

## DENVER GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

The Denver Garden Railway Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education, promotion and enjoyment of all aspects of garden railroading.

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## Highball

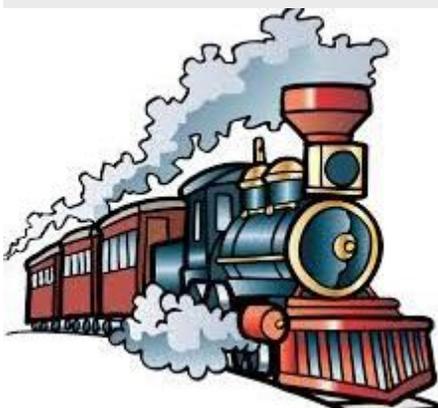
Happy New Year Denver Garden Railway Society! I'm excited to write this year's opening column as board members and organizers are hard at work planning for a successful year.



The board met and is addressing the leadership structure of the club, as well as the pesky Omicron variant of Covid-19. The Convention committee is working through the logistics of the upcoming NGRC2022. **At this time, the DGRS is seeking a chair for the communications/website committee and if you are interested, please email me.**

Unfortunately, I, along with so many of our club members, were unable to attend our holiday party. Many members were there and I'm happy to report that the event was a success. Some board members came up with a suggestion for a drawing for gift certificates to a new local hobby shop that caters to trains. I heard this idea went over well with party attendees.

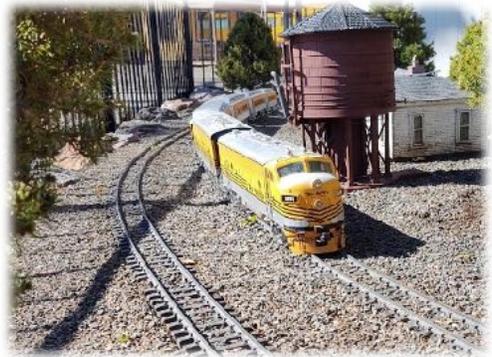
The month of February brings the annual swap and shop at the Clements Center. I'm always excited to browse the things that people bring to sell and look forward to seeing all of you in attendance. I spoke with the Clements Center and reserved all the dates for the upcoming year. Please see the calendar for more information.



The last subject I would like to discuss with all of you is involvement. I know there are many circumstances that prevent many club members to be involved with various club activities, but if you are able or have the time, please let a board member know because many hands make light work.

Please email me with any questions or comments: [DenverGardenRailwaySociety@gmail.com](mailto:DenverGardenRailwaySociety@gmail.com)

## Jeff Lillo



## DGRS Calendar

Date	2022 Event	Details
February 12 Saturday	Hobo Brunch	8:30 am, Valley Inn 1997 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
February 22 Tuesday	General Meeting Swap Meet Pizza party	7:00 PM <a href="#">Clements Community Center</a> 1580 Yarrow St. Lakewood, CO 80214
March 12 Saturday	Hobo Brunch	8:30 am, Valley Inn 1997 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
March 29 Tuesday	General Meeting Michelle Kempema presents a program about the Colorado Model RR Museum and The UP Heritage Fleet of passenger cars	7:00 PM <a href="#">Clements Community Center</a> 1580 Yarrow St. Lakewood, CO 80214
April 9 Saturday	Hobo Brunch	8:30 am Valley Inn 1997 S. Wadsworth Blvd.
April 26, Tuesday	General Meeting, Wally Weart speaks on the restoration of Denver Trolley Car .04	7:00 PM, <a href="#">Clements Community Center</a> 1580 Yarrow St. Lakewood, CO 80214

## Annual Dues

### CLUB DUES FOR 2022 ARE DUE:

Family membership \$48  
Individual membership \$36

Make checks payable to **DGRS**

Mail to :

**Denver Garden Railway Society co/Al Blount**  
6038 Iris Way  
Arvada, CO 80004

## Museum Happenings

On the 2nd of January a DGRS crew went out to the CRRM to clear snow and see what condition the area was in.



The high winds caused some damage in the garden railway, a metal bridge on track #4 was flipped over which twisted the rails and ties attached to it. David Miller righted it and moved the track back in place. Some buildings were damaged but we will need the snow to melt before we can get a good idea of what actually happened. The Top of the nice Pola windmill is likely now in New Mexico

## NGRC

# June 20-25, 2022



Visit the website and register for the convention.

