



November 2021

NEWSLETTER

*Celebrating 30 Years of Garden  
Railroading!*

**PHOTO ABOVE: A SOUTHERN PACIFIC DAYLIGHT PASSENGER TRAIN CHARGES INTO THE TUNNEL PASSING UNDER A WATERFALLS ON DON AND LENOJO CARTER'S GARDEN RAILROAD – OPEN FOR A FUN RUN MEET ON NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>!**

**INSIDE:**

**PREVIEWS OF UPCOMING MEETS AND EVENTS; 30 YEAR CELEBRATION UPDATE; REFLECTIONS FROM LAST MONTH'S FUN RUNS; "LEMONADE STAND"; AND MORE!**

**GO TO [WWW.FGRS.ORG](http://WWW.FGRS.ORG), "EVENTS" PAGE TO SEE PHOTOS FOR OUR UPCOMING OPERATING SESSIONS. GO TO THE "MEMBERS SIGN-IN" TO SEE THE CURRENT MEMBER ROSTER, NEWSLETTER BACK ISSUES, AND MORE!**



## PRESIDENT'S NOTES FROM FRED WEBER

November 2021

This year is coming to an end quickly and your club's board has been working hard to bring you the best in Garden Railroading in the State of Florida with more activities coming up next year. Most notably our 30th Anniversary Celebration in Ft. Myers in February.

**Please note that, regrettably, we must change to a different hotel for the 30 Year Celebration. Information for changing your reservation to the hotel now being considered for our home base in Ft Myers follows in the "Update" article in this issue.**

This past month saw us gathering at Jay & Melinda Archer's and John & Katie Abbott's impressive layouts. If you missed either one of these layouts, you missed two totally different designs. Jay & Melinda's is modeled after Key West and John & Katie's was a spooky Halloween theme. Both were worth the time and travel to enjoy. See the articles in this issue for new pictures of these layouts.

We could use more input from our membership, which is rapidly growing. We would love to have a few more board members to help with the work load and planning process. Don't worry, our meetings only last one hour by order of the President and are done over Zoom (so no travel required). Please let us know if you are interested in helping improve our club by joining the board.

Happy Thanksgiving to Everyone  
Happy Railroading -

- *Fred Weber*, FGRS President 2021

# The New Shirts are Ready!

## Both 30 Year Anniversary *and* Traditional “FGRS”

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.



Traditional Shirts  
Available in True Royal (Blue) or White



30 Year Anniversary Shirts  
Available Only in “Platinum”

Men’s shirts are available either with or without a pocket. Men’s “Tall” sizes are only available without a pocket. 30 Year Shirts are not available in “Tall” or with a pocket.

Color choices are True Royal (Blue) or White. 30 Year Shirts come only in “Platinum”

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. New form with 30 Year Anniversary Shirts added is being sent out as you receive this Newsletter. Be sure to include your email address on the order form so they can contact you if there are questions about what you want. Watch for the order form which is being sent out in a separate email today.

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COULD BE HERE!**

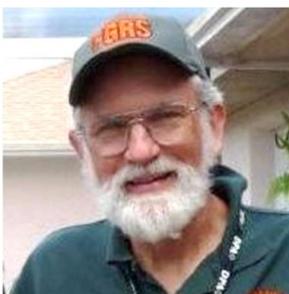
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# 2021 TRAIN SHOWS AND EVENTS

## **December 4, 2021 - Melbourne Train & Toy Show**

9am - 2pm

Azan Shrine Center, Melbourne, Florida

Go to <http://schultzspacecoastrains.com/> for information

## **January 9 - 10, 2022 –75th Railfair, Deland, Florida**

9am – 4pm

Volusia County Fairgrounds

Go to <https://10times.com/rail-fair-florida> for more information

## **January 15 – 16, 2022 - Martin County Model Railroaders**

### **Model Train Show and Sale**

Saturday and Sunday January 15 -16

9-3 both days

Martin County Fairgrounds

2616 SE Dixie Highway

Stuart, Florida

## **February 18 - 20, 2022 – FGRS 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**

(OK its 31 years!) Save the date! More information in this issue.

