



UPCOMING EVENTS 2017

JANUARY 2017

JANUARY 14,15 Volusia county fairgrounds in Deland train show. We will be setting up layout at show. Get in touch with Frank Kimmel to help out. Call him at 352-223-7201. Or e-mail [sefranklinrr@aol.com](mailto:sefranklinrr@aol.com) We need your help!!

JANUARY 21 Englewood Train Show

JANUARY 28 FGRS meet at Wagners. 1781 S. Cranberry Blvd. North Port Fl. 34286 Call 941-426-4847 to confirm. Drinks provided but bring your own picnic lunch. You may bring a train to run , but clearances are tight. Must be battery powered. From north going south on I-75 take Sumter Blvd. exit (182) south (right turn) 2 miles to stoplight on Price Blvd. Turn left onto Price Blvd., go east 1.5 miles to light at Cranberry Blvd. Turn right onto Cranberry Blvd., go 0.4 miles to 1781 Cranberry Blvd. on right. From south of North Port-Go north on I-75 take Toledo Blade Blvd. Exit 179 Go left on Toledo Blade, then go right at the first stoplight which is N. Cranberry Blvd. Go 3.7 miles passing a stoplight on Price where the street turns into South Cranberry Blvd. Go 0.4 miles to 1781 S. Cranberry Blvd., on right Park in the driveway or on the grass on highway shoulder.

FEBRUARY 25 Train meet at Frank and Barbara Kimmel's. Bring dish to share. They are in Weston Hills development on route 27 about 15 miles south of route 50. Call 352-223-7201 to let them know you are coming. Address is 15608 Bay Vista Drive Clermont. There is a call box at gate. Do not sneak in there is a 250 dollar fine. After gate go straight back to round about. Look for club house parking. Nice large layout good one to visit.

FEBRUARY 25,26 Bradenton Real Rail Train Show

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# **“A New Year’s Resolution - If We Each Added One Thing”**

**January 1, 2017**

## **President’s Notes from Ross Marvin**

Just imagine how much our Florida Garden Railway Society could grow, how much more value will be added if each member added one thing in 2017. And the “one thing” is simple, here are some examples:

- 1) **Write an article** about your layout for the club newsletter. The story can be anything from building landscapes to cleaning and protecting your engines, scratch building, kit bashing, etc. It’s your club and your knowledge will help others.
- 2) **Volunteer to help** Frank Kimmel with the Deland Show coming up in January. He needs people to help with set-up on Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>, and tear-down on Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup>. Call him at 352-223-7201.
- 3) **Join our Private Facebook page** and post pictures of a railroad trip, a historic railroad site, your layout. Share your experiences with others.
- 4) **Host an event** “Fun Run” at your house, get on the club calendar and show-off your layout.
- 5) **Come up with a trip idea** to a Railroad related site and project manage it for the club.
- 6) **Share upcoming railroad related events** with Joyce Chapman so she can add them as content for our newsletter.
- 7) **Share contacts that repair engines, can install sound, or sell G Scale items in general.** We all have great contacts...let’s share them so new members and some who may not know can have them as a valued and trusted resource.
- 8) **Come up with ideas** that will add value to the club, and be willing to create a group that will make them happen.

It’s your club and if everyone adds one thing, okay over-achievers, more than one thing is acceptable and appreciated, imagine how much more fun this club will be, and how much more everyone will get out of being a member. A Happy & Healthy New Year to all of you and.....Keep G-Scaling.



Bob and Irene's fun run on December 3<sup>rd</sup> was a great success, with 16 Members attending. Several People brought trains to run, and Had a pleasant afternoon chatting And eating lunch while running The trains. Bob's layout has an Interesting operating plan, with A staging siding, industries served By the trains, and a trolley line which Conveys the townspeople from city Hall on Main street to the local VFW Post. Bob had a special Christmas train Loaded with toys, goodies, and Disney Characters.

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 are \$30 per year for single or family memberships. Annual dues include subscription to the 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: Fred Weber, 7686 E. Oak Forest St. Floral City, Fl. 34436.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#\_(     )- \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check one New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

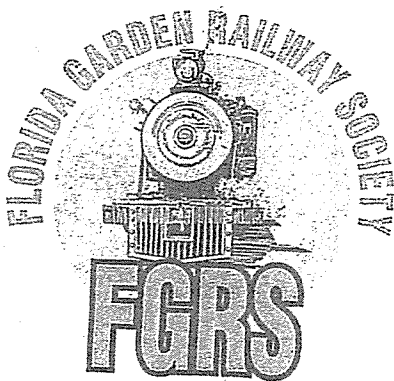
Would you like your information shared with the club members only? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name Badges are \$16 each. They have two lines: one for your name and one can have the town where you live or the name of your railroad. Mail information to Fred Weber with check.

First Badge \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Town or RR name \_\_\_\_\_



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