





# February 2021 Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM FRED WEBER

February 2021

We had a highly successful event at the Mount Dora Scottish Festival last month. Several members were able to run their trains on our amazing layout and greeted many interested guests and answered their questions. Many thanks to Chris Carson and the City of Mt. Dora for their hospitality and donation.

We are still looking for someone to accept the Vice President of the West Coast position. The position would require you to be on the Board, keep track of West Coast events and work with the new district coordinators.

We are also looking for members to fill the new district coordinator positions. Duties include serving on the Executive Board which will meet 2 to 3 times a year and coordinate membership in your district and with the Vice President of your coast. All these available positions will be a great opportunity to continue moving the club forward.

Looking ahead, we will set up the layout at the Scottish Festival on February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Jacksonville. All CDC guidelines will be in practice for the safety of our members and the general public.

Due to the limited availability of the Covid-19 vaccine, we will not be scheduling any fun runs for the month of February at this time. Keep an eye on your email and newsletter as things change.

Hope you are getting your train projects "on track" and know that you can reach out to other club members if you need help or have any problems that we can help solve.

Happy Choo Choo! - *Fred Weber*, **FGRS President 2021**

# ALL ABOARD: FGRS Moving Forward, Laying New Tracks

Submitted by Phil Barcelona, FGRS Vice President, Eastern Region,  
and Committee on Membership Engagement Chairman



We all know the challenges that have been facing the nation, our state, families and friends. We have had to set aside our ambitious plans from last year, as well as this year, because of the pandemic and the risk that it brings to the core of our membership. However, with the new medical solutions and strategies on the horizon, we, your FGRS Board, are very hopeful that we will be able to coordinate new opportunities for us all to

get together and share the enjoyment of running trains together outside.

From the onset, the primary goal of FGRS has been to engage people from all over Florida. With the help of some of our members, we have come up with a plan to help reach that objective. On January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the FGRS Committee on Membership Engagement, approved a plan to establish Districts within the FGRS.

The goal of each District is to sponsor two days of FUN RUNS (1 spring & 1 fall) and also two promotional events (Train Shows, Garden Shows, Educational, Demonstration, etc) each year. By committing to this goal we believe it will allow you to participate in a FGRS event without having to drive all over Florida. However, no matter what district you reside in you are still able to attend any FGRS FUN RUN or Promotional Event in the State of Florida with your membership.

This is initially how we have organized the FGRS Districts, as we move forward we may adjust these based on membership density and opportunities:

**First Coast District:** (Including Nassau, Duval, Clay, Putnam and St. John Counties)

North Border: Florida-Georgia State Line; East Border: Atlantic Ocean;

South Border: Flagler County Line; West Border: US 301.

**The World District:** (Including Flagler, Volusia, Seminole, Orange, Osceola, and Lake Counties) North Border: North Flagler County Line; East Border: Atlantic

Ocean; South Border: South Osceola County Line; West Border: Western Lake County Line.

**The Space and Treasure Coast District:** (Including Brevard, Indian River, Saint Lucie and Martin Counties)

North Border: North Brevard County Line; East Border: Atlantic Ocean;

South Border: North Palm Beach County Line; West Border: US 27.

“All Aboard” (Continued)

**Nature Coast District:** (Including Alachua, Marion, Sumter, Citrus and Hernando Counties)

North Border: Florida Georgia State Line; East Border: US 301 and Western Flagler and Lake County Line; South Border: Northern Lake County Line and US 50; West Border: Gulf Of Mexico

**The Bay District:** (Including Pasco Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Polk Counties)

North Border: US 50; East Border: US 27 and Lake County Line; South Border: Northern Manatee County Line; West Border: Gulf Mexico.

**The Sunset Coast District:** (Including Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee and Collier Counties)

North Border: North Manatee County Line; East Border: US 27; South Border: Naples; West Border: Gulf of Mexico.

As we move forward with this new commitment to our members to provide more locally based engagement opportunities, we will be integrating this new strategy in our communications with you.

A sincere thank you to our members who gave us their time and input through our Membership Engagement Committee, Tim Stiles (Jacksonville), Jeffery Smith (Vero Beach), Tim Smith (Ft. Myers), Jay Archer (Dunedin) and Don Carter (Ocala).

