

September/October 2023 NEWSLETTER



Sharing the Joy of Garden Railroading Since 1990 !



PRESIDENT'S NOTES From Fred Weber September/October 2023

First let me thank Chip Danneker and all the membership who participated in getting the survey done. The board needed a direction to meet members' needs and direct us to a brighter future for the club. Please look at the survey results published in this newsletter to see what your fellow members are thinking.

SPURS: The best thing about our club is we are statewide and the worst thing about our club is we are statewide. Travel from Ft Myers to Jacksonville for a four-hour ride and two hours of trains makes for a ten-hour day with 8 hours in the car. We have been working on a way to bring our members closer together with the benefits of a statewide organization, and we think organizing local groups of members who would meet at locations close to their homes would help. We would call those groups "SPURS", a railroad term for "sidetrack diverging from the mainline." Bushnell Station is a first for this club and can be enjoyed by all members. Wilderness Park in Pasco County and Nature Coast Gardens in Spring Hill will be on that list as we move forward. Next year we will expand to Lakes Park in Ft Myers. This February we will have a meet at Northeast Florida Live Steamers in Palm Coast where there is a 7-1/2" ride-on layout plus a G scale layout for us to enjoy. This would be a great opportunity for our East Coast members. So, when you hear the word "SPURS", think of it as a local place to have breakfast or lunch with your train buddies and enjoy the fellowship of model railroading.

It's Halloween Time at Bushnell Station. Come take a spooky train ride. We are having a <u>special</u> <u>event</u> on <u>October 28</u>, <u>2023</u>. See details in this Newsletter. Plus, for all you LGB fans, the latest releases are on sale at the museum, some of them pictured in this newsletter's Product News page. Club members get a 10% discount on any LGB products at the Bushnell hobby shop.

Wilderness Lake Park update: now that it has stopped raining, we will be rebuilding the outside G scale layout there. We will be running the kids' layout for the Wilderness Lake Park Halloween train ride later this month. Any members who live close to this location, we could use some help even if it's just for an hour or two. For details contact Phil Barcelona at 386-562-4859.

Mike Walls and Chip Danneker have been working on a 4-day trip to Ohio for some great train entertainment for next fall. This will be the weekend after Labor Day in 2024. Details are still being worked out and we will update you in the coming months.

"May the weeds stop growing across your tracks."

- Fired Weber, FGRS President 2023

Cover Photo: Photos from "Track or Treat" 2022

FGRS 2023 BOARD MEMBERS



2023 TRAIN SHOWS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

October 28, 2023 - FGRS Special Halloween "Track or Treat" Meet 4:00 pm – 9:00pm - Bushnell Station - 6470 West CR 476, Bushnell, FL 33513

FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED!! RSVP TO FRED WEBER – Phone 410-310-6001 or Email FGRS.President@gmail.com

\$15 per person donation to the museum is requested to cover food and help sustain this great train museum. Featuring a train ride through the Halloween decorated grounds, FGRS outdoor garden railroad in operation. Inside the museum, 20 Model Trains will be operating at one time in all scales, get special deals on G scale in the train shop, including new LGB Christmas cars, and more!

This will be a great opportunity to get together with other FGRS members to socialize, run trains, share ideas about garden railroading, and break bread! Those of you who came out

last Halloween know what a good time this will be.

The museum will be open to the public at 6:30pm, so we will have a chance to tell other people about FGRS and garden trains.

Photos from last Years' Halloween "Track or Treat"





October 14 & 15, 2023 - HR Trains & Toys 75th Train Show

A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND FOR ALL AGES! CLINICS, TRAINS, VENDORS, DOOR PRIZES. SIXTEEN CLINICS, INCLUDING SOME BY LGB AND BACHMANN REPS. HR TRAINS & TOYS, INC, 7900 49TH STREET N., PINELLAS PARK, FL 33781 There is a sidewalk that joins Pinellas Park Performing Arts with HR Trains & Toys. There is free parking in the Performing Arts Parking Lot, next to both the event and HR Trains.

