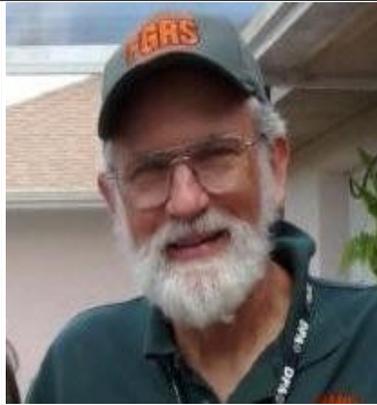




JUNE 2019



PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM PAUL WAGNER

There were dark clouds in the sky when we arrived at Charlie Beall's layout in Mt Dora on May 5th, but the trains were already thundering around the main-line. We had several good hours of running trains and sharing railway experiences with friends before the sky opened up and drove us into Charlie's garage for the raffle and meeting. A well organized group of railroaders quickly carried the rolling stock and power packs into the house when the rain began.

In spite of the onset of "Snowbird" season, 25 members and friends made it to this meet, and were not disappointed. The trains ran faultlessly, the railroad looked and ran great. Charlie really opened up the throttles, and his trains fairly flew, as the real ones would have done on wide open mainlines like these.

As we huddled in the garage during the storm, we still had a great time with a raffle and exchanging ideas about moving forward with the club. We had a belated congratulations card and gift for Joyce Chapman, in recognition of her years of service to the club, in several capacities, now stepping down for some well-deserved time of enjoying more time at meets and running her own HO railroad.

Special thanks to Fred Weber and all those who lent a hand in our presentation at the “Tampa Train Day” event. (See Fred’s article in this issue.) It was a very impressive showing, and helped stir up interest in garden railroading in Florida.

We have no meets scheduled for the summer, yet, but just talked to Jim Jerele, who will be returning soon from family gatherings in the north, and expects to get his new indoor, air-conditioned layout in Ft Myers ready for a meet in the coming months. Looks like it’s going to be a hot one, so an air-conditioned layout will be appreciated. If you have suggestions for a summer activity, please email Tom and me, and we will get it scheduled.

Good Health and Railroading to all,

Paul Wagner

Don & Lenojo Carter's Open House

It was a beautiful day to run trains under a sun shade covering. The fish in the pond looked like they were enjoying the trains going by. The downtown main street had the feel that a parade was in the making. You could feel the holiday spirit in the air.

Thanks Don & Lenojo for a wonderful afternoon.



Downtown with red, white, and blue lights lining the street .



Trains running around the fish pond.



Trains on the new raised layout.

Meet at Charlie's

Here are some of the pictures of Charlie's meet.



Paul presents card and gift of appreciation to Joyce Chapman.



Great time breaking bread and the meet continued in the garage when a storm moved in.



Charlie's layout never looked better!



Charlie (on the left) host of the event, takes a break from running trains to chat with guests.

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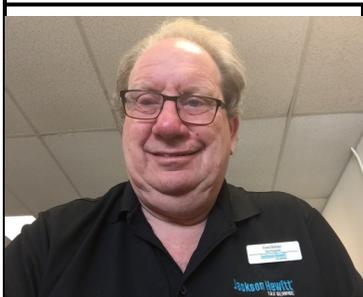
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FUN RUNS AT MEMBERS HOUSES

2019

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.

TAMPA TRAIN DAY

I would like to give a real BIG thank you to the train crew at the Historic Tampa Train Station on National Train Day.

Not only did they work hard in the oppressive heat, but answered many questions about Garden

Railroading! We were located in the baggage warehouse that only had large open doors but attracted

many visitors. The smoke from the coal burning locomotive was not the best, but watching the crowd

file in and out, I think we were the most popular layout.

Some of the sample questions from the many visitors were: "Would the trains go outside and do they

run in the snow?" (Obviously from a snowbird) "Do you really have trains running in your backyard?"

The turnout was such a success that we are invited back for next years event.

Again, thanks to these members for all their hard work:

Chuck Webster, Bill Thaw, Phil Barcelona & Cindy Baron,

Mike Walls, Ray Lambert, Jay & Melinda Archer,

Mr & Mrs Robert Conant, Rick Bliven, and Millie Weber

Fred Weber

Event Chairman

Here are pictures of the day.



TRAIN SHOWS

Bruce has now given us the web page of all train shows.

The newsletter will no longer list the shows.

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.

NGRC 2019 Updates

Submitted by Bruce Benardo:

The following are links to the convention.

Check these links periodically because content will no doubt change over time.

[NGRC Newsletter - 17 August 2018.pdf](#)

www.ngrc2019.org

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Willamette_Shore_Trolley

Thank you for subscribing to **NGRC 2019 Updates**. The newsletter for 22 May, 2019, is now available on-line at "[22 May 2019 Newsletter](#)". This newsletter has new information regarding registration and optional events taking place before, during, and after the convention. **Important to note is that early registration ends 31 May, 2019.** Other information included here relates to Operation Sessions, Layout Tours, the Convention Car available for purchase, and other events during the convention as well as before and after the convention.

Also, we would like to mention our process for registering for clinics that have a fee. If you want to register for a clinic, please send an e-mail to the Convention Registrar (at 2019NGRCRegistrar@rcgrs.com) with your cell phone number (if you have one) and ask to be registered for the clinic(s) you wish to attend. You will receive an e-mail confirmation letting you know if you got in or not, as all of these "Make and Take" clinics are limited to a small group.

Payment will be made when you check in at the registration desk in the hotel.

This process does not apply to Gary Lee's clinic. That clinic was included in the registration for the convention, and has already sold out.