[ncrg2022.org](http://ncrg2022.org)



## Train News

# Rocky Mountain

## Railroad Club

This page shows interesting railroad happenings as well as breaking railroad news. Check it often as you may learn about new events and ideas for your railroad. [Rocky Mountain News and Photos.](#)

## Railroad Pictures and Videos

Photos from all over the US. You can select the locomotive type, railroad, location, etc. <http://www.railpictures.net>

## Colorado Railroads

Colorado Railroads, a site for the fans of past and present railroads serving the Centennial State.

<http://www.corailroads.com/>

Three of the flexible side walls of the CRRM pavilion were blown in and damaged, the stage was torn apart and Polar Express merchandise was scattered around inside of the structure.

Along with the DGRS crew Museum ED Paul Hammond helped out in clearing the side walks around the garden railway



Peter Gagnon has joined the group that is repairing the DGRS model structures, he also has offered to instal DCC control on the #2 trackage. This will allow larger DCC equipped locomotives to pull longer trains.

### Alan Olson



Cherylene Evans

## DGRS 2022 Board

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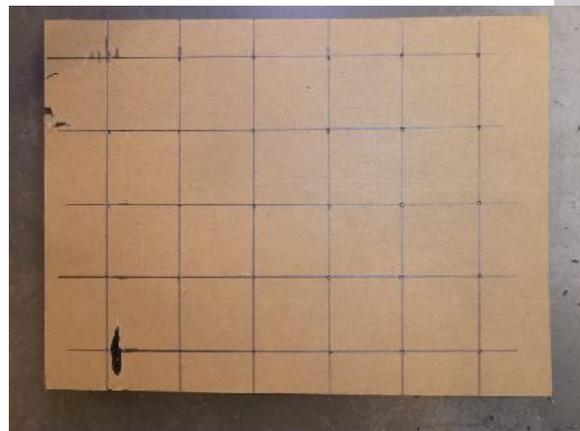
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## Making a Small Tool Holder

I had all my small tools stuck in a cup, mostly screw drivers and such. (Fig 0) I started by counting them to see how many I had and came up with almost 30 and decided I should make it for 30.

Next, I needed to find the spacing. With some experimenting, I decided on  $\frac{3}{4}$ ", with 6 rows of 5. I had



some  $\frac{3}{8}$ " plastic that thought would work well. I cut two pieces of the  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and on  $\frac{1}{8}$ " plastic to  $5\text{-}\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\text{-}\frac{3}{4}$ " area and laid out a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " grid on the top one. I

stacked the top piece and the  $\frac{1}{8}$ " intermediate support, clamped them and then drilled a small hole at each intersection (suggest using a  $\frac{1}{16}$ " drill and then go to a  $\frac{3}{32}$ "). I then clamped the  $\frac{1}{8}$ " sheet on top of the  $\frac{3}{8}$ " bottom piece and drilled thru the  $\frac{1}{8}$ " a small distance to make a guide for some tools that went all the way down (probably not really necessary).



GR News is celebrating the New Year with the introduction of a GR News Logo to help our readers recognize GR News content across the Web, Facebook, Instagram and other channels.



Over time, you may see alternate versions with different backgrounds.

Let's hope that 2022 brings more events and open railroads.

The first 2022 edition of GR News will be published on January 25 and we will send you a link to it then.

Very best wishes for a safe and fun-filled New Year.

Mick Spilsbury  
GRNews Marketing & Distribution

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I placed the 1/2" piece on the container, this allowed me to place many of the tools in the locations I wanted. Then I needed to figure out what size hole I wanted in the top piece. Drilled all the necessary holes for the top piece. Then I placed the 1/8" intermediate on the container with a 1-1/2" spacer (no Pic), then the top piece on that. Now I could work on the size holes I needed for the intermediate piece. The intermediate piece helps to keep all the tools upright. After some trials I drilled the holes for the intermediate piece, after more trials adjusted the sizes and proceeded to remove the paper from the plastic. I also cut two pieces of the 3/8" 5" by 3-1/2" for the ends, Then I cut some 1/8" pieces to support the intermediate piece, and trimmed the intermediate piece to fit between the ends

The 3/8" plastic was pretty old, and the paper would not peel off. I tried many different things to get old paper off plastic and settled on using "Super Clean" which is sold at Wall-Mart in a 1-gallon purple jug. You can find it in the auto section and it's great for removing grease and other stuff. I soaked the paper with a full strength solution, after it was fully saturated, I started to remove the paper, this was a three step process, first I started a corner and one edge with a square end X-acto blade placing the bevel side against the plastic being careful not scratch it, then I used a 1" wide plastic putty knife (sharpened the end on both sides with a fine file to start removing the paper. On the first pass you will only get part of the paper off. Go over it again to get the rest of the paper, keep it wet with the cleaner all the time. To remove the glue, start with the X-acto blade then use the plastic putty knife. The knife will probably roll over the top of the glue as you remove it, this is OK as the glue helps to remove the rest of the glue, it sticks to itself better than the plastic.



