

## 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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### Welcome New Members!

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Returning from 2018:

Lowell and Linda Dietz

### Highball

It's the middle of April, and every time I seem to have time to go out back to work on my layout the weather does not seem to agree. I know we can always use the moisture, but I've got a convention to get ready for and so do you! All kidding

aside, this is crunch time and I hope everyone is getting tasks completed to make their railroad shine.



On the club front, I thought the club layout at the Rocky Mountain Train Show was fantastic. I would like to thank Scott Vance and all the volunteers that made this event successful as the train show was very well attended, and the amount of club participation exceeded my thoughts! Once again, this type of activity makes me proud to be a leader of this club.

At this month's board meeting the leadership group discussed numerous issues including membership and the DGRS layout at the CRRM. The past couple of years we have been really relaxed on membership renewals. After dealing with this problem first hand now, I see that the process needs to be reengineered. We will now start to remind folks via the newsletter in November, followed by a holiday greeting reminder in December, and email in January and February. After March 1st, the member will be considered overdue and will now need to remit full dues to participate in club activities. Please see the attachment in the back of the newsletter for the full retention details for club members.

## 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.](#)

### Rail 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/>

### GR News

[GRNews.org](http://GRNews.org)  
[GRNews on Facebook](#)  
[GR News on Instagram](#)

Don't cheat yourself, check it out and enjoy the stories!



At the DGRS layout we have had some damage to existing and newly donated pieces of equipment. The board discussed many ways to tackle this surprising problem. First, if you operate out at the layout and have issues, please let someone know even if it is an accident, contact information is located within the Alpine Tunnel building. Over the next couple of months, we will have moved some equipment to the restricted use shelving, please only use this equipment for events or with responsible oversight. The board did discuss further action such as a security camera or an operator ranking system, however we would like to encourage everyone to participate in the responsible use of our layout, so please have fun, but keep an eye on the trains!

I look forward to seeing all of you at our general meeting on April 26th at 7:00pm.

Jeff Lillo

### Museum Happenings



Alan Olson

#### New Donation of Equipment

**Eric Petty** has donated a 3 unit set of Alco FA diesels for members to use. They will need lubrication before operating.

#### We need members to repair DGRS museum buildings.

Pick up a DGRS building to fix up for the convention! Contact Alan at [alanno@comcast.net](mailto:alanno@comcast.net) for more information.

**Eric Petty** has repaired, replaced, repainted and reset the round house doors plus he cleaned up the area and realigned the turntable tracks.

**Bob Poland** has started rebuilding and adding new details to one of the DGRS buildings.

**Larry Dorsey** has signed up to help out. These buildings include both wood and plastic structures.

### **DGRS/CRRM operations**

We are getting into a long busy season that will require that the garden railway to be in operation.

General operations are on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 3pm.

No sign up is needed for these days. These may include days such as the May 12th "SCFD Free Admission Day", May 14th "RGS Roll Out Event"

There will be several special event days such as the **CRRM "RailDays" on April 28th and 29th** and the **"Dinosaur Express Train" on May 28th** when qualified DGRS operators need to sign up for specific times and tracks in the garden railway.

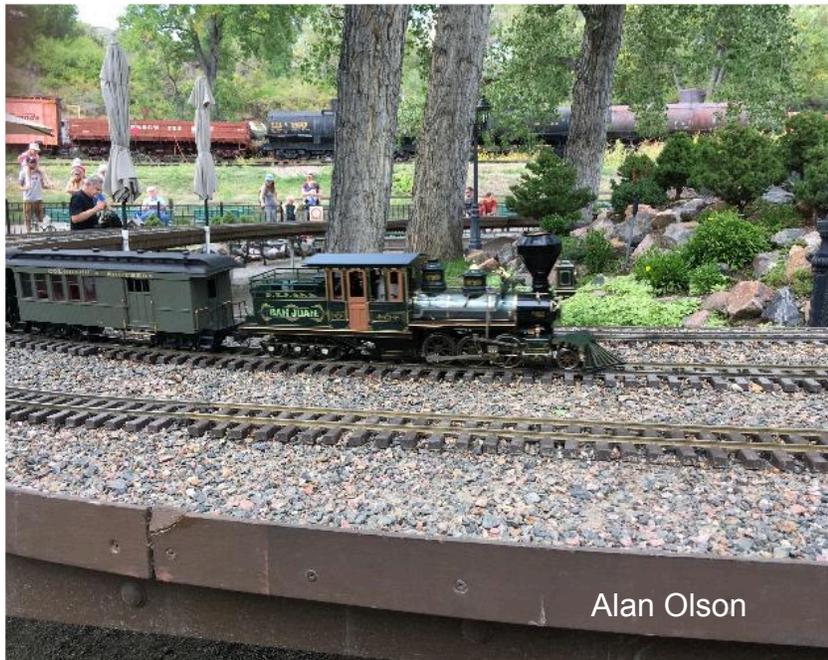
Contact Alan at [alanno@comcast.net](mailto:alanno@comcast.net) for information about operating trains at the DGRS layout.



### **DGRS Spring Cleaning**

DGRS volunteers will start managing our plants, trees and landscaping soon. We will have a work session on Saturday, April 30th to do the clean up in the garden, start prepping for painting the Alpine Tunnel building and cleanup of equipment such as rolling stock and locomotives. We will start on the leveling process of the live steam track. These work sessions start at 9am and go to around noon.

**John Meixel** and **Craig Gander** have been doing a lot of work on trackage including replacing tie strips. The track #2 issues are being dealt with. Thanks to **Peter** for the donation of the DCC equipment and to **John** for brand new Split Jaw rail clamps.



A reminder to new members that there are a few requirements that need to be met in order to operate trains in the DGRS garden railway.



You must agree to work 8 hours a year to help maintain the railway, pass a short written test and sign a few volunteer documents.

Contact Don McCullough for more information at (303-421-4879) or Alan Olson [alanno@comcast.net](mailto:alanno@comcast.net) or (303-748-0957). Call or text.

**Alan Olson**

## This and That in DGRS Country



Charlie Parent, 8 year old DGRS member volunteering at the museum with his mom and dad, Valerie and Greg. The Parent family are new members to DGRS



### A Unique Way We Acquired A Locomotive

Our neighbor in South Park east of Como, Jim Sohmer heard us talking last summer of building our garden railway in Historic Como. He offered a G-scale locomotive he had purchased in 2007 from Caboose Hobbies. Little did we know that it was a 2-8-0 Bachmann, luckily unmarked, that Jim presented us. It is a model of a Baldwin stock design built in the early 1920's that actually ran in Como.

We approached Ron Keiser to help fix a gear, clean and add the C&S decal. Ron recommended labeling it Number 69 due to it's historical value to the Colorado & Southern South Park Line. Ron researched it's history in Tom Klinger's book *The High Line*. He noticed 69 was the highest number used for that engine class. Engine 69 was significant as one of the two scrapping engines that ran out of Como to pull up rails behind it in 1938. We're so fortunate to have this in our garden railway collection to help preserve the authenticity and history of Como and complete South Park Line of that era. **Keith and Vivian Pershing**



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## Hospitality Report

Happy Spring! While it's seemed a bit elusive in recent weeks, we finally appear to be on track for some beautiful weather!

We have one more meeting at the Clements Center before moving outdoors. If you'd like to bring something sweet or savory to our April meeting, feel free to do so. Please let me know what so I can plan my purchases wisely. I don't want left overs going into the convention...