Also Thanks for our Board Members working on the FGRS Bylaw Committee to integrate these changes Ross Marvin: Newsletter Editor (Flagler Beach); Millie Weber FGRS Secretary (Floral City); and Paul Wagner 2020 FGRS President (North Port).

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## 2021 TRAIN SHOWS AND EVENTS

**February 13, 2021 - Jacksonville Rail Fair - Prime Osborn Center**

Vendors- Running Train Layout- Indoors- Food- Free

9AM-2PM \$5.00 Adults Children under 12 free

<https://10times.com/rail-fair-jacksonville>

[www.regalrailways.com](http://www.regalrailways.com)

**CANCELLED!!**

**February 14, 2021 - Zitnik Trains Parking Lot Swap Meet**

5193 73rd Ave North, Pinellas Park, Florida 33781

9AM – 1PM - See ad on page 8 of this Newsletter

Call Phil at **386-562-4859** or email him at [Fgrs.vicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:Fgrs.vicepresident@gmail.com)

**February 27 – 28, 2021 - Palmetto Train Show**

**Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Habon Blvd, Palmetto, Florida**

**CANCELLED!**

**February 27 – 28, 2021 - Northeast Florida Scottish Festival**

Clay County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, Florida

See ad on page 7 of this Newsletter

**March 6, 2021 - Melbourne Train & Toy Show**

9am - 2pm

Azan Shrine Center, Melbourne, Florida

**March 26th and 27th - East Coast Large Scale Train Show - SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

The proposed dates for the 2021 show are March 26th and 27th in Timonium, MD. At the present time, the Cow Palace (The previous location) is being used for Covid testing and vaccine administration. Firm dates and location should be "cast in concrete" by the end of February. Hotel information will be available at that time as well.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Florida Rail Fair (Deland Train Show)**

Volusia County Fairgrounds

**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021- National Garden Railway Convention**

Nashville, TN – Go to <https://ngrc2021.com/> for information

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)



This just in, the 2021 games are a go!! See you on February 27th, 2021.

Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival are bringing a "Wee Bit o' Scotland" to the Northeast Florida area. Each year residents of Northeast Florida and the surrounding areas gather and enjoy the athletics, music, food and fun of the games.

Come and enjoy the spirit of Scottish History in the larger of the two Scottish Festivals. The club will be setting up our train display and running trains again, and if you would like to enjoy the fun of the festival, bring your trains to run, run the club trains, and explain the hobby to the visitors, come join us!

This Festival is February 27, 2021, at the Clay County Fairground outside Jacksonville. We will be setting up on Friday, the 26th, and will need to dismantle the layout after the Festival.

These events are an excellent way to show off the club and run trains.

If you have any concerns, questions or ideas to make this a better event please call me at 410-310-6001.

All state rules on COVID 19 will be followed. Mask and social distancing!

- Fred Weber, **FGRS President 2021**

# February 14, 2021 - 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.

Phil Barcelona will be setting up a table for FGRS G scale structures we will be selling for the club. Please contact Phil if you would be willing to come out and help.

Call Phil at **386-562-4859** or email him at **[fgrs.vicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:fgrs.vicepresident@gmail.com)**

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.

## **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](http://NGRC2021.com)**

**FIRST CLUB FUN RUN SCHEDULED FOR 2021**

At this time we have one Club Fun Run scheduled:

Sunday May 9, 2021. Charlie Beall, Mt. Dora 12-3 PM  
Thank you Charlie!

We have several possibilities for Fun Runs in April.  
Watch your March Newsletter for the announcement.

**CALANDER PLANNING FOR FUTURE FUN RUNS**

We're looking for members to host Train Operating Sessions and Fun Runs 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 Paul Wagner, the FGRS Newsletter Chairman at  
**FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com**



# Scottish Festival 2021 – Mt Dora

By Fred Weber

The excitement of seeing trains run by everyone was over the top. Thanks to the great work of club members Phil Barcelona, Cindy Baron, Ray Lambert, Richard Summer, Bill & Inga Thaw, Millie Weber, and of course the “forty-nine foot” long train by Paul Morello.



