



NEWSLETTER

Denver Garden Railway Society



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Kirk & Pam’s layout is featured in the More Summer Tours article and this view shows the Rio Grande SD-40 heading for the long 65 foot trestle.

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Garden Railway Club News

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 all the clubs that share newsletters with us:

<https://www.denvergardenrailway.org/index.php/links-to-other-clubs/>



View From the Caboose

It was so nice to have about 20 members volunteering on our work day at the museum. We got lots done, and with the help of our youth members we finished in record time. The young people moved heavy rocks and dirt onto the tunnel and really made the job look easy! After we ran out of material necessary to do any more work on the tunnel, the young men were anxious to get trains on the track, but they willingly helped to get more ballast in place and clean track first! Those kids were fantastic and I felt privileged to get to watch them buzzing and working around the layout. They did get to have some time to run trains later in the afternoon.

We have more than 20 new members, and many of them are families with kiddos that are train crazy. It is necessary to help them learn how to operate on our layout, but they are energetic when there is work to be done. We are lucky to have so many join us! They are our future!

It was so good to get our club constitution and by-laws cleaned up and approved by the members at the September meeting. You will find those new and improved documents on our club's web page. I want to thank

Anne Loring and Marilou Hendel for all the time and energy they spent on getting this chore done.

At our November 19th meeting we will have elections for president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer for 2025. I have enjoyed being your president, but find that my family is needing me and I will not be as available in the coming year. Please consider serving in one of these important positions. The Vice president usually becomes president the following year and Anne Loring is willing to be our president in 2025. However the other officer positions are open. We also need people to chair our standing committees. The present chairpersons are willing to mentor anyone who is interested so that you will feel comfortable taking over the job at a later date. Becoming an assistant to our Web Master would help you to develop some new skills and you could expect to be ready to take it over in a year or so. Newsletter editor is a very important job and requires a considerable amount of time. It is guaranteed to make you more proficient on the computer and help you to become more knowledgeable about our club. Exhibits chair is a very demanding job (for almost a week), two or three times a year. It is very rewarding as you can count on many of our members showing up to help set up and take down as well as run their trains at these events. Our Museum chairperson job is demanding, but tends to be divided up into smaller responsibilities for several people. Some of the jobs are intense, like the Convention chairperson. We do not have plans for hosting a convention at this time, but that is a job that someone might want to investigate. Other committees are Hospitality, Librarian, Outreach, Programs, and Clinics. Some are more demanding than others, but all are important.

At the September general meeting, I was excited to show off the unfinished T-shirt quilt that our Choo Choo Sew Group has created. If we get it finished before the October meeting we will show it off again. We plan to have a raffle to benefit our museum layout at a later date.

Our next meeting on October 29th is so close to Halloween, you may be inclined to wear your Halloween Costume. Please do! It will be fun! Be ready to get some treats! We had some very nice door prizes last month. It will be interesting to see what kind of prizes show up this month. I wonder if they will be tricks or treats?

I am looking forward to hearing Paul Hammond bring us up to speed on a very busy year at the museum. It is likely to be most enlightening.

See you at the meeting!

Cherylene

Programs

October 29

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center, 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, CO 80214. Paul Hammond from the CRRM will talk about the museum and its programs.



November 19 **NOTE Date Change due to Thanksgiving**

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. James Mackay will share a program on George Campion, who worked as a fireman and also worked on the rotary snow plow for the Colorado Southern RR.

December - No Meeting

The Christmas Party will be held at Cinzetti's January 12, 2025.

January 28, 2025

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. Lindsey and Rosa Ashby will talk about how all the equipment was moved to Silver Plume to start up the Georgetown Loop.

February 25, 2025 - Swap meet

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center.

March 25, 2025 - TBA

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center.

April 29, 2025

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. Bob Schoppe will talk on developments on the Como rebuild.

May 27, 2025

Annual visit to a nursery for the garden part of garden railroading.