If you haven't already spoken with Anne Loring, I'd ask for you to start thinking about where you'd like to help with the convention. In her position as Volunteer Chair, she has been calling folks to see if they have time and if so, where they'd like to help. Hospitality is one area. While much of our DGRS hospitality will be structured opportunities, some behind the scenes, others more visible. Both are equally important, so **"you do you"** and just find somewhere-hospitality or otherwise, to plug in.

Hope to see even more of you at our April 26th meeting. As always, if you are new to the club and/or we haven't yet spoken, please find me and introduce yourself!

### Michele Miller



Michele Miller



Anne Loring

# Exhibits

I seem like there were miles of grass carpet to be laid...Then track to be assembled...Trees to be fluffed...



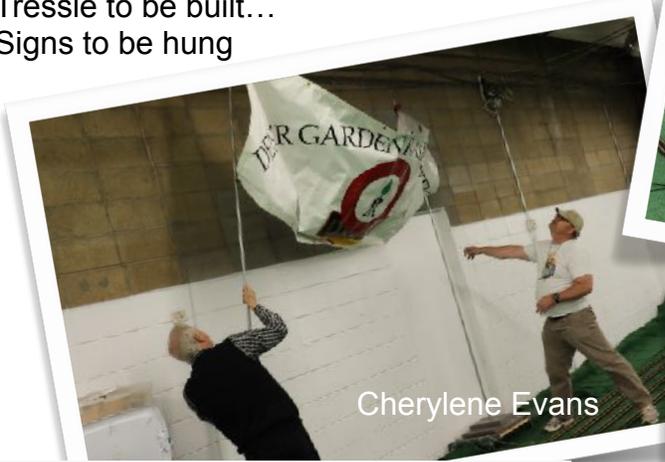
Cherylene Evans



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Tressle to be built...  
Signs to be hung



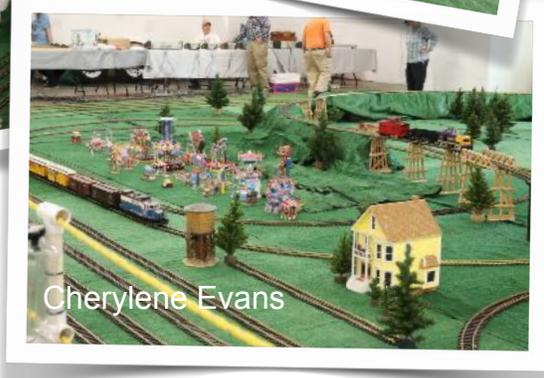
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A village to create and bring to life with a circus and people and a church wedding and so much more...



Cherylene Evans

Taking a little break...



Cherylene Evans



Cherylene Evans

Testing the trains



Cherylene Evans



Cherylene Evans

It was a crowd pleaser!

**Thanks** Scott and DeAnn and all of the volunteers who helped to make DGRS look great!

# 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](#)



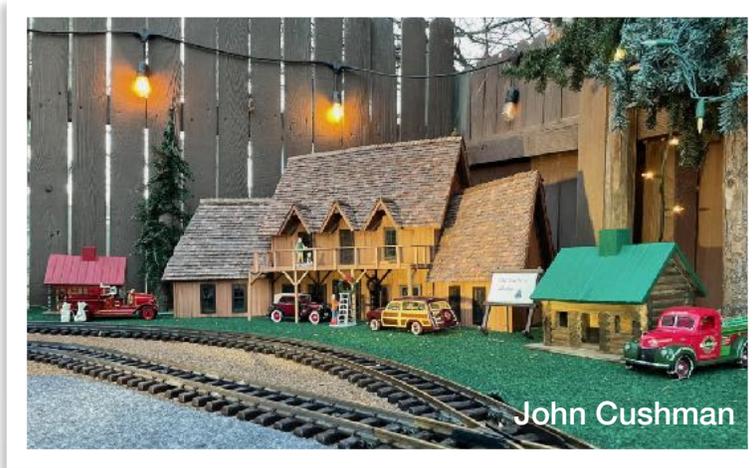
[Garden Railroading News \(GR News\)](#)

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## Something Unique About My Railway

### Yellowstone's Old Faithful Lodge Recreated on the Boulder Valley & Pacific RR For the National Convention

**The Grand Lodges:** Nestled in the heart of the great national parks of the west, are the Grand Lodges.

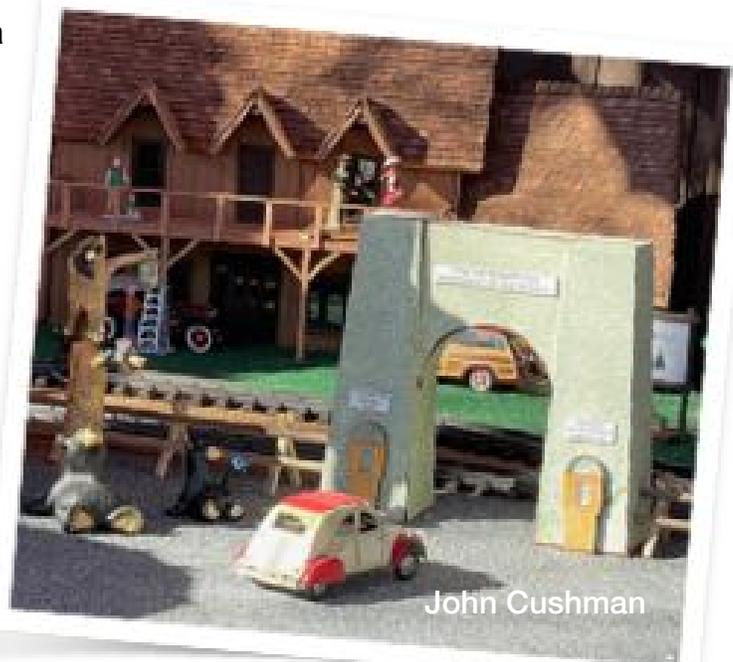


The *Ahwahnee Hotel* at Yosemite National Park, *El Tovar* at Grand Canyon National Park, Grand Teton's *Jackson Lake Lodge*, *Lake McDonald Lodge* at Glacier National Park and the *Old Faithful Inn* of Yellowstone are just a few of the inspirational and welcoming park retreats that many of us have visited.

park. For the National Garden Railway Convention, a new Grand Lodge would be built to occupy a prominent central corner of our elevated railway.

In designing my Garden Railway, I wanted a city, a horse ranch and a national

I sent measurements and a conceptual design to my friend Doug Lodge in Santa Rosa, California, with whom I had worked at the Children's Museum. Doug had showed me how to construct wooden houses and buildings from strips of scale lumber that I cut on my own table saw, and how to cut cedar shake shingles for roofs. Doug and I enjoyed building things together, and our design and construction ideas often meshed at the museum. He would be the right partner for this project.



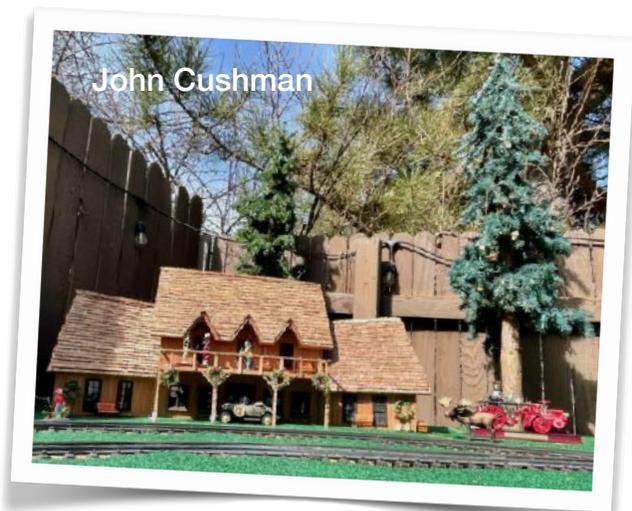
**Design and Construction:** My lodge would consist of three sections joined into a single multistory building with large sloping roofs, a main hall with attached guest rooms in the wings, and a drive-under balcony where guests could unload baggage before heading inside for check in. Guest cabins would surround the lodge like those I remember from Old Faithful. We found the unfinished cabins at Michaels among the wooden birdhouses, and we painted roofs, aged the wood, and sprayed them with a sealer to fill out the scene.