The young kids loved following the trains around the track. The number of young adults who want G scale after seeing the club layout was encouraging for the growth of our hobby.

## Scottish Festival 2021 – Mt Dora (Continued)

From the Scottish Parade, Pipe and Drums, the kilts, the games, the families, to the vendors with Scottish wares, and of course the food and beer, and being in Mount Dora made for an incredibly fun event.

Enjoy the pictures and hope to see you at the next festival.

- Fred



Paul Marella at the throttle, here, kept the trains running for the spectators.

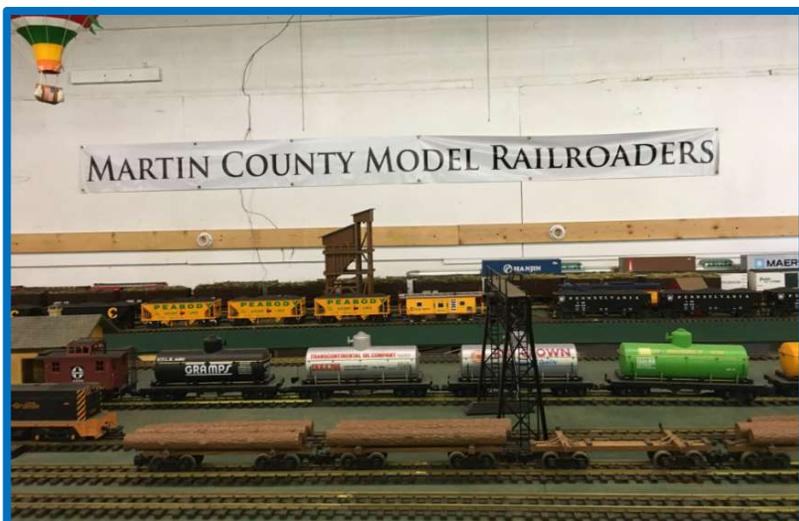
We also had visits from wildlife railroaders (Below)



# FGRS “Kid’s Zone” Rolls into Martin County

By Phil Barcelona

Martin County Railroaders hosted their 2 day Model Train Show and Sale on Saturday January 16th and Sunday 17th 2021. Our member Gary Hawken (Stuart) and a member also of Martin County Model Railroaders extended an invitation for us to participate. It is the first time that FGRS has made an appearance at Martin County since its formation in 1993. Like most venues that we are able to attend with the KID Zone, our Thomas the Train, Lady Bug egg liner and LGB small passenger train got quite the workout.



We also were able to have a meeting with FGRS members Jeffery Smith (Vero Beach) and Syd Small (Sebastian) on having a Fun Run Rally in the Sebastian Area this fall. Syd’s layout not only has G Scale trains, but also R/C components that interact with his train operations. We discussed an outline on how to have a day event in this area, more detail will be coming this fall. Thank you, Jeffery and Syd!

# January Englewood Train Show

Submitted by Paul Wagner

The Englewood Train Show is back, and, in spite of the Pandemic, on January 2, it was attended by a good number of careful, social distanced, FGRS members, visitors and vendors. Several of our members were successful in selling some of their surplus trains and equipment, and some hard to find parts and equipment were on sale there. FGRS ran trains and talked garden railroading to many interested visitors.

We utilized our latest event railroad, the third such display, which the Board voted to buy to accommodate our growth throughout the state. We plan to develop this layout to demonstrate to newcomers how to construct a garden railway.



## Member Spotlight – Jeff George, Groveland, Florida

- Submitted by Paul Wagner



Jeff George met us through the website in November, joined FGRS and began participating right away. He has already attended the Ridge Live Steamers meet in December, 2020, and the Englewood show in January 2021, as well as showing us his layout in some of our Zoom Fun Run meets.

Jeff has been married 21 years to his wife, Jennifer, and has 2 sons, Sean and Ryne, 16

years and 17 years old, and a daughter, Ashleigh, who is 20. Ashleigh is an animal lover, and currently works for Aldis.