## **June 19th - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

### **NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION 2022**

Denver, Colorado

For more information go to

<https://www.ngrc2022.org/>

For a Complete list of Train Shows go to

[http://www.railserve.com/events/train\\_shows.html](http://www.railserve.com/events/train_shows.html)

# **UPCOMING FGRS FUN RUNS/OPERATING SESSIONS AND FGRS MEETS AT SPECIAL TRAIN ATTRACTIONS**

**Saturday, November 27, 2021 (Thanksgiving Weekend)**

**Fun Run at the Home of Don and Lenojo Carter**

6130 NE 3rd PL

Ocala, FL, 34470

Phone 352-207-5434

See Details in "Preview"

In this issue.



**Saturday, December 4, 2021 – Fun Run at the Home of  
Dave and Ruth Taisch**

**Address:**

11605 Lane Park Road,

Tavares, FL

Phone 352-343-3196



Bring covered dish to share, they will provide drinks and have chairs. The trains will start running at 11AM until ? Ruth and Dave will give an update on the "Geodesic" mountains they have built, as well as the DCC track power.



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**Saturday, December 18, 2021 - 10 AM - ?**

**FGRS Member, Doug Brainard, has arranged for the FGRS to have a special picnic at the Spring Hill Botanical Gardens G Scale Railroad with an afternoon visit to his home and garden railroad.**



“I am looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday, December 18th, first at the Nature Coast Botanical Gardens from 10 until 2. We can have lunch at the Gardens at the pavilion (with picnic tables) which is adjacent to the railroad.



The Botanical Garden is at

1489 Parker Avenue  
Spring Hill, FL, 34606

**DIRECTIONS TO THE GARDEN:** (click here to be sent to google maps) **the garden is directly across from this house.**

From the south of Tampa -- Highway 19 N turn right or east on Spring Hill Drive (you will see the waterfall and flags at the entrance) then continue approx 1/2 mile to Parker Ave., turn left and the gardens are about 2 blocks on your left.

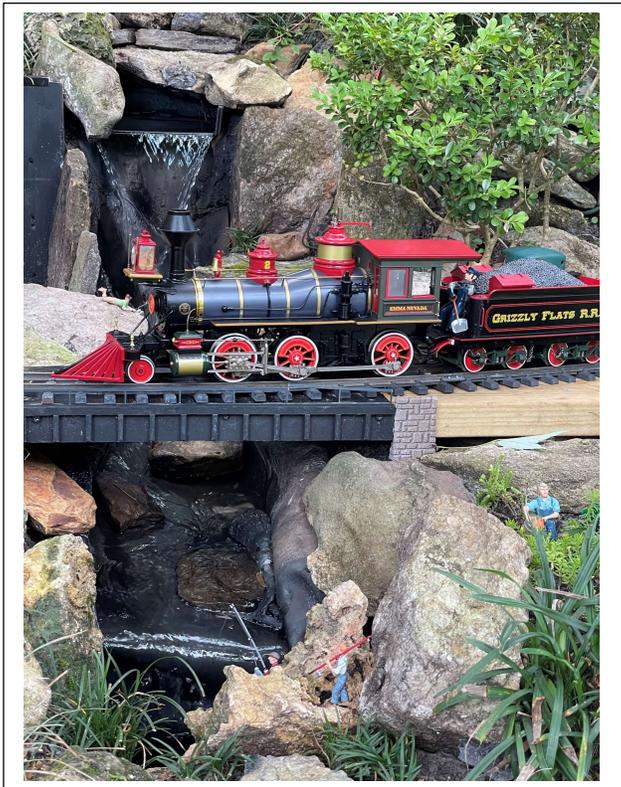
from the north -- Highway 19 S turn left or east on Spring Hill Drive continue approx 1/2 mile to Parker Ave, turn left and the gardens are about 2 blocks on your left.

There is a fire station next to the gardens. The gardens will be decorated for Christmas.

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Then, I would like you all to visit my garden railroad layout at my home about 5 miles from the Gardens.

