



NEWSLETTER

Denver Garden Railway Society



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View From the Caboose

Wow! I am so very impressed with the number of members who turned out to help with the Rocky Mountain Train Show! We had lots of good help setting up Thursday and Friday and members were always available to run their trains, work the kids corner, and assist with anything that needed to be done on Saturday and Sunday. We had several strong guys who made sure to return to assist in getting the big track boxes into the trailer and Scott showed me where some of the lighter stuff had to be stored. All of the many who stayed to help with the take down on Sunday after the show closed are true champions! We got out of there about 5:30 PM, exhausted, but feeling very successful.

It takes a true train lover to put this sort of thing together and Scott Vance is a train lover to the core of his being. He was there all 4 days, even though he was not fully recovered from his accident. Dale Underwood, Ken Campbell, Jerry Driver, Randy Bisgard, Dean Vande Berg, Kurt McGuire were there to help with both unloading & setting up, as well as tearing down and loading the trailer. There were many others who showed up just when we needed them. I have probably left out some very important people, but please know that it is not intentional. Kent and Karn Crysedale helped us set up on Friday and were there to help with the teardown on Sunday, as was new member Alex Manne. He was also there to run trains all weekend long! We are so very fortunate to have these new enthusiastic new members on board! Michele Miller helped with just about everything as did James MacKay, who was responsible for the clinics at the train show but still found some time to help us.

Thank you so much to the crowd of members who signed the birthday card and then managed to set a cake on fire with candles right behind my back and surprise me by singing happy birthday. I was totally surprised! I had no idea this was happening right there within a few feet of me. It was really wonderful! I think DeAnn and Michele were in cahoots on that surprise. We even had birthday cupcakes to enjoy on Sunday as well. Wow! Thank You Everyone! I am very honored!

Our April 30th meeting will be a great time! Wear your favorite or craziest train related T-shirt. I'm gathering prizes for the best T-shirts, and maybe even zaniest T-shirt. You can be sure that some of these prizes are amazing! So, drag out your train T-shirt and come to the meeting. It will be a good time!

We need to try to update our membership list. Please check your name, address, email, & phone number and let us know if there are any changes. You will find the list on our web page, you must be a member to get it and will have to call Bob Finch or one of the board members to get the password if you don't have it. A membership list is only good if it is accurate.

Cherylene

On the Cover: Photo by John Cushman of Ron Keiser's Rio Grande K-28, Accucraft 2-8-2

Newsletter Contributors this Month - A Special Thank You to each

Al Blount	James Mackay	Pete Lammer
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Cherylene Evans	Marilou Hendel	
Doug Mayes	Michele Miller	

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](#), 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/rockymtnrrclub>

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

YouTube

You do not need an account to see posts on YouTube. There are a lot of posts on YouTube that have nothing to do with our hobby.

Programs

April 30

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. Sean Jackson, who is one of the leaders at the Durango & Silverton railroads car shop, will do an overview of the recent projects in the car shop as well as the roundhouse.

May 28

Our DGRS meeting will be held at Jareds Nursery at 10500 W Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80127 to learn about plants for our layouts.

June, 29, Saturday

Picnic and swap meet at the CRRM. Refer to the Hospitality report for more info.

July 30

Short meeting and Ice Cream Social at Michel Miller's home.

August 24, Saturday

General Meeting at Larkspur, LCRR, Bob & Glenn Leise's home. Meeting, lunch and G Scale and 7 1/2 trains.

September 24

Our first fall regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. Richard Luckin will present our September program about the Pullman Car company and its history.

October 29

Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. 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. Bill Robie and Dave Ropchan will talk about the beginning of the Georgetown Loop.

Ron Keiser



Hospitality

Here's what Hospitality has planned in the coming months:

GENERAL MEETING: April 30, If so led, this day is National Oatmeal Cookie Day. Bring your creative twist on this cookie, or bring a special treat with oatmeal. Or, there are many other yummy food choices featured each day in the month of April. Bring one of those! I'm eyeing a chocolate mousse, pretzel, or caramel corn options!

GENERAL MEETING May 28, - Water and cookies will be provided for our summer kick off at Jared's Nursery in Littleton. If any particular plant topics you'd like to hear about, let me know and I'll pass it on to Betsy. Last year she spoke to plants that are more "pest" resistant, and ways to minimize their impact. We'll see what she comes up with this year.

GENERAL MEETING/ DGRS SUMMER PICNIC and SWAP MEET June 29, -Not to be missed! Set aside the whole morning and plan on eating after our abbreviated 11:00 am General Meeting. As in past, meats and sodas/ water provide by the DGRS.