Ryne attended the Ridge Live Steamer event with Jeff. His interests include computers and military history. Sean attended the Englewood show, and enjoys history and playing high school football. Jeff is a restaurant Manager for Walt Disney World and has been working for the company for 27 years. They have been Garden Railroading for about 7 years and are currently in the process of revamping their large layout. Jeff tells us that he feels he made a mistake using wood for some major sections, and is currently replacing that with blocks and mortar. He is building a mountain using an inverted Hot-tub spa shell, and will cover it with some sort of earth and rock material, yet to be determined.

Jeff told us about his experience with battery power and remote control:

“I really want to convert my fleet to battery power which I am finding really intimidating. One train I am running is a Piko 38540 25 ton diesel locomotive. It is battery powered using 6 AAA batteries. I use Harbor Freight rechargeables for long term cost savings and get about a 2 hour run on a full charge.”

This engine is basically the same model as the 38501 25 ton track cleaner but with a key fob style remote control. Everything with this engine is preinstalled so you can have it running in 5 minutes. With it being a light 4 wheel diesel, it can handle any layout without issue. I was able to purchase this on train world for around \$200.

The Piko RC loco receiver 35040 can be added to most G scale locos, but I have only seen it installed in Piko models.

## Member Spotlight - Dennis Ciaglo, Palm City, Florida

Submitted by Phil Barcelona



Our New Member Dennis, who lives in Palm City, Florida, is a very busy guy. He runs a construction company that has completed projects in the Caribbean and around Florida. His company promotes a building process that uses interlocking FOAM blocks, covered with stucco on the outside and interior finished with drywall. With a wind rating of 250 mph one of his projects in the Bahamas was the only building standing for blocks during the recent hurricane event only losing a couple of windows.

Dennis has been enjoying Model Railroading for 25 years starting with HO scale and then migrating to G scale when he relocated to Florida. He is the Current President of the Martin County Model Railroaders (MCMR) and has his G Scale Collection set up in a permanent display in the MCMR Building at the Martin County Fairgrounds. He is also a member of the Martin County Fairgrounds Commission involved in the planning of the relocation to a new fairgrounds location. His experience in developing club sponsors for the MCMR will give the FGRC an added resource as we grow into the future.

For those who might be in the Martin County area during the Martin County Fair February 12<sup>th</sup> thru the February 20<sup>th</sup>, you may want to stop by. Dennis has told me that all of Martin County Club's displays, including N, HO, O and of Course G scale layouts will be manned and running during the hours of the Fair.



Martin County Model Railroaders (MCMR) has this permanent display set up in the MCMR Building at the Martin County Fairgrounds in Stuart

## Members Layouts A'Building!

This from Rich and Kim Chatfield – Sebastian, Florida:



The long-rumored Pleasantville RR located in Sebastian has started to take form. There is a little more dirt to move but the 3-man + one female CFO crew is looking forward to execute the plan, which is still in the "cloud". The retaining wall is about to be finished with drainage and backfilling to follow. CFO Kim has so far spread 3 tons of rubber mulch, and 20 tons of limestone 3/8 gravel is waiting for final dispersion. The CEO and CFO made an executive decision that the RR needed a bridge and Eaglewings Ironcraft was contracted to provide a 9-foot Hellgate Bridge to be placed on the south end. The RR is 74 feet long and 40 feet wide. A double mainline is one firm concept running around in my head and there will

be several other lines to be determined. The power packs will be kept indoors and the pipes in the photos will bring wires to the control panel and then underground to the layout. These were all buried before the footing and slab were poured. Now that cooler weather is here, the work should continue fairly rapidly, or at least as rapidly as my knees and back allow! One can only hope that the light coming across the bridge IS the light of an oncoming train. Stay tuned.

*(We're excited! Send a picture of that Hellgate Bridge when it arrives! – Ed.)*



## Members Layouts A'Building! (Continued)

This from Bill and Diane Severns – Cape Coral, Florida:



The Board of Directors of this fine railroad approved the removal of planters, and an expansion into the mountains, including a mountain division, and soon to be built mining operation. Bill originally had difficulty finding the needed bridges and switches, but lucked out with yet another fallen flag large scale railroad manufacturer.