PINELLAS PARK PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, 4951 78TH AVENUE N, PINELLAS PARK, FL 33781 For more information go to

https://hrtrains.com/blogs/news/get-ready-for-the-75th-train-show

October 12 - 14 - NMRA Sunshine Region 2023 Regional Convention

John Trickle Center in Plant City

The convention is open to everyone. The three day event includes a train show with a variety of vendors, banquet speakers and clinics. Early registration ends August 16. Details including accommodations options are in the link below. https://www.sunshineregion.org/region-convention.

October 13th through the 31st – Lakes Park Halloween Express and Railroad Museum of South Florida

7330 Gladiolus Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33966 Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. AND 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Ticket Prices 1 year to 5 years \$2, All Others \$6 Telephone// (239) 267-1905



December 2, 2023 - - Melbourne Train & Toy Show 9am - 2pm

The Melbourne Train & Toy will be held at the Azan Shrine Center, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne, Florida 32935 on Saturday, December 2. The show will run from 9am - 2pm.

For more information contact Andy Schultz at andy.schultz69@yahoo.com or at 321-805-1963

November 11, 2023 - Train Collectors Association-Southern Division Meet

Orlando, Florida For updates and location please refer to their website. <u>https://tcasoutherndivision.org/SDTCAMeetings.php</u> (Events Continued from Previous Page)

November 18, 2023 - Regal Railways Model Train Show

New Port Richey, Florida

Elks Club in New Port Richey, at 7201 Congress Street, New Port Richey 34653 9:00am - 3:00pm, Admission is \$6. Early birds can enter beginning at 7:00 for an extra \$2.

Vendors will be selling trains, sets, and accessories of all gauges.

There will be layouts and a test track. Food is also available.

https://regalrailways.com/

December 7 - 10 - The Villages Christmas Model Train Show

The Villages Colony Cottage Recreation Center, 510 Colony Blvd, The Villages 32162 Displays will be open 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Thursday - Saturday and 10:00am - 3:00pm on Sunday. The show will feature multi-gauge operating layouts, raffles, and of course Santa Claus. Admission is free.

http://www.thevillagesmodeltrainclub.com/

2024:

January 13-14, 2024 - Florida Rail Fair - DeLand 9:00am - 4:00pm The Volusia County Fairgrounds

August 23 – 25, 2024 – G-Scale Southern Regional

Get-Together, Atlanta Georgia

You may have heard that there will likely not be a National Garden Railway Convention in 2024, so the Georgia Garden Railway Society has teamed up with Charlie Miller of Golden Spike Enterprises (the force behind many of the train shows here in Florida) and will present a convention in the Atlanta area. Stay tuned for more details.



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In addition to the special FGRS Event at Bushnell on October 28, as always you can get your train fix by visiting Bushnell Station. The Gulf Coast and Central Florida Railroad Museum is located at 6470 County Road 476 West, Bushnell, FL 33513.

The museum is open every Saturday from 10am -4pm, and now through October 28, there will be an evening Halloween train ride every Friday and Saturday from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. As you know, FGRS is deeply involved with the museum and has an outdoor G scale layout up and running. Feel free to bring your trains for a run. There are many layouts of all scales inside the cool air conditioned museum. Don't miss the cafe serving (as Fred likes to say) the best hotdogs in the state! <u>https://bushnellstation.com/</u>



For a list of many other Train Shows go to <u>http://www.railserve.com/events/train_shows.html</u>

UPCOMING FGRS FUN RUNS/OPERATING SESSIONS

October 29, 2023 (Sunday before Halloween) — John & Katie Abbott's Halloween Fun Run 5170 Laguna Vista Dr, Melbourne, FL

John & Katie Abbott are hosting a fun run at their home on October 29 from 10 am to 4:00 pm. Hope everyone can make it to see



their Halloween display and 60' dog bone decorated layout. They have a great



to run.

They also have a 20' elevated live steam layout in the backyard. It's not powered but bring your battery and live steam trains for a run on that one.

Chairs and drinks will be provided. If you

Halloween special train with some of the new special cars from USA Trains this year. Bring your track or battery powered trains



can't make it for the Halloween display, they'll do it again for Christmas in December. More on that next month.

