

NCGR Time Table

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Northern Colorado Garden Railroaders

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Conductor's Corner

Mark Sears
President

Well, our soggy summer has turned into flash flooding; I hope your railroad crews are able to keep up with the erosion. My crews have had to do some mid-summer ballasting, other than that operations continue and remain non-profitable.

I have been able to sneak in a few enjoyable train runs. I have been running trains at my neighbor Jon Pixlar's house on his basement sized HO layout along with Andrei and my Grandsons. We have been running as many as five long trains simultaneously. So much fun in a cool basement.

We had a great turnout at Good Samaritan in Loveland for our July meeting. The Good Samaritan Club were very gracious hosts. They provided a delicious meal, showed us their remarkable railroad, and provided a beautiful meeting and dinner location. The evening was just wonderful and such joyful fellowship. There were so many items being sold and or given away, it was a mini swap meet.

The silent auction of the Spring

Creek Gardens three locomotives raised \$350 for the club. Thanks, Del, for all your efforts to assess the conditions of the locomotives. Thanks, Robert, for allowing the club first chance to purchase G-Scale items that have been donated to the Museum and for gifting smaller items to the club for giveaways.

Event News:

- **Georgetown Loop Tour** – Not sure if those interested in going on this tour have picked a time and date. The names on the sign-up sheet were Ken Jessen and Shawn Elworthy. If you are interested in going contact one of them.
- **Rails in the Rockies - Estes Park** – September 23 & 24 – Club elected to not participate, but should be fun to attend.
- **Rocky Mountain Train Show** – Larimer County Fairgrounds - November 25 and 26, with setup on November 24 – Club decided to participate in this show. Robert will be the lead and will solicit help in September and October.

Kent has been videotaping our RR's to show at train shows and to document our railroads. If you want Kent to videotape your RR, please contact him to schedule. He is doing a fabulous job, you can find them on you-tube, by searching for Kent Shove.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, August 16

Next Meeting

Bob Ferrero
1979 Red Cliff Pl.
Loveland, CO

Wed, August 16th
6:00 p.m.

Trains @ 5:30

at Bob Ferraro's in Loveland. If you have not seen his railroad, don't miss the meeting. His railroad is a masterpiece – a true garden railroad. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there. Bob will have trains running at 5:30, with supper around 6:30 – 7:00 ish and meeting around 7:30 to 8:00 ish.



Club Car

Chris Reid
Sec/Treas

Current Membership

Paid members	40
Honorary Members	9
Lapsed Members	1

Financials Aug 1, 2023

Income	\$350.00
Expenses	\$335.00
Bank	\$4246.89
Petty Cash	\$256.00
Checks	\$00.00