Ron Keiser



Hobo Brunch

The Hobo Brunch Group meets on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Next meeting **Nov 9** at Valley Inn. Just show up, no reservations necessary!

Location: **Valley Inn**, 1997 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood

Hospitality

Greetings!

GENERAL MEETING: At the Clements Center, Tuesday October 29 at 7pm. Dress in your Halloween best and please bring a Halloween worthy dessert.

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday November 19 (**Note date change due to Thanksgiving**) at 7pm. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving appetizer or dessert to share.

POST HOLIDAY PARTY: Noon on Sunday January 12th at Cinzzetti's. RSVP details to come...

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday January 28, 2025 at 7pm. Bring your favorite new dessert for the New Year!

GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday February 25 at 7pm. Our Winter Swap Meet / Pizza Party. Make sure you let Michele know if you have a favorite Papa John's pizza that you'd like to see!

REMINDER:

We have a good number of new members. Please wear your badge (or your membership card in a lanyard sleeve). This helps us all put names together with faces! We still have badges in the Alpine Tunnel Building, awaiting their homes.

Can't wait to see everyone-reach out if any questions!

Michele

OUTREACH:

Feedback has been very positive from visitors noticing the trains running more frequently. If you have time to spare, Tuesdays and Thursdays (and all afternoons really) tend to be lighter for operations...🧘

The club continues to run on special event days at the Museum. Thanks to Bob Proctor for taking on the task of organizing this and making sure we have a good presence on those days. Moving forward, the official email sign up for special ops days will be: dgrslayoutops@jjrmdesign.com

The museum continues kids' programming on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the mornings, so we're always appreciated even though not expected to run on those days.

We continue to look for community based outreach. Terry Foley, Outreach Chair, has his sights set on planned Rec Center events (starting with South Suburban as a pilot). Stay tuned, and let him know if you'd like to be involved in the planning! This will hopefully attract more people (individuals and families) to the hobby. We're also back to talking with Hudson Gardens. This might turn out to be an option for folks on the south end of town, who want to help but find the museum to be too long of a trek!

We're also eager to hear any ideas you all might have as to school or community events that DGRS could travel to. Please let us know and we'll do our best to make it work!

Remember, Outreach also includes helping those in our club who need extra hands to start a layout, or get an existing one back in service. Don't hesitate to ask for help!

The Gardens on Quail in Arvada (recently on tour) is looking for help with their layout-periodic maintenance and running. Eric Petty has helped them in the past. Check in with him at our next meeting or email him at pettyhomeco@gmail.com for the scoop!

Finally, the Colorado Springs Trolley Museum is still looking for volunteers to spruce up their layout/ get it back to functional status. Contact info is in the August newsletter, or let Michele Miller know so she can get it to you!

Michele & Terry

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

It's Fall at the layout. The Museum's annual Harvest Days/Harvest Haunt Express is the weekend of October 19-20. This is the last major event of 2024 before the Polar Express arrives.

Any interested operators are welcome to run trains decorated or not. Signups aren't as structured as during Thomas, but it's good to know who's coming when we can distribute last minute updates. Bob Proctor will be monitoring our new event sign up email. Please email the day & AM or PM (or both) you're free to run, and any questions you may have.

The NEW address is:

dgrslayoutops@jjrmdesign.com

Good news—parking will be onsite. If you're able, walk in from the lot across 44th street. Otherwise park near the Pavilion and walk in the gate as usual. If needing an EasyGo ride for you/ your equipment mention that when you email Bob.

Thanks to Don McCollough and his tunnel project crew. Work continues and after hauling more rocks to the site, all that's left is adding more dirt, finishing the tunnel portals, and plantings in the spring.

No further work days are planned. Feel free to help fill the big trash can as the leaves and branches are really starting to fall. Our last task before Polar is decorating the layout. This will be Monday November 4th at 9AM. Let Bob Proctor know if interested. The museum is closed to the public so all need to go in at once.