November 4, 2023 - Nature Coast Botanical Gardens Fun Run – 9:30am til Noon

1489 Parker Ave, Spring Hill, Florida

Doug Brainard is hosting a meet at the Nature Coast Botanical Gardens in Spring Hill. The Nature Coast Garden Railroad is newly refurbished and is



quite impressive. After the visit to the Gardens, everyone is welcome to go over to Doug's home, 8119 Earlshire Lane, Spring Hill (about 5 miles

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away) to see his layout. Much of Doug's time is spent working on the plants in the garden. He has numerous trees on his layout that have an old-tree look after using bonsai techniques. Most of the plants are miniature, matching the scale of the railroad.

The Nature Coast Botanical Gardens are always open to the public and trains are run every Saturday from 9 - noon. Everyone is welcome to come any Saturday to run their trains and enjoy the botanical gardens.

Doug's phone number is 352-667-3140.

December 9, 2023 Christmas — Carter Open House & Fun Run Ocala

Don and Lenojo Carter are hosting an FGRS Christmas open house and Fun Run at their home. Details coming next month





Contact me if you are interested in hosting a Fun Run. Chip Danneker – FGRS Event Chairman <u>chipdanneker@gmail.com</u> 214-543-5133

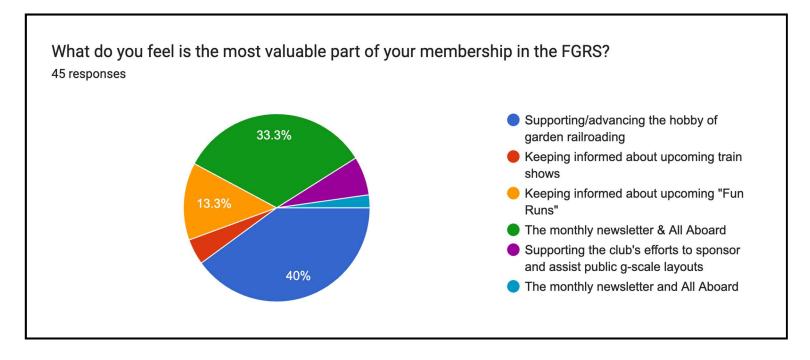
FGRS Member Survey Provides Direction By Chip Danneker - Event Coordinator



Last month the FGRS Board surveyed the membership. The goal was to determine member feedback regarding the direction of the group, board focus, and ideas for future activities. The questionnaire was sent to 102 active FGRS members. The survey produced an excellent response rate of 46%.

Regarding the overall reason that members belong to FGRS, 40% feel that the most important part of their membership is to support/advance the hobby of garden railroading. About a third, value club communication above all, citing the

monthly newsletter and All Aboard as most important.

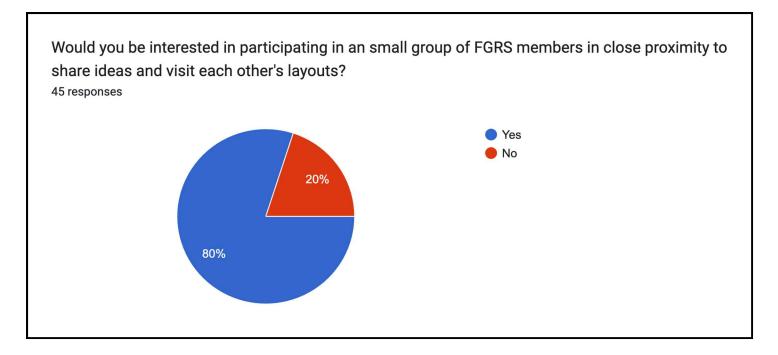


The survey showed that our membership is deeply involved in the model railroading hobby. Thirtythree of the respondents (74%) have their own G-scale layout. Almost everyone (95%) attend a train show on an annual basis, and six in ten have been to at least one Fun Run in the past year. A vast majority (61% of respondents) would be willing to help staff club booths/layouts at events. Over 60% have visited the Bushnell Train Museum.

Fun Runs are popular but need to be relatively close to home. About half of the members with a G-scale layout indicate that they'd be willing to host a Fun Run at their home. But the overwhelming majority (84%) of respondents would like to keep travel time below two hours.

The survey also provided valuable feedback about the development of a small local group ("Spurs"). For the past year the board has considered the creation of small groups of members in close proximity. The hope is that short travel times would encourage these "Spur" groups to meet on a regular basis to share ideas and visit each other's layouts. Almost 80% of survey respondents

supported the idea. The board is already working on identifying the Spur geography and structure. More to come on this in upcoming communication.