I'd like to try an online RSVP system this year. It will be available May 1. If this doesn't work for you, contact Michele Miller individually. For those with Family memberships, all immediate family members will be included, but those with Individual memberships will need to bring \$5 per extra person in attendance..

Please bring a side dish to share by your Last Name beginning with:

A-K: Dessert

L-Z: Salad (pasta, fruit or vegetable, beans).

We're trying something new this year by selling will be concentrated around the Pavilion. This should make it easier for those buying and selling to grab something to eat in between transactions! Not to mention less distance to go to set up and take down. Stay tuned for details...

GENERAL MEETING and ICE CREAM SOCIAL July 30, Hosted by the Millers. No RSVP needed.

GENERAL MEETING/ TRAIN DAY Saturday August 24 at the Larkspur Consolidated Railroad. A great way to close out the summer meetings!!! The Leises and rest of the Larkspur crew are preparing for a day of fun at the Leise Farm. Hot dogs and beverages per DGRS, side dishes alphabetically. Like the picnic, an RSVP will be required so we have enough to eat. We'll see how the online picnic/ swap meet registration goes before deciding how that will be done 😊. More details to follow...

Keep coming to the meetings to hear of any changes or more details for the more distant events. And no food/drinks unless you wear your **DGRS Badge**.

If for any reason you're unable to make the meetings because of transportation issues, we already have several carpool groups that have developed. Let me know if having a ride would make a difference in your attending, and we'll make sure to facilitate that!

We hope to see you at the upcoming meetings. It's the best way to hear about changes or get more details as events approach. As always, find me if we haven't talked in a while, or if you're new to the DGRS.

We have a good number of new members. Please remember to wear your badge if you already have one, so we can put names together with faces. For those who have ordered badges and picked them up, THANKS! A good number are still in the Layout Alpine Tunnel Building, awaiting their homes. If you'd like it brought to the next meeting, let us know and we'll get it to you.

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

Michele Miller

OUTREACH:

It's all about FUN (with some engineering, modeling, and gardening thrown in!). The Rocky Mountain Train Show on April 6-7 saw great attendance and was a fun time to connect with folks interested in the hobby. We even had several new memberships from the weekend!

Museum DGRS Layout opportunities continue on days of regular operations. All it takes is a rail truck, trolley, or small engine on Track 7 and a friendly face to help people run it! The snowy weather has interfered on some of the days folks would be out, but warmer days are ahead...

In addition to operators helping out at the DGRS layout, the club continues 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) this spring. Stay tuned, and let him know if you'd like to be involved in the planning! This will hopefully attract people (individuals and families) to the hobby.

The Outreach Committee is also eager to hear any ideas club members might have as to school or community events that DGRS could travel to. Please let us know of these, and we'll do our best to make it work!

Outreach also includes helping those in our club who might need help with a specific project that would allow for railways to be built or continue operating. But we need to hear from you! Talk to Eric Petty, Terry Foley, Alan Olson, or Michele Miller if wanting more information.

From facebook Abandoned Rails Carol Turner Freemont , VT



Ducks are not the right scale and not wanted



Clear Brook Falls RR, Mike Barns

EXHIBITS

Rocky Mountain Train Show - Spring 2024, April 6th & 7th



Alex Manne



Pete Hendel



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MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Activities at the Museum

Remember that **Rail Days are on April 25th and 26.** Steamers #20 and #491 fire up to pull trains around the CRRM loop. Several display locomotives and cars are open for visitors to climb into including steam engines, diesels and cabooses. A working hand pumped track maintenance car is in action and the turntable will moving around.



ALL MEMBER WORK DAY

SATURDAY
APRIL 27
8 AM - 4 PM



- BRING 5 GALLON BUCKETS
- GLOVES
- KNEE PADS
- SHOVEL
- HAT

**DGRS WORK DAY AT THE
COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM**

Larry Dorsey's restoration of one of the DGRS buildings at the Colorado Railroad Museum.
Thanks Larry!!!



Train News

Rocky Mountain Railroad Club

The Rocky Mountain Railroad club has had a page on their web site for years that has had excellent photos of trains. Recently the club has removed those pages and posted the photos on their Facebook page. You have to be a member to see the photos. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rockymtnrrclub>

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/>

Abandoned Rails

Featuring thousands of miles of abandoned railroad routes in North America, illustrated with maps, pictures, and history. <https://www.abandonedrails.com/>

Hobo Brunch



The Hobo Brunch Group meets on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Next meeting **May 11** at Valley Inn. Just show up, no reservations necessary!

Location: **Valley Inn,**

1997 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood

Please contact Byron & Marta Fenton with questions.