My “Centralia” Garden Railroad is based on a local lumber town that had 2000+ people from 1900 until 1922, when they cut all the lumber and since has been a ghost town. My layout was on the tours for the NGRC in Tampa in 2014. Bring a picnic lunch, chairs, and train to run, track or battery powered. Drinks will be provided. I’m looking forward to seeing you on the 18th.” – Doug Brainard



Doug Brainard’s home is at  
8119 Earleshire Ln  
Spring Hill, FL 34606

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**Saturday, January 15, 2022 - Special FGRS Visit to the  
“Sundance Central” Museum and Fine Scale Fn3  
(G gauge) Layout in Odessa, FL**

Details to follow as they become available



**Sunday, April 24, 2022 - Fun Run at the Home of Charlie Beall**

**Address:**

7839 Sloewood Dr  
Mount Dora, FL  
Phone 352-383-3976  
Details to follow



**CALENDAR PLANNING FOR FUTURE FUN RUNS**

We're looking for members to host Train Operating Sessions and Fun Runs for the coming months.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact Paul Wagner, the FGRS Newsletter Chairman at [FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com)

# Preview of FGRS Open House Fun Run The SILVER RIVER RAIL ROAD At Don and Lenojo Carter's Home in Ocala, Florida Saturday November 27, 10:00 AM till 5:00 PM

Dear FGRS Members,

We are having an open house to run the trains on the Saturday after Thanksgiving! I know it's been a while due to the Covid pandemic, but we now feel free to open up our layout to our friends and members to come see the trains and new additions.



Masks are not required but if you feel more comfortable wearing one please do. We have had our shots....

The layout, all track powered, is outdoors and has 1,900' of track covering over 1/2 acre. There is a 30' oval fish pond, a 100' stream and an 8' bog with a small town, Silver River. There are lots of houses and people hidden along the way. The era is small town America 1950-something.



There will be a “**scavenger hunt**” for you and the children to try to find all the objects hidden along the way. A new addition has been added to the elevated platform – a 35’ X 45’ oval, designed for live steam operation. This area also serves for easy train setup and eye level operation for children.

This addition is now connected to the main layout so as to access the



complete area. Another addition is a semi-elevated track that circles the back and road side fence to ground level as a reverse loop, about 437’ long. It crosses over the back drive way on a 12’ bridge. Please note there will be no parking access from the back gate because trains will running over the driveway.

If you have a train to run feel free to bring it and watch it climb the 60’ long grade! Bring your own lunch and we will provide water and snacks. You can walk in from the side gate by the house driveway. Look for the signs. As before, park along NE 3rd Place on both sides of the street on an angle so as to provide room for all.



**This is not a public event and we ask that you not post this event nor pictures on Facebook or other outlets.**

The address is:

**6130 NE 3rd. Place, Ocala, Fl.**

Directions:

From the Ocala exit #352 on I 75:

Take SR 40 East to NE 7 Street, just past Ocala Golf Club. Turn right.

Go East on NE 7th Street to Baseline Rd, (SR 35).

Cross over Baseline and go one long block and turn right onto NE 61 Terrace. (Green Ridge Acres)

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 signs.



We look forward to seeing you all -

Don & Lenojo Carter 352-207-5434

doncarter521@embarqmail.com



**THE 30 YEAR FGRS  
ANNIVERSARY!!!!!!!!!!!!**  
**FEBRUARY 18 TO 20, 2022**

**THREE DAYS OF RAILWAY FUN IN BEAUTIFUL FORT MYERS!**

Dear Members:

As you may recall, we members of your FGRS board visited a number of hotels two years ago in planning for our 30 Year Celebration Convention. At that time, we decided on the Holiday Inn Downtown, which, upon inspection, looked very clean and comfortable. Their administration offered us a very good rate for a cancelable block of rooms, and it was in a convenient location.

Unfortunately, since that time, the hotel has taken a downturn in desirability. Reviews posted online during the past six months alerted us to some very unacceptable environmental situations that have arisen. Members of our board have re-inspected the hotel, and found that the negative reviews have merit, and we have found it necessary to cancel our commitment to that hotel. We have found several others in other locations, but still central to our planned activities, and we will choose one in the next few days, and notify you all about the arrangements. The replacement hotel will also honor a special agreed upon rate, and will be one that we can confidently recommend to each of you. Unfortunately, if you have already made a reservation at the Holiday Inn Downtown, you will need to cancel it. Please let me know if there are any difficulties in cancelling your reservation, and I will get it taken care of.