I glued it together and filled it with my tools. (Fig 4 & 5). This sounds easy, but there was a lot of trial to get it correct, more time cleaning the plastic. Estimated total time about 20 hours. You might notice that the tops of the Wiha drivers

have different colors painted on them, I color coded them to identify which they are, unmarked red top is straight blade, green is Phillips's type, yellow is for socket head. This makes it easy to know which one you want.



**Byron Fenton**

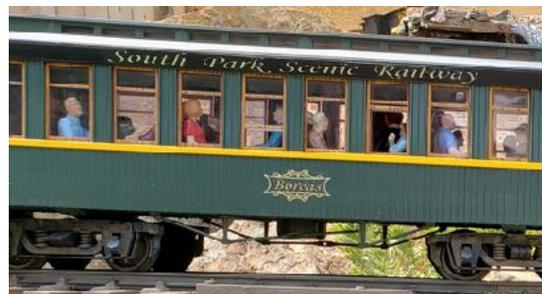
## A Small Tribute to Stan Cedarleaf

It was sad to hear of the unexpected passing of Stan Cedarleaf of Cedarleaf Custom Decals on December 30th. Over the last five years I worked with Stan on the design of many decals for various projects. You could provide him with some dimensions and a general idea and usually within a day a sheet of proofs would be provided. Stan had a great eye and would always provide some great suggestions for improving the final product. He was a great contributor to our hobby and he will be missed.

A retirement gift I created last year for a colleague at the Colorado Department of Agriculture featuring Cedarleaf Custom Decals.



The logo and rolling stock decals for my South Park Scenic Railway was all created with Cedarleaf Custom Decals



An example of the high quality decals Stan Cedarleaf provided.

Eric Petty

## Convention Report

Hard to believe that in five months hundreds of garden train enthusiasts from around the world will be gathering in Denver for the 37th National Garden Railway Convention. A lot of work has already been done, but there's much more to be done. Up until now, it's been the Convention Committee that's done most of the work, but now we need your help. Our formula for success in 2015 when DGRS last hosted the National Convention was the 3 V's - Visitors, Vendors and Volunteers. If it worked in 2015, it will work again in 2022 despite all the pandemic related obstacles we've had to overcome.

So, how are we doing?

**Visitors:** Registrations are picking up, but understandingly many people are waiting to see if the Omicron variant has peaked and starting to subside before registering. Advertising through GR News and Garden Trains, blast emails and social media are all being utilized to attract visitors. The Convention registration fee increases by \$25 on March 31 and this always prompts the procrastinators to register ahead of the deadline. Interestingly, room reservations at the Crowne Plaza are at 40% of our required number, which indicates to me that visitors are booking rooms, but waiting to register.

**Vendors:** Michele Miller, our vendor chairperson reports that we've sold 43 booths to 22 different vendors and there are another 18 vendors that have committed, but not returned their contracts and deposits. Another 10 booths are being given to non-profits, future convention hosts and publications that are running our ads at no cost. Like some visitors that are procrastinating because of the pandemic, so are many vendors.

**Volunteers:** Many club members have already volunteered, but I hesitate to ask for more volunteers until we have meaningful work to be done. As we move from the planning stage to the implementation stage, the convention committee chairpersons will be reaching out to you for help.

**Layout tours also attract visitors.** Our goal was to offer 10 Denver area layout tours per day and at least that many for the Northern Colorado club. Per Chris Greenwald, our Convention layout tour chairman, we've already exceeded those goals.

**Clinics** are another way to attract visitors and Jim Desautel is putting together the most diverse and interesting array of clinics I've seen at any of the conventions that I've attended. Adam Pryce, the **Convention webmaster** has recently added a Schedule of Events created by Byron Fenton and a listing of RV Parks from Anne Loring to the website.

Eric Petty, Vice Chairman is responsible for the **Convention Program Book** and is collecting content for the program and getting bids to publish it.