We received many responses to the open-ended comment section. Here is some of that feedback:

- Add door prizes to the meets.
- I would like to see a yearly two or three day convention like the one two years ago in Ft Myers. I know it was a lot of work but it was so nice!
- Have more on the East Coast of the state.
- I wish more Fun Runs were on Sunday.
- Have a "Make and Take" craft table for train related items at Fun Runs.
- Offer seminars on how to build G-scale layouts, electrical components, scratch built structures, etc.
- Create opportunities to socialize and meet new people.
- It's been too hot to work on my own RR, or go anywhere, I can't wait for winter in Florida!

Thanks to all who participated. Your feedback has provided good direction for your board and we appreciate your response.

Chip Danneker

- Event Coordinator

Product News

July 2023

LGB has introduced a new trackside control unit to complement their DCC system. They are planning the release of a wireless handheld controller, and also offer an app that allows you to use your iPhone for a throttle. You can download an LGB catalog of LGB's New Items at https://www.lgb-trains.com/lib/catalogs/issue20-29/pubs/LGB2023 383062 NewItems EN.pdf Bushnell Station is our LGB dealer and the President of Bushnell Station, Craig Hurst, tells us that he has three new products from LGB: Christmas Rail Truck #24181 List - \$360.00 Member Price - \$324.00 2023 Christmas Car #36023 List - \$175.00 Member Price - \$157.50 2023 One Time Limited Edition Christmas Car for the North American Market ONLY #36923 List - \$175.00 Member Price – 157.50 There are NO SHIPPING CHARGES when the item is picked up at Bushnell Station You can get a complete LGB catalog when you drop into the Bushnell Station hobby shop when you come out to run trains on our layout, ride the train, and visit the museum exhibits there. Gulf Coast and Central Florida Railroad Museum at "Bushnell Station" is at 6470 WC 476 (County Road 476 West), Bushnell, FL 33513 Phone: 352.901.0829 Cell/Text: 352.250.0905 Email: BushnellStation@gmail.com Website: www.BushnellStation.com

Piko-America now produces a low cost wireless/battery power system that includes sound. New Christmas trains and accessories are now available. Go to

https://mcusercontent.com/aed9b664cc784383e4f42f5f2/files/f2ee3334-691f-5a05-0309-

280c8d8dd134/PIKO Autumn G News 2023.pdf

for the Christmas items.

Their complete website is at:

https://www.piko-america.com/pages/g-scale

Fred Weber has 2023 Piko catalogs. Contact Fred at 410-310-6001 if you would like to arrange to pick one up. Catalogs and tech info are also available online for free download.

Split Jaw Products has discontinued their line of signals in order to concentrate on rail clamps, bridges, turntables, track products, and new developments. They have introduced wider radius curved bridges for 2023; and have purchased and are now producing the HR stainless steel track line. They also carry a line of custom and rare large scale trains in their "Custom Shop" department. Split Jaw Products can be purchased at Bushnell Station. Look for an announcement of new Split Jaw products later this month. https://www.railclamp.com/

Model Train Technology, a manufacturer of signals and signal control systems is introducing a new under the track NANO Precision Detector (suitable for all scales) for detecting approaching trains and controlling signals. <u>https://www.modeltraintechnology.com/</u>

Bachmann Trains is now shipping the Dash 9 Diesel Locomotives in a variety of road names. They are also shipping parts for this locomotive which should be interchangeable for the similar unit previously produced by Aristocraft. Star Hobbies and others are stocking these. https://shop.bachmanntrains.com/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=255

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2023 National Garden Railway Convention

"At the Vendor Hall" Santa Clara, California

By Paul Wagner

Photos by Paul Wagner

The number of vendors has leveled off - there were 30, which the BAGRS President tells me was about the same as they had at their prior convention in 2016, and a few more than there were in Portland in 2019. There were 60 vendors at NGRC 2022 at Denver, and so it would appear that the West Coast will have fewer companies exhibiting than in other parts of the country. Many of the old stand-by train suppliers were notably absent, or had turned over their product showings to dealers such as Reindeer Pass. All those who had a booth a great job, but some old friends were missing.