I and your board apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause you. All of our other plans and activities for the big Celebration will remain virtually unchanged – we continue to progress with details of the plans to make it better than ever! Thank you, and I'm looking forward to seeing you at this Celebration in February, and at the upcoming Fun Runs and Train Shows in the meantime.

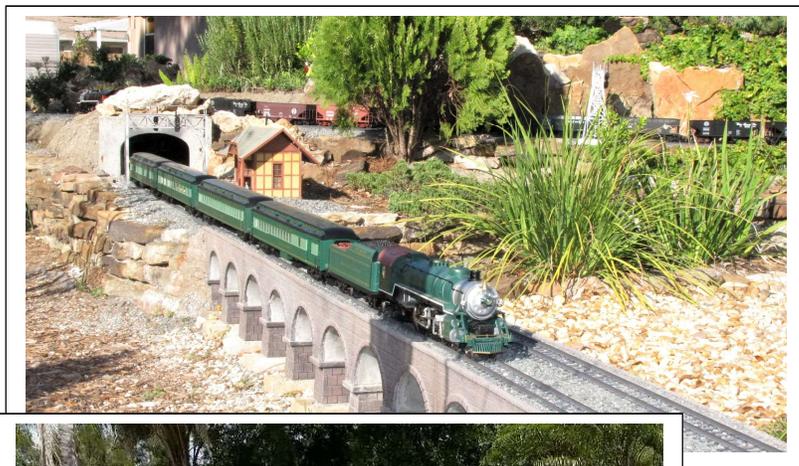
- *Fred Weber*  
FGRS President

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## Here is a quick rundown of the activities:

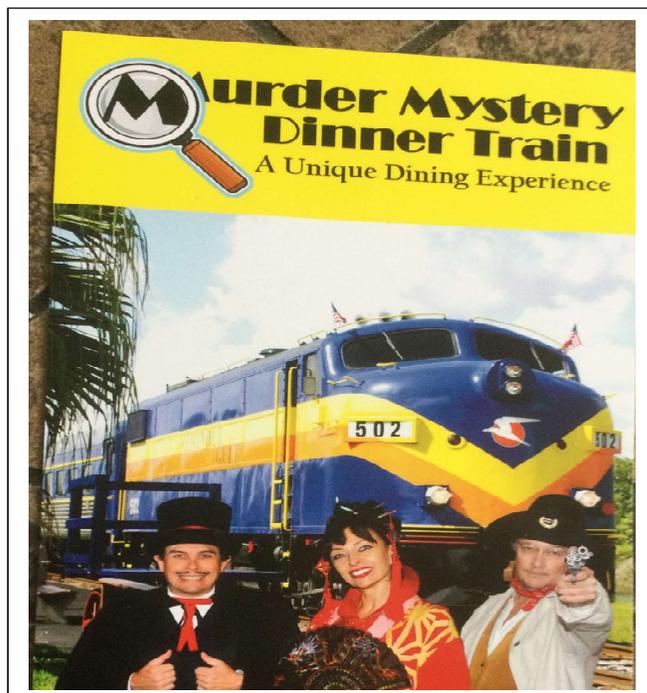
**Friday, Feb 18, 2022:**

- **Five FGRS layout tours north of Ft Myers in North Port Port, Port Charlotte, and Englewood. If you're arriving from the north, you can catch these on your way. If you're coming from the south, add about 1 hour each way from Ft Myers to visit these.**