Doug built the lodge of milled redwood, with lots of windows, and shingled sloping roofs. I added racks of antlers above entries, holiday lights, wreaths, people, benches and boxes. To complete the park environment we found early 20th century Franklin Mint 1:24 sedans and supply trucks to park in front of the lodge. I'm still looking for a yellow park bus or coach in 1:24 scale. Families of large mammals lurk

under trees and behind fences. I built Buckrail fences that are popular in Colorado and Wyoming to define the borders of the scene. (See *GRNews*, January/February 2022. <https://dl.orangedox.com/2022.1.GRNews.Jan.Feb.2022.Final>)

**The Grand Opening:** Railroads once brought visitors and supplies to the national parks. The Great Northern Railway brought people to Yellowstone who arrived at the classic station in Livingston, and completed their journey in coaches up the beautiful Paradise Valley to the northern entrance at Gardiner. My trains get much closer to the lodge in my small backyard.

The grand opening for the Old Faithful Lodge will be June 21 when we welcome visitors to the National Convention. I hope it will fill guests with memories of their visits to the National Parks of the west with their parents and children — just as it does for me.



**John Cushman**

## Programs

Our March meeting featured Michele Kempema, the executive director of the Colorado Model Railroad Museum in Greeley.

She presented a dynamic slide show about the Museum, it's founder and plans for it's future. She will return in the future to give us updates and tell us more about trains.



Due to unexpected family events, Wally Weart is not able to present his program at our April 26th meeting. He will reschedule for another time. However, **DGRS member, John Hart is back with another 3D program for us.** He will present an in-depth 3D,( pun intended) tour of **Hamburg's "Miniatuur Wunderland"**, by many measures the most extensive and detailed model railway yet built. Unbelievable. Following this he will show a short stereoscopic video "Three Days with the J611", including rare footage of a derail and re-rail of this Norfolk and Western classic steam locomotive.

John Hart is a retired professor of Atmospheric Science at CU Boulder. He first got interested in stereo photography and film-making in 1998 when his initial efforts focused on adventure sports like canyoneering, rock climbing, and white-water kayaking. He has worked on sub-microsecond flash photography of bullets and splashes, stereo-microscopy, motion-art of fractals, and time-lapse stereoscopic videos of the Milky Way and violent storms. His 3D films have won first place awards at three Stereoscopic Displays and Applications (SD&A) conventions, the LA3D and New Media film festivals, and several National Stereoscopic Association competitions. His recent 3D interests are POV model railroad videography, filming restored steam locomotives in action, and maintaining and operating his own garden railroad.

## Ron Keiser



## The World of 7½" Trains

### Riding "Other" Rails'

**Introduction:** The crew from the Larkspur Consolidated Railroad (LCRR) took our annual excursion to ride someone else's rails earlier this month. This spring, we chose again to travel to Phoenix, AZ, and ride the rails at the Maricopa Live Steamers (MLS). MLS has about 18 actual miles of track that is easily accessible with our rolling stock.

The MLS layout is somewhat different from the LCRR layout. Besides the obvious difference in that MLS has many more miles of track than the LCRR, there are other differences as well. Rather than traversing a series of hills and grades at LCRR, the MLS layout is rather flat. And rather than passing a Sasquatch, a dragon, dinosaurs, a cell phone tower, and metal animals at the LCRR, the MLS has sage brush, cacti, quail, and road runners. It also has some beautiful structures that club members have built, a turntable, and many sidings in the rail yard to store trains when not in use.

The MLS is one of the premier layouts within the United States for 7½" ride-on trains. The MLS has been in continuous operation over 50 years, and its membership covers several generations. Over the years, the layout has been integrated into the City Park System, with the club being given a 99-year lease to continue operating the ride-on trains. But the park serves more than club members as it offers free rides to the public on Sundays, plus is a venue for birthday parties and other gatherings.

**Extreme Weather:** Located in the Valley of the Sun, the weather can get extreme during the summer. Due to the extreme heat, the park closes its operations from May through September. Our visit during April was one of the last periods the park would be open until the Fall. While we visited the MLS, even in April, the sun had already begun to bake the area as we experienced temperatures in the low to mid 90s all week. It was rather a shock to us having coming fresh from the Denver area where snow was still on the ground.

**Various Routes to Enjoy:** The MLS had eight different routes to follow, each one varied in length ranging from 1½ miles to 3½ miles. Among the eight routes, we seemed to migrate to the route called "The Werner Subdivision" as it seemed to have the smoothest ride. After taking one of the long routes called "Far Flung Flats Subdivision", we decided not to follow that route again as the track was rough and we experienced multiple engine derailments due to what appeared to be rails too far apart and out-of-tolerance for many 7½" ride-on trains.

**Night Rides:** Due to the hot afternoons, our group decided to avoid running trains in the afternoons, and confined our rides to the mornings and after sunset. The night runs (which typically lasted for 1 to 1½ hours) presented a different perspective to see the desert by moonlight. It was even more bizarre when we would shine our flashlights into the pinion trees, and see sets of "eyes" looking back at us. We even saw an owl flying around looking for its next meal.



**Morning Rides:** The morning rides presented their own unique points to see along the various routes we followed. Along each route we would see various forms of wildlife ranging from lizards to rabbits to quail and roadrunners, and even some gophers.

Each time we went on a ride, we each took our own train, as we had four trains in total (see Photo 1). Two of the trains were Galloping Geese, each pulling a short riding car that carried one passenger. The other two trains were pulled by F-7 Diesels, each pulling a riding car for the engineer plus a 2-seat riding car for passengers.



**PHOTO 1, FOUR TRAINS**



**PHOTO 2, LONGER TRAIN**

However, on the last day, we attached all of the riding cars behind one of the F-7 engines and the entire group enjoyed one ride on a longer train (see Photo 2).

**MLS Infrastructure:** One of the special features of MLS is the infrastructure that club members have established to keep the layout in good repair. Each day we were there, we saw different crews working on various parts of the rail yard or the eight routes that made up MLS. One of the eight routes was closed for the week to repair several sections of track.

Part of the infrastructure that impressed me was the multiple storage containers in which club members store their trains. Many of the storage containers not only had tracks attached to the floor (like we do at the LCRR containers), but a second level of track half-way up in the container. What was even more impressive was the loading mechanism designed and built by club members. It was very powerful and very sophisticated, yet easy to operate. We used it to unload our trains from our trailer upon arrival, and again to load our trains back into the trailer at the end of the week.

When we unloaded our trains, if our locomotives or riding cars were facing the wrong direction, we drove them over to the nearby turntable and turned them around to face the correct direction. Overall, the facilities, equipment, and track were user-friendly and well maintained. (See Photo 3 of some of the 72 containers used to store trains, plus the sophisticated loading mechanism.)



**PHOTO 3, ROWS OF CONTAINERS**

Another impressive part of how they stored their trains was the effort they made to hide the containers. They arranged the containers so the public saw the backside of the containers, and then each person who owned or rented a container had to build a false storefront on the backside of their container.