The size of the hall was a massive 65,000 sq. ft.! Over half of the hall was filled with Modular Layouts, including the Del Oro Pacific, and the Diablo Pacific (not so) Short Line. Don't be fooled by their apparent size on the accompanying diagram - each of these layouts was nearly 100 feet wide! There was also the Bay Area GRS live steam track, a Switching Puzzle by NMRA, and two kid's layouts, not to mention the "Wandering Railroad" - a finescale Fn3 railroad built into a 38 foot trailer. These layouts were something special! Take a look at the pictures on the following pages, and eat your heart out. It should be a goal for us for our future FGRS Event Layouts. But first, I'll take you on a tour of the vendor hall and share some news about the products and vendors I saw. (Continued Next Page)





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As we entered the hall, walking past the Wandering Railroad trailer, we couldn't miss the LGB/Marklin exhibit, with trains running, signals flashing brightly, and their new trackside control console being demonstrated. The LGB rep. told me about some innovative things they are doing with DCC trackside controllers and they now offer a cell phone throttle control system. I asked about LGB entering battery power market, and was told that LGB will concentrate on track power DC and DCC. LGB sponsored the Ice Cream Social. Their signals and automatic block system was impressive to see. Bushnell Station is our LGB dealer in Florida. https://bushnellstation.com/

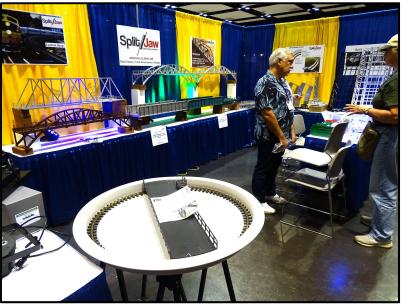
You couldn't miss the crowd around **Bridgemasters**, where you could buy almost anything except bridges! (Just kidding, but they are no longer manufacturing bridges) Bridgemasters has become an excellent used train equipment dealer, and when not manning a booth at train shows, they have a large assortment of train equipment available on eBay. They had a great assortment of good looking locos, train cars and accessories at reasonable prices, and appeared to be the busiest dealer at the show. https://www.bridge-masters.com/

Just beyond was **Gold Coast Station**, claiming to have the largest selection of current, discontinued and collectible "G" scale since 1988. https://goldcoaststation.net/

Our old friend David Bergmann was there with the newest **Split-Jaw** offerings including stainless steel track, aluminum bridges, (both stationary and lift), a 32 inch motorized turntable, now with track power; and of course cases full of the famous Split-Jaw rail clamps and special track accessories. He also produces a 48 inch turntable. He had sneak peeks of some future products that he will be announcing in October. <u>https://www.railclamp.com/</u>

Next came **Bachmann**, who were showing off their locos, notably the new Dash 9 which is now shipping and was available at the show. This, as you will recall, is being made from the old Aristocraft tooling, and the parts are available that should be a drop in replacement in your old Aristocraft engines.





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Bachmann was the sponsor of the barbeque and train ride outing at Roaring Camp and Big Trees Scenic Railroad. <u>https://bachmanntrains.com/home-usa/</u>

Around the corner was **Star Hobbies** who is strong in Bachmann, having power trucks for the new Dash 9 as well as the locos complete for sale on their table. <u>https://www.shopstarhobby.com/</u>





Across the aisle was **Keithco**, showing the latest version of **Locolinc** control and sound system for battery conversions. They now operate on WiFi format at 2.4 Ghz, and have many user friendly features such as "automatic loco discovery". I asked their rep about support for their older format models, and he pointed out a conversion module that will upgrade them to the new WiFi format. They also continue to offer a sound module for the system.

Next, with one of the largest displays on the floor was **Reindeer Pass**. **Piko** had teamed up with them, and had their reps on hand to demonstrate and assist with Piko products being sold there. Reindeer Pass also had the largest line of products of anyone there, with Kadee couplers and trucks, several lines of battery power and sound systems, and literally tons of train products of all kinds to sell. Their people are very knowledgeable. In addition to getting info about the Piko battery conversion systems and sound units, it was here I was told that, although Phoenix Sound has not been answering their phones for some time, Phoenix was primarily a victim of semiconductor supply problems, and may yet make a comeback. <u>https://www.reindeerpass.com/</u>

TrainLi was there and continues to be strong in LGB parts and accessories, as well as some third party products that are of particular interest to LGB enthusiasts. They have an LGB compatible switch machine with a built in DCC decoder. https://www.trainli.com/

Model Train Solutions is a dealer who had escaped my attention previously, and is a competitive full line dealer. They had the largest display at the show and were displaying many unusual accessories including Pan Pastel weathering kits.

https://model-train-solution.myshopify.com/

Accucraft was there showing off their latest finely crafted metal locomotives and rolling stock.