Alan Olson

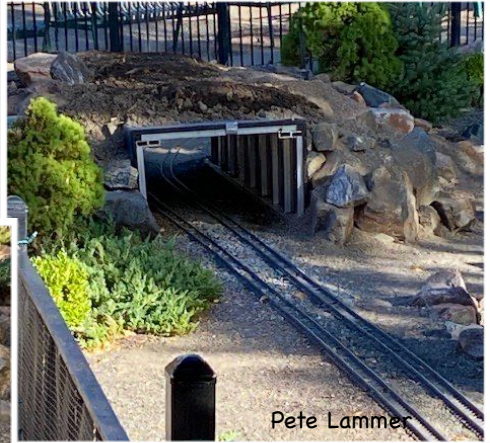


On October 3rd the Colorado R.R. Museum had Raise a Reader Day and DGRS had a Tunnel Workday with 20 participants moving rocks and topping off the tunnel with a layer of dirt, repairing loose rocks and bales around all the layout. We ran trains throughout the entire day and after the first 2 hours we had all 6 tracks running. Lunch was furnished by the museum.

Rio Grande Southern No.20, was celebrating its 125th Anniversary, was running all day and it was fun to watch as we worked.

Starting on Nov 8, through Dec 24th we must close our layout at 3pm for Polar Express set up and exit the museum.

Don McCullough



Timeline of Tunnel Work In 2024 (Thanks to John Hart for the Photos)



June



August



September



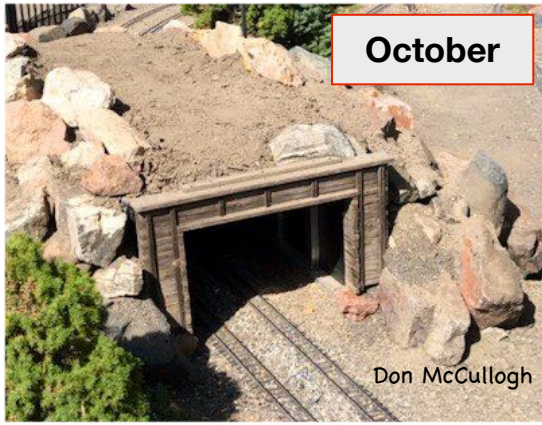
September

John Hart



October

John Hart

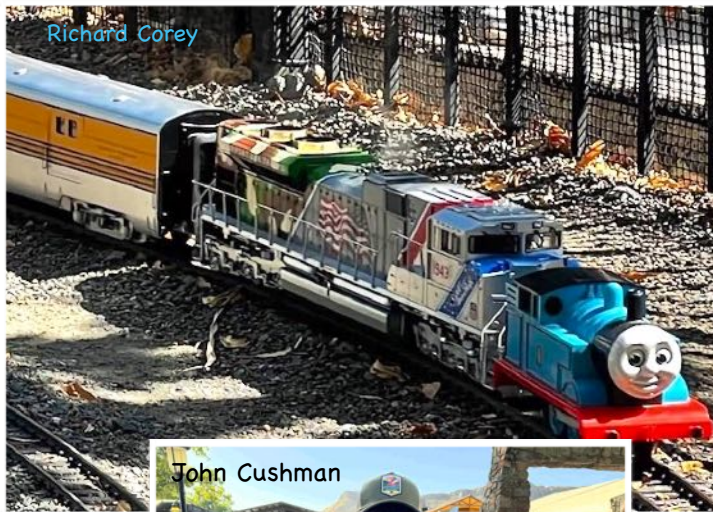


October

Don McCullogh

This is the Old Tunnel Portal. New tunnel portals are under design and construction.

Action at the Museum during the Thomas event



Richard Corey



Richard Corey



John Cushman



John Cushman



John Cushman



John Cushman

I think she calls herself "Suzy Semaphore"

A few pictures from today 10/6/24. My son Charlie Parent is in the grey and Maverick is in the white.