Bob and Glen Leise, our **Registration Chairs** are processing both the online and print registrations.

Currently, I'm getting 2-3 emails a week with questions about the convention and when I respond almost all confirm that they'll be attending. **I'm more optimistic now about the direction of this Convention than any time since DGRS committed in 2019 to host our 9th convention.**

**Doug Mayes**

## All Aboard! Volunteers Needed on various Convention Committees!

The convention committee continues to forge ahead in planning for June. We will eventually be needing volunteers for a variety of committees, but the immediate need-to facilitate planning in 2 specific areas- is for volunteers to be part of the Registration and Transportation (pre/post convention tour docents and layout tour docents) committees. More will follow-those 2 are critical at present time.

If there is a certain area(s) you know you'll be interested in helping out with, please indicate that preference now and we'll contact you very soon!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!! Chris Greenwald would love to add your layout to his list of tours during the upcoming June 2022 NGRC. If you haven't already spoken with Chris, contact him via email or phone:

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303-378-4465

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Transportation/Tours: Terry Foley  
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Any Other area of interest: Michele Miller  
[micdavmiller@aol.com](mailto:micdavmiller@aol.com)

**There will be a sign up at the February 22nd general meeting, so be thinking about where you'd like to put your skills to use and help out!"**



# 2022 NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION

DENVER, COLORADO- JUNE 21-25 PRE-CONVENTION TOURS JUNE 19 & 20																
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, DENVER, DIA 1-877-227-6963																
DAY	TIMES	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	12 PM	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9 PM	
SATURDAY 6/18/22															REGISTRATION OPEN	
SUNDAY 6/19/22		TWO ALL DAY MOTOR COACH TOURS														REGISTRATION OPEN
	BUSES 6:30AM	#1 Cheyenne Depot Museum, Big Boy 4004 & Colorado Model Railroad Museum														
		#2 Georgetown Loop RR, Argo Mine, and Forney Transportation Museum (Big Boy 4005)														
MONDAY 6/20/22		6AM to 11AM REGISTRATION OPEN														REGISTRATION OPEN
		TWO ALL DAY MOTOR COACH TOURS						Clinics 1-5 PM								
	BUSES 6:30AM	#3 Leadville, Colorado & Southern RR and Tiny Town													WELCOME RECEPTION IN ATRIUM	
		#4 Pikes Peak Cog Railway and Cripple Creek and Victor 2; Narrow gauge RR														
TUESDAY 6/21/22		6AM to 11AM REGISTRATION OPEN								CLINICS 2-5 PM						
	BUSES 6:30AM	LAYOUT TOURS - Metro Denver									BUSES START @ 3pm	BBQ AT COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM				
		VENDOR MOVE IN														
WEDNESDAY 6/22/22		6AM to 11AM REGISTRATION OPEN								CLINICS 2-4 PM						
	BUSES 6:30AM	LAYOUT TOURS - Metro Denver										ICE CREAM SOCIAL				
		VENDOR MOVE IN						VENDOR HALL OPEN W/Food bar								
THURSDAY 6/23/22		BUSES 6:30AM LAYOUT TOURS - North of Denver -NCGR Group								VENDOR HALL OPEN W/Food bar						
									CLINICS 3-5 PM							
FRIDAY 6/24/22		BUSES 6:30AM LAYOUT TOURS- Metro Denver													HAPPY HOUR	BANQUET DINNER
									VENDOR HALL OPEN W/Food bar							
									CLINICS 2-5 PM						AFTER BANQUET FUTURE CONVENTIONS	
SATURDAY 6/25/2022		ALL DAY MOTOR COACH TOUR														
	BUSES 8:00AM	#5 Royal George Route Railroad														
		ENCORE LAYOUT TOURS						HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME								
		TIMES LISTED FOR BUSES ARE LOADING TIMES AND WILL DEPART IN 30 MIN.												Updated	1/11/22	
<b>HIGH ALTITUDE NOTE</b>	Destinations for tours 2,3 , & 4 are at altitudes of 10,00 ft or higher, going from sea level to this altitude in less than 3 days may cause high altitude sickness, also temperatures at these locations my be 40 degrees or more lower than at Denver.															



