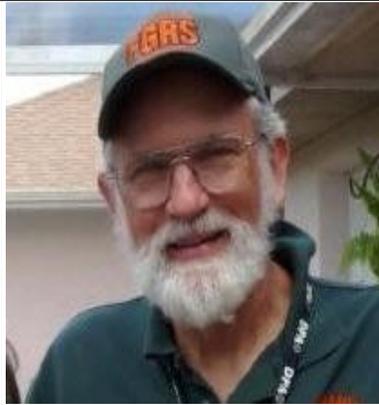




MARCH 2019



PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM PAUL WAGNER

What a day to enjoy good friends and run trains at Bob and Irene Anttila's on Saturday, February 23! Picture perfect weather, the trains ran fine, and we staged a great little raffle. We seem to be stuck on the number 14 for participants in a meet these days – the same number as at Corky's last month. I know many of you have a busy life these days, who said retirement was easy? And even busier for those of you who have regular jobs and family care obligations. Next month's meet at Tom and Gloria Hite's will be minus a few of the usual suspects due to the famous York train show in Pennsylvania also being that weekend. But come on out – don't miss the fun and comradery.

Please notice the details from Fred Weber in this newsletter for purchasing trains that were recently donated to the club. You will have to attend the RealRail Model Railroad Expo, Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Haben Blvd, Palmetto, March 9-10 to take advantage of the initial offering. We will be setting up a vendor's table at that show, selling equipment donated to the club recently. Many bargains will be available to our members at the show. We will be setting up a small layout like last year (shown in picture), as well as a

recruitment and information booth with a TV playing videos of our garden rail-



ways.

We had a board meeting last Saturday, and the details for members participating in owning and/or scenicing modules are just about complete. We will work out the final details at a meeting with Ron White, the designer of our modules, during the show this Saturday and announce them in the next newsletter, as well as contacting you folks who have already expressed an interest in doing this. For those of you who have already offered to buy and finish some modules, the hang-up now is getting the additional modules constructed. The construction of the club modules completed so far required some extraordinary sacrifices from our members who built them, and we won't proceed until we make the work going forward an enjoyable club activity, with many more of you joining in the work sessions.

Melinda Archer is now up to speed as the new Treasurer, one of the most important posts in the club. Please see her introduction in this newsletter. Again, many thanks to Joyce Chapman for her years of service in this and other capacities. We will honor her at an upcoming meet, to be announced.

The office of Vice President is still open. We desperately need someone to step up into this important position. If you are willing to be a part of coordinating this club's progress in the coming years, please consider serving in this capacity. What does the Vice President do?

The By-Laws state:

"Duties are as assigned by the President. The Vice President performs the President's duties in the absence of the President and is the President-elect taking over after the President's two-year term is completed".

Years ago, I served a term as VP in the old FGRS, and I went the entire year without the president asking me to do a thing! That's not going to happen to you if you accept the position now. And back then, the VP didn't agree to take over for the president after the president's term was over.

When we wrote the present By-Laws, we decided to have the VP automatically move up to the president's position so we would always have someone experienced in club administration as president. I hope that doesn't scare any of you off – I have found it extremely rewarding, and even fun being president, but the Bylaws also mandate a maximum of one two-year term for the president, and, although it's fun, after two years, it will be time for someone else to take over.

So I hope each of you will consider serving in this capacity, and, if you would be willing to try your hand, give me a call to discuss it.

Good Health and Railroading to All!

Paul Wagner



Hello! I am Melinda Archer; your new FGRS treasurer. If my name or I look familiar to you, you might know me since my husband, Jay Archer is your membership chair and we have been members since 2002. Jay and I live in Dunedin, FL and we have had several open houses including the National Convention in 2014. Our railroad takes you to Key West on Henry Flagler's railway during the 1920's. Our railway is known for attention to detail, the 7 mile