Pete Hendel

Upcoming Train Shows and Regional Meetings

Note from: GR News - Central Region Advisor

With spring upon us, I wanted to reach out and say hello and provide you with the attached list of Regional Meetings and Train Shows across the country that I am aware of so you can attend any that may be of interest to you. I would appreciate you sharing this information with each of your club members.

The Regional Meetings are being held in place of a National Convention, which we will all miss having this year. The next national convention will be held in Sacramento, CA in 2025 and the North East US will host the national convention in 2026. There will be more information coming out for both of these national conventions.

Please plan to attend one of the regional meetings to help support the G-scale hobby and the clubs that are working hard to host them. If you are aware of any other large trains shows or regional meetings that would be of interest, please let me know and I will be glad to share the information with other clubs and regions. I am planning to attend the NE Large Scale Train Show the last of April and will be hosting youth clinics, the MO-KAN Regional Meeting in Kansas City and the Georgia Regional Gathering in August. I would enjoy visiting any of you that will be attending also.

Malinda Jungst

Upcoming 2024 G-scale Train Shows and Events

2024 East Coast Large Scale Train Show

Dates: April 12 -13, 2024

Hotels: Numerous options see show website

Location: Bay 50 Shopping Center
1564 Whitehall Rd. Annapolis, MD 21409

Website: [The East Coast Train Show - Home \(eclsts.com\)](http://eclsts.com)

2024 Northeast Large Scale Train Show

Dates: April 27 – 28, 2024

Hotels: Numerous hotels close to convention venue. See convention website for options.

Location: The Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds
1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield MA. 01089

Website: [Northeast Large Scale Train Show \(nelsts.org\)](http://nelsts.org)

2024 RLD Hobbies Spring Open House

Dates: May 3 – 4, 2024

Hotel: Super 8
937 Enterprise Lane, Mt. Carmel, IL 62863
(855) 680-3239

[Super 8 by Wyndham Mt. Carmel IL - Guest Reservations](http://Super8byWyndhamMtCarmelIL-GuestReservations)

Location: RLD Hobbies
873 Funkhouser St., Albion, IL 62806
(618) 446-2970

Website: info@rldhobbies.com

2024 Midwest Garden Railroad Gathering (MO-KAN)

Dates: May 30 – June 2, 2024

Hotel: Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 18011 Bass Pro Drive Independence, MO 64055
(816) 908-9600, www.stoneycreekhoteles.com

Location: Kansas City, MO

Website: [2024 Midwest Gathering | MO-KAN Garden Railroads \(mokangardenrailroaders.org\)](http://2024MidwestGathering|MO-KANGardenRailroaders(mokangardenrailroaders.org))

2024 North East Ohio Large Scale Train Show (G-Scale Only)

Date: June 1, 2024 10 am - 4 pm

Hotel: Best Western Park Hotel, 136 North Park Ave, Warren, OH 44481
(888) 786-6207

Location: Warren Scope (YWCA), 375 North Park Ave. Warren, OH 44481

Website: [2024 North East Ohio Large Scale Train Show - Large Scale Trains](http://2024NorthEastOhioLargeScaleTrainShow-LargeScaleTrains)

2024 Northern Colorado Garden Railroads Summer Tour

Date: June 15, 2024 9 am – 4 pm

Website: [Meetings & Events - Northern Colorado Garden Railroads \(ncgr.net\)](http://Meetings&Events-NorthernColoradoGardenRailroads(ncgr.net))

2024 Summer Garden Railroad Tour

Rose City Garden Railroads

Date: June 15, 2024 10 am – 5 pm

Website: [Rose City Garden Railway Society - Summer Tour \(wildapricot.org\)](http://RoseCityGardenRailwaySociety-SummerTour(wildapricot.org))

2024 Big Train Operators Club Convention (requires membership in club)

Dates: June 15 – 20, 2024

Hotel: Bird-in-Hand Family Inn, 2740 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird in Hand, PA 17505
(800) 537-2535

[Bird in Hand Family Inn - ReservationDesk.com](http://BirdinHandFamilyInn-ReservationDesk.com)

Location: Bird-in-Hand Family Inn, 2740 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird in Hand, PA 17505
(800) 537-2535

Website: [Home Page of the Big Train Operator Club](http://HomePageoftheBigTrainOperatorClub)

2024 Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society Layout Tour

Dates: July 27 – 28, 2024 1 pm – 6 pm each day

Website: [Garden Railway Tour - Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society \(gcgrs.org\)](http://GardenRailwayTour-GreaterCincinnatiGardenRailwaySociety(gcgrs.org))

2024 West Coast Regional Meet

Dates: August 10 – 15, 2024 (times vary)

Website: [West Coast Regional Meet – San Diego Garden Railway Society \(sdgardenrailway.com\)](http://WestCoastRegionalMeet-SanDiegoGardenRailwaySociety(sdgardenrailway.com))

