

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 rail-roading.

HighBall

We are in the depths of fall and all the leaves from our trees have started to clutter our lawns. This newsletter is packed full of information:

First: All in person meetings have been cancelled, they will continue on Zoom. Please see *Programs* for more information.

Second: We will vote via Zoom on the 2021 Dues credit at the October Zoom Meeting. Only one hand allowed, please. LOL

Third: The board discussed elections and decided in following the lead of other large non-profits to keep officers installed in their current roles for 2021.

Forth: We have put together an online auction paired with an in person auction at CRRM. See details inside!

I hope everyone has a safe Halloween and I can't wait to see everyone on Zoom on October 27th at 7:00PM.



Jeff Lillo

President

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HOBO BRUNCH

The Hobo Brunch Group meets on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. The group gathers at Valley Inn. Just show up, no reservations necessary!

Location: "Valley Inn, 1997 S. Wadsworth Blvd." Please contact Byron & Marta Fenton at (303) 936-0920 with questions.

ANNUAL DUES

Club Dues for 2020 were due by the end of 2019. \$48 for Family, or \$36 for Individual Membership. Make checks payable to "DGRS." Bring your check to the meeting or mail to:

The Denver Garden Railway Society
c/o Al Blount **6038 Iris Way,**
Arvada, CO 80004

NEW MEMBER

Returning Member

J.D. McCrumb

5845 S Hickory St

Littleton CO 80120

303 345 4564

jdouglas1600@yahoo.com



On Tour

Mike and Sara Burns "The Burns Family Railroad"



GARDEN RAILROAD NEWS

<https://grnews.org/get>



BRINGING NEWS TO GARDEN RAILROADERS IN THE USA & BEYOND

OUR MISSION

To build the garden railroading community by connecting people who love the hobby

OUR INITIATIVE

A FREE on-line, Garden Railroading Newsletter/Magazine fueled by Garden Railroading Clubs.

Get our Sample Newsletter here - <https://grnews.org/get>

OUR REACH

In addition to the USA:

Australia

Canada

New Zealand

And growing!

WHO ARE WE?

We are Garden Railroad Clubs

We are Garden Railroaders

We are volunteers

We are the vendors that supply the hobby

We are photographers of garden railroads

GRNEWS.ORG

Virtual, on-line GARDEN RAILROADING NEWS

Museum

Operations:

Day Out with Thomas:

The “Day Out With Thomas” event is over for 2020, the CRRM sold out of tickets every day! The CRRM staff did a great job with putting on a successful event. A big thanks to all of the DGRS volunteers that helped operate the garden railway and who also helped out with the museum duties. Covid-19 meant that many of our regular operators were not able to attend and hopefully stayed safe and sound. We will see you when the situation make it possible. This year there were several challenges and changes that required everyone to be flexible, the DGRS put on a great show. We took in \$56 from the donation boxes this month.

We have received several donations of large scale items. So many that we have filled up the DGRS storage shed at the museum. There are bound volumes of Garden Railways magazine, some 1:20.3 equipment , LGB Moguls and other locomotives and some buildings Do we want to list a few for sale with photos in the newsletter and have members pick up their purchase at the museum? The Trick or Treat Train is coming up and we need another person to help out on Sunday Afternoon the 25th.

October 23 is Boulder County Free Admission Day.

The Trick or Treat Train will be pulled by RGS #20 and run on October24th and 25th. Sign up to run during any event by contacting Alan at 303-748-0957 or alanno@comcast.net

A reminder to new members that there are a few requirements that need to be met in order to operate trains at the museum. You must agree to work 8 hours a year to help maintain the railway, pass a short written test and sign a new volunteer document with the CRRM. Call Don McCullough at (303-421-4879) or Alan Olson (303-748-0957) for more information.



Alan



Masks are required
when operating trains
at the museum!



Garden Railway Club Newsletters

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 the following link to access from the following clubs: <http://www.denvergardenrailway.org/index.php/links-to-other-clubs/>

Northern Colorado Garden Railroaders



Northern Colorado
Garden Railroaders

Mile High Garden Railway Society

Mile High Garden Railway Society

Rose City Garden Railway Society



Christchurch Garden Railway Group

**The Garden Whistle
New Zealand**

Bay Area Garden Railway Society



Gold Coast Garden Railway Society



Puget Sound Garden Railway Society



Santa Clarita Valley Garden Railway Club



Central California Coast Garden Railroad Society



NGRC Conventions

2021 NGRC -Nashville - May 30/June 5 - <https://ngrc2020.com/>



WEBSITE IS NOW ONLINE: <https://ngrc2021.com/>

NOW MOVED TO JUNE 20-25, 2022!