bridge, and a replica of the Key West lighthouse. Besides railroading, we have multiple hobbies. Jay and I belong to the Suncoast Model T's since we have a brass era 1915 Model T. We also belong to the Tin Can Tourist group which just celebrated 100 years of camping which began in Desoto Park in Tampa, Florida in 1919. We own a 1961 13' Beeline "canned ham" which we purchased on eBay. "Ms. Bee" is a time capsule with the original maple wood interior and the original Coppertone brown gas cook top and icebox. If we aren't camping, railroading, or touring in our T, we are probably working on our 1947 bungalow. Jay and I met when he was stationed at MacDill AFB during Desert Storm. Our first duty station was Eielson AFB in Fairbanks, AK for 3 years followed by Luke AFB in Phoenix, AZ. Jay was medically retired and we decided to return to Florida's West Coast. I am original from Columbus, OH (we are not Ohio State fans - sorry Buckeye fans). However, my family was transplanted to this area when I was 16. I was an avid swimmer and I had multiple college swim scholarships. I graduated from University of South Florida and the University of Alaska. I am employed by Pinellas County Schools as a Middle School PE teacher which I was just nominated as Middle School PE teacher of the year for the State of Florida. If you need to reach me, you can send an email at FGRS.treasurer@gmail.com or call (727) 736-1989. My husband has been gracious to be my secretary. I hope you see you at any of the future FGRS future events.

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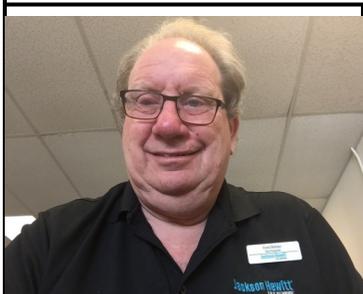
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FUN RUNS AT MEMBERS HOUSES

2019

***** **DATE CHANGE** *****
***** **WAS APRIL 13th** *****

March 23, - 11:00 AM to 4 PM
Tom & Gloria's
23379 Superior Ave Port Charlotte.
Phone 860-803-0049
E-mail: thomasrhite@gmail.com

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.

***** **DATE CHANGE** *****
***** **WAS MARCH 9th** *****

April 13th, FGRS - 11:00 AM to 4 PM.
Paul and Pat Wagner
1781 S Cranberry Blvd, North Port, 34286.
Phone 941-426-4847, or mobile: 941-445-0409
email: wagstation@aol.com

Bring chairs and a picnic lunch, and a train to run. Paul will provide soft drinks and water.

The layout was designed for 1:29 scale rolling stock - clearances will not allow most 1:20.3 to run. Battery power, only. Sharpest curves are 12.5' diameter with #6 turnouts. Mainline grades are 2%.

This layout is patterned after the South Fork Division of the Southern Railway in the Lake Cumberland area of Kentucky, and depicts the Southern Railway as it would have appeared near the end of the steam era (circa 1945).

There is 300' of main-line and 6 stub sidings, a crossover between double tracks, and a passing siding. The layout is set up for multiple train switching operations

******* DATE CHANGE *******

******* WAS THE 4TH *******

May 5th— Fun Run at Charlie Bealls. Charlie said the layout is roughly 70 feet x 90 feet and has four train track lines. It was built in 2006. There is a waterfall, water feature, stocked with fish, long truss bridges, and as the pictures show a varied, beautifully landscaped terrain throughout the layout . Also...we have two videos of his layout on our closed to members only [Group Florida Garden Railway Facebook page](#) . If you haven't joined yet....sign up, it's free as part of your membership, and you'll see great Garden Railway pictures and videos from members.

The meet starts at noon, bring a dish to share, and chairs.

His address is 7839 Sloewood Drive, Mount Dora, 32757.

cbeall7839@gmail.com

Phone 352-383-3976

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.

MEET AT BOB ANTTILA'S FUN DAY HAD BY ALL



Upon arrival you are greeted by Bob's sign. It was and absolutely gorgeous day.