Valerie Passerini Parent



Valerie Passerini Parent

CLINICS

How to Make Trestle's

Trestle Clinic This Saturday, October 19, 2024

9:00 am to Noon

5405 S Camargo Rd, Littleton, CO 80123

Littleton Colorado

(Terry Foley's Home - 720-331-1934)

Agenda

Tools/Materials and Techniques

Examples of Completed Trestles

Building Trestle Bents using a jig

(All materials and tools provided)

Contact Eric Petty with questions. 303 638-7536



Kevin Strong in his workshop

Kevin Strong has trains running inside and out. In his workshop Kevin showed his East Broadtop diesel M-8. He built it from the chasis and parts of an LGB Alco diesel, and his customizations include moving the cab to one end of the frame, and widening the frame itself to true narrow gauge proportions. It's a beauty. Peeking out further down the line is a steel caboose painted in the new Durango & Silverton livery. (More on the story of the caboose later.)



FG Abandoned rails Ian Joslyn Sept 1

Victor, Colorado Train Station tracks removed long ago.
Right of way now a street.

Pete Lammer

MORE SUMMER TOURS

SKYLINE AND SCREE SCENIC RR., John and Judy Hart, Sept 28 & 29

Our G-scale layout was originally built with the goal of entertaining kids and the young at heart. It has a "toy train" theme. Because it is so hard to grow plants up here at 8000 feet, we have instead planted many electronic action-features instead of flowers and miniature trees. The layout is built into the side of a hill and is quite vertical, with cog steam-engines negotiating extreme grades. On the Skyline and Scree visitors can control a train (via RC/battery) if they want, try their hand at transferring beer cans or quarry rocks to waiting railcars using an RC grapple-crane or a front-end loader, or watch numerous action items like a "miniature" (Z-scale) model layout imbedded within the layout, an ascending/descending balloon, a burning brewery, and many others. The RR's main mission is carrying tourists across scary bridges to high mountain views, and hauling beer to station restaurants and pubs.

Additional photos at: <http://www.hart3d.com/trains/skyscree.html>



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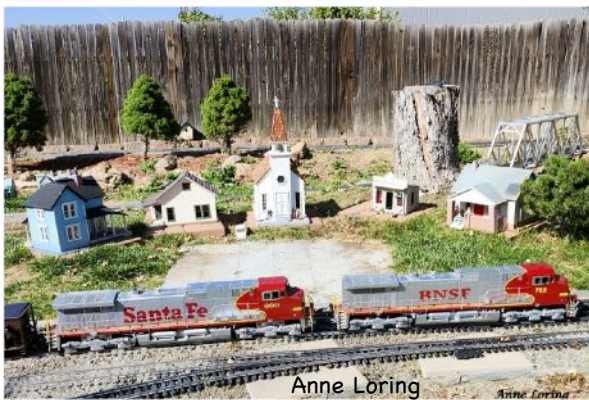
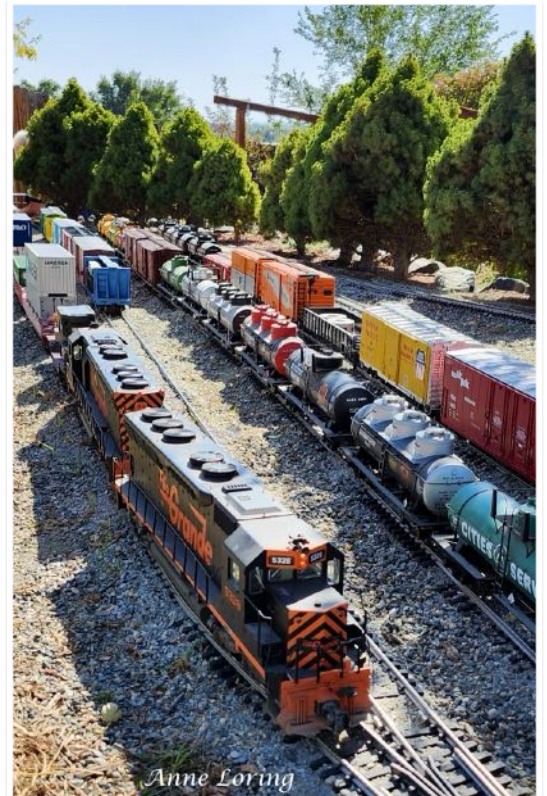
Anne Loring