Convention Report: In this ever-changing coronavirus world, it is difficult to make definitive plans and commitments for next month or even next week, much less for a convention that is a year and a half away. A financially successful National Garden Railway Convention has always been dependent on attracting a significant number of vendors and visitors. Past DGRS national conventions attracted visitors primarily with advertising in Garden Railways magazine. Likewise, G-scale vendors, large and small advertised their businesses in Garden Railways and participated in NGRCs around the country. Unfortunately for us, as convention hosts and the vendors, Garden Railways has ceased publication after 45 years. Regrettably, there are few, if any, remaining G-Scale publications with national and international circulation to advertise conventions, products and services for large scale enthusiasts. To fill this void, a dozen or so west coast garden railroad clubs and DGRS formed a task force to create a G-Scale e-newsletter named GR News that initially would include just articles and photos from garden railway club newsletters and vendor advertising. After several task force Zoom meetings and dozens of emails from task force members, the first issue of GR News was finalized and delivered to the participating clubs. There is a link to the GR News on the DGRS website. Work has already begun on the November/December issue. A website has been created and you should check out the images at www.srnews.org. There is also a Facebook page with 218 followers after just a few days that could appeal to younger members. Approximately, 115 garden railway clubs have been identified in the U.S in addition to 15 or so international clubs. Surveys and links to the newsletter and website have been distributed to all these clubs. I was not aware that approximately 60% of garden railway hobbyists have no affiliation with a garden railway club, advertising our 2022 convention in GR News will certainly reach a much broader audience than Garden Railways provided. As 2022 NGRC Chairman and GR News task force member, I recognize the potential of this e-newsletter to attract both visitors and vendors and will continue to direct my efforts to GR News until we are able to address the convention with more certainty and clarity.

Doug

Programs

Subject: October 27, 2020 DGRS General meeting on Zoom 7:00PM (6:30PM Log on to Zoom)

The Clement Community Center has reopened and is at a reduced capacity. Because of social distancing restrictions, and the recent Covid-19 uptick the board has issued a moratorium on all future meetings. The board has decided that all meeting will occur online via the Zoom app.

Because times remain uncertain, the club purchased a Zoom subscription that allows us to simulcast DGRS meetings. We will all enjoy the meeting from the comfort of our own homes!

A link to the meeting will be sent out closer to the October 27th meeting, so watch for it. If you're new to Zoom and think you might need help, please reach out to one of the Board members (or a tech savvy friend!). We don't want anything to get in the way of full participation!

For those that tried to attend the last meeting virtually know that we had some technical difficulties. We believed those have been eliminated and look forward to your participation. Remember, we can still conduct club business, have share and tell, and virtual programs. For the safety of our membership this will be the new normal for the coming months.

November General Meeting — November 24th, 2020 7:00 PM via Zoom (6:30PM Log on to Zoom)

LOG ON TO ZOOM

- 1. Go to Zoom.com**
- 2. Type in the Meeting ID**
- 3. Type in the Passcode**
- 4. Connect via Computer Audio**
- 5. Start your video and audio**
- 6. When meeting begins mute your audio**



Calendar

- **October 27, 2020—Tuesday, 7:00PM** **General Meeting Zoom**
Program—Wally Wert, “Alaska Railroad” or another virtual program
- **November 14, 2020—Saturday, 8:30AM** **Hobo Breakfast**
- **November 21, 2020—Saturday, 9:00-1:00PM** **CRRM DGRS Action**
- **November 24, 2020—Tuesday, 7:00PM** **General Meeting Zoom**
Program—TBD, virtual program



New Garden Railroad Members May Already Be In The Garden

Many of us are concerned that our G scale train hobby is dying. It seems that most young people are stimulated by drones, computer gaming and such. For kids today trains may seem to be old fashioned. That said, gardening is a hobby that is alive and well. Gardeners spend untold hours and dollars on plants and landscaping. Trains in a garden can add excitement to the thriving gardening hobby.

I posted a collage of pictures including a video of our layout on the Facebook page Garden Art, Junk, and Antiques in the Garden and within a day I had over 2000 comments, all positive. I wish I had posted comments under each photograph explaining something about the train, track, trestle, and where to one might find answers to any questions. I suspect that there are many gardeners and their loved ones who would enjoy combining the two hobbies (gardening and railroad modeling). We just need to make them aware of the possibilities. Perhaps we can post pictures of one layout each month, include photos of plants that enhance our layouts, and post them to gardening groups on social media.