“I found Bridgeworks online and talked with him about a bridge for me. Found out he is now out of business because of material cost increases. He did offer me his last bridge for 1:20.3 so I bought it! It will work fine for what I need. Sorry to see him go. He was in business for 30 years. I also found the switches I needed at Sunset Valley Railroad. They have the #4 switches in code 250 for narrow gauge. He saved my life in that department! Most of the summit area of my new extension needs to be #4's. My C-19 and #50 take a 4' radius fine.”



Bill's layout before excavation began



The Planters are gone, the roadbed is graded, and the track laying begins!



The new bridge is a perfect fit, and that “Y” is going to make for some interesting operations!

# Upgrading a Bachman 2-8-0

## By Gary Nichols



Yes, it is all plastic but now it looks the part of an authentic, well worn, Rocky Mountain narrow gauge locomotive - mostly from the weathering and the scale looking coal load, me thinks. The loco is a faux Colorado narrow gauge style - not a C-19, not a C-21, so I've been calling it a C-20 as the DRGW never had that class NG steam loco. I've made a few for me and for several customers (not doing that anymore).

Basically, it is a Bachmann outside frame 2-8-0. But straight out of the box, it has that European / Mexican / International export loco look instead of one with a more American Colorado NG design. I had to change it. I got it new when they first came out. It is a nice loco, but the headlight in the center of the smoke box door and fancy stack had to



go. It has a variety of add-on Accucraft parts (K-27 plow, K-27 stack, marker lights, couplers and air tank on the tender) plus some Bachmann stuff (headlights w/ brackets, Shay ladder). It has a very old Sierra sound card, AirWire RC receiver board, and 5800 MAH Lilon battery. There is a big speaker in the tender, and a smaller one in the boiler. I don't recall where the figures came from. The moose antlers came from a 1/20 moose figure - go figure. Decals by Stan Cedarleaf.

When I built this loco, those brass Accucraft spare parts were fairly inexpensive and I was a dealer so I got a deal on them. But now the prices are very prohibitive. I'd use a Bachmann K-27 plow now, leave the stack alone and make the air tank. The only real surgery was removing the back of the cab and shortening the coal bunker to accommodate the air tank. The tender markers are from Tomar and there is stuff from Ozark here and there (water bag, boiler steps, lagging clamps, large water hatch with working lid, etc.) but no other major work. The K-27 stack has a LGB Colorado & Southern style screen fit and an ash pipe made from styrene tube. A new handrail was needed to go around the pipe in that area made 1/16 from brass rod. I think I also lowered the tender by cutting down the truck bolsters, but can't recall if I did it on this loco or not. They do look better a little lower. The coal load looks pretty good, and is activated charcoal I got at the pet store for aquarium filters. Unfortunately, that type is no

longer made. The new stuff looks like rabbit pellets. If I had to make some now, I'd either use real coal or find something similar that could be painted to look like coal and wasn't too heavy (ie not gravel). I think you could put some real coal in cloth bag and hammer it into the right sizes without pieces flying all over the place. Anyone know some live steamers?!?!?!?

In order to install the electronics, you pretty much have to dismantle the loco and tender, so cutting out the back of the cab and modifying the tender shell and frame necessary, and is easy to do. There have been some articles on the web on how to do that, and the older 1/20 sites had Dave Goodson's cheat sheet list. That is a GOOD thing to have even if you have experience taking locos apart. I didn't upgrade the smoke unit, and removed the old one. Mods to the frame and boiler to install the plow and/or other major surgery is best done when the loco is apart, too. Airbrush weathering was by me. It has run well for many years, only stripping one main gear. Thankfully they are still available from Bachmann.

Here is a video link to this engine and some others running on the Sundance Central layout: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BFp1DVHV0w&feature=emb\\_rel\\_pause](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BFp1DVHV0w&feature=emb_rel_pause)

PS this is the loco I've tried to run at club events over the years. It has been crashed twice by other locos on track set too close together, kicked over once, and not been able to run on several layouts because the plow is too wide or low. It was nice to be able to run it without major problems on the RLS. 1/20 takes a little more room, clearance guide-wise.

(Watch for more photos of this loco in upcoming newsletters – Ed.)