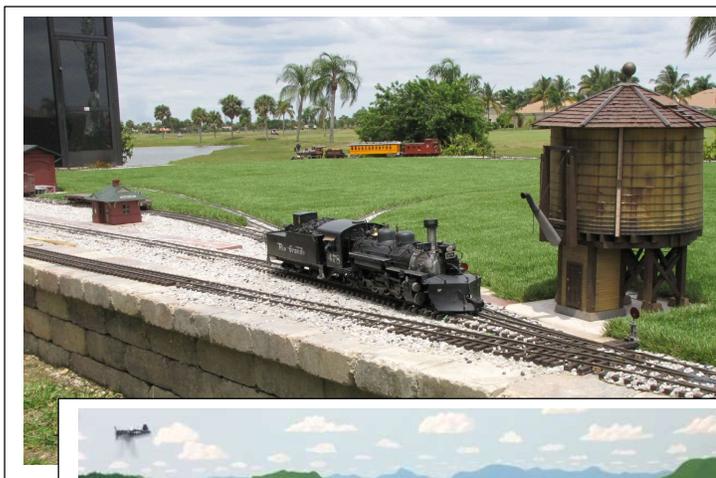
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- At 5:30PM, we board the Murder Mystery Dinner Train which includes a fine dining experience while the murder drama unfolds. We will have a special dinner and enjoy “Murder Without a Clue”. See if you can figure out “who done it.”



Saturday, Feb 19, 2022:

- Three FGRS layout tours in Ft Myers area in the morning plus a visit to the “Scale Rails” model railroad club’s fine scale HO and HOOn3 layout in full operation.



Saturday, Feb 19, 2022, (Continued from Previous Page)

- Visit Shellpoint Railroad which has a fine HO layout modeled after the state of Florida



- Visit Railroad Museum of South Florida, including a 7 ½ inch gauge train ride around a beautiful park, through scenes of old Florida and across bridges and through a tunnel, roaming around a natural Florida wonderland. In the museum, we will be viewing a fine scale S gauge layout, as well as a G scale railroad running around the ceiling, and other interesting railroad displays.



- Saturday night dinner will begin at 5:30PM

Sunday, Feb 20, 2022: Swap Meet and Tour Edison Winter Estates/Museum



**This fun-filled weekend would cost you close to two hundred dollars for all events, on your own. Just the Murder Mystery Dinner train would cost \$110 per person. And the price of fellowship with club members is priceless! FGRS is making a very special price for all club member who have paid their dues before January 11, and have registered for the event before that date. Your cost for the weekend will be just \$115 per person if paid by January 11, 2022. The Saturday-only package cost will be \$45 per person for paid up members, including dinner.**

**Here are the details of the two packages:**

**“THE ATLANTIC COAST LINE PACKAGE”:** This package will include all Club layout tours, a Swap Meet at the hotel, and the Murder Mystery Dinner train on Friday. It includes all activities on Saturday - more Club layout tours, all model railroad club and museum tours, the Railroad Museum of South Florida, with a 7-1/2” gauge train ride, and dinner. On Sunday, it includes the Edison and Ford Winter estates and Museum tour, and the more of the FGRS swap meet at the hotel.  
- \$115 per person if paid by January 11; \$130 per person after that.

**“THE ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL”:** This for all events on Saturday only. It includes all Club layout tours, all model railroad tours, the Railroad Museum of South Florida, 7-1/2” gauge train ride, and dinner.

**So there are three things to do:**

**Pay your 2022 dues.**

**Make your Hotel Reservation (if you are staying overnight at the hotel).**

**Complete your FGRS 30TH ANNIVERSARY Reservation Form, on next page.**

**More information to come, so keep reading the newsletters or special emails. Any questions please call me 410-310-6001**

**Thanks,**

**Fred Weber**

**President, FGRS**

**FGRS REGISTRATION FORM FOR 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
FEBRUARY 18,19, & 20 2022**

*PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ATLANTIC COAST LINE PACKAGE**

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL BEFORE January 11,2022

Single package \$115 Check Here \_\_\_\_\_ Couple package \$230 Check Here \_\_\_\_\_

Starting January 12, 2022

Single package \$130 Check Here \_\_\_\_\_ Couple package \$260 Check Here \_\_\_\_\_

**ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL**

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL BEFORE JANUARY 11,2022

Single package \$45 Check Here \_\_\_\_\_ Couple package \$90 Check Here \_\_\_\_\_