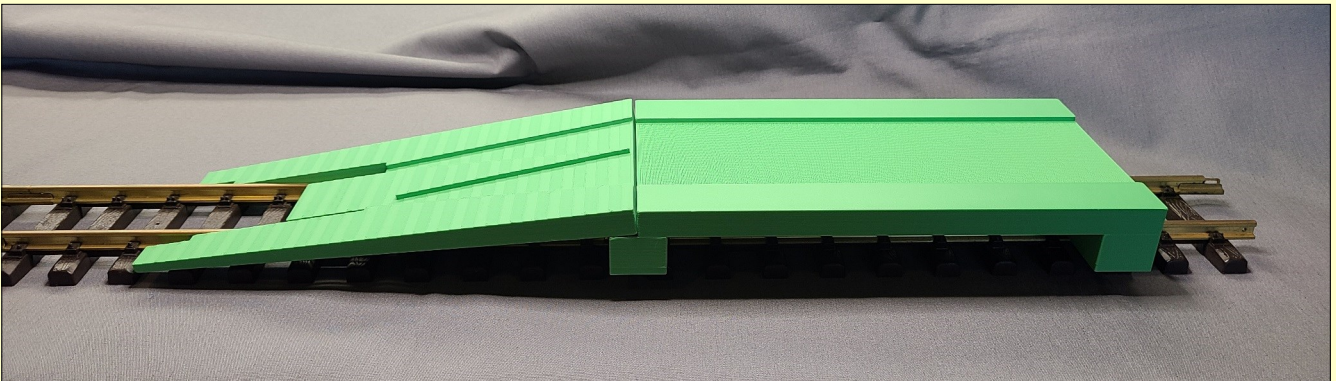
NCGR Bull Session

Del Tapparo, Windsor, CO

LGB makes a 10020 Rerailer for loading large scale locos and rolling stock onto the track. I had a chance to use one in the past and found it very useful for getting my train onto the track when attending someone's operating session. Rather than purchase one, I thought this would be a great project to practice my 3D modeling and printing skills.

My Large Scale Rerailer (Loading Ramp) was designed in Fusion 360, my CAD (Computer Aided Design) program, and 3D printed on my Bamboo Lab X-1 Carbon in two sections.

LGB 10020 Rerailer



Bob Ferrero

is selling all his trains one of two ways. Either with their home or just the entire layout.

If interested please contact Bob at 970-214-1716.



**Ads will be posted for 1 month only !
Please resubmit your ad if not sold.**



Cedar wood engine and caboose on wood track for lawn or garden decor. Can put a flower pot in the back of the engine. Total length is 4 feet and width is 1 foot, engine and caboose are 1/2' wood. I have this on Craigslist for \$115 but will sell to a club member for \$95.

See Photos ...

John Arends, 970-219-1841

May swap for some Bachman trucks with wheels or farm people.



Piko O scale water tower \$23.



Plasticville O scale coaling tower, in box but snaps together. \$25.



Aristocraft left hand electric switch \$27.

Our **Good Samaritan** Model Railroad Club is hoping to enhance it's garden gauge railroad by adding one or two reversing loops to the layout. With the addition of battery powered locomotives, we don't have to be concerned about polarity and can move our trains from one loop to the other and change directions. To do this, we will need to acquire a variety of track and switches. So, we are hoping to purchase used track as follows:

- One Piko G-WRL curved switch.
- One Piko R1 or LGB R1 30-degree right hand switch
- Two Piko R1 or LGB R1 30-degree left hand switch
- Twelve Piko GR- 3 36-inch radius curved sections **OR** equivalent LGB R-2 32 inch curved sections..
- Ten feet of either LGB or Piko straight track.

Please let me know if any of you have any of this type of track for sale. All the members of our club truly appreciate all the help you have given us.

Jim Mount
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By Del Tapparo

Our Railroads

We have devoted space on our website for each member to show off their railroad to other members and the public. You can provide written descriptions, photos or videos to me (webmaster), and I will post them. I do reserve the right to edit as needed. For example; 8 or 10 photos are probably sufficient. If you give me more, I may pick and choose. But in general, I will do whatever you want.

Your photos and content may also be used in club promotional materials and displayed at train shows.

Summer is the best time for photos. So if you haven't already, take a few, and let's get your page started or updated.

**Submit your content to
DelTapparo@comcast.net**

Hobo Breakfast

**1st Saturdays
Fort Collins**

**The Breakfast Club
121 W. Monroe**

**3rd Saturdays
Loveland**

**Perkins
2222 W. Eisenhower**

Meeting Thoughts

Chris Reid

There is a lot of knowledge in our club and I believe that a lot of that knowhow is not being passed around. So...

What about a section of the meeting where we can advise members who have "dead" locos? We have all had multiple failures with both Bachmann and LGB locos (mostly with Bachmann) and some of us have managed to resurrect these. That's a lot of basic knowledge going unused and others at the meeting might also gain some knowledge.

I am not suggesting you bring your loco along to the meeting to get it fixed, but certainly someone will be able to guide you to what the potential problem might be. A short list of problems includes stuck pickup shoes and/or springs, broken final drive gears and not to mention dirty wheels and broken electrical connections.

