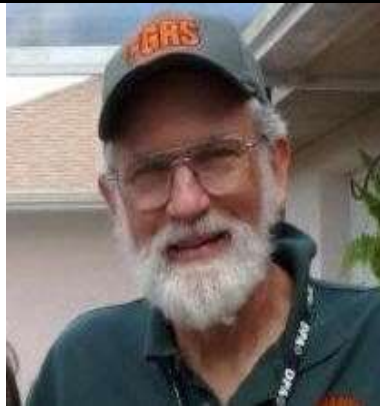




**JUNE 2018**



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

I'm sure those of you who made it to Don and Lenojo Carter's Fun run on the 19<sup>th</sup> just had to say, "Wow! What a layout!" And such great hosts. See the article in this newsletter.

Due to the National Garden Railway Convention being held in Atlanta starting this week, there has not been interest in having a meet or other club activity in June. This year more FGRS members are going to the NGRC than ever before – I count at least 14, including the ladies. Should be a great gathering. Our Facebook page would be a great way for us to stay in touch while up there, or email and cellphone. Email me if you're going to be there, and I'll get out the list to share. It's always good to get updates from others about what's going on where they are – hear about what's hot, and what's not. For those who can't make it, we'll cover the highlights for you in the next newsletter.

As promised, we are resuming the "Member Spotlight" column in this newsletter. We are starting out with Rich and Barbara Oldenburg, some of the longest time FGRS members among us. Please help us with more of these stories for coming editions. We'd like to hear all of your stories – everyone has something unique to contribute.

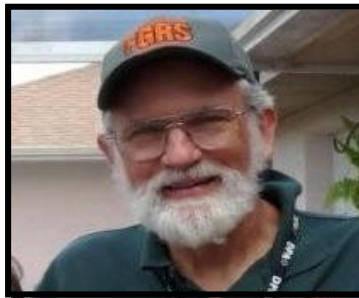
Our only meet planned as of this writing is at the home of Dave and Ruth Taisch, in Mount Dora in October. We are looking for an activity for July – preferably in a shady or air-conditioned venue, but hey, we came to Florida to enjoy the sunshine, right? We're open to suggestions for a museum, train ride, or work session if your railroad is not ready to run. Please contact Tom Hite and get it in the newsletter.

Fred, Ron and Glenn continue work on the new show modules. At the FGRS Board meeting last month, we developed a plan to build a basic set of modules to be maintained by the club, and to provide basic module blanks for members to purchase and complete on their own to bring to train shows, eventually expanding it to a giant, fully scened, super railroad display. Starting in 2019, I hope to have a FGRS presence at all Florida trains shows – either with a layout, or registration table with an equipment demonstration and video display.

Good Health and Railroading to All!

Paul Wagner – FGRS President

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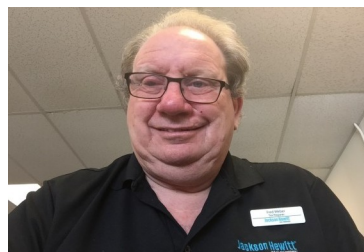
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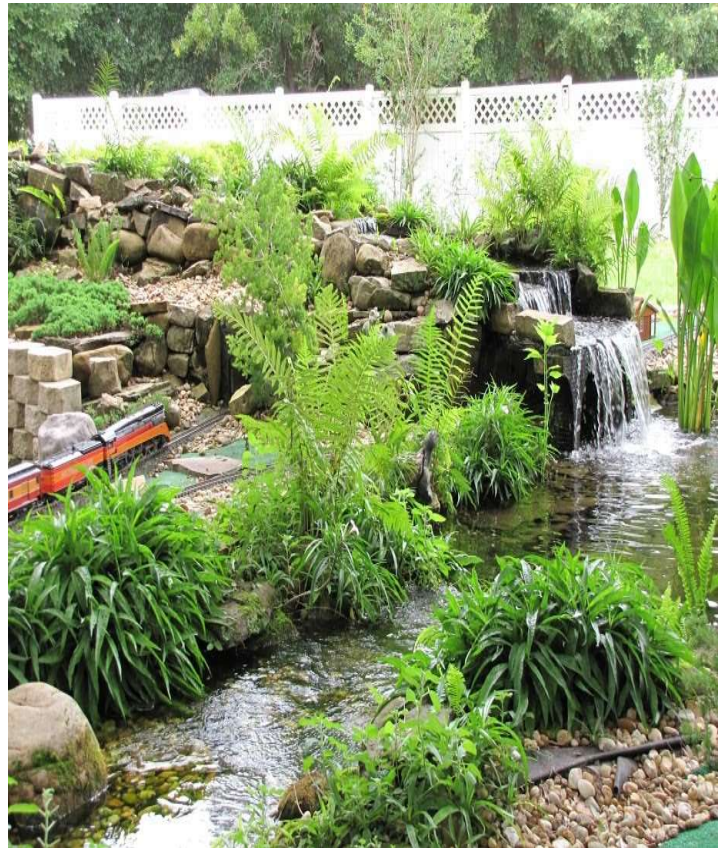