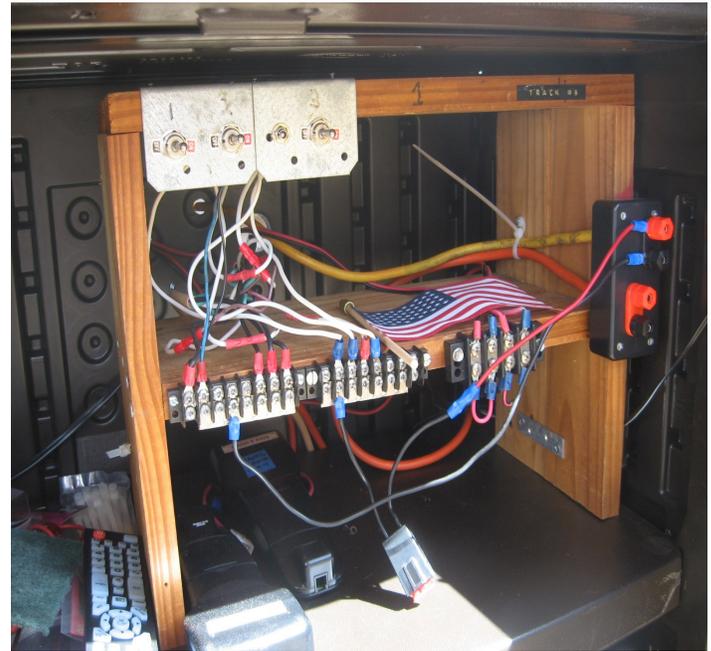
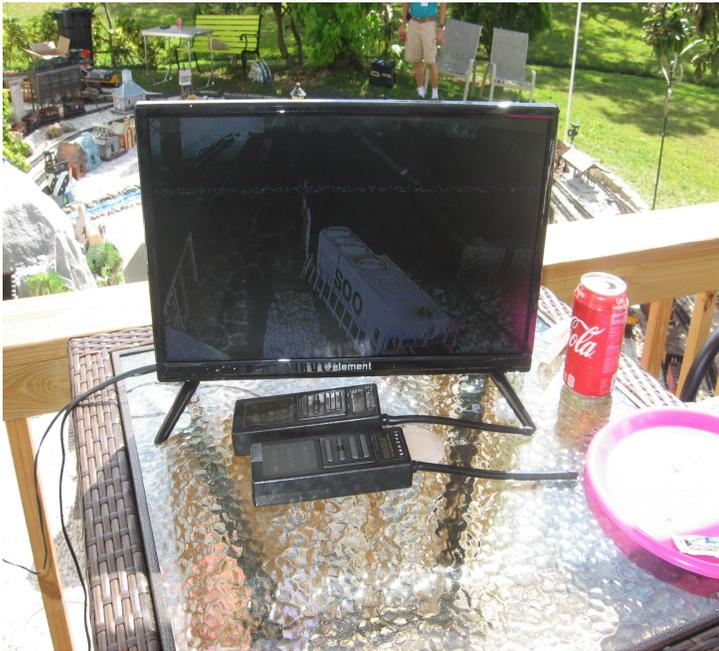


Here are Bob & Bob looking over the railroad empire. Our host is on the right.





View from Bob's deck over looking his Railroad empire.



Bob has a video camera under his deck so he can monitor the staging yard. Also pictured is the brains of the operation which controls the operation.



On the left is where Bob stores the trains and the VFW where are Veteran's can go for a nice steak dinner and have a few beers with their buddies. This is at the end of the trolley line.



Notice the Caboose. This was the big item in the raffle that was won by Bob Guyon who is visiting from CT. He is a member of the Central Connecticut "G" Gaugers (CCTGG) Modular Group.



After the raffle a little talk session developed as we all discussed train related stuff.



As the day wound down our President started hitting the Coke pretty hard.
Below are links to short videos of some trains running.

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<https://youtu.be/wPIPIvPIU1o>

<https://youtu.be/QmydVszIbEM>

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SCOTTISH GAMES & FESTIVAL

The club was invited to run our layout on February 23rd at the Northeast Scottish Games and Festival. James Overby greeted us the first minute we arrived. He was very helpful in offering anything we needed. A big thanks to Jim and Kathy Overby for helping to make our first Festival a great success.

With the help of Bill and Inga Thaw, John Luther, Phil Barcelona , Millie Weber and I, we were able to set up both layouts on Friday in less than four hours with trains running and buildings and trees in place.