The K&P RR, Kirk & Pam McGuire. Oct 4 &5

Kirk and Pam opened their Railway (K&P Railroad) in 2012. The K&P RR essentially has three sections – two main-line loops, a trestle loop, and a rail yard. We started with two loops for the main lines, with about 200’ of stainless-steel track. Later, we added a third loop at the back of the yard that was otherwise unusable due to a steep slope. This third loop also has about 200’ of track, some of which is mounted on a 65’ trestle allowing trains to run through the otherwise unusable slope of the yard. After leaving the trestle, the track heads back toward the two main-line loops, but along the way we’ve inserted a rail yard and town. The two main-line loops include two interlocks for transitioning between the two loops, plus a 25’ siding for passing slower trains. Also included along the inner loop of the main line is a switch allowing trains to transition to the trestle section of the third loop.

The track for the 200-foot trestle section begins inside the train room of the house (used for storing and working on the rolling stock). As the track leaves the house and approaches the two main-lines, it crosses those rails with two 90-degree crossovers and continues to the back of the yard. As the track enters the back of the yard, it enters the trestle which is an ideal location for ‘steaming-up’ the live steamers. This area is located under a 50’ long arbor, that one day as the plants grow, will provide shade for the live steamers. The rail yard has four 25’ pass-through sidings, and two shorter sidings for the oil storage farm. These sidings provide a perfect place to park trains awaiting their turn to run on the main lines.



Our railroad is primarily a freight railroad that allows the Big Boy to demonstrate its pulling power.



Colorado Toy Train Foundation Messages

Hello Everyone,

The Colorado Toy Train Foundation invites you to join us on Saturday, October 26, 2024 for our next Fall seminar.

“The 6464 boxcar, Lionel’s finest”: presented by Ken Cook

** Ken has collected Lionel trains for 70 years and specializes in evaluating collections and sharing his knowledge with others. Ken was previously a senior manager with Caboose Hobbies. Ken will discuss and show his collection of all the 6464 box cars produced during the postwar years. Members are encouraged to bring their rare variations of these sought-after cars.

When: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. social time, 9:30 a.m. presentation

Where: CTF headquarters, 171 S. Van Gordon, Lakewood.

The program is open to anyone and is absolutely free.

Come learn and enjoy the comradery with friends and fellow model train enthusiasts. And don't forget the free coffee and donuts!!

Make sure you plan on attending the follow-on seminar:

November 16, 2024: Kevin Jones will feature a program on detailed scenery. Details will be provided in October.

Please join us Saturday, Nov. 9th, for our next Toy Train Auction. The auction will be held at the

American Legion Post # 161,

6230 West 60th Avenue, Arvada, CO.

Viewing starts Sat Nov 9, at 8 a.m. and bidding at 9 a.m.

Auction Summary

The Colorado Toy Train Foundation is holding another one-day, **O & G Gauge auction** on November 9, 2024, at the American Legion Post 161, 6230 W 60th Avenue, Arvada, CO, 80003. Viewing begins at 8:00 a.m. and the auction will begin at 9:00 a.m.

This 428-lot event features a large number of O & G Gauge equipment. Everyone will find something to like, including passenger cars, freight cars, Steam & Diesel engines of all sizes, track switches, accessories, buildings, and more. Over 60 lots of G-Gauge equipment, track, buildings, etc. Manufacturers include LGB, Bachman, Delton, Kalamazoo, and others. There are several lots of G Gauge track. In O Gauge, there are more than 200 lots of Lionel equipment, ranging from Steam and Diesel engines, to a wide variety of rolling stock. In addition, there is track, switches, transformers, and all kinds of accessories.

Check out the Marx Army train lots. For those that like railroadians, there are prints, books, lanterns, signs, and more.