Photo 4 is actually a photo of the backside of the containers with the various false storefronts built as if you were walking down the main street of an old town.



**PHOTO 4, BACKSIDE OF CONTAINERS**

Photo 5 shows a close-up of one of the false storefronts (Dentist, Phil Mc Cavity)



**PHOTO 5, FALSE FRONT**

Our time at MLS was very enjoyable. Much of that enjoyment was spending time with seven of our closest friends. We rented a large home with 5 bedrooms and a large kitchen/dining area. We spent most of our time in the kitchen/dining area preparing meals, eating meals, and playing card games. So, for many of us, we spent a week doing four of our favorite things – visiting with good friends, eating, playing games, and most importantly riding trains.

But there is more. On our trip back to Colorado, we stopped to look at the Harvey House (called La Posada) in Winslow, AZ.

La Posada was recently revived from being abandoned, with the sleeping rooms and the restaurant being renovated. While there, we decided to partake of their lunch menu at the restaurant.

We all enjoyed a very tasty meal (see Photo 6) while the BNSF trains passed outside every few minutes.



**PHOTO 6, LUNCH AT LA POSADA**

Our visit to La Posada was very enjoyable and gave us a chance to enjoy some history and enjoy some of the cuisine that might have been served during the heydays of the Harvey Houses. What a special experience!

**Jim Desautel**

# Como Track Crew 2022 Volunteer Work Season Plans



Tom Lawson

Lights on at night during the winter at the Como Roundhouse indicates the 2022 volunteer work season is underway and active. Working every Saturday, and some Sundays the extraordinary dedicated engine crew members have been continuously working on Locomotive #4 “Kate”!



Tom Lawson



Tom Lawson

Chris Tome grinding down rear tube sheet Sean Arnett and Nick Valdez working on drivers



Tom Lawson

Engine Crew, l to r, Chris Tome, Sean Arnett, Rick Molzer John Braun, Craig Vanderborgh, Paul Marizza and Gary Nickerson. Roundhouse crew assisting, Chuck Brantigan, Bob Revis, Jim Scoville and Tom Lawson, with Kathy Brantigan, cheerleader and photographer.

Additionally the C&S #4319 restoration crew has been working preparing the gondola for final completion and painting this spring, Dan Kuhen, Tom Gillen, Charles Green, Skip Penhall and Norm Acker.

The South Park Rail Society Board of Directors appointed Alex Hois Road Master, manager of track maintenance and construction. Alex is a SPRS member, patron contributor and has been involved in track construction the past couple of years. He has demonstrated important leadership, a valuable asset leading volunteers in productive and safe work procedures. As Road Master he has developed realistic track construction work plans for this coming season that have been reviewed and approved by the SPRS Board.



Road Master Alex Hois (far right) reviewing switch construction plans with Bob Revis (center) and Tom Lawson (left)

An outline of plans for work season track construction and maintenance; complete track #30 with pit next to roundhouse, complete track #10 / #11 stub switch in front of tool car, maintenance of track #10 between depot and roundhouse, rebuild shoofly for C&S Boxcar #8311, rebuild track #9 stub switch in front of depot,

turntable maintenance and install locking mechanism and begin construction track #8 to turntable.

Additionally work on the Roundhouse is planned, all 13 windows require needed maintenance, (scraping old paint / caulk, re-caulking and painting), preparation for upgraded electrical service and general re-organization and clean up.

Car maintenance, prepare and paint C&S Boxcar #8311 and complete preparation, painting and re- lettering of C&S gondola #4319.

Volunteer Work Schedule: Volunteers are WELCOME for a well-planned productive work season for practical and efficient utilization of volunteer efforts. Volunteer aptitude and ability for track work, carpentry, mechanical, engineering, painting and whatever effort will be appreciated.

Saturday May 21st welcome / introduction / sign-up / safety

Annual work week will commence Saturday June 4th through Saturday June 11th

Saturday July 23rd

Saturday August 6th (Sunday August 7 optional)

Thursday August 18th / Friday August 19th preparation for Boreas Pass Railroad Day

Saturday August 20th BOREAS PASS RAILROAD DAY (will need volunteers welcome guests / monitor–oversee rides / parking / merchandise sales

Saturday September 3rd (Sunday September 4th optional)

Saturday September 17th

Saturday October 1st (Sunday October 2nd optional)

Work day commences at 09:00 and lunch is provided volunteers

Safety is upmost with proper safety apparel (boots, long pants, proper work gloves) safety helmets and safety vests will be available and most important safe work procedures in respect to all.

Timely and regular work notice information will be forwarded to all volunteers signed up.

You can volunteer by sending your name and contact information to; [tom.lawson@att.net](mailto:tom.lawson@att.net)

\Thank you

**Tom Lawson**



**STEAMING UP IN CHAMA** PHOTO BY SHARON UNDERWOOD

## DGRS Calendar

Date	2022 Event	Details
April 26 Tuesday	General Meeting John Hart will present TRAINS IN 3D .tour of Hamburg's "Miniatur Wunderland" and a short video of "Three Days with the the J611"	7:00 PM, <a href="#">Clements Community Center</a> 1580 Yarrow St. Lakewood, CO 80214
April 30 Saturday	DGRS Layout Spring Cleaning at the Colorado Railroad Museum	9:00 AM - Noon Colorado Railroad Museum
May 14 Saturday	Hobo Brunch	8:30 am, Valley Inn 1997 S. Wadsworth Blvd. No reservations needed. Call Byron Fenton for more information 303-548-4050
May 31 Tuesday	General Meeting at Jeff Lillo's Layout Program will include ways to make your layout "shine" for the convention.	7 PM 6475 Parfet St Arvada. Bring a chair
June 11 Saturday	Hobo Brunch	8:00 am Valley Inn 1997 S. Wadsworth Blvd No reservations needed. Call Byron Fenton for more information 303-548-4050
June 20-25 Mon.- Sat.	<b>37th National Garden Railway Convention Hosted by the Denver Garden Railway Society.</b>	<b>Crowne Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center</b>

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## Convention Report

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The Convention Committee held their monthly in-person meeting with seven members present and eight members participating via Zoom. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28th and will be a Zoom only session. In addition to the meetings being held monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays, we will be initiating "Focus Group" meetings to address specific problems and issues that don't require input from the entire committee. Malinda Jungst, the Registration Chairperson for last year's NGRC convention in Nashville joined our meeting and provided some valuable insights regarding registration and other operational issues they faced because of the pandemic. Malinda has been designated as the Regional Coordinator for GR News and her territory includes Colorado. In addition, she and Michele Miller will oversee the Youth Modeling Contest.

Our advertising campaign is winding down. Now, instead of trying to entice garden railroaders to attend the convention, we need to focus on providing a truly memorable experience for those that are attending. I submitted material to the "Cowcatcher" magazine for an article to promote the convention. Also, ten DGRS layout photos and other pertinent information about the convention were recently sent to Garden Railways for their online edition. The only remaining promotional piece will be an article and ad in the April/May GR News.

The last occupancy report I received from the Crowne Plaza was dated 3/30/2022 and we were right at our target to avoid any financial penalties. There are still rooms available at the \$145 convention rate when making reservations through the convention website.

Based on the registration information provided by the Leise's from last night's meeting, my best guess is that we have about 700 registered for the convention, which includes DGRS members, but not vendors. Adam will be working with Bob and Glen to provide more accurate, precise reporting to enhance the registration process during the convention.