2024 G-Scale Southeast Regional Get Together

Dates: August 23 – 25, 2024

Hotel: Embassy Suites, 2029 Satellite Blvd., Duluth, GA 30097
(844) 207-6602

[Embassy Suites by Hilton Atlanta NE Gwinnett Sugarloaf in Duluth, Georgia - ReservationCounter.com](http://EmbassySuitesbyHiltonAtlantaNEGwinnettSugarloafinDuluth,Georgia-ReservationCounter.com)

Location: Gas South Convention Center, 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097

Website: [Southern Get-Together \(ggrs.info\)](http://SouthernGet-Together(ggrs.info))

2024 Columbus OH Garden Railway Society Open Garden Tour

Dates: September 8, 2024 1 pm to 5 pm

Website: [Columbus Garden Railway Society – We run trains in our gardens \(thecgrs.org\)](http://ColumbusGardenRailwaySociety-WeRunTrainsinOurGardens(thecgrs.org))

UPDATE: 2024 Southeast Regional G Scale Get Together August 23-25

Since 1985 there has been a G-scale National Convention hosted by different G-scale Clubs around the country. Unfortunately, nothing was bid for the 2024 convention. So, G-scale societies and clubs around the country are hosting regional events. The Georgia Garden Railway Society (GGRS) has stepped forward and elected to host a **G-Scale Southeast Regional Get-Together** that will feature:

- Up to 10 different self-guided metro-Atlanta area garden railway tours daily on Friday, August 23rd, and Sunday, August 25th;
- Some out-of-area garden railway tours off selected major Interstates may open on Thursday, August 22nd for those coming in early if sufficient interest;
- Tours of the warehouse facility for nationally known model train retailer TRAINZ on Friday, August 23rd;
- An enhanced G-scale vendor presence at the **65th Atlanta Model Train Show** in Duluth, Georgia, on Saturday, August 24th, including a multi-table White Elephant Sale by GGRS members; and, G-scale oriented "how-to" clinics. Confirmed vendors include TRAINZ, Split-Jaw, melovetrainz, and other well know vendors.

We have **discounted hotel rooms** Thursday, August 23 through Sunday, August 25th (4 nights) at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Atlanta NE/Gwinnet Sugarloaf, 2029 Satellite Blvd Duluth, GA 30097 - book using this link <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/atlaees-ggr-954b4189-ffc5-4636-b2a1-f85cef2c263f/> If rooms are sold out please contact Pam Williamson 770-851-9462 via text, and we will see if we can add more rooms.

A **Dinner Get-Together on Friday night** will be a picnic buffet at the nearby Gwinnett County Bethesda Park Senior Center from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and will feature door prizes, raffles, area shopping and train venues information, and more. There is no entrance or parking fee at the dinner site.

The 2024 Southeast Region **Get-Together Car** is a USA Trains 40' steel box car with metal wheels. The lettering is a combination of a USA Trains 40 foot American Series box car, a USA Trains 50' Ultimate Series box car with a discrete 2024 Regional logo. The Regional Car will be offered with 4 road numbers 103803, 103804, 103805, 103806. Twenty-five of each road number will be ordered, first come first serve. Please specify if you want a particular road number.



The Registration Bag will include driving instructions and a schedule of garden railroad tours hosted by members of the Georgia Garden Railway Society (9:00-4:00 Friday and Sunday), a \$1 discount coupon for each family member toward admission to the 65th Atlanta Model Train Show on August 24th (parking is a separate fee), get-together pin(1 for individual registration and 2 for a family registration), driving instructions and passes you may have purchased to the Friday evening get-together dinner, a get-together car or cars if ordered, a list of G-scale vendors at the train show, and other useful information. **Registration Bag can be picked up Thursday evening or Friday morning at the event hotel.**

The cost of registration is \$25.00 per an individual registration and \$35.00 per family (up to two adults and two children) for registration prior to **JUNE 1, 2024**. Late registration, **after JUNE 1**, will increase to \$40.00 per individual and \$50.00 per family registration. **A registration form can be found at www.ggrs.info**, please print the registration form and mail it along with your check to the address on the form. Be sure to include fees for the Friday night meal, train show car(s), and early email of tour booklet if you desire any of these extras. Remember, the meal and the cars are limited in number, so register and order early!

We hope you will be joining GGRS in August for **2024 Regional Get-Together!**

Union Pacific Steam Club Update No. 32 - Apr. 10, 2024



Big Boy No. 4014's Westward Bound Tour Coming this Summer!

