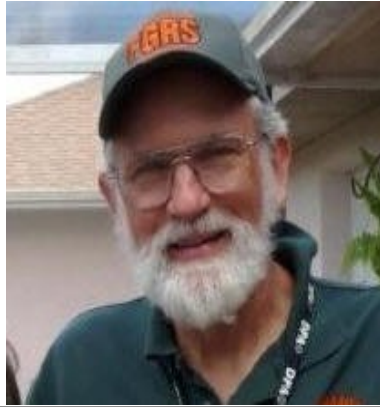




April 2018



PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM PAUL WAGNER

Kudos to Tom Hite, and Jim Jerele who showed up with me in the wee small hours of Saturday morning, March 10, to set up a great little display layout at the Bradenton "Real Rails" train show. George Sheldon, Maryanne, Frank Kimmel, and Ron White, then came in to help man the booth, and talk garden railroading to the community, as did Corky Eckman and Mark Demyan, who also worked with me to get the layout packed away in the trailer.

George is in his glory when he is helping kids run the trains with a special throttle he built for them – these kids are the future of our hobby! The videos produced by Ron White and others displayed on the new FGRS TV set showed folks what garden railroading really looks like. People come to us looking for fellow garden railroaders, and are amazed when we show them the map where all our members are. Vendors who were selling G scale trains at the show came up to me and said that many people are coming up to them and saying they can't find a garden railroad club in the area, or other garden railroaders to get together with - even though, when you google "florida garden railways", our bright, new website comes up (still at "fgrs.org"). We have got to do a better job of reaching out to folks.

We will soon be printing brochures, and will put a stack of them in all of your hands. When you get them, drop a few here and there - doctors offices, clubs, antique stores, anywhere people might have a minute to pick it up and read it. We will also help individuals get FGRS business cards printed. Don't assume that anyone isn't interested- give them out to everyone who wants your contact info.

Good health and Railroading to All –

Paul Wagner



George Sheldon gave a budding young engineer an opportunity to run a train at the Bradenton Train Show.

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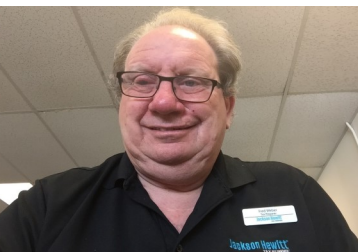


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UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

2018 Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows

March 24: Hillsborough Cty. Fairgrounds, 215 Sydney Washer Rd., Dover 34429 (Regal Railways, above)

April 7: Lopez Hall, 7177 58th St. N., Pinellas Park 33781 (Regal Railways, above)

April 14: 63rd Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 E. New York Ave., Deland 32724 Contact Charles W. Miller 703-536-2954, rrshows@aol.com (Golden Spike)

May 19: Hernando County Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad St., Brooksville 34601 (Regal Railways, above)

MEETS AT MEMBERS HOUSES

April 28th - **Fun Run** at Tom & Gloria's House. Located at 23379 Superior Ave Port Charlotte. The Tropical RR hours will be 12:00 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.

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.





The previous two pages are of Paul Wagner installing new siding using plastic spline roadbed method he learned from February and April Garden Railways magazine "Shade Gap" articles by Kevin Strong.

It is true a good railroad is never finished.

Paul has been feverishly working to get his railroad in tip top shape for his meet on Saturday March 24th.

Bring a chair, bring a lunch, bring a Trian to run (battery only) and most importantly have fun.

Garden Railway National Convention and Train show June 4-9

Join Us in Atlanta!

2018 NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION
June 5-9, 2018 - Atlanta, GA
ALL TRACKS LEAD TO ATLANTA IN 2018!

STONE MOUNTAIN PARK – HOME OF THE NGRC BBQ
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Visit www.ngrc2018.com for more information.

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<http://ngrc2018.com/>

Submitted by Gary Nichols

At the recent 37th National Narrow Gauge Convention held in Denver, a kitbashed 1/20 Bachmann 3-truck Shay I built won two awards in the model contest. While it was 3rd overall in the geared locomotive class (against some fierce 1/20 competition), it also was awarded one of two H. Lee Riley memorial awards from Bachmann trains. Bachmann made a similar, matching award in O scale. I was very happy and grateful to win those awards.

Here are some pix. The model is somewhat unusual, in that it is now 1-1/2" to the foot (or 1/8th scale) so it's a lot, lot bigger overall than the out of the box Shay. Some 1/20 parts remain, but not many. It still runs on Ga 1 track, but with the re-scaling the track now only represents 14" in the new scale - like a miniature, estate or light industrial loco. I stripped the chassis down to the deck first and then "puffed" it up to 1/8 scale from there. The loco's deck was "laminated" with larger pilots and scale decking first, and I raised the boiler about 3/4" so it would be easier for a larger figure to reach the fire box door. The OEM cab was removed and the small water tank above the middle truck was split and converted to cab sides. A new roof had to be made, and I like the open style on this model. A raised wood load was added to help cover the electronics in the 3rd truck / tender. The model is pretty big compared to G stuff, but only 18' x 5ft x 9ft tall in scale - a baby shay, really. Keep in mind a scale person in 1/8th is 9" tall - shorter than a GI Joe, but a LOT bigger than a 1/20 figure. I'll bring it to the next meet I make for show n tell. Gary





We all can't wait to see this.

LINKS TO TRAINS PAST & PRESENT

No articles this month.

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.



I purchased a cast iron switch stand from CSX Transportation, Inc. back in May 2007. This switch stand was on the former Dinky Line siding in downtown Orlando. The siding was abandoned many years ago and was removed and rebuilt as the Orlando Urban Trail a few years ago. I no longer have my Garden Railroad and don't need the decoration in my back yard any longer.

I ask \$200 for the stand. It is 8 ft tall and is very heavy and it will require a open, low trailer to haul. Contact Bayard @ 407-648-8896 stixcook@gmail.com



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 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.