STARTING JANUARY 12,2022

Single package \$50 Check Here \_\_\_\_\_ Couple package \$100 Check Here \_\_\_\_\_

Send Check made out to Florida Garden Railway Society with Form To:

Fred Weber

7686 E Oak Forest St, Floral City, FL 34436

# FGRS Fun Run at the home of Jay and Melinda Archer

October 23, Dunedin, Florida  
By Paul Wagner

Around twenty members and friends came out to Jay and Melinda's home for a great day of train running and friendly conversation. The restoration of this railroad was impressive, and the scenes that Jay and Melinda have created take you back to the early days of the Florida East Coast Railroad Key West Extension.

The concrete viaduct, the lighthouse, and the red brick customs house (all newly



restored) zero in on the time and place – it's old Key West! The "Southernmost Point" monument, complete with a tourist taking photographs, reminded everyone of trips taken to this historic island in the sun.

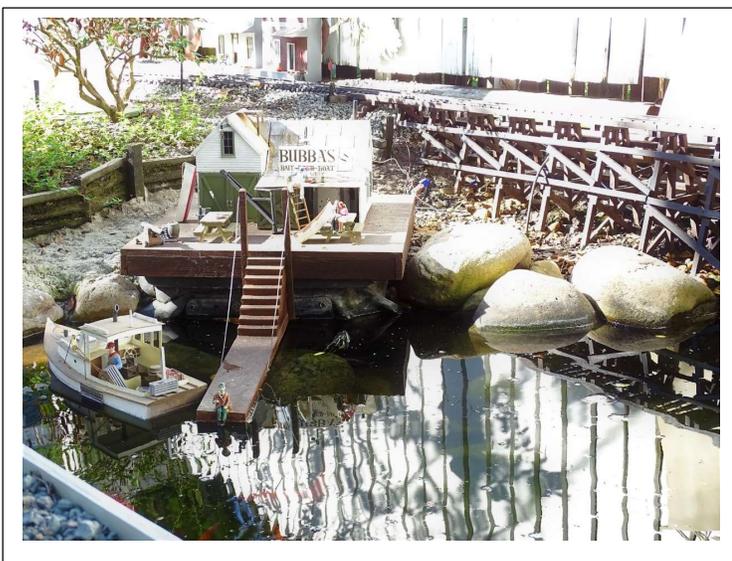
A brief update of FGRS plans and activities was provided by our President, Fred Weber. Many members were sporting the new FGRS shirts – they sure look smart and comfortable!



Besides this impressive railroad, Jay and has also scratch-built a 1" scale model of the Henry Flagler private passenger car, built from original blueprints and identical to the car on display in the Henry Flagler museum in Palm Beach. Jay told how he is in the final phases of detailing it, and has many intricate parts either fashioned by hand or being formed by a

3-D printer.

Besides also having rebuilt a full sized Model T Ford, and a vintage Shasta camping trailer, they also have an impressive collection of military vehicles and weapons, many hand built by Jay. "Squirt" the turtle cruised around the pond while we watched the fish swimming under "Bubba's" fishing dock.



# **FGRS Fun Run at the home of John and Katie Abbott**

October 30, Melbourne, Florida  
By Fred Weber, FGRS President

**The East Coast FGRS is back! About a dozen people showed up and enjoyed the fine weather and trains running! Some folks drove 170 miles to come to this meet!**



**John and Katie had the yard and house decorated for Halloween with a Halloween train running.**



The elevated track in the backyard was running with live steam and larger engines. Gary Nichols brought his fine old #102, John ran his live steamers, a Mike, and what was that cool little red 0-4-0T?



Halloween cookies and cupcakes were our treats as we sat on the Lanai to catch up on the latest garden railroading adventures.

# *The Lemonade Stand*

## Overcoming the Mistakes We Make in Model Railroading

by Jennifer Nisenoff and Tim Smith



Most articles produced for this newsletter illustrate the triumphs of our members. We can learn much from the successes of others. *The Lemonade Stand* is here to help us find ways to learn from the mistakes we often make as we begin or return to this wonderful hobby.

