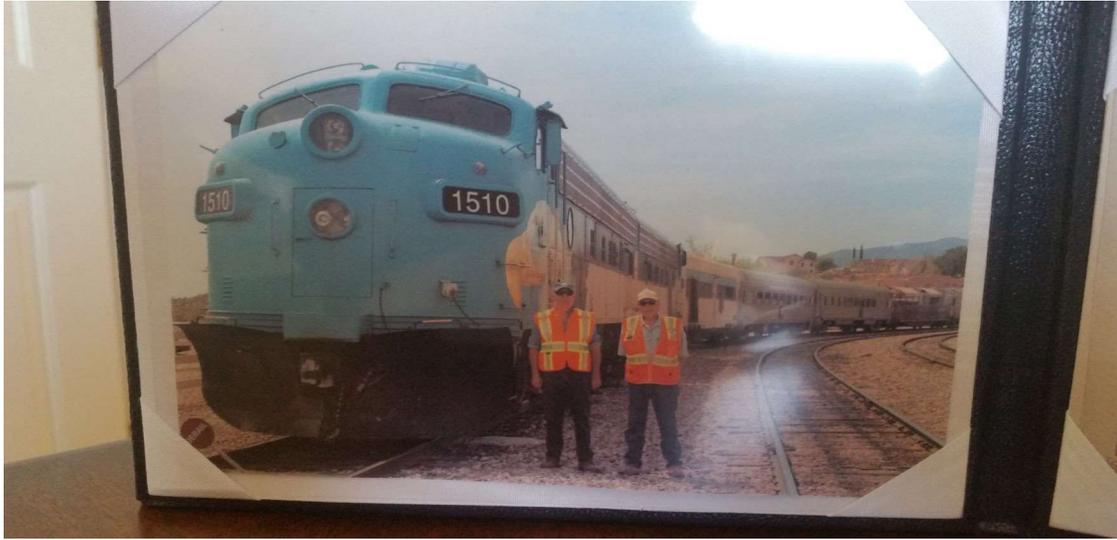


the air hoses were not connected up between the engines. The train does use the HEP connections between cars like Amtrak.

Also on the grounds of the GCRR they had these two engines.



Our second train brought us to the Verde Canyon RR. This RR brought us through the canyon. However there was a twist. Gloria (wife) set me up to be conductor for the day. My duties were to help the train crew before, during and after the trip. I had to pass a knowledge test of RR operations. This was right up my ally. After passing the test and paying for the privilege I was off with the crew. I Kissed my wife good by and told her I will see you in about 7 hours. Here



is a picture of me on the left with the engineer. After the photo op I was given my duties. I was in charge of making sure all the water tanks were topped off in each car. The engines are EMD FP7's they were back to back. After all cars were filled with water the real fun began. It was time to fire these babies up. Went through the check list, did the blow down. Re tightened the water cocks and turned



on the fuel and turned her over. There is something about an EMD 2 cycle purr after it fires up. We repeated the process in the other engine. Then I took my seat in the conductor's chair. This was going to be my view for the whole trip. We performed the brake test. After completing the brake test we waited for the all aboard. After receiving the go ahead we gave two blasts of the horn and we were off. We were limited to yard speed during the trip. This is a leisurely trip two hours up and two hours back.

Here is the view from my seat before Dennis (engineer) sat down. Once he sat down and was ready I had to put the cell phone away. I could not take any pictures while we were in operation. The bottom picture is on the way back. At the half way point we switched the engine from the front to the rear of the train and hauled it backward. After a few throws of some switches in the engine we moved to the other engine for the trip back. Gloria took the picture from what is now the rear of the train. The train has eighteen cars. The speck you see in the conductors seat is me. As you can



probably tell I had a good time.

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.

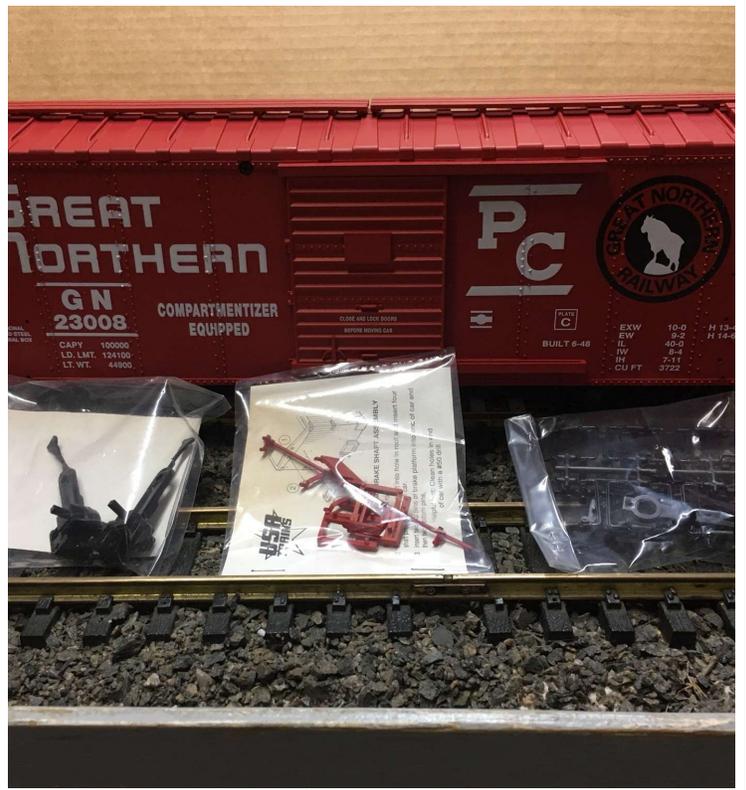
Items will appear for two issues unless I am notified of sale before hand.

Don Carter has the following for sale
USA train cars for sale.

Never used still in original box.

Asking \$50.00 each or \$200.00 for all five. They can be seen at my meet in May if still available. He can be reached at doncarter521@embarqmail.com





All cars come with their original box.



Building suitable to use as a freight station or small business. It is G Scale with the larger section 9 1/2 inches by 7 1/2 inches and 9 1/2 inches tall. The smaller section is 7 1/2 inches by 7 1/2 inches and the roof of the smaller section is removable. Construction is of wood with thin plywood sides. As such, it is not suitable for use outdoors except for short periods of fair weather. Asking \$25. Contact me on bobconant2@gmail.com; 941-792-2701. Pick up in Bradenton, FL, or at a west coast FGRS meeting. Thanks, Bob Conant





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: _____

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.