Michele Miller reports that we now have 40 paid vendors that will occupy about 90 booths. We expect those numbers will increase in the next month or so. Go to [NGRC2022.org](https://NGRC2022.org) to see a list of the vendors who are on board—You will be impressed. Chris and Byron stated that we have 51 layouts on tour over four days and more layouts will be participating in the Encore tours on Saturday. They're working on a layout tour guide that will be provided to everyone as part of their registration package but can also be ordered ahead of time for \$10 for those that want to plan their layout route in advance.

Terry Foley, our transportation chairman is now actively working with Arrow Stage Lines to provide bus transportation for the pre and post-convention tours, the BBQ and four days of layout tours.

It was decided that 30 to 45 days from the start of the convention, we would suspend any new reservations for the pre and post-convention tours. So far, the Pikes Peak cog Railway and Cripple Creek & Victor RR is the most popular tour.

Dean Vande Berg has recruited his posse of volunteers and will be providing security for the vendor hall, BBQ and several other venues'

Within the next week or so, PIKO will be shipping four convention cars to us, while we work out the logistics of shipping and storage prior to the convention. Bob and Glen Leise have generously offered to store the pallet of convention cars until the convention, but PIKO is investigating whether the carrier will charge extra for delivery to their location. Stay tuned.

DGRS wasn't responsible for collecting and remitting sales tax at the 2015 NGRC, except for the Convention Store. This time, we are responsible for making sure each vendor collects sales tax and we remit those taxes to the taxing jurisdiction. We'll follow the same protocol used by the recent Rocky Mountain Train Show, which required vendors to pay the taxes before they could exit the vendor hall.

Kudos to Anne Loring, who recently volunteered to be our Convention Volunteer Coordinator. Her role has been as much volunteer recruiter as coordinator. Only about one-third of active DGRS members have volunteered. Just a heads up to the other two-thirds - **she's coming after you**. Remember, it takes a village. Give her a call at 720-625-8098 before she calls you.

## Doug Mayes

### Convention Volunteers Still Needed

Thank you to members who have already signed up to help with the convention in June!

It's not too late to volunteer. We still need helpers for Registration on Monday afternoon and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you are going to the BBQ on Tuesday, we need some helpers for sign-in and to pass out drinks. We need a few more Vendor Hall Greeters for Thursday evening and Friday afternoon and a few more Clinic Hosts for Thursday afternoon. We'll also need some helpers for the Convention Store and Information Desk. On the final Saturday morning, we need some folks to help our vendors move out.

Volunteers must be current DGRS members and be registered for the convention.

If you or your spouse would like to help, please contact Anne Loring, Volunteer Coordinator. Her email is [akloring@aol.com](mailto:akloring@aol.com), and her telephone number is 720-625-8098 (evenings are best).

Anne Loring

# 2022 NGRC Convention Schedule as of 3/25/2022

		<h2 style="text-align: center;">2022 NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION</h2>														
<b>DENVER, COLORADO- JUNE 21-25 PRE-CONVENTION TOURS JUNE 19 &amp; 20</b> <b>CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, DENVER, DIA 1-877-227-6963</b>																
DAY	TIME	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	
SATURDAY 6/18/2022															<b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b>	
SUNDAY 6/19/2022		<b>TWO ALL DAY MOTOR COACH TOURS</b>										<b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b>				
	<b>BUSES 6:30AM</b>	#1 Cheyenne Depot Museum, Big Boy 4004 & Colorado Model Railroad Museum														
		#2 Geogetown Loop RR, Argo Mine, and Forney Transportation Museum (Big Boy 4005)														
MONDAY 6/20/2022		<b>6AM to11AM REGISTRATION OPEN</b>										<b>REGISTRATION OPEN</b>				
		<b>TWO ALL DAY MOTOR COACH TOURS</b>										<b>Clinics 1-5 PM</b>				
	<b>BUSES 6:30AM</b>	#3 Leadville, Colorado& Southern RR and Tiny Town														
		#4 Pikes Peak Cog Railway and Cripple Creek and Victor 2; Narrow guage RR										<b>WELCOME RECEPTION IN ATRIUM</b>				
TUESDAY 6/21/2022		<b>6AM to11AM REGISTRATION OPEN</b>										<b>CLINICS 2-4 PM</b>				
	<b>BUSES 6:30AM</b>	<b>14 LAYOUT TOURS- North Denver metro + CRM</b>										<b>BUSES START @ 3pm</b>				
		3 hr est. net drive time 1st to last										<b>BBQ AT COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM</b>				
		<b>VENDOR MOVE IN</b>														
WEDNESDAY 6/22/2022		<b>6AM to11AM REGISTRATION OPEN</b>										<b>CLINICS 2-8 PM</b>				
	<b>BUSES 6:30AM</b>	<b>14 LAYOUT TOURS- Metro Denver South of I-70</b>										<b>ICE CREAM SOCIAL</b>				
		3 hr est. net drive time 1st to last														
		<b>VENDOR MOVE IN</b>														
		<b>VENDOR HALL OPEN W/Food bar</b>														
THURSDAY 6/23/2022		<b>12 LAYOUT TOURS - North of Denver -NCGRS Group</b>														
	<b>BUSES 6:30AM</b>	3 hr 30min. est. net drive time 1st to last										<b>CLINICS 2-5 PM</b>				
		<b>VENDOR HALL OPEN W/Food bar</b>														
FRIDAY 6/24/2022		<b>11 LAYOUT TOURS-South Metro Denver to Larkspur &amp; Monument</b>														
	<b>BUSES 6:30AM</b>	3 hr est. net drive time 1st to last										<b>VENDOR HALL OPEN W/Food bar</b>				
												<b>CLINICS 2-8 PM</b>				
												<b>HAPPY HOUR</b>				
												<b>BANQUET DINNER</b>				
												<b>AFTER BANQUET FUTURE CONVENTIONS</b>				
SATURDAY 6/25/2022		<b>ALL DAY MOTOR COACH TOUR</b>														
	<b>BUSES 8:00AM</b>	<b>#5 Royal George Route Railroad</b>														
		<b>ENCORE LAYOUT TOURS</b>														
		<b>HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME</b>														
		<b>TIMES LISTED FOR BUSES ARE LOADING TIMES AND WILL DEPART IN 30 MIN.</b>												Printed 3/25/2022		
<b>HIGH ALTITUDE NOTE</b>		Destinations for tours 2,3 , & 4 are at altitudes of 10,000 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.														

## Tour Schedule Please check your information !!!

Printable document link on next page. Check: Names, address, phones, email, etc., to make sure it is correct. If not send corrections to Byron Fenton at [byron@mhgrs.com](mailto:byron@mhgrs.com).