Union Pacific's famed Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest operating steam locomotive, will return to the rails this summer with a scenic tour across mountain ranges and high desert vistas in four western states: Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California.

Big Boy will journey from its home base in Cheyenne, Wyoming on **Sunday, June 30**, en route to Roseville, California, before returning to Wyoming by the end of July. It will make numerous whistle-stops in communities along the way, with public display stops scheduled in:

- **July 12-13:** Roseville, California
- **July 20-21:** Ogden, Utah

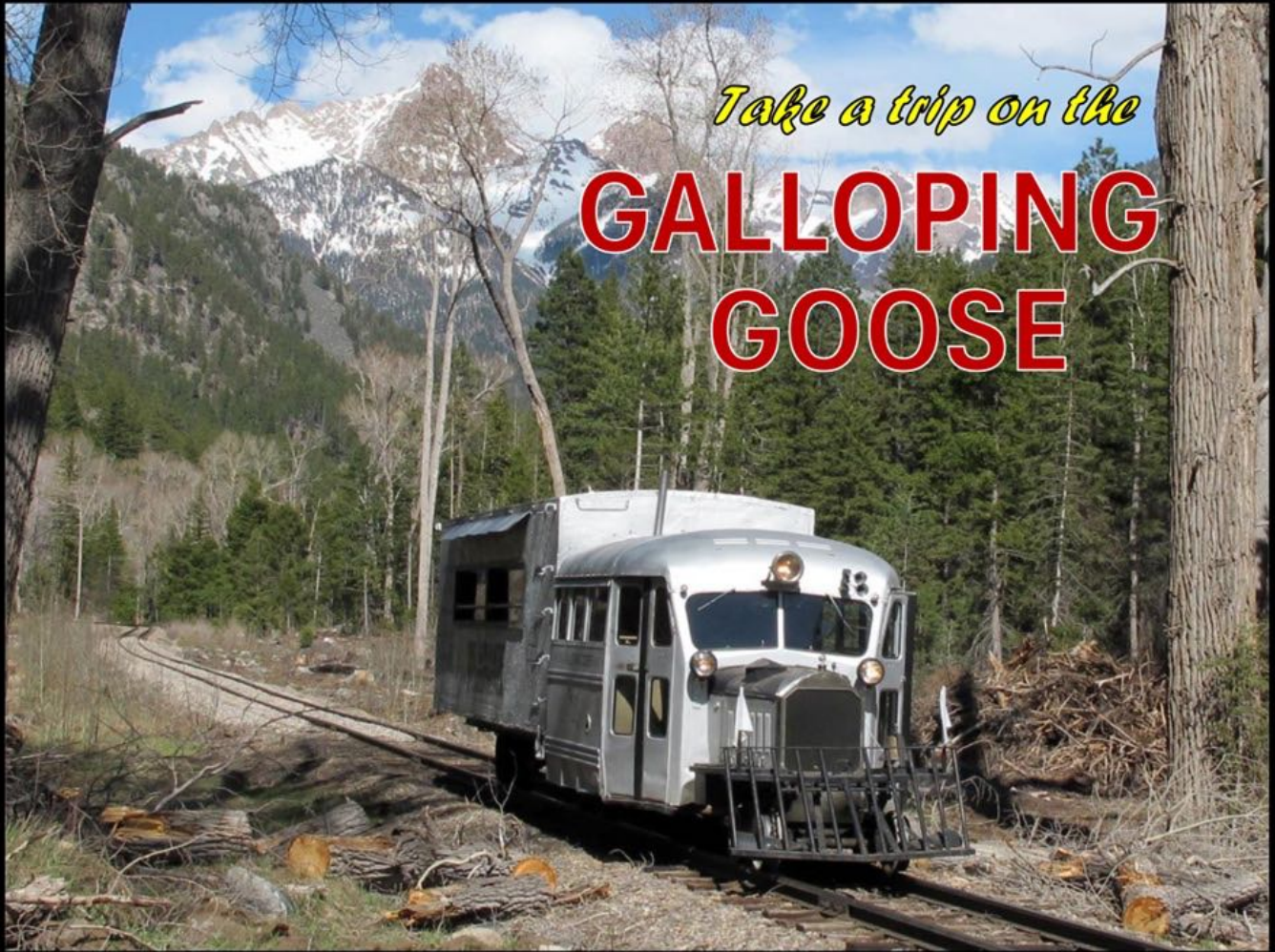
Additional route details and approximate times for whistle stops will be shared closer to the tour. A [route map](#) can be found on UPsteam.com.

During the tour, the [Union Pacific Museum](#) will host a special passenger trip. The unique experience is the annual gala fundraiser for the nonprofit organization and provides a rare opportunity to travel on this historic heritage equipment. More information on the specifics will appear at www.UPtrainTix.com when they become available.