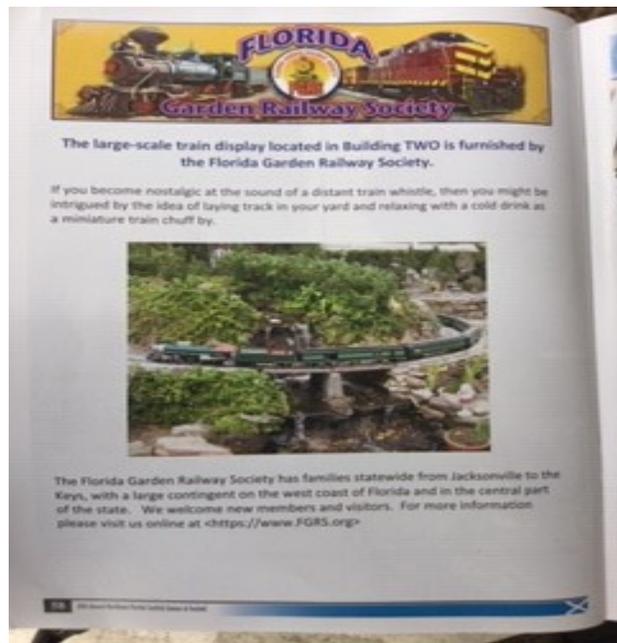
Come Saturday morning, we were asked to be there no later than 8am. Ray Lambert joined us with his first trains to run. John brought his Santa Fe passenger set to run and we also ran the club's new Coke trains as well as my Arosa passenger set.

The Festival started at 9am. By 10am we were getting lots of visitors. Kids loved watching and running trains on the kid's layout. Adults were full of questions and showed a lot of interest and picked up several applications. Ray, John, Bill and I worked the main layout while Phil entertained the children at the kid's layout. We ran the trains until 5pm.

The take down and packing of the trailer was complete in about an hour. This was a total team effort and was executed with great ease. Many thanks to the team for your support and hard work!

Fred Weber

Events Chairman



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Millie after unloading trailer



Ray Friday morning running his train



Phil training

new railroad engineers





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UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

2019 Upcoming Florida Train Meets/Shows

Submitted by Bruce Benardo

MARCH

Mar 2 Melbourne Train Show, Azan Shrine Center Info at 321-805-1963

Mar 9/10 RealRail Model Railroad Expo, Bradenton Area Convention Center, Contact Bill 941-504-2474

Mar 22/23 York Train Show

Mar 23 Regal Railways Toy Train Collectible & Hobby Show Crystal River. More Info at www.regalrailways.com

APRIL

Apr 6, 67th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds Deland, More Info at www.gserr.com

Apr 20 Regal Railways Toy Train Collectible & Hobby Show Pinellas Park More Info at www.regalrailways.com

JUNE

Jun 1/2 ,21st Tampa Model Train Show & Sale, More Info at www.gserr.com

For a Complete list of Model Train Shows and other information about the Hobby go to railservice.com

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

AUGUST

Aug 27– 31, GR National Convention

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](#)

LINKS TO TRAINS PAST & PRESENT

This little video was submitted by Fred Weber.

I found it enjoyable. I was really amazed that he had an understanding wife.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLIMbHfa4es>

SPECIAL TRAIN SALE

Thanks To Chuck Secard!!!! He has donated his train collection so others can enjoy them by purchasing trains at a discount, helping the club in the future.

There will be a separate e-mail with the list of the collection which is available to members of the FGRS. Prices are low so we can ALL ENJOY .

The attachment you will be receiving will have an approximat value as set by the Board of Directors. The value was set by a brief look through the box. When we unpack the trains for the show we will inspect each piece and set a price equal to the approximate vale or lower.

If you cannot come to the show a new list will be made after the show of the trains that were not sold and the real price will be set. You then can e-mail the contact person that will be on the e-mail for purchase and we will make arrangements for the transaction.

First come, first serve at the Bradenton Train show this Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10. Cash or make checks out to FGRS.

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.

Victor Cary has the following items for sale. He can be reached at 321-848-2013 or email at victor@caryaway.com

Aristocraft ART-29400 Motor Drive Unit – Make Offer



Steel 2' Bridge – Make Offer



He also has an engine cradle that you can make an offer on.
Contact him for specifics.



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.