Each Lemonade Stand article focuses on a single lemon (i.e., problem/mistake) and (hopefully!) provides some insights to turn that lemon into lemonade (success!). While I am a Garden-Scale modeler, these

lemons will likely apply to most any scale. I am definitely a history buff. I do some research online, and Jennifer and I are regular users of the Lee County library system. I try to include some little historical tidbit in each article to create interest and also to help.

### This month's Lemon: ***Failing to Keep the Boxes***

Most model trains today come in cardboard boxes. To be sure, there have been and still are some very expensive models that come in wooden or even steel boxes. But even those are usually shipped or delivered inside cardboard boxes! Interestingly, the development of the cardboard box for packaging parallels the development of railroads.

The cardboard box was invented in 1817 in England. The box was simple paperboard and was not corrugated, but it was a box (Kellogg Cereals helped popularize this box in the mid/late 1800s)! Corrugated paper was patented in 1856, but used as a liner in hats for the beginning of its existence. It wasn't until 1871 that the corrugated cardboard box came into existence as a means of shipping and storing materials. It only took three more years for the first machine to produce large quantities of corrugated board to come into being, creating the corrugated the cardboard box we all know and use today. 1890 brought about another huge innovation in cardboard boxes. That is when pre-cut single pieces of board that could be folded into boxes were invented. By 1895, corrugated cardboard boxes jumped shores and began being produced in America for the first time.

Backstory: When I started acquiring model trains, I assumed everyone kept the original box along with all the internal wrapping and protective liners (like styrofoam) intact. Wow, did I get a rude awakening?! Almost all the cheap items I purchased on eBay (see last month's article regarding "cheap") came without boxes. Trains were shipped in various containers such as padded envelopes, newspaper bound with duct tape, even a piece of plastic pipe with plugs on each end. Almost always the original product literature, owners' manuals, and warranty cards were gone. Sometimes, I had to spend hours just trying to figure out what I had since I was unable to recognize brands by the shape of couplers, or track pick-ups, or other unique features. Almost all the shipping boxes went straight to the trash (and some appeared to have originated from the trash by the time they got to me!)

With limited storage space I took to trying to stack or just set items on shelves as best I could. I lost track (to coin a railroad phrase!) of what I had and where it was. I knocked units off the shelf (sigh), lost parts, broke parts, and generally created a mess that made me look and feel like I was a prime candidate for one of those reality TV shows dedicated to hoarding.

I needed to find a way to keep the trains stored properly so that each train unit had a dedicated (and findable) spot, solid protection, and easy to use open/closing setup. I knew it would be nice, too, if the box the train was stored in could be used to transport the unit to fun runs as well. That meant that each box had to be well padded, stackable, and easily carried. And the boxes needed to be relatively inexpensive because I am a train hobbyist not a box collector.

G-Scale train units come in various lengths and even widths depending on whether it is a loco, a tender, a box car, a gondola, a caboose, etc. It seemed to me that the best solution would be to find a standard box size that would sort of accommodate a lot of different units even if some of them were not a perfect fit. After much trial and error (mostly error), I developed a double-unit box system that seemed to work and provided most of the features I needed and wanted at a cost of about \$ per box.

I now keep (nearly) all frequently used trains in these homemade padded storage boxes. Each storage box will hold two units of G-Scale rolling stock and each box is composed of the following:

1 – 20x12x8 cardboard box (\$2.25 each from Amazon when purchased as a lot of 20 boxes for \$45)

2 – 14x19 plastic padded shipping envelopes to be used as lining for the sides and top (\$2.00 for two when purchased as a lot of Sales4Less #7 Poly Bubble Mailers 14.25X20 Inches Shipping Padded Envelopes Self Seal Waterproof Cushioned Mailer 50 Pack from Amazon for \$47)

2 – 10x14 plastic padded shipping envelopes to be used as lining for the ends and bottom (\$1.10 for two when purchased as a lot of Sales4Less #4 Poly Bubble Mailers 9.5x14.5 Inches Shipping Padded Envelopes Self Seal Waterproof Cushioned Mailer 50 Pack from Amazon for \$26).