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## Hospitality Report

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The January 9th lunch at The Old Spaghetti Factory was a time of good food and great conversation. We missed those of you who weren't present. Thanks to AI for keeping track of the details as we worked with a new venue and the hiccups that brought. The DGRS provided 4 \$25 gift certificates to Rocky Mountain Train Supply (formerly N Scale Supply-now multi scale and doing an excellent job at it!) that were purchased by Ron Keiser. Thanks for doing the legwork, Ron. I haven't heard a single negative about the venue-I personally liked how easy it was to talk to folks (not a lot of interruptions to get food) and the fact I didn't feel stuffed after! Please let us know if you have a "con"-whether you attended or not-so we can plan better next year.

February 22nd brings our traditional Swap Meet/ Pizza Party as long as local conditions allow - knock on wood! Should you bring something for dessert, and if it's homemade please bring 5-10 copies of the recipe to "swap" with others who might enjoy making it themselves. Even though it's past Valentine's Day, I'm thinking I'll bring something with a red velvet theme...

Please let us know if you plan on bringing something so that we can plan accordingly.

March 29th will be here all too soon. We'll think of a theme and announce at the February meeting-(I know the suspense is unbearable)!

I miss those of you who need to be more cautious about getting out and look forward to the times that we can all gather together comfortably. Please remember to stop by and say "hi," especially if new to the club or if we haven't talked in a while.

Hope to see you soon!

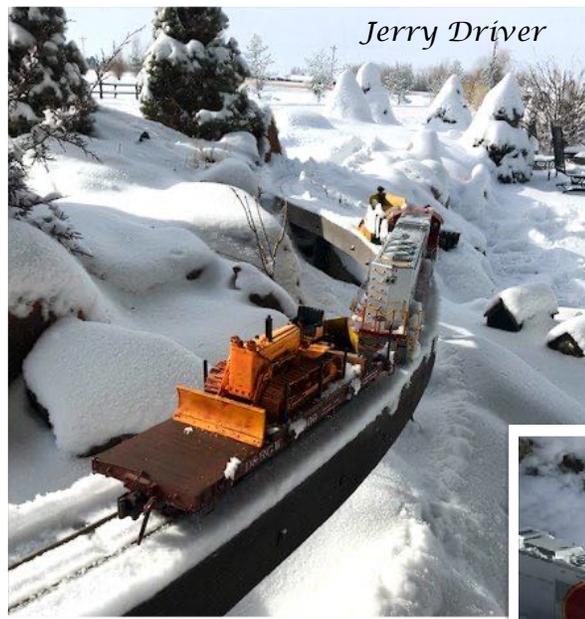
**Michele Miller**



Bob Finch

# Snow Pictures

With the recent snowfalls in the high desert of the Denver front range, some of us have been having fun in the snow.



*Jerry Driver*



*Pete Hendel*



*Jerry Driver*



*Pete Hendel*

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## Rio Grande Southern No 20's Offsite Travels

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Thanks to the Colorado Railroad Museum for the content and photo for this article:  
[coloradorailroadmuseum.org](http://coloradorailroadmuseum.org)



This new video chronicles Rio Grande Southern 4-6-0's offsite travels this the summer/fall of 2021. The first leg of the journey was to travel to Cripple Creek for a static display, a town where this 1899-vintage steam locomotive "grew up" after being delivered to the Florence & Cripple Creek Railroad. The video then follows No. 20 on to Antonito and the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, where it would participate in the railroad's 50th Anniversary festivities, and pull several special photo charters as well as a special donor recognition train.

You can watch the video at:

[RGS No. 20's Off Site Adventures](#)

Other videos and stories are at:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ColoradoRailroadMuseum/featured>

## A Look Back at 2013 Colorado Floods

September 2013 started out as another dry and warm month. On the September 8th, 2013 a very slow cold front moved into the front range, creating a known weather event along the front range called an upslope. This weather event is perfect for attracting a good dose of snow for the front range. Unfortunately September 2013 was too warm and dry to create a snow event. However, the cold front brought a drop in temperature and needed moisture for the area. These conditions lasted just over four days with the worst twenty-four-hour rain event occurring on day two and three. The following pictures were taken while running wreck trains on Union Pacific subdivisions during and immediately following the historic flooding.

### Commerce City.



### Greeley Subdivision:

Southbound freight train on the Greeley Sub during flood coming through Commerce City.



### Moffat Tunnel Subdivision:

This area is at MP 17.5 on the Moffat Sub. Water and ground became saturated above the railroad at the intersection of CO Highway 72 and CO Highway 93. The water ran in all directions, east and west along the main.