**FGRS Event Manager**  
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Had a fantastic time at Don & Lenojo's fun run.

I think 17 of our members and a handful of Carter's neighborhood friends. Fred was overjoyed with running his Daylight for the first time, and it was enjoyed by all. This is definitely one of the finest garden railways in the state of FL. Signals and water feature and large village very impressive.





Here are two video's from the cab of the layout. I am working on my camera car and had a few mishaps. I apologize for the derailment.

<https://youtu.be/-4USin2-X5I>

<https://youtu.be/OWt74oOhHKA>

Here are the Carter's our gracious host's.  
Once again thanks for the good time.



# Member Spotlight

**Richard and Barbara Oldenburg**

**6/1/2018**

Richard and Barbara Oldenburg joined FGRS shortly after its inception in 1990, and few have been working in G scale as long as they have. Although they have also modeled in Z, N, and HO, they got the bug for the massive garden scale trains as soon as they became available. Starting with early Lionel G scale and LGB trains over 29 years ago, they decided to fill in the swimming pool after their children were grown, and built a beautiful garden railroad there.

Originally from Jersey City, New Jersey, they moved to Florida with their 2 daughters 43 years ago. When FGRS started up in the southwest area, legendary FGRS founders such as Ray and Betty Neid, Bry and Esther Parsons, and others, welcomed them, and Rich and Barbara have been members ever since. Richard fondly recalls the fun of setting up the FGRS “Trains Under the Banyans” display at Selby Botanical Gardens. In the early days of FGRS, we did those twice a year, drawing large crowds at Christmas time. He also participated in the many train show setups we did in the southwest and Tampa area. The meets at their house always included a delightful smorgasbord of traditional hot dishes, and there was always something new in the impressive G scale village in the lanai where the trains ran through.

Richard says his earliest memories of Christmas include his father and uncle setting up the huge “standard gauge” Lionel trains – larger than G scale – running around the Christmas tree. He and Barbara carried on that tradition with many train sets and layouts through the years, involving their daughters and hosting Boy Scout merit badge programs.

Richard served in the Navy during the Korean war, and then worked in the food packing machinery industry, both in New Jersey and Florida. He eventually owned his own business maintaining machinery for the food producing industry. Now 81, Richard and Barbara are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

this year. Living with Parkinson's disease since 2003, Richard was determined not to let it stop him from enjoying life. With Barbara's arduous support, he has been able to live a very active life, and continues to get out on the lanai and run the trains almost every day.



They enjoy phone calls and brief visits from friends, and would welcome anyone in the area to stop by and join in their fun running trains. They can be reached at 941-371-8654





## UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

### 2018 Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows

#### Submitted by Bruce Benardo

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](mailto:rrshows@aol.com); website:

[www.gserr.com](http://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](mailto:sammathis@bellsouth.net), or Cecil Byrd 352693-4079, [cbyrd@cfl.rr.com](mailto:cbyrd@cfl.rr.com) (TheVillagesModelTrainClub.com)

#### August 25<sup>th</sup> – Pinellas Park

Lopez Hall

7177 58Street North

Pinellas Park, FL 33781

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 22<sup>nd</sup> – Brooksville