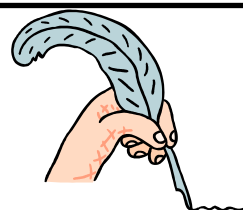
Locos stall on LGB turnouts? The answer is fairly simple and is an easy (ish) fix.

If this could be of interest let Mark Sears know.

Tip of the month:

To keep critters out of your buildings (hornets, spiders etc – frogs and snakes in my case!) place a couple of moth balls inside before placing them on the layout. An alternative is a small slice of household soap – preferably the smelly kind. A few mothballs either side of the track in your tunnels will keep spiders and spider webs away, as well as the odd rabbit.

Publish Your Projects !



We welcome a few words, a few words with a photo, or a full blown article on any topic related to garden railroading submitted via e-mail as a text file with attached .jpg photos.



***Don't wait
for the next
Swap Meet
Sell it Here
today !***

NCGR Bull Session

Kent Shove, Loveland, CO

I 3D printed all the flatcar loads, as well as the snowplow, for my 2-6-0.



Kenneth Jessen, Loveland, CO

Robert Linton was our motorman and Michael Werner was our conductor for a fun run the length of the track down Mountain Avenue.



Mike Shelton, Loveland, CO

Mark Sears has been helping me build a raised/ elevated layout. We used recycled cedar fencing for the trestle like supports and $\frac{3}{4}$ " painted plywood for the track bed. The 24' x 12' oval fits the backyard very well. One side of the oval is 24" wide to provide width for future buildings. The other side of the oval is 16" wide to provide width for a future siding. One end of the oval will have a removable 4' long bridge to allow access for mowing, and the other end of the oval will have a 4' long tunnel or snowshed to provide a safe place to park a locomotive over night or during a rainstorm. We drove the Golden Spike and ran trains on Thursday, August 3. What a fun project!!!



Mike Yonkis, Carr, CO

This past month I placed 41 feet of new track, 24 feet of which crosses a huge bridge. This would represent a 500 foot span in actual size. The bridge supports are one-inch square, C- shaped, aluminum beams. The placing of the track only took an hour or so, but (as I am sure you know) the planning and creation of the road bed and bridge structure took much longer, for me about 12 months. Ok, so, I admit, I am a fair weather railroader.

Monica is building a set of Warren style trusses out of half-inch wooden beams. Linda has built a train depot building and a little log cabin to go along with it. The depot was made with Lincoln Logs. The cabin started out as a birdhouse that she bought at Hobby Lobby. The best part of this activity for us is that we all work on it together.



Steve Andersen, Estes Park, CO

Late last night, I was relaying some trackage and I decided to see how many trains I could run simultaneously and manually. For awhile, I was barely hanging on with 10 locomotives (2 double headed sets), trains made up with 30 cars, 5 scales, 4 gauges, 4 transformers and power packs, and 2 battery sets. It was more fun than counting sheep and considerably more exciting! All on a 40"x78" surface.



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NCGR Calendar

Meetings are held on the **third Wednesday of the month.**

Bring something to share for "Show & Tell". **Please wear your name badges.** Guests are always welcome.

Hobo Breakfasts Monthly

1st Sat - Fort Collins, Breakfast Club, 121 W. Monroe
3rd Sat - Loveland, Perkins, 2222 W. Eisenhower

Date	Event	Details
Aug 16	Monthly Meeting	Bob Ferrero, Loveland
Sep 20	Monthly Meeting	Mike Perry, Milner Schwarz House, Loveland
Oct 18	Monthly Meeting	Shawn Elworthy, Windsor
Nov 15	Monthly Meeting	Election of Officers TBD (First Indoor Meeting)
Dec	No Meeting	Enjoy the Holidays !
Jan 17	Monthly Meeting	TBD
Feb 21	Monthly Meeting	TBD
Mar 20	Monthly Meeting	TBD

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