All the details are available in the auction list which can be downloaded free (click below). A registration form and selected photos are also available. Questions can be emailed to Tony at coloradotoytrains@msn.com or by calling him at (609) 865-2766.

<https://coloradotoytrain.org/auctions>

Upcoming 2024 and 2025 G-scale Train Shows and Events

2024

Fall Plano Train Show (all scales)

Dates: September 28 – 29, 2024

Location: Plano Event Center
2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy
Plano, TX 75074

Music City Christmas Train Show (all scales)

Date: December 14, 2024 9am – 4pm

Location: Made in Tennessee Building
945 Baddour Parkway

2025

Dallas Area Train Show (all scales)

Dates: January 18-19, 2025

Location: Plano Event Center
2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy
Plano, TX 75074

2025 Midwest Garden Railroad Gathering (G-Scale Only)

Dates: June 4 – June 7, 2025

Location: Tulsa, OK
Website: Will be available soon

2025 North East Ohio Large Scale Train Show (G-Scale Only)

Date: May 10, 2025 10 am - 4 pm

Location: MetroPlex Expo Center
1620 Motor Inn Dr
Girard, OH 4448120

Website: [2025 North East Ohio Large Scale Train Show - Large Scale Trains](#)

40th National Garden Railway Convention

Dates: June 18 – 22, 2025

Location: Sacramento, CA
Website: [40th National Garden Railway Convention - Sacramento](#)

2025 North East Large Scale Train Show (G-Scale Only)

Date: May 3-4, 2025 10 am – 4pm

Location: Eastern States Exposition Center
1305 Memorial Ave
West Springfield, MA 01089

2025 Big Train Operators Club Convention (requires membership in club)

Dates: July 13 - 19, 2025

Location: Helen, GA
Website: [Home Page of the Big Train Operator Club](#)

2027

42nd National Garden Railway Convention

Dates: May 31 – June 5, 2027

Location: Nashville, TN

Publications

Publications

This part of the newsletter contains articles and photos provided by club members. Part of the enjoyment of Garden Trains is to see other layouts, engines and rolling stock, thus it helps the hobby if club members, or readers of the newsletter provide photos and stories for the DGRS newsletter, which is sent to clubs all over the world.

To submit an article, you can include the text in a Microsoft Word document, Apple Pages document, plain text or just in an email. Photos can be sent by email also. It is best if the photos are sent separately so the quality is not lost. PDF files are difficult to edit/format, so they are not preferred. Thanks for your contributions.

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Garden Trains on Facebook and YouTube

Facebook has Public and Private Groups.

A Public group on FaceBook allows anyone to see who's in the group and what they post. It is visible to anyone.

A Private Group allows only members to see who's in the group and what they post.

Most Groups are visible and anyone can find the group. When you join Facebook, you do not have to provide any information that you do not want to share with others.

This is a **Public Group**: [GRNews on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/grnews), and you do not need a Facebook account to view.

The following are **Private Groups**, and you need a Facebook account and join the group to see what is posted.

DGRS has a Private group page (Denver Garden Railway Society). Videos of the operations and others are posted there.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/970224199655068/>

These are other Private Groups:

G Scale Trains: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/248809748503280/>

LGB Train fans: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/52647946993/>

LGB Train Sales & Trades: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/316404888778962/>

GScale.Net: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gscale/>

G-Scale- Garden Trains: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/268889036532980/>

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rockymtnrclub>

There are many other groups on Facebook that have similar interests.

THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF HIGH SPEED RAIL

High Speed rail in Germany

Construction of a high speed system in Germany began almost immediately after development of the TGV in France. However, due to population density (Germany is about twice that of France) and legal wrangling, the system did not begin operation until 10 years after the TGV was fully operational. Once deployed though, the system developed rapidly and currently has approximately 1000 miles of high speed track. The system has been extended into Austria, Switzerland, Belgium and Austria. It should be noted that these countries share a common electrical transmission technique, which simplified construction and operation greatly.