West of the previous picture on the approach to Rocky. If you look closely, you can see the Rocky lead washed out at the top of the picture.



This is looking southward under the east switch at Rocky into the valley below. Interesting to note that this followed the path of the buried Denver water supply canal.



These pictures show how running water can destroy the bed of a railroad, not unlike our garden railway layouts. This is the Rocky lead that comes into the main.



This picture shows water blowouts and fissures from underneath the Big Ten curve from Rocky. There are two of these with the second one running from the track level into the hillside over 100 feet. This fissure has continued to be a maintenance headache to this day with pipe and French drains used to drain the fissure.



The maintenance of way road along the right of way at rocky washed out. Later in the month we would dump over thirty cars of ballast of the siding creating a beautiful new road.



This is a creek that runs down the face of the mountain going underneath Eisele (Clay) above and running underneath the west switch of Rocky. This creek empties out to the valley below and also caused a washout in the siding at Eisele (Clay).



The same creek and washout as seen above. This can cause concern for both maintenance crews and train crews because the ballast train that we are on is over 14,000 tons and 3x2. The train was brought up from the joint line, so we could dump enough ballast to get the mainline open.



The “Glory Hole.” This picture is taken from the back of my train. The water built up behind two corrugated pipes on the upstream side of the railroad just outside tunnel 2. It eventually blew out the railroad and the creek bed all the way down the mountain. Working around the clock, trains dumped rock into the hole and rebuilt in about three weeks, once again opening Denver to the Rocky Mountain west



**Ft. Collins Subdivision**

Refuge collected along the bridge crossing the Platte River. One interesting note is this bridge has survived three flood events since it was built during the depression.



Backing up the Georgetown Slot train to the washed-out portion to the subdivision. The water surrounding the tracks are the remnants of the surrounding river water that backed up and washed out the rails

**Jeff Lillo**

# Garden Railway Clubs Links

This section is an opportunity for our members to learn from the efforts, tips, techniques, and news of other garden railway clubs. Please Click on each club name below or go the following link to access all the clubs: <http://www.denvergardenrailway.org/index.php/links-to-other-clubs/>

[Northern Colorado Garden Railroaders](#)



**Northern Colorado  
Garden Railroaders**

[Mile High Garden Railway Society](#)

**THE GARDEN WHISTLE**

[New Zealand Large Scale Newsletter](#)

[Bay Area Garden Railway Society](#)



[Puget Sound Garden Railway Society](#)



[Rose City Garden Railway Society](#)



[North Texas Garden Railroad Club](#)



[Gold Coast Garden Railway Society](#)



[Northern Ohio Garden Railway Society](#)



[Santa Clarita Valley Garden Railway Club](#)



[Central California Coast Garden Railroad Society](#)



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digital magazine

## Publisher

Last month we failed to give photo credit to Don Atkinson for his pictures in the article about the San Juan and New Mexico Express. We regret the error.

The deadline for the next newsletter is February 13th. Please send them early if you can.

[CheryleneEvans@outlook.com](mailto:CheryleneEvans@outlook.com)

Your stories with photos are most helpful! Thanks to all who contributed to this newsletter!

## Local G Scale Train Store

Rocky Mountain Train Supply is now stocking G scale products. They also have a selection of pre-owned models.

6060 W 55th Ave.

Arvada, CO 80002

303-456-6702

[rockymountaintrainsupply.com](http://rockymountaintrainsupply.com)



Our first O G & S Gauge Auction in 2022 will be Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022

**O G & S Gauge Auction**  
**Raddison Hotel**  
**4849 Bannock St., Denver, CO**

Join us for a great time and great prices!  
 Viewing starts at 8 a.m. and bidding at 9 a.m.

For more information, go to:  
<https://coloradotoytrain.org/auction-feb-2022>



**Public Model Train Auction**  
**February 12th 2022**  
 Viewing 8 am. Auction 9 am.

**Radisson Hotel**  
**4849 Bannock, Denver, Colorado**  
**450 lots of O, G & S gauge trains**

- = 60 lots of Diesel & Steam engines include a Climax, 2-Shays, 2 Big Boys & a MTH #1 Gauge Erie Triplex
- = 124+ lots of freight, passenger cars & sets
- = 40 lots of track, switches & power including 2-Z4000
- = 100+ lots of accessories, several metal figurines, buildings, structures, vehicles & Dept 56 items
- = 45 lots of American Flyer O & S
- = 60 lots of large Gauge Engines, rolling stock, track, accessories, custom structures & super dioramas

