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PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM ROSS MARVIN

Riding The Rails

President's Notes by Ross Marvin

Due to the nature of our geography, summer has been the slow period for our club. As much as we love garden railroading it is hard to get members out when the humidity is high, the temperature is higher, and rain seems to be have a permanent place on the afternoon calendar. So this month I thought I would change it up and invite all members to include in our newsletters any summer travels that include a Rail Fan or railroading experience. So I'll start.

I have talked to several of you who have ridden the Yukon & White Pass Railroad in Skagway Alaska and I heard it was an incredible experience. (Thank you Fred & Millie for sharing your pictures with me) Well now I can add my name to the list of rail fans that feel that way.

The trip starts in the small town of Skagway Alaska, preserved by time and tourism to look as it did in the late 1800's. The history alone is amazing.

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FGRS UPCOMING EVENTS AT MEMBERS HOUSES

October 21st - 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 this year. Two mountains with fifty feet of trestle complete the layout.

November 11th - Fun Run at Chuck and Debbie Webster. Details coming soon.

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

The Villages Model Train Show & Sale, Saturday Aug 19th, 9-4 and Sunday Aug 20th 10-3.

More info
@ www.thevillagesmodeltrainclub.com

Regal Railways Shows: for info, contact Joe Schramm or visit www.regalrailways.com; 727-244-1341. All shows 9 am - 2 pm; Early Bird 8 am - 9 am.

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.

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.

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.

Past meets

There were no meets in August.

LINKS TO TRAINS PAST & PRESENT

Tourist Train on Track for Golden Triangle Service to Begin Late Summer



TAVERES, FL – July 6, 2017—Tourist trains are set to return to Lake County later this year as the Orlando & Northwestern Railway (O&NW) has completed negotiations on a lease of the Tavares Station and a track use agreement with Florida Central Railroad, which owns the tracks over which the tourist trains will operate. O&NW's services will be marketed under the Royal Palm Railway Experience brand. The Royal Palm Railway Experience seeks to recreate an authentic travel experience reminiscent of the famous streamlined passenger trains that once served Florida. Initial offerings will include daytime entertainment experiences between Tavares and Mt. Dora. Evening dinner trains and morning brunch trains are expected to begin in January, with seasonal special events and other offerings will be announced in the coming weeks. O&NW is currently completing the final arrangements with Rail Events, Inc. to host THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride for the 2017 holiday season. "This will be the finest tourist train experience ever offered in Florida," said O&NW spokesman Neil Bagaus. "Our fleet of airconditioned equipment will allow our passengers to experience the very best of classic mid-century modern style as they enjoy our daytime local service, evening dinner trains, and seasonal specials," Bagaus said. Schedules are still under development and are expected soon. For more information and to see announcements regarding schedules and pricing, visit the company's website at thefloridatrain.com or visit their FaceBook page at [facebook.com/TheFloridaTrain](https://www.facebook.com/TheFloridaTrain). About Orlando & Northwestern Railway Orlando and Northwestern Railway LLC is a Florida based company presenting Florida's premiere entertainment experience on rails, The Royal Palm Railway Experience, providing unique and exciting adventures that create lasting memories. MEDIA CONTACT Neil Bagaus 352-988-4093 nbagaus@aol.com

Before seeing this video I would have never thought it possible for a train to travel on such crooked train tracks.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

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.



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: Fred Weber, 7686 E. Oak Forest St. Floral City, FL 34436.

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: _____

The FGRS Newsletter will be Published by the 7th of each month. The deadline to submit information for the newsletter will always be the last day of the month.

The roughly (28) twenty-eight mile trip up the mountains to White Pass Canada is breathtaking, and makes you realize just how difficult a life it was for the roughly 400,000 people of all trades (lawyers, doctors, farmers, teachers, etc.) who participated in the gold rush in the late 1890's. You ride in period cars (although pulled by diesels) while they share the history and plight of the participants who tried to "Strike it Rich".

The scenery, the history and the cars are worth the trip. I have included a few pictures and if you are interested in that period or railroad I recommend the book, "The WHITE PASS" – Gateway to the Klondike, by Roy Minter.



Closing on club business/event calendar, we have an club event opening for September if anyone would like to host the club at their layout/house. Let Tom Hite know and we'll send out a follow-up email to the membership. Enjoy the rest of your summer and.....Keep G-Scaling, Ross