Also included in the newsletter is a brief description of a "Make and Take" clinic on use of Arduino technology for animation. Additional information on other clinics, including other "Make and Take" clinics, will be announced soon in the [2019 NGRC web site](#) and in our next newsletter. However, be assured that prices for clinics are not affected by early or regular registration for the convention itself. So you will have time to review the clinics and make a decision later. Please keep an eye on the web site, and don't wait too long after the information is posted. Some of the clinics and presenters are very popular, and those that have limited seating will probably fill up fast.

Bill Derville - Convention Chairman

Save the Dates!

Be sure to mark your calendars now for this exciting Railroad Extravaganza.

August 27 through August 31, 2019

See you in Portland in 2019.

LINKS TO TRAINS PAST & PRESENT

A Look back at the Golden Spike Celebration in 1869

Shared by Jim Kasik, of The Washington, Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society

WHAT A CROWD WE HAVE HERE. THERE MUST BE AT LEAST 500 ATTENDEES HERE.....

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

On this day May 8, 1869 here at PROMONTORY SUMMIT about 30 miles NORTH of PROMONTORY POINT we are here to celebrate the completion of the first transcontinental railroad in these UNITED STATES. In total 1776 miles of track were laid, 690 by the CENTRAL PACIFIC from SACRAMENTO and 1086 from OMAHA by the UNION PACIFIC

WAIT

I have just received a telegram with some disturbing news---the train carrying the CENTRALPACIFIC president LELAND STANFORD on the ANTELOPE has been damaged and he had to be moved to another train led by the CP60 JUPITOR plus the UNION PACIFIC train carrying VP THOMAS DURANT on the DURANT SPECIAL, could not cross a damaged bridge and had to be pushed across. A substitute engine on the other side, the UP 119, will carry him here in two days.

Please return on May 10 and the final ceremony will take place/

fast forward 2 days----

Ladies and gentlemen welcome back to this momentous event that will connect by rail travel from coast to coast.

We await the 2 trains and if you look closely to the right you will see the CENTRAL PACIFIC JUPITOR approaching and UNION PACIFIC 119 coming from the left. The Jupiter can be identified by its funnel smokestack whereas the 119 has the tall straight stack. Both of these engines are designated as a 4-4-0

meaning 4 pilot wheels,4 large driving wheels and no trailing trucks.

Mr DAVID HEWES who has donated a special spike to be used today will be here.

He spent \$400. of his own money to have this gold spike made. He also had a similar gold spike made but smaller costing \$200.

Will Mrs HEWES please come forward to present this special dedication spike

The special spike is made of a gold alloy with copper and is 17.6 cts ,weighs 14.3 oz and is 5 1/2 inches long and cost \$400. 3 other spikes will be used:

another similar gold spike but smaller costing \$200

a silver spike weighing 25 oz donated by NEVADA

a spike made of a mix of iron,silver and gold donated by ARIZONA

In addition a special tie from a Laurel tree grown on the CA coast. The tie has been predrilled to allow an easy insertion of the spikes.

The spikes will be driven with a special silver clad maul

Here comes the two representatives from each railroad, Mr Leland Stanford from the CP and Mr Thomas DURANT from the UP. Each will drive the gold spike into the tie to officially close the rails.

Mr Stanford will be first. He has raised the maul, swung and OH MY, he missed the spike and hit the tie. Now Mr Durant will swing the maul. He doesn't seem too stable,maybe he had too much celebration the previous night. He raised the maul,swung and ,OH MY, he not only missed the spike but also missed the tie. We will need some help from one of the construction crew to finish the job.

Over there, WONG HUNG LOW, could you drive the spike...get a interpreter

we need you to gentling tap each spike then we will remove them and replace them with iron spikes. WONGHUNG LOW did his job well. Let's give him a hand....We now have officially closed the railline.

Now the spikes now will be given out.

the solid gold large spike will go to a museum

the smaller gold spike to Mr HEWES

the silver spike to Mr STANFORD

the mix spike to Mr DURANT to be presented to the UP president ,OLIVER ARMES

the special LAURAL tie will be located in SAN FRANCISCO

fast forward to 1870. August of that year the final leg of the CP railroad was completed in STRASBURG, CO to establish a coast to coast rail line.

really fast forward...rail service through PROMONTORY SUMMIT continued thru 1904. Another route was then established to replace it. Then in 1940 the rails were taken up and used in the war effort.

Currently the original gold spike is located in the CANTOR ARTS CENTER at STANFORD UNIVERSITY. Current value is about \$22,000.

Unfortunately the Laurel tie was burned and destroyed in the big San Francisco fire.

The NATIONAL PARK SERVICE now has a VISITORS CENTER AND MUSEUM in PROMONTORY SUMMIT and conducts a re-creation of the event each Saturday using operating replicas of the original locomotives.

NOW YOU KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY.....

SPECIAL EVENTS

In honor of the 150 year celebration of the golden spike of the transcontinental railroad this year, the Tampa Train show is being called "The Golden Spike Model Train Show & Sale"

This event will be June 1 & 2. We will be setting up at 7:30 AM on Saturday morning, with only the small layout being set up on our four tables. Unfortunately, the show could not accommodate our modular layout this year, but we will be there running trains and showing videos of garden railroads.

If you're interested in helping the club let me know. Looking forward to great fun with trains !

Fred Weber

Event Chairman FGRS

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TRAINS FOR SALE

Red Hot Sale From FGRS

Straight Brass Track different lengths \$**1.00** a foot. Please note rails without ties are for additional club modules.

C- clamps 4 inches 2 per set 9 sets available \$**5.00** per set

Table legs folding 2 per set. 5 sets available \$**8.00** per set

All sales go directly into the club.

Please contact Fred Weber for any question and sales of these products







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.