Hernando County Fairgrounds

6436 Broad Street

Brooksville, FL 33601

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

**Saturday November 10, 2018**

**Crystal River, FL**

US Army National Guard Armory  
8551 W. Venable Street  
Crystal River, FL 34429  
Adults \$5.00 children under 12 free  
Hours 9-2  
Vendors and Model Train Layout

**October 13<sup>th</sup> – Kissimmee**

The Columbian Club of Osceola County  
2000 Neptune Road  
Kissimmee, FL 34744

**October 27<sup>th</sup> – Port Richey**

New Lake Civic Association  
8330 Civic Drive  
Port Richey, FL 34668

**November 17<sup>th</sup> – Dover**

Hillsborough County Fairgrounds  
215 Sydney Washer Road  
Dover, FL 33527

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

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – Pinellas Park**

Lopez Hall  
7177 58<sup>th</sup> Street North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

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](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

## 2018

**October 20th** - Meeting at Dave & Ruth's house. Located at 11605 Lake Park RD in Tavares.

The Lane Park & Wherever RR will start running trains at 11:00, with plans for lunch at 12:00. 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. I replaced the last temporary aluminum bridge with a covered bridge last year. Two mountains with fifty feet of trestle complete the lay-out.

## 2019

**April 6th** - Fun Run at Tom & Gloria's House. Located at 23379 Superior Ave Port Charlotte. The Tropical RR hours will be 11:00 to 4:00. Bring your own lunch. Soda and water will be provided. The TRR has 400' of main line track with 20' diameter curves so bring on the Big Boys. The switching yard has 7 tracks for plenty of storage. All switches are #6. Battery power only.

**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.**

# LINKS TO TRAINS PAST & PRESENT

We recently held our board meeting at the Robert W. Willaford Railroad Museum In Plant City. If you have never been you need to add this to your list. Here are some pictures taken by Fred Weber.



# 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](mailto: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.**

The following engine is for sale by Tom Hite.

I can be reached at [FGRS.Newsletter.com](http://FGRS.Newsletter.com) or 860-803-0049.

This is a GP38-2 by USA TRAINS. I did all of the following myself.

Installed airwire G3X, placed a 4500 mah battery from Cordeless Renovations.