For **FREE** Auction List, Pictures Go to [coloradotoytrain.org](http://coloradotoytrain.org)

**Get Registered early!!**  
 lunch available  
 For questions contact John: 303-986-9380  
 or [cullen3548@msn.com](mailto:cullen3548@msn.com)

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## NGRC JANUARY 13, 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING

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Location: 7114 W. Jefferson Ave, Conference Room

Attending in person: Doug Mayes, Byron Fenton, Terry Foley, Chris Greenwald, Bob and Glen Leise, Michele Miller

Attending remotely: Al Blount, Bob Finch, Eric Petty, Adam Pryce

Meeting convened: 6:55 PM

### **Agenda items with brief summaries of associated discussion as follows:**

#### **--Future Meetings:**

Moving forward, we'll have one in person and one Zoom meeting per month. In person meetings will remain the 2nd Thursday of the month, February through May. Zoom meeting times to be determined/ need to have a host.

#### **--Pandemic Contingency Plan:**

Concern from vendors as well as attendees. Consensus was that we need to prepare for the possibility of having to check vaccination credentials and have a procedure in place via security if that becomes mandated. We can always back off as things improve but need to be prepared. As we've done so far, we'll adhere to local mandates and expect to hold attendees to them as well. The Colorado Railroad Museum is a great example of successful "customer service friendly" implementation of pandemic procedures. Masks a must on buses. In terms of Crowne Plaza, need to determine what our contractual obligation would be if they were to shut down the hotel or if we were to have to cancel the convention. Could things be refunded or rolled over? Ditto for our venues-pre and post tours, BBQ caterer, entertainment. Convention cars (sell and ship/ eBay) and buses, etc.

#### **--Advertising**

- GR News will have convention ads published every other month (end of Jan, March, and May) along with banner ads for club newsletters.
- Garden Trains Annual will be out in March with an ad for convention. Social Media-Jeff continues to push with FB/ Instagram posts. Increasing interest/ awareness judging from comments. Adam introduced the possibility of purchasing ad space with Google and Facebook, depending on rates and whether we're getting behind on enrollments.

#### **--Pre and Post Convention Tours**

Each venue to be called for group pricing and reservations on dates we've selected. Cancellation policy if worsening of pandemic. Doug will get Arrow buses' point of contact for Terry so that scheduling of buses can be arranged. Need days/ times/ itineraries for pre/post tours and layout tours. Cutoff date for numbers to be in so the correct number of buses can be reserved? Box lunches to be arranged for pre convention tours only. Tour guides / bus hosts for all trips and layout tours-Terry starting to think about options.

#### **--Program Book Ads**

Ad proofs to Eric by end of April. Vendors who won't attend the convention are being asked if they want ad space in the book. Ad proofs (and a list of anyone requiring additional follow up) to Eric by end of April. See below (under committee reports) for additional program book info.

#### **--Banquet sponsorship-Cash and merchandise donations**

BAGRS is considering asking for sponsorship of their banquet by Accucraft and/or LGB given high food prices in CA. Something for us to consider? Or perhaps since our prices are more reasonable, we ask them to consider donations for our modeling contest/ drawing prize awards instead.

**--Committee Reports**

Treasurer (AI)- Credit paid off. Checking acct balance \$32,137.81 (\$34,451.81 with deposit made by Leises 1/13/2022).

**Clinics (Doug for Jim D.)**-Continuing to add clinicians. Most recently, Nancy Norris. A list of clinics to be published in 3/2022 GR News as an ad. Hope to boost interest.

**Vendors (Michele)**-22 vendors, 43/100 booths sold. Working through list of 18 vendors who were a definite yes as of 11/2021 but no paperwork/ payment from yet and 25 who were a strong yes but with reservations from COVID and general health issues. 15 solid leads from the holiday and Loveland and Boulder County train shows. Nashville had around 30 paying vendors in 2021, so we're on track to do fine. Hoping to exceed current space and open final salon (for free). LEGO group willing to come with their display and was approved for space at no cost.

**Registration (Bob and Glen)**-Going slowly. Some glitches with pricing-still tax discrepancies. Doug will get Adam a list of what to be taxed at 8.5% so he can adjust it on the website. WIX folks available for scheduled meetings during office hours if Bob and Glen need further assistance. Adam to adjust site so that only registrants can order a convention car. Need to fix options for Royal Gorge ride (observation car/ coach/ etc). Vendors' convention registration will be covered by their booth payment-they just need to register and pay for any desired convention activities. Michele will share their registration info with Bob and Glen.