This is one of two public tours planned for Big Boy in 2024, with a second tour planned later this fall with stops in Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, and Illinois, among other states. Details of the second tour will be released later this spring.

The month-long "Westward Bound" tour will honor Union Pacific's rich railroad legacy and celebrate the railroad's employees and communities it serves. For part of its journey, the Big Boy's consist will include an assortment of rail cars giving spectators a glimpse into what the locomotive looked like pulling freight in its heyday.

"The Big Boy locomotive symbolizes the pivotal role railroads played in shaping our nation's history, and the technological advances we have witnessed within our industry," said Union Pacific CEO Jim Vena. "We are thrilled to share this living piece of history with our employees and the public, and we love seeing the enthusiasm this locomotive generates wherever its whistle blows."



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Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

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SPRING 2024 TIMETABLE AND FARES

Silverton Turn

Round trip Durango to Silverton May 4th \$225

Goose to Silverton, steam train return

Round trip Durango to Silverton May 5th \$225

Steam train to Silverton. Goose return

Cascade Canyon Turn

Round trip from Durango to Cascade Canyon

\$160

April 27th, April 28th

May 18th, May 19th

Event Park Turn

Round trip from Durango to Event Park

May 3rd \$35

TICKETS and INFORMATION

Call 970.247.2733 or visit www.durangotrain.com

All fares subject to 8% historical preservation fee.

Presented by:

Galloping Goose Historical Society of Dolores, Inc
The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

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 each club name below **or** go the following link to access all the clubs:

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

[Northern Colorado Garden Railroaders](#)



**Northern Colorado
Garden Railroaders**

[***Mile High Garden Railway Society***](#)

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[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](#)



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Publications

The best experience of the DGRS newsletter is to read it online or download it and read it on the computer or tablet. Articles and topics provide links to photos, videos, additional information and enhanced content that supplements the article.

If you print it and read it off-line, you will miss a lot of the content. As an example, there may be links to other web sites, documents and movies that you would not be able to access if the newsletter was printed.

Any links in this newsletter were active at the time of publishing. In some cases, the web site may have ceased operation, the material was removed or expired, and it is no longer available. We have no control over these issues, but try to make sure the links are active at publication time.

The newsletter content is for DGRS members and all Garden Railroad club members. We do not share email addresses nor telephone numbers within the general part of the newsletter. For DGRS members, there is a Members Only section that is not distributed to other organizations.

If you need to contact DGRS, the following email addresses are available:

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If You've Ever Wanted To Hitch Your Own Private Train Car To An Amtrak, Here's How

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/travel/news/if-you-ve-ever-wanted-to-hitch-your-own-private-train-car-to-an-amtrak-here-s-how/ar-AA1bCAGi?ocid=socialshare&pc=DCTS&cvid=a84ecb70bc704cc5b5e5cc5fd7244c68&ei=48>