Our layout is so very simple and yet people find our back yard to be relaxing and whimsical. I think it is delightful that family and friends who normally wouldn't go to the yard to visit at all will enjoy my garden especially when there is a train with miniature people and critters playing in it. Please consider sending pictures and videos to our Facebook page and to other Facebook pages like Garden Art Junk and Antiques in the Garden and any other gardening web pages. Perhaps we will find a few members there.

Cherylene Evans



News from the World of 7 1/2 " Railroads

The Larkspur Consolidated Railroad continues to make progress. Last month, we told you that we added a second shipping container for storage space. It is relatively easy for G Scalers to add a new shelf or even a storage cabinet for your trains. For us, it is like building a house, and last month we completed the basic enclosure. Every work or storage area needs electricity and some form of climate control. We needed lights and power in the second container, so Jim Desautel and Pete Hendel tackled the project of adding 120 volt wiring, LED work lights and several outlets. Now we can charge the batteries and power our tools. By the way, the containers are built with 1/8" Corten steel, which is not easy to drill or create holes.

We also added a circuit to accommodate the vent fan system that Dale Underwood installed. The setup is thermostatically controlled to draw cool air in from under the breezeway and exhaust hot air on the other end of each container. On the hot sunny days, it sure helps.



Further improvements included the fabrication of a tool rack and the addition of a tool box by Bob Leise.



You will also notice a couple signs overhead. The repair sign is the one that used to be at Caboose Hobbies for many years. The creature comforts were not to be overlooked, so the crew added a refrigerator for cold drinks and a couple old office chairs for resting. The ladies wanted a margarita tap but that has been voted down as the engineers believe that drinking and driving trains do not mix.



Since it is impossible to see where all the trains are and to know if any are on the same route, we have to operate in a similar manner as the full size railroads.

When we run multiple trains, we have a dispatcher that controls the progress of each train. To avoid confusion on the routes, Sharon Underwood got creative and designed location markers with solar lights so that the engineers know where they are when they report to the dispatcher and ask for permission to proceed.



During those operations when we do not have a dispatcher, a manual, hand actuated, semaphore was built by Bob Leise to keep trains from entering a reversing loop and meeting another train head on. The entire loop is not visible from the entrance point.

Bob, Dale, Jim, Kirk & Pete



DRGW #470 Makes a Move Trolley Museum to Antonito



The DGRS awarded a grant in 2017 to help complete #470

The Cascade & Silverton

Founded 2006

Owner/Operator Ron Keiser

1:20.3 Fn3 Scale



Established in 2006, Ron Keiser has recreated the Colorado narrow gauge in 1942. The railroad features custom rolling stock and numerous locomotives from Accucraft and Bachman Spectrum. Ron is a member of several modal railroad groups in Colorado and his layout exemplifies his creativity and knowledge. When Ron is on tour, make sure to stop by and check out this wonderful basement layout.



DGRS Private Bid Auction



The Denver Garden Railway Society is fortunate to have received many donations in the past year. These donations are being housed in storage facilities on the CRRM property. Unfortunately, the storage facilities are overflowing. It's now time for an auction to alleviate the

backlog of items the organization has collected, just in time for Christmas. We will have the first of these auctions on **Saturday, November 21st from 9:00AM to 1:00PM** inside the layout of the DGRS at the CRRM. All precautions for social distancing will be followed and CDC temperature checks are required per CRRM rules. Guidelines for onsite temperature checks and an onsite monitor will help administer our membership to comply with CDC guidance.

THE FOLLOWING AUCTION WILL BE FOR 10 LARGE ITEMS:

You may place your bid on any item at the following link starting October 19th:

www.32auctions.com/DGRSNovember

Please include your member name and amount per bid. On the day of the auction the officer will update the in person bid sheets with online bids so the bidder knows the current bid! **All bidders please be present at the end of the auction for payment!**

Due to the everchanging Covid-19 environment, things are subject to change at the CRRM.



Custom Large scale Buildings are available for local pickup!

Please contact club member Ron Keiser or Bob Poncar for more information!

Buildings will be for sale at 171A South Van Gordan Street in Lakewood in the coming weeks. To view them contact Jim Cullen @ 303-986-9380!





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