# What Went Into Building the Florida East Coast Railway Key West Extension

## Part One

By Jay Archer, FGRS Membership Chairman



Building a Garden Railroad with a lot of historically detailed period buildings outdoors in the Florida climate was a brutal lesson in what Mother Nature in our environment can do to structures in a very short amount of time.

If you are a scratch builder of your structures, avoid wood of any kind if you can.



Florida heat and UV will sag and warp even your most expensive roofs. If possible, replace the roof with tin sheeting cut with a tin snip trimmer, and bent to fit the structure. This can be done by clamping roof in expansion part of a table saw and bending to needed angle. If your saw doesn't have an extension, as shown here, using the "rip fence" should serve the same purpose. The roof of tin can then be painted as I have done, or covered with plastic roofing or siding sheet secured with Elephant Glue.



## What Went Into Building the Florida East Coast Railway (Continued)



Here, Jay bends a piece of sheet metal, using the gap in his table saw extension. If your saw does not have a movable extension, the “rip fence” could be used in a similar fashion.

My Scratch built structures were made with 1/8 inch PVC sheeting which can be cut smaller on a table saw and have drawing transferred to in by taping carbon paper directly to it and taping your exact size building copy to the carbon then trace with a sharp red colored pencil. The final step is cutting out the tracing of building or structure on a jig saw with a speed setting set to lowest speed. I doubled each exterior wall and made inside pieces of the same wall on two sides, one thickness smaller, to form a corner and make walls stronger. I glued both together with PVC sprinkler glue. Doing this will provide a thicker wall which will now allow you to pin nail the roof to the outside walls, and, in addition, gives the walls the right thickness for GrandtLine windows and Doors or those from another manufacturer. Finally, you'll want to glue two sheets together to form a base under your structure, keeping nature out, and allowing for the possibility of interior detail . Some years back, Garden Railways Magazine published monthly plans for things you could build. I have personally cataloged those plans and they work great for this application. Did I mention what other type of glue used? Everyone has a different answer, but I always find myself going back to good ol' CA or super glue for attaching hobby store styrene plastic strip details to building surfaces.

## What Went Into Building the Florida East Coast Railway (Continued)



This wood trestle started out actually made from wood, but then I had an idea. Why not replace it with “Trex” poly plastic decking wood run through a table saw to make ½” square timbers that won’t ever rot again? You’ll find it a little more flexible, but when secured to other pieces with a brad nail gun it is quite strong and can be painted. The back trestle on my layout runs along some 30 feet of the back wall of my railway, and it is all made of plastic decking material.

In next segment I’ll share where you can find the plastic sheeting; where to find and enlarge drawings with percentage chart to convert any scale to your scale on copier; and, also, what lessons I learned when building the 7-mile bridge in the Keys. Mistakes I learned the hard way, and now must fix. I hope this helps some of your project ideas. - Jay

# Resurrecting an Aristocraft FA Diesel Engine

## By Tom Hite



During this trying time of isolation, it is good to occupy your brain with pleasurable thoughts. So, what is one to do? Watch TV? NOT!! Working on the RR is a good option, but what if you already did that? Running trains - that is always good....did that too. How about resurrecting an Aristocraft FA & FB unit and installing a Rail

Pro control system (RP)?? That sounds good! During some periods of boredom, I decided to peruse Ebay and see what I could find cheap enough, that needs work, to give myself a little project.

Well I found an Aristocraft FA&FB unit that needed a tremendous amount of work. I was the only bidder, so the price was right. Next month, I'll give you the entire procedure and process for giving an old diesel like this a new life!



Here she is, after countless hours of TLC and re-engineering

Here are some links to videos of the refurbished engine in action. Enjoy !!!

<https://youtu.be/6gAs4IIYHtg>

<https://youtu.be/5bu58RIRUac>

<https://youtu.be/zS852uAb99o>

<https://youtu.be/tgPLVXQfnX4>

<https://youtu.be/YZIs-Ru-VRg>



## **Member Train Items For Sale**

**Looking to buy or swap something? Send in your request- [FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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*

**Used, like new LGB items for sale:** to FGRS members at \$35 each. I will be happy to meet buyers part way for delivery.