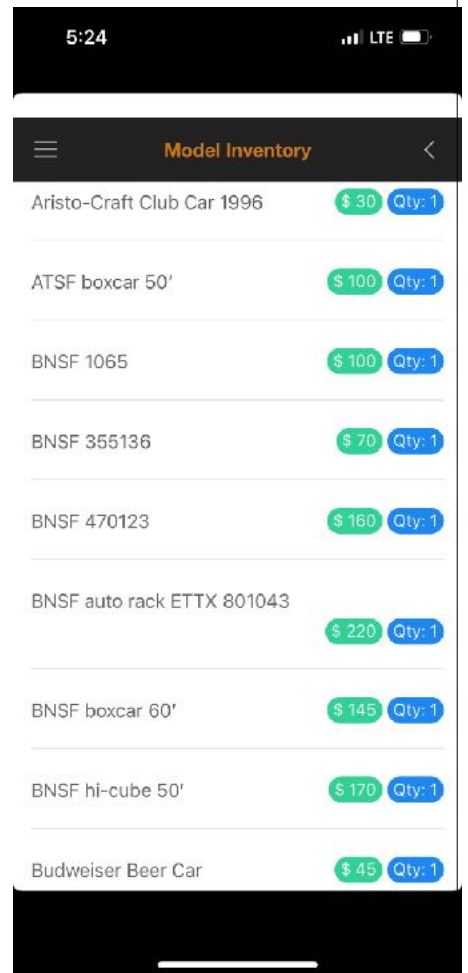
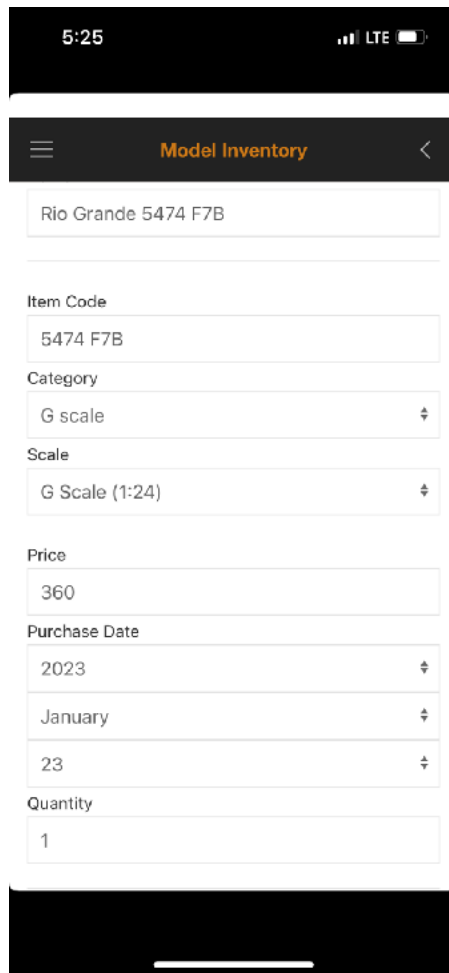
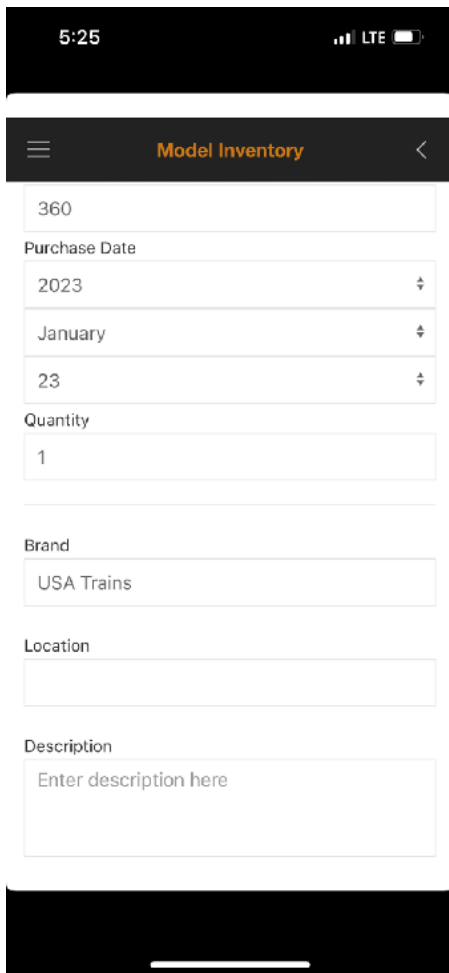
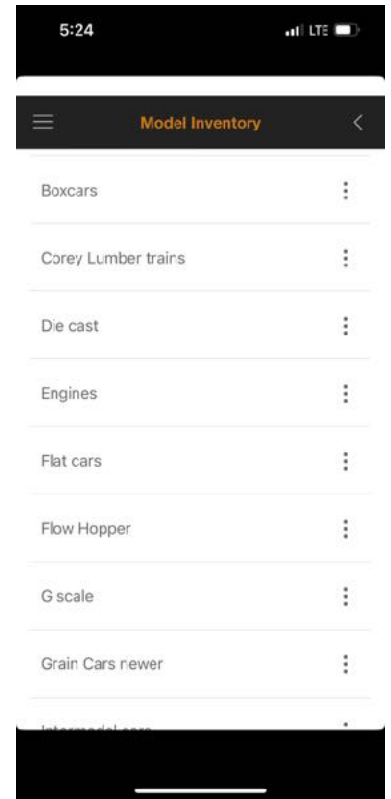
Thanks to Tom Simco

Model Inventory

From Richard Corey

A couple of years ago I came across an App on the APP store called Model Inventory from Woodland Scenics it's a free App from Apple and also available on Google play. *It is for Phones and Tablets only.*

It's a cloud based App so you can have a copy of your Model Inventory in the cloud. I use it to keep track of all my model trains and my die cast. You can make your own categories. I have it on my phone and it works great when I go to a train show or hobby shop to see if I have that road number. I collect Take A Break cars in HO scale I have over 100 of them so it hard to remember what cars I have. So when I'm at a show or hobby shop, I can see if I have that car number. Here are some photos of what I've done in the App.



IMPACT TEST CAR

From James Mackay

Although this article and ad is about an HO gauge version, it could be built in G scale, maybe with lights, whistle or horn.

This could be an idea to use at the museum to test new people running trains. The ball is a scale 76" diameter, so that would be approximately 3.0" diameter. It would have to be conductive so the ball can complete the circuit. Another solution would to use photocells or ??????.....