4 – ½ inch wide x 2-inches long strips of sticky back Velcro-like sticky tape (\$.10 for 4 pieces when purchased as a 1 Inch x 26 Feet Hook and Loop Tape Sticky Back Fastener Roll from Amazon)

Various pieces of packing tape (to build the box and secure the padding), scraps of cardboard (center divider), and some foam scraps or old bubble-wrap (to serve as protective fillers at ends and tops of units that do not take up all the space.

Total cost for this is about \$.50 per box depending on what is needed.

Total cost for each box: About \$6.00

On each box I write a unique identifying number that I enter into a spreadsheet. I also write a brief summary of the box contents on the top, one end, and one side so that I can tell what is in each box.



Usually, each double-unit box will contain “related” items:  
 An engine and “matching” tender  
 A pair of boxcars or passenger cars  
 Two similar cars  
 Two identical items  
 Two oddball cars  
 Large parts and pieces that just need a home  
 Regardless of what is in each box, each box gets a number and is labeled to identify contents. The Hook & Loop sticky strips (aka Velcro strips) allow me to repeatedly open and close the boxes without string or tape while keeping the boxes very rigid during storage to prevent collapse. The padded envelopes keep units clean, dry, and protected (including serving as moisture barrier). The boxes are easy to carry, stack, and re-arrange. If/when I decide to sell related units, I can use the box for shipping. Since each box is the same shape, it is easy for me to keep things organized and safely stored. I do not have to worry about the top of a box collapsing because the box above it is a different size. I like this storage method so much that in a few cases, I have removed an “expensive” unit from the original manufacturer’s box because the original box



is awkward to use, or in danger of getting torn up if opened and closed too often.

It is not a perfect solution...Some of my units are longer than 20 inches...Sometimes I end up with unused space...Sometimes I have to remove a whistle or other doodad from the top of a loco just to make sure it does not get bent or broken.

How to Make Lemonade from this Lemon: Failing to keep the boxes:

1. Come up with a box “system” that fits your situation
2. Protect your trains from damage and dust during storage and transport.
3. Label each box and keep track of each box’s contents and location.
4. Save the original boxes to avoid steps 1, 2, and 3!

**Next Article: “Do not let the perfect be the enemy of the good”**

# Tips and Tricks!

## Members Sharing Helpful Information

### Getting all the superglue out of the bottle - Sent in by Jim Jerele:

I learned something very interesting today. I'm using the gel based super glue (bottle on left) and I was unable to squeeze any more glue out. I popped the blue bottom piece off, and pulled the locking piece out with a tweezer. Luckily, it's not glued in. I cut the black casing piece up both sides and removed it and found that there is a tube of gel inside. **It was still a little less than half full!** At \$6 a bottle, you certainly want to use all of it.

- JJ





# Member Train Items For Sale

Looking to buy or swap something? Send in your request- [FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto: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, [FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:FGRS.Newsletter@gmail.com)*

*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*

**Bob Conant has for sale:**

**Email - [bobconant2@gmail.com](mailto:bobconant2@gmail.com)**

**In Bradenton – Pick up at my house or will work out halfway somewhere.**

Aristocraft Chessie U25B locomotive. Asking \$150. Make offer



Aristocraft Chessie Steel Caboose. Asking \$60. Make offer



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LGB No 50 Diesel Loco.  
Almost new, runs super.  
Asking \$100. Make offer



Hartland Black Mack,  
New. Asking \$50, Make offer



(2) Aristocraft 40 foot steel boxcars,  
Florida East Coast,  
One Blue;  
One Red (Tuscan) (Not shown).  
Asking \$50 each , make offer.



USA Trains Long Wooden Caboose,  
Pennsylvania, nearly new,  
Asking \$60, make offer.



LGB Zillertal Bier Car  
Excellent condition.  
Asking \$150. Make offer



## FGRS Membership Application for 2022

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 2022: \$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: Jay Archer, Florida Garden Railway Society,**

**P.O. BOX 2695**

**Dunedin, FL 34697-2695**

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

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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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. 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.

First Badge: Name: _____ Town or RR Name: _____	Second Badge: Name: _____ Town or RR Name: _____
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