RAILROADS ON NGRC 2022 TOURS											
No.	Bus	LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	Printed	4/13/22	Not Final	HCA-L*	HCA-L Limited access*
6/21 TUES TOURS NORTH OF I-70 estimated net drive time 1st to last 3Hrs. 8AM 2PM											
							MAIN PHONE	2ND PHONE	File		EMAIL
1	Yes	McGuire	Kirk& Pam	3266 E 112th Pl	Thornton	80233	720-775-1840	720-233-0759		YES	kirkcars33@comcast.net
2	Yes	Poncar	Bob & Paulette	1365 Elmer Drive	Northglenn	80233	303-452-2673			YES	bop@a.com
3	Yes	Cushman	John	443 Sunnyside St	Louisville	80027	707-331-3360			YES	jcushman@sonic.net
4	Yes	Burrous	David	317 Driftwood Cir	Lafayette	80026	303-666-8957			YES	d303burrous@msn.com
5	Yes	Driver	Jerry&Mary	6361 Niwot Rd	Longmont	80503	303-581-7833			YES	mjdriever1@msn.com
6	Yes	Hart	John	189 Mine Ln	Boulder	80302	720-441-0660			YES	hart3d@comcast.com
7	Yes	Waszak	Joel & Martha Miller	943 W Yale Ct	Louisville	80027	303-673-0895			YES	magene17@q.com
8	Yes	Vande Berg	Dean	10540 W 104th Pl	Westminster	80021	303-469-5535	303-518-5251		YES	Walleyedvb1@msn.com
9	NO	Keiser	Ron	8349 Flora St Unit A	Arvada	80005	303-421-4484			YES	ronk476@comcast.net
10	Yes	Wear	Walter & Susan	6813 Swadly Ct	Arvada	80004	303-476-0142			YES	dim01521@nile.net.com
11	Yes	Burns	Michael & Sara	6787 Newcombe St	Arvada	80004	30-940-9308	720-692-7903		YES	bcrf6787@yahoo.com
12	Yes	Lillo	Jeff	6475 Parfet St	Arvada	80004	303-478-8842	303-947-3407		YES	jilillo@msn.com
13	Yes	Colorado RR Museum		17155 W44th Ave	Golden	80403	303-748-0957			YES	alanno@comcast.net
		EXTRA									
26	NO	Dunlap	Bob & Connie	24837 Foothills Dr N	Golden	80401	303-598-3178			NO	dunlap2980@comcast.net
6/22 WEDS TOURS DENVER SOUTH OF I-70, est. net drive time 1st to last 3Hrs. 8AM-2PM											
14	Yes	Greenwald	Chris & Nola	2060 S joliet St	Aurora	80014	303-369-2060	303-378-4465		HCA-L	cgreenwald@hotmail.com
15	Yes	Dietz	Rick	8092 E 8th Pl	Denver	80203	303-593-0161			YES	railroadphantom@aol.com
16	Yes	Bertram	D.A.	3373 E Virginia Ave.	Denver	80209	303-871-9302			YES	da@bertramlaw.net
17	Yes	Bisgard	Randy	201 S Gilpin St	Denver	80209	303-722-2131	303-521-0290		YES	rbsig@aol.com
18	Yes	Shelly	Jack	2130 Urban Dr	Lakewood	80215	303-954-8024			HCA-L	polafix1985@gmail.com
19	Yes	Calahan	Gordon	513 Carr St	Lakewood	80226	303-587-9849			HCA-L	g.calahan@comcast.net
20	Yes	Mayes	Doug	2683 S Fenton Ct	Lakewood	80227	303-986-4136			HCA-L	investwest@aol.com
21	Yes	Fenton	Byron & Marta	2783 S Meade St	Denver	80236	303-548-4050	303-458-7718		HCA-L	byron@mhgrs.com
22	Yes	Foley	Terry & Patti	5405 Camargo Rd	Littleton	80123	720-331-1934			YES	terry.foley@comcast.net
23	Yes	Foos	Larry & Barbara	6393 S Reed Way	Littleton	80123	303-979-7594			HCA-L	lbf0os@comcast.net
24	Yes	Evans	Craig & Cherylene	8061 W Grand Ave	Littleton	80123	303-589-6230	720-425-5112		HCA-L	Cheryleneevans@outlook.com
25	NO	Petty	Eric	13758 W Amhearst Way	Lakewood	80228	303-638-7536				pettyhomeco@gmail.com
26	NO	Hendel	Pete & Marilou	2257 S Loveland ST	Lakewood	80228	303-495-5902			HCA-L	pblendel@gmail.com
27	NO	Dunlap	Bob & Connie	24837 Foothills Dr N	Golden	80401	303-598-3178			NO	dunlap2980@comcast.net
28	NO	Vatuyl	Ken	1734 Nova Rd	Pine	80470	303-816-1760	816-589-5419		HCA-L	kvantuy1@gmail.com
		EXTRA									
4	Yes	Burrous	David	317 Driftwood Cir	Lafayette	80026	303-666-8957			YES	d303burrous@msn.com
6/23 THURS TOURS NORTH AREA - NCGR, (Northern Colorado Garden Railroaders) 8AM-4PM											
Lyons, Estes Park, Loveland, Windsor, Fort Collins, Estimated net drive time 1st to last, approx 3hrs 30min											
29	Yes	Hoppes	Ray	232 Olympia Ave	Loveland	80504	719-331-4785			YES	rayhon3@comcast.net
30	NO	Haskew	Anne & Steve	788 Pioneer Road	Lyons	80540	303-823-6059	Cp Not usable		NO	annehaskew@gmail.com
31	NO	Andersen	Steve	418 Columbine Ave	Estes Park	80524	719-588-8390			HCA-L	anderhiker@gmail.com
32	Yes	Rysawy	Ron	456 Candelaria Dr	Loveland	80537	970-776-9715			YES	lizysawy@gmail.com
33	Yes	Perry	Mike	710 S Railroad Ave	Loveland	80537	970-744-0453			YES	m.kesharonperry@gmail.com
34	Yes	Ferro	Bob	1979 Red Cliff Pl	Loveland	80538	970-214-1716			YES	NEED EMAIL
35	Yes	Elworthy	Shawn	1072 Hawk Ct	Windsor	80550	970-227-8172			YES	selworthy@lvr.com
36	NO	Mann	Sheilah	1713 Eastwood Ct	Fort Collins	80525	970-493-5215	970-412-9874		YES	sheilamco@comcast.net