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David Bennett of **Train Installations** of Atlanta was there showing off pictures of some G scale layouts he has built for folks. He says he can do cost effective garden railroad construction for folks as far away as Florida. <u>www.traininstallations.com</u>

Bridgewerks reps told me that parts are in short supply for older models of their Power Controllers due to chip manufacturers discontinuing early semiconductors, but that they still have enough parts to maintain legacy units for over one year. The new line of controllers will have updated electronics which will be readily available for the foreseeable future. They showed new controllers that have some features that will insure safety and ease of operation for youngsters when using their controllers for "Kid's Layouts" – a more rugged control handle, better speed limiting, and a type of momentum that will prevent damage to loco gears if suddenly reversed. https://bridgewerks.com/

A little company called **Camarillopacific** was there showing off their products, and they are marketing some real slick Kadee Coupler mounts. Several of the layouts on tours had them and were showing them in operation. Looks like his mounts will make KD installations much easier and more reliable. He also is offering a line of other rolling stock improvement parts and details. https://www.camarillopacific.com/campacbox/

USA Trains did not have a booth of their own, but sponsored a Welcome Reception and donated a number of USA Trains cars for door prizes and for the Kid's Clinic. I met a garden railroader whose layout was on the Pre-Convention Tours at Nashville and who owns the new FEF 4-8-4 from USA Trains, and he said it is a great locomotive. <u>https://www.usatrains.com/</u>



Of course **Garden Railroading News** was there. Bill Derville (In picture, at right), Mick Spilbury, and Carla Brand-Breitner all gave me a warm welcome. Most of the vendors I have mentioned here advertise in GR News. Be sure to patronize them whenever you can. <u>https://www.grnews.org/</u>



Vendor Hall Layouts!

Entering the hall, we were greeted by the "Wandering Railroad", a 38 x 20 foot layout that is contained in a trailer,

and has been at several train shows we have visited before. It is always mesmerizing, an amazingly detailed Fn3 railroad, with several period trains chugging around, and many mining and logging scenes with animation.





Next came the "Diablo Pacific Short Line", a 120 x 60 foot modular layout with fascinating scenes, one after another.





There were big trains and great little scenes everywhere





A section of this impressive railroad had a mountain ridge running along it.

And they brought along a great Kid's Layout, too!





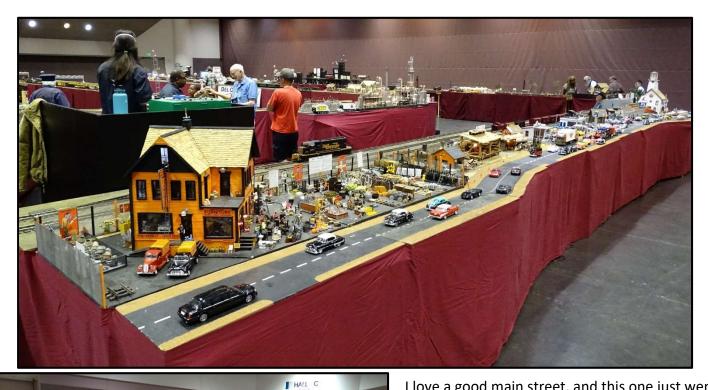
This old mill had a miniature ride-on railroad running by

Next we saw the Bay Area Garden Railway Society Live Steam Railroad! These folks like their live steam trains out here!



Just when we thought we'd seen it all, we came to the Del Oro Modular Railroad, another huge club layout at 67 x 97 feet!





I love a good main street, and this one just went on and on!

They had a Kid's Layout, too, and it looks like this fellow at the staging yard below has graduated!



There were several circus scenes, and this midway was one of the best.

It was quite an effort to come all the way to California to see this, but well worth it!