Today, Germany's ICE (Inter City Express) is in its third generation of equipment. It also reputedly has interoperability with the TGV, lines and equipment, and runs into Paris from Frankfurt and Saarbrücken. It typically operates at 205 MPH over these rails.

Germany has also experimented with Transrapid, a MAGLEV (Magnetic Levitation – no rails used or needed) train system. You will recall from the previous article on China that there is a Maglev that runs to the city of Shanghai from Shanghai airport. This was built with German technology and equipment and runs at 268 miles per hour. Germany's internal Maglev was running at 342 miles per hour. However, it did not last.

Begun in 1997, the system ceased operation in 2011 and its roughly 20 miles of track was dismantled in 2012. This begs the question: why? My guess is the same reason that the Chinese system of Maglev has not expanded. Operations are very electricity intensive and expensive to operate because of this. Also, in China the Germans will not share the technology with the Chinese. The Chinese always insist on owning the technology developed by other nations notably Japan.

Notably, resistance to change, is not a new story:. Consider how both rail and the automobile faced resistance from the public in early years of development as did the airplane in our own country. Steam locomotives were blamed for preventing cows from giving milk, for example. Even today, there are some who believe that wind power, a method of electrical generation, kills birds and causes cancer.

Similar claims, even in Colorado, were voiced by some when high power television transmitters were proposed for lookout Mountain (fortunately, overcome by bi-partisan action). In air transportation, we are still traveling in sub-sonic airplanes: it's a very long flight to Europe because of this, but the technology for supersonic airlines exists, and has been around since the 70's. Oh well – kind of takes the bloom off international travel.

Germany still has additional track legs of the high speed network to complete.

High Speed Rail In Mexico

Could it happen? Yes it could – but Probably at Mexico's pace.

There are \$55 billion dollars allocated for infrastructure projects in the United States. The State of Texas has been considering building a high speed line between San Antonio, Austin and Monterey, Mexico. Problems here are reluctance of the Texas legislature to provide 20% of the funding, and also Mexico is notorious for infrastructure projects running over budget. The new President of Mexico, Claudia Sheinbaum, has indicated support for such a project, but so did the previous president. Also, the Union Pacific RR is reluctant to use its right of way for this type of rail unless a bypass line for freight was built.

Hasta La Vista.

Next time out: What is going on in the USA

Joe Foss



Pete Hendel

2024 DGRS Calendar

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Oct 17, Thursday	Choo Choo Sew Everyone is invited and will be welcome. 11 am	Contact Cherylene Evans for time and details: 8061 W Grand Ave, Littleton CO 80123
Oct 19 & 20, Sat & Sun	Harvest Haunt Express at the CRRM	DGRS Members are needed to run Halloween type trains both Sat & Sun.
October 29, Tuesday	General Meeting , Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center.	7:00 PM, Clements Community Center 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, CO 80214
Nov 4, Monday	DGRS Decorating the CRRM Layout for the Christmas events	9AM. Let Bob Proctor know if interested at: dgrslayoutops@jjrmdesign.com .
Nov 8 to Dec 23	POLAR EXPRESS Train Ride at the Colorado Railroad Museum. Starts at 5 pm	DGRS members have to close the layout and leave the Museum by 3 pm each day in order for the production team to get ready for the show at 5 pm
Nov 12, Tuesday	DGRS Board Meeting	7:00 PM, @ Doug Mayes Office. 7114 W. Jefferson Ave, Suite 210, Lakewood 80235
November 19, Tuesday	General Meeting , Our November regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. NOTE: This is NOT the last Tuesday of the month, since that would occur during Thanksgiving week	7:00 PM, Clements Community Center 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, CO 80214
Nov 21, 22-24	<i>Christmas Show at the National Western Complex</i>	We need help to set up on Thurs Nov 21 and pickup on Nov 24. We need operators for Nov 22-24 AM & PM. See/talk to Scott
Dec 11, Tuesday	DGRS Board Meeting	7:00 PM, @ Doug Mayes Office. 7114 W. Jefferson Ave, Suite 210, Lakewood 80235