Box Cars: 4067 A01 (3) (one without box); 4067 F01 Pacemaker; 4167 White Pass; 4067 D&RG: State of Maine (no box)

Reefers: 4074 B02 Tiffany; 42720 C&S

Stock: 4168 White Pass

Tanker: 4080Y Transcontinental; 4080W01 San Diego Arizona

(No pictures available)

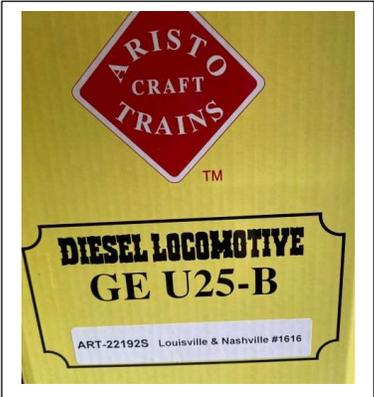
Gary Hawkins, Stuart, FL

772-692-9017

# Member Train Items For Sale

Don Carter has for sale: Email - [doncarter521@embarqmail.com](mailto:doncarter521@embarqmail.com)  
 Ocala, FL. Pick up at my residence or will work out halfway somewhere.

Two Aristo Craft U25B  
 locos # 22192s Louisville  
 & Nashville #1602 and  
 #1616 New in box never  
 opened.  
 I would like to sell as a  
 pair for \$300.00 or  
 \$175.00 each.



Aristo craft Stainless  
 Steel curved track.  
 Some used (used very  
 little) and some new in  
 the box.  
 3) 4' # 20125 \$60.00  
 18) 3' #20130 \$270.00  
 12) 2.5' #20120 \$150.00  
 2) 2' #20060 \$20.00  
 Total @ \$5.00 a foot  
 \$500.00 for all or part.



Aristo Craft Stainless  
 Steel 5' straight track.  
 (12) pieces New in the  
 box. @ 5.00 a foot  
 \$300.00



## Member Train Items For Sale

Don Carter (Continued)

USA brass curves track  
4' diameter  
Full circle (12)  
piece's # R81100 New  
in box \$35.00



Bachmann one foot sections of  
aluminum track. ( 49) curved  
and(14) straight track. Used very  
little but in good shape  
Indoor use only. \$50.00 or best  
offer\*



Bachmann #94351 and 94352  
right and left switches \$15.00  
each or both for \$25.00\*



\*Bachmann track and switches should be used together and separate from Aristo and USA track. This is hollow rail and could be used with New Bright trains. 10 sections makes full 4' circle.

## Member Train Items For Sale

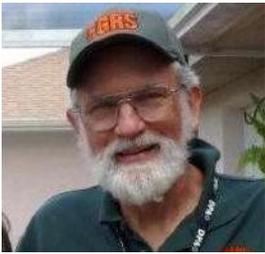
Glenn Copper, Inverness, Florida, has two items for sale. He can be reached at 352-765-4119  
Items must be picked up at his house.

This is the Orange Blossom Special show car from NCRC 2014. He is selling the one that has never been open. \$65.00



This building is in great shape, except for the rain gutter and downspout. It's made by Pola. \$65.00





## **From the Newsletter Desk**

### **Paul Wagner**

What a constellation of great articles this month! It's so good to see all the activity out there. Keep them coming in – as you may have noticed, several of the articles have an upcoming “part-two”, and even more!

Most of us have joined this club to learn from others and to share what we have learned. I've said it before, next to face-to-face work sessions, this newsletter is the best way for us to share how we do things on our layouts, and to ask for help from others. So again, every time you're working on your railroad, please take some pictures, and jot down some notes about how you did it. Some of the pictures in this issue were taken on cell phones, and they look great! And I can accept texts sent to my cell phone for the basis of an article. An emailed word document and JPG pic files are better, but I now have software that can do a credible job of transferring texted notes and pictures to a finished document. So hit the send button, and I'll get it out to our members. So thanks for the kind words about my first attempt at editing and publishing a newsletter. Let's continue making this the great FGRS newsletter it has become known for.

- *Paul Wagner*

## FGRS Membership Application for 2021

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: \$20/YR for single or family memberships for 2021.**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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