- Paul Wagner



Member Train Items For Sale Looking to buy or swap something? Send in your request- FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com

This page has been created solely as a convenience to our members who want to buy and sell from other club members. FGRS takes no responsibility for the condition of the items or sale of items. Any transaction is completely between the buyer and seller.

Please submit items you would like to buy or sell to Paul Wagner, <u>FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com</u> Ads will be run for 2 months if they are not renewed. Please notify me when an item is sold, so it can be removed from the following newsletter. – Paul Wagner

Kathy Caldwell and her late husband Robert "Bob" Caldwell, were among the founding members of the Southwest Division of FGRS. Kathy is auctioning off a large inventory of collectables of all kinds, including a large collection of G scale trains, most in like new condition and never run. This is a Public Auction which started on Saturday Oct 07 2023, and ends on Monday Oct 16 2023 7:00 PM on the auction50.net website. Her collection is at:

https://auctions50.net/Public/Auction/AuctionDetails?AuctionId=XgKCSGDNWosXCO%2bm6OgQxw%3d%3d&page Number=pf6Q%2bhJtdeleDd9FfYpy9w%3d%3d&pagesize=O5OaPaZE1XrTjGtTQltkaw%3d%3d&filter=ITUHdU2DoqW vw89vAOs0Dw%3d%3d

Hit "View Items" to see the items being auctioned off.

Call Kathy Caldwell for details 941-629-5952 or email at blondie1638@comcast.net

Some of the key G Scale Train items include:

New in box Aristo Craft Heavyweight Pennsylvania G-Scale Passenger car Exchange Place 1401. In new condition. Box is not in pristine condition but in good condition.

Rare Lionel G-Scale 8-85110 Pennsylvania 4-4-2 Steam Locomotive and Tender. New in box.



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Aristo-Craft 21210 ATSF Santa Fe Doodlebug Gas Electric Powered Rail Car #M108.

Farmall 806 Limited Edition 2006 Florida FFA tractor. 1/16 Scale, New in box.

Alco RS-3 Powered G-Scale 1/29 New York Central Diesel Locomotive #8832. New in box.

LGB G Scale Harley Davison Boxcar #4067HD. Train is new in box.

Aristo Craft trains 40 foot boxcar Seaboard Railroad Silver Meteor G-Scale. New in box.

Aristo Craft 83106 Pennsylvania G-Scale classic powered Railbus. Motor, Operating lights. New in box.

Hundreds of other G scale train and collectors' items are in this auction. Go to Auction50 Website for the entire list and to place a bid.











Don't Forget to Order Your New Shirt! Traditional "FGRS" Shirts

All shirts are \$35 which includes embroidering your name, taxes, and shipping to your home. The shirts are made by Core365 and are 100% Polyester – Moisture Wicking, Antimicrobial, UV protection, and easy care. Men's shirts are available either with or without a pocket. Men's "Tall" sizes are only available without a pocket.



Color choices are True Royal (Blue) or White.

Sizes start at S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4LX, and 5XL Ladies sizes start at XS,S,M,L,XL,2XL, and 3XL Youth sizes start at S,M,L,XL

Ladies sizes are true to size. Women who wear a men's large would need to order a ladies "extra large". These shirts are very comfortable and easy to care for. You will love them! All arrangements have been made. Order yours direct from the dealer using the form sent out in a separate document. Be sure to include your email address on the order form so they can contact you if there are questions about what you want. The order form is being sent as an additional attachment with this Newsletter and also is available on the Members page of the FGRS.org website.

FGRS Membership Application for 2023

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 and outdoors, or modules. We are a group of individuals, couples, and families who enjoy socializing with others and participating in train related activities.

Dues for 2023: \$25/YR for single or family memberships.

Annual dues includes a subscription to FGRS Newsletter, via web and email. If you cannot receive the newsletter via internet, a printed copy will be mailed to you. All renewals are due in January. If you are 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: Ray Lambert, Membership Chairman 410 S Center Street Eustis, FL 32726

| Name: | |
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| E-Mail: | |

Would you like your information shared with the club members (only)? Yes____ No____

Name badges are \$15 each. If mailed add \$1.00. The badge has two lines: One for your name, and the other line can have the town where you live, or the name of your railroad.

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