37	Yes	Kirsch	Kevin & Mary	3806 Tradition Drive	Fort Collins	80526	970-980-7325		YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:phinian1972@comcast.net">phinian1972@comcast.net</a>
38	Yes	Sears	Mark & Jayne	3131 Worthington Ave	Fort Collins	80526	970-217-8375		YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:mar.ksaars1@msn.com">mar.ksaars1@msn.com</a>
39	Yes	Linton	Robert	1501 Peterson St	Fort Collins	80524	303-941-6122		YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:rjinton1@gmail.com">rjinton1@gmail.com</a>
40	Yes	Maxwell	Bruce & Nancy	1500 Wagon Tongue Dr	Fort Collins	80521	970-2147347		HCA-L	NEW	<a href="mailto:nanandbruce1@gmail.com">nanandbruce1@gmail.com</a>
41	Yes	Reid	Chris	3740 Braidwood Dr	Fort Collins	80524	970-581-0429	970 443 2704	YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:cjreid7@gmail.com">cjreid7@gmail.com</a>
<b>6/24 FRI TOURS SOUTH Metro Denver, and Castle Rock, Larkspur, Monument, 8AM-4PM</b> <b>Estimated net drive time 1st to last 3Hrs, From hotel: Jones RR 10 min, Desautel RR 1 hour</b>											
42	Yes	Jones	Devin & Marie	15646 E 7th Ave	Aurora	80011	30-360-7610	Dir			<a href="mailto:xrjones7901@aol.com">xrjones7901@aol.com</a>
43	NO	Strong	Kevin	5379 S Jebel St.	Centennial	80015	303-694-4209		YES		<a href="mailto:kcstrong@comcast.net">kcstrong@comcast.net</a>
44	NO	Wilcox	Tom	23442 E Otero Dr	Aurora	80016	303-862-8491		HCA-L		<a href="mailto:toiwil@me.com">toiwil@me.com</a>
45	Yes	Gross	Dave and Jean	8898 E Nicholas Pl	Centennial	80112	303-319-6928	303-906-5446	YES		<a href="mailto:wproductions@aol.com">wproductions@aol.com</a>
46	Yes	Varney	Dave & JoAnn	2957 E Euclid Place	Centennial	80121	303-798-2737	303 519-5192	HCA-L		<a href="mailto:vfridclan@gmail.com">vfridclan@gmail.com</a>
47	Yes	Finch	Bob & Erlene	973 E Nichols Ave	Centennial	80122	303-795-1283		HCA-L		<a href="mailto:efphoto973@aol.com">efphoto973@aol.com</a>
48	Yes	McCrumb	J.D.	5845 S Hickory St	Littleton	80120	303-345-4564		YES		<a href="mailto:jdouglas1600@yahoo.com">jdouglas1600@yahoo.com</a>
49	YES	Miller	Dave & Michele	10123 Summit View Pointe	Highlands Ranch	80126	303-470-7862	720-560-3165		Aug	<a href="mailto:micdavnillier@aol.com">micdavnillier@aol.com</a>
50	Yes	Waber	Johm	6810 S Windermere St	Littleton	80120	720-320-7290		YES		<a href="mailto:john_waber@msn.com">john_waber@msn.com</a>
51	NO	Leise	Bob & Glenn	10401 Spruce Mountain Rd	Larkspur	80118	303-681-2182		HCA-L		<a href="mailto:bgleise@yahoo.com">bgleise@yahoo.com</a>
52	NO	Desautel	Jim & Cindy	16261 Hobson Pl	Monument	80132	719-487-8609		YES		<a href="mailto:a.robc.maker@gmail.com">a.robc.maker@gmail.com</a>
53	NO	EXTRA									
37	NO	Kirsch	Kevin & Mary	3806 Tradition Drive	Fort Collins	80526	970-980-7325		YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:phinian1972@comcast.net">phinian1972@comcast.net</a>
<b>6/25 SAT ENCORE TOURS, 9AM TO 4PM UNLESS NOTED</b>											
No.		LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	PHONE	CELL		File	EMAIL
3	NO	Cushman	John	443 Sunnyside St	Louisville	80027	707-331-3360		YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:jcushman@sonic.net">jcushman@sonic.net</a>
4	NO	Burrous	David	317 Driftwood Cir	Lafayette	80026	303-666-8957			NEW	<a href="mailto:d303burrous@msn.com">d303burrous@msn.com</a>
8	NO	Vande Berg	Dean	10540 W 104th Pl	Westminster	80021	303-469-5535	303-518-5251	YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:Wallejedvb1@msn.com">Wallejedvb1@msn.com</a>
11	Yes	Burns	Michael & Sara	6787 Newcombe St	Arvada	80004	30-940-9308	720-692-7903	YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:bcrf6787@yahoo.com">bcrf6787@yahoo.com</a>
12	NO	Lillo	Jeff, James & Domini	6475 Parfet St	Arvada	80004	303-478-8842	303-947-3407	YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:jililo@msn.com">jililo@msn.com</a>
18	NO	Shelly	Jack	2130 Urban Dr	Lakewood	80215	303-954-8024		HCA-L	NEW	<a href="mailto:polafix1985@gmail.com">polafix1985@gmail.com</a>
20	NO	Mayes	Doug	2683 S Fenton Ct	Lakewood	80227	303-986-4136		HCA-L	File	<a href="mailto:investwest@aol.com">investwest@aol.com</a>
23	Yes	Foos	Larry & Barbara	6393 S Reed Way	Littleton	80123	303-979-7594		HCA-L	NEW	<a href="mailto:lbfos@comcast.net">lbfos@comcast.net</a>
24	NO	Evans	Craig & Cherylene	8061 W Grand Ave	Littleton	80123	303-589-6230	720-425-5112	HCA-L	NEW	<a href="mailto:createself100@gmail.com">createself100@gmail.com</a>
25	NO	Petty	Eric	13758 W Amhearst Way	Lakewood	80228	303-638-7536				<a href="mailto:pettyhomeco@gmail.com">pettyhomeco@gmail.com</a>
27	NO	Dunlap	Bob & Connie	24837 Foothills Dr N	Golden	80401	303-598-3178		NO	NEW	<a href="mailto:dunlap2980@comcast.net">dunlap2980@comcast.net</a>
29	NO	Hoppes	Ray	232 Olympia Ave	Loveland	80504	719-331-4785		YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:rayhon3@comcast.net">rayhon3@comcast.net</a>
36	NO	Kirsch	Kevin & Mary	3806 Tradition Drive	Fort Collins	80526	970-980-7325		YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:phinian1972@comcast.net">phinian1972@comcast.net</a>
41	NO	Reid	Chris 10-4	3740 Braidwood Dr	Fort Collins	80524	970-581-0429	970 443 2704	YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:cjreid7@gmail.com">cjreid7@gmail.com</a>
45	Yes	Gross	Dave and Jean	8898 E Nicholas Pl	Centennial	80112	303-319-6928	303-906-5446	YES	NEW	<a href="mailto:wproductions@aol.com">wproductions@aol.com</a>
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<b>*HCA-L Limited Handicap access see description for details.</b>											
<b>HCA, Most layouts have grass area. Which may be lumpy, due to an abundance of Night Crawlers (worms)</b>											

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## DGRS General Meeting March 29, 2022

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

The monthly meeting of the Denver Garden Railway Society on Tuesday, Mar. 29, 2022 was called to order by President Jeff Lillo at 7:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Clements Center. Mike Vinton was welcomed as a new member.

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Byron moved to approve the General meeting minutes from Feb. 22, 2022 as posted in the newsletter; second received by Etzel. Minutes were approved by membership.

**Treasurer's Report** – Al Blount reported on deposits made, current balances and membership. A report was made of the club's bank, convention, money market and CD account balances. 2021 Membership was 142. 108 have paid dues for 2022. 36 members from last year were encouraged to renew their membership. Motion by John and second by Byron to approve the Treasurer's report which was approved by membership.

**Museum Report** – Jeff read Alan Olson's report encouraging members to volunteer and help run trains on the museum garden railway for upcoming events and especially on Saturdays. He stressed extra care is important for handling equipment and buildings.

**Exhibits Report** – Scott Vance reported on the annual Rocky Mountain Train Show at the Western Stock Show Complex Apr. 1-3. He encouraged members to help with set-up, running trains and take down and use an entrance badge as volunteers. Maps were available for directions to exhibit entrances and parking spaces.

**Publications Report** – Cherylene Evans encouraged members to continue providing train related photos (no words are needed), or input, messages, letters and articles for content in the monthly newsletter including rail projects, painting or building construction by April 15.

**President's Report** – Jeff Lillo invited members for input on membership noting that if annual dues aren't received by March 1 email communication such as newsletters and event notices will stop. He recognized there might be barriers. Michele offered to call those members reminding them that the club's calendar starts in January. New members have a pro-rated rate when they join through the year. Other suggestions were 'over the fence' neighborly conversations while running trains, email blast notices to old members, and to have outreach layout events at active retirement communities, churches or pond or

flower shows offering signage and brochures reaching out to those not in the hobby yet. A survey of questions was suggested of what people like most or least of activities, meetings, layouts etc. and any issues to address. A comment was that membership might be cyclical, that some new things might need to be implemented and that some other groups aren't growing. Also, that members having rolling stock but no layout could invite members over for suggestions, to borrow tools and help work on it with ideas..

**2022 National Convention Report** – Doug Mayes reported the convention committee is meeting twice a month. Anne Loring asked for volunteers as vendor hall greeters, clinic hosts, and layout greeters. The convention cars will soon be on the way from San Diego. Registration prices go up on March 31st. Full ads will be in the GR News plus the Garden Trains magazine. Blast emails will be coming every other week. Registration and hotel information with the complete package is available on the website. Many railroad layouts, including 10-12 in Northern Colorado, are being scheduled. Michele gave an update on 40 registered vendors with other prospects for club layouts along with a wandering train layout in a trailer from California.