**Layout Tours (Chris)**-30 yes Denver area responses (so at least 10/day available). Still waiting to hear back from some folks. Will need updated layout descriptions from some hosts for daily handout guides. Call for any additional layout participants to be put into the upcoming DGRS newsletter. Encore tour on Saturday the 25th still on. No buses. Terry and Chris to coordinate once layout tour participants finalized.

**Program Book (Eric)**-Golden Printing chosen. Welcome letters requested. Eric wants more recent pics of layouts to fill space. Working on filler content (high altitude tips, hotel info/ graphics etc). To printer in May.

**Website (Adam)**-Coordinating with Leises on registration/ tax issues. \$155 merchandise profits. Had to pull promotional pictures featuring our tour venues from site because of copyright issues. Need to call each one for permission to use online pics from each venue. Most recent eblast sparked interest in convention. Considering a Valentine's promo with one of the store shirts that has hearts.

**Transportation (Terry)**-See pre/post convention tours above. Recruitment of tour guides-request for volunteers in upcoming newsletter. Need to see what seating options/ times are available for the Royal Gorge and other train ride venues.

**Next in person meeting:** February 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM  
Meeting adjourned: 8:17 PM

**Michele Miller**

## DGRS Board Meeting

**DGRS BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2022  
MEETING HELD BY ZOOM**

**Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM by President Jeff Lillo**

**Present:** Jeff Lillo, Alan Olson, Al Blount, Eric Petty, Jim Desautel, Michele Miller, Doug Mayes, Ron Keiser, Scott Vance, Cherylene Evans, Adam Pryce

**Treasurer Report: Al Blount**

In addition to giving us the treasury report, Al gave us a membership report.

Membership:

2018	159
2019	147
2020	133
2021	142
Jan 5, 2022	34

**Hospitality Report: Michele Miller**

42 people have signed up for the DGRS party next Sunday. There was much conversation about whether we should have the party, or cancel. Discussion was lively with much concern about COVID and whether it would be safe. The final decision was to have the party as planned and to purchase **4 \$25.00 gift cards as door prizes** for the party From *Rocky Mountain Train Supply*.

**Museum Report: Alan Olson** The wind and snow resulted in a considerable amount of damage to the layout and pavilion at the museum. They plan to work Saturday and dig out the layout and assess the damage.

**Web Master: Absent**

Our Web Master resigned and discussion about who might be able to take his place. Jeff will get in touch with Bob Finch to help us define the roll of Web Master. The search is on.

**Exhibits Report: Scott Vance** reported that he didn't have enough help at the Christmas Show and that the trailer is stuck behind equipment at the museum and it is not easily accessible. Alan will talk to the crew at the museum to determine if it can be cleared out. There will be a Rocky Mountain show at the Stock Show Complex on April 2-3, 2022. There is still a lot of time to iron out the details.

**Programs: Ron Keiser** reminded us that the February meeting will be a swap meet with Pizza. March program features Michelle Kemperna from the Greeley Model Railroad Museum and April will be a program by Wally Weart telling us about the .04 Trolley restoration. Jeff will plan to host a May meeting in his yard.

**Publications: Cherylene Evans** reminded everyone that their reports are due on Thursday, January 13. She suggested that 4-6 photos of a project with a short caption is always a good addition to the newsletter.

**Past President: Jim Desautel** Feeling positive about the clinics that are getting lined up for the convention, especially one on automation. Michele reminded him to get in touch with a person who wants to offer a scrapbooking clinic at the convention.

**Convention Committee: Doug Mayes** The committee will meet on January 13th. They have pulled the pictures on the web site about pre convention tours because of concerns about the copyright on pictures. They will resolve that issue. They are adding RV park information to the web site. Ads for Garden Railroad News, and Garden Trains Annual have been purchased and should run with the next issue. The BGRS is looking into whether Accucraft might sponsor their 2023 NGRC banquet. Perhaps that would be an option for us too? We are 40% toward room requirement at the hotel.

**Presidents Report: Jeff Lillo.** Reported that we now have 512 Instagram followers. Some want to buy the convention car, but they can't come to the convention. We advised him to let them know that it is only available to convention attendees.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM**

## Cherylene Evans