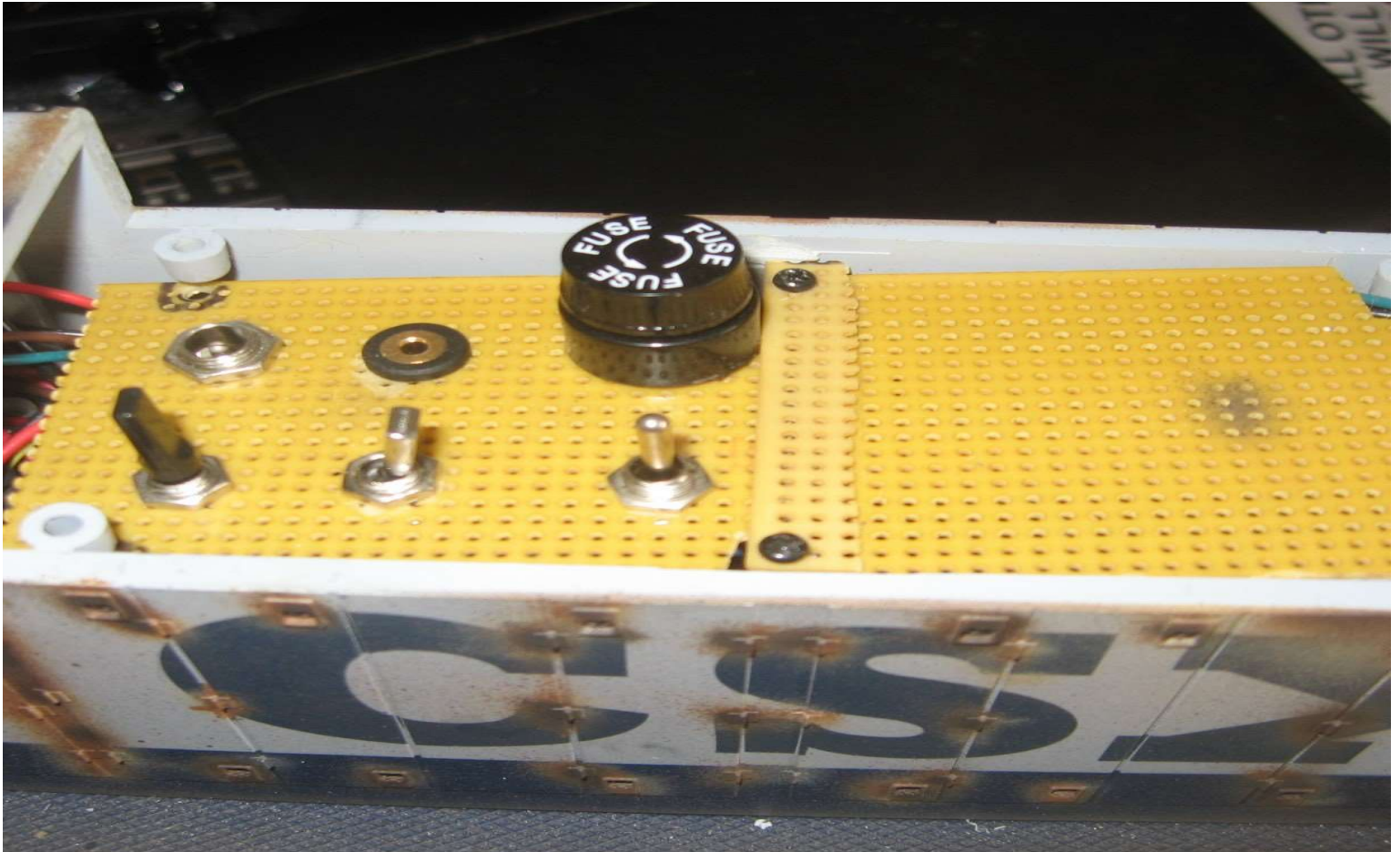
Phoenix sound, I also put ditch lights on the front and rear as all yard engines have this configuration. The ditch lights alternate when the bell or horn is pressed. I also replaced all the axles and wheels it does not have the traction tires anymore I used the regular wheel set. This was necessary because USA TRAINS had a problem with the axels being split from the factory. Now this engine runs smooth as can be. Kadee couplers were also added. It also can run on track power and still have all the functionality that is offered through the air-wire Tx. Any questions call or e-mail.

It is offered at \$700.00 pretty firm because that's what I have into it. I spent about 30 hours from out of the box to finished product. My labor is free to any FGRS member. Enjoy the pics. Here are two videos of the engine in action.

<https://youtu.be/ih962nEm6eU>

<https://youtu.be/F1DrdtoJ4MA>





Here is the control switches. Upper left charging jack, Phoenix computer interface, fuse. Lower left switch is a center off. Switch to left your on battery to the right your on track power. Center switch is for turning off the sound board during programming of CV's . Switch on right controls volume of sound system.



**Bob Conant has the following for sale. He can be reached at**

**941-792-2701**

**bobconant2@gmail.com**

**1 - Bachmann Plus 10 Wheeler Excellent condition, no box, East Broad Top road name, Kadee coupler on tender, Asking \$75.00**

**1 – Bachmann Wooden Caboose, Excellent condition, excellent box, metal wheels, Kadee couplers, East Broad Top road name. Asking \$50.00**

**5 – LGB 2 Bay Hoppers, Excellent condition, excellent boxes, Kadee couplers, East Broad Top road name Asking \$40.00 each**

**1 – Bachmann Combine, Excellent condition, excellent box, Aristo couplers, track powered lighting, East Broad Top road name, Asking \$50.00**

**1 = Bachmann Coach, Excellent condition, fair box, Aristo couplers, battery powered lighting, East Broad Top road name, asking \$50.00**

**1 – Bachmann Observation, Excellent condition, fair box, Aristo couplers, battery powered lighting, East Broad Top road name, asking \$50.00**

**I'd like to find a home for all of these so feel free to make offers on multiple items. Shipping is extra or we can make arrangements to pick the items up at our mutual convenience.**







### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 virous 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.**