**Hospitality Report** – Michele Miller complimented everyone for snack food items for the meeting break. Next month the food theme will be for spring time and Easter.

**Library Report** – Keith Pershing invited members to check out and view many DVDs for garden railway projects or rail fan tours.

**Outreach Report** – Terry Foley reported the holiday train set up at Tagawa Garden Center was a lot of fun and well received.

**Website Report** – Jeff Lillo noted there is a new email address for the club as listed in the newsletter. Bob Finch offered to send out zoom invitations for Board meetings.

**Summer Tours Report** – Chris Greenwald reported there will be many layout tours this summer separate from the June convention and encouraged members to sign up. They will be the second weekend of July, August and September. He added if members need help with updating their layout to let him know. He also needs a layout description in 150 words or less for advertising.

**Programs Report** – Ron Keiser updated members of upcoming meeting speakers and received positive comments about holding a fall swap meet at the Railroad Museum pavilion since the club will be active at the convention in June when we normally hold our potluck and swap meet there.

**No Reports for Clinics or Vice President.**

**Share & Tell** -Eric Petty introduced Ron who spoke of his scratch built caboose project taken from a photo of a Florence & Cripple Creek rail car book. Bob Poncar showed his remake of a 2015 scale convention car where Ron helped with the lettering. Keith Pershing showed his 2-8-0 Bachmann locomotive a model of a Baldwin stock design built in the early 1920's that actually ran in Como, recently fixed, cleaned and lettered also by Ron. Engine 69 was significant as one of the two scrapping engines that ran out of Como to pull up rails behind it in 1938. Gordon Callahan also spoke of his free rail items.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm for a break, then enjoyed a presentation by Michelle Kempema of the Colorado Model Railroad Museum in Greeley. Their mission is to provide a model railroading experience that educates, inspires and brings joy to all ages showing their vision of sharing and expanding the model railroading experience as an avenue for human creativity.

## Vivian Pershing



### THE DENVER GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

The DGRS Stepped Up:

The Make A Wish layout is now up and running. I thank all of you that sent possible fixes and ideas. It was taken care of when Scott Vance went with me to the site. As I mentioned before I have always used the track screws from Byron Fenton with no problems and had great success. This time I used a combination of track screws and Split-Jaw joiners. Scott Vance found my problem in the first few seconds at the railroad. About a fourth of the split-jaw joiners I had installed were isolation joiners. Not knowing there was any difference I had installed them right along with the normal split-jaw joiners. After Scott and I took the isolation joiners out and replaced them with new spit-jaw joiners the track powered up and ran with no glitches. Scott saved me from pulling out all of my hair as I was becoming more and more frustrated at each trip. Thank you all and THANK YOU SCOTT VANCE !!!

Mike Harris

A little tidbit found in the [North Texas Railroad Newsletter](#): **Pondering of the Month**

I Am So Glad I Learned About Parallelograms In High School Math Instead Of How To Do My Taxes. It Comes In So Handy During Parallelogram Season.

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## DGRS Board Meeting Tuesday April 5, 2022

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**CALL TO ORDER** The Board meeting of the Denver Garden Railway Society on Tuesday, Apr. 5, 2022 was called to order at 7:05 PM President Jeff Lillo via Zoom.

**BOARD MEMBERS** Present at the meeting: Cherylene Evans, Ron Keiser, Jeff Lillo, Doug Mayes, Michele Miller, Keith and Vivian Pershing, Eric Petty, and Scott Vance.

### REGULAR MONTHLY UPDATE ITEMS

**Outreach Report.** Scott reported that the TCA show went well. We got a good amount of donations and likely a few new members. One of the transformers and a trailer tail light will have to be replaced. We need to check on the insurance for the trailer and its contents before the Convention. We had plenty of help setting up and taking down the layout and it was a good experience.

**Hospitality Report** Michele reported that she is looking at a jazz band to play train type jazz at the Barbecue for the Convention. She is also looking into a musician to play at the Convention banquet. The May meeting will be held at Jeff's home and she plans to serve watermelon.

**Programs Report** Ron suggested that we usually have a swap meet in June, but could perhaps have a swap meet and social in September at the museum. He is also looking to get Michelle Kempema back for a program on UP Passenger Trains later this fall.

**Convention Report** Doug mentioned additional hotel rooms were added to the convention block. 177 family, 58 individual and some one-day registrations have been received. Banner ads will be included in the GR News, Garden Trains Annual and CowCatcher magazine. Michele reported forty-two paid vendors are signed up for ninety booths. The Wandering Trailer Train might set up next to Rocky Mountain Train Supply and be listed on the north metro layout day. The convention book is in progress. Volunteers are still needed.

**President's Report** Jeff recommended membership dues information be posted in the November through January newsletters, included with a survey, then a reminder in a holiday greeting card. If membership lapses by March 1, they would not be able to attend monthly meetings, events, or have museum garden railway participation. Discussion and motion followed which passed successfully. Ron suggested each new member receives a badge. Eric added they could be re-introduced at meetings and receive a welcome packet. Cherylene encouraged board members to visit for community conversation with new members during the break and maybe add a membership committee to the club.

**Museum Report** Jeff asked for ideas concerning damage at the museum garden railway. Cherylene encouraged rules be implemented. Ron suggested training, demonstrations and clinics be added and that trains have limited accessibility. Eric asked if grades could be set up for certain operators regarding running club trains, repair, etc. and certain trains be locked up if operators are not at that level as a way to incentivize them to be responsible. Scott added some trains could be restricted for use only at events. Michele encouraged the club to get a rail starter set for the museum. Keith suggested a surveillance camera to possibly activate when the shed door opens to protect the club's investment. Ron asked if only key members have access for special engines which would be in storage out of sight.

**Publications Report** Cherylene suggested members include a newsletter or convention book comment about what is unique about their railroad layout.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.**

## Vivian Pershing

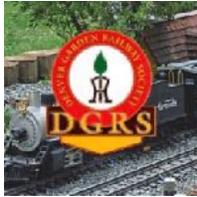
### DGRS Retention and Membership Timeline/Issues

**November** Late in the month, post in Newsletter that annual dues are due the following January.

**December** Early in the month send out a Holiday Reminder, attached with a reminder about annual dues.

- **Newsletter** Reminder
- **Mid to late in the month** Send out survey monkey, this will give the board something to work on in the next year to improve the club experience.
- **Mid to late in the month** Holiday greeting card (approx. cost \$250), not E greeting because most of the time they end up in Spam folders.
- **January** Last of the month we send out the following reminder attached to the membership.
- **March 1st** The membership has officially lapsed, and the individual/family is no longer included in events, they will need to remit full dues to reinstate club privileges. The overdue member must not have been a member for a full year to take advantage of the prorated dues structure as passed in DGRS Constitution.

Attached is a copy of the overdue letter to be sent out to members in arrears



January 30, 2023

To: \_\_\_\_\_

From: The Denver Garden Railway Society

DGRS Members and Board greatly value your continued membership in our club. We sincerely hope you plan to continue with your membership. However, we have not received your annual dues payment

If you have not done so already, please send your dues payment to:

**The Denver Garden Railway Society**

Al Blount

6038 Iris Way

Arvada, CO 80004

Please make checks payable to "DGRS"

Sorry, we are not able to accept electronic payment of dues. We are too small a club to absorb the cost of eCommerce and bank processing fees.

Annual Dues are \$36.00 for an individual, and \$48.00 for a family.

Thank you!!! We look forward to seeing you at club activities and events!

*The Denver Garden Railway Society*