Sounds like a project for Byron or maybe a new member!!!!

At last! A practical model railroad kit designed to help modelers test and improve their operations skills. The model has a scale 76" diameter steel ball riding on a section of track inside the car. The ball obeys all of Newton's laws of gravity and will give a modeler a visual record of the quality of his trackwork, power pack control, and operating prowess. (Don't forget that on real railroads if cars are coupled at a speed greater than 4mph, the result is often loss and damage!) Start or stop a train too fast and a light on top of the car turns on. The sides of the car are clear plastic with a silk-screen scale to show how far the falls rolls.

It all adds up to a challenge and a chance for modelers to try their operating skills. Truly, it is a real, working "Impact Test Car".

Impact Test Car
933-6892 16.00



The kit includes metal wheeled trucks for current pick-up and a constant lighting kit so it will operate on low as well as full voltage. Also included is the steel impact ball, couplers, contacts

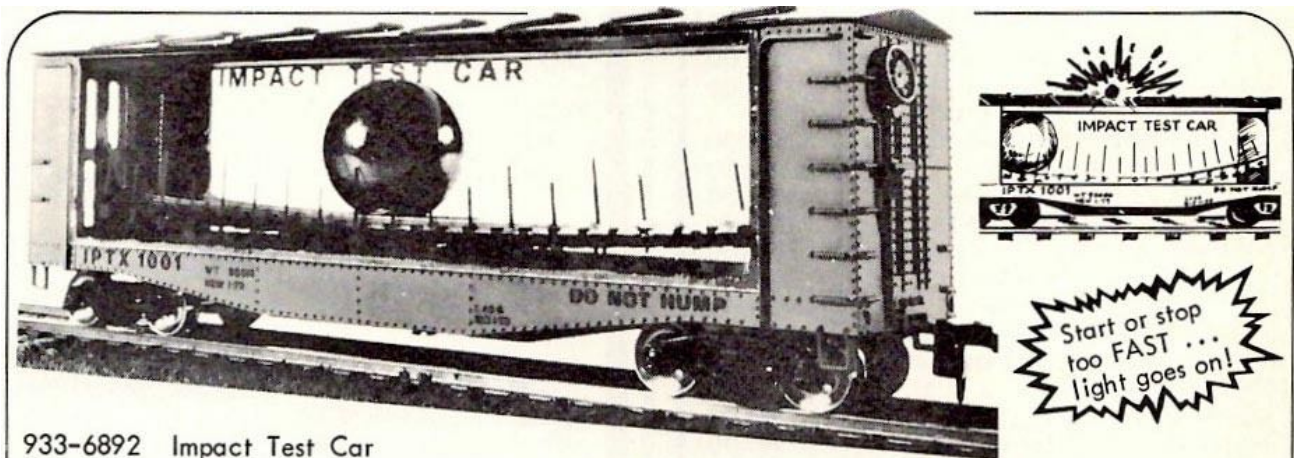
933-5419 Scale beer can Kit (less can) 15.25

to activate the light, and an inside track which can be adjusted for sensitivity. The only thing not included is the gentle hand for the throttle!

Credit Pete Van Dore for suggesting this idea based on an original by John Allen.



Original ad from Walthers in 1980



933-6892 Impact Test Car

NEW IMPACT TEST CAR

There's a serious side to our latest HO "Tongue-in-Cheek"™ car. (Seriously!) That's a 76" (HO Scale) diameter steel ball riding on a section of track on the inside of the car. The ball obeys all of Newton's laws regarding gravity, acceleration, falling apples, etc., which gives a visual record of the quality of your trackwork, operating prowess, or power pack control. It's uncanny! Start or stop the train too fast, and a light on top of the car turns on. The sides of the car are clear plastic with a silk-screened "scale" to show how the ball rolls. It all adds up to fun, a challenge, and a chance to show off your skill and equipment. It's a real, working "Impact Test Car".

If the price of \$14.25 seems a little high for an easily assembled plastic car with a wood roof, consider that we have put a lot of love, care, and concern into this car to make sure it works. Kit includes metal wheeled trucks for current pick-up, and a constant lighting kit so it will

operate on low as well as full voltage, the steel impact ball, contacts, couplers and the inside track, which is adjustable for sensitivity. (Everything but the gentle hand on the throttle)

You'll have lots of fun watching your friends lose their marble, or blow their top (light) on this goof-ball car, the latest in our "Tongue-in-Cheek" series.

Credit Pete Van Dore for suggesting this idea (from an original by John Allen).

This car will look great on your layout. Run it with the other "Tongue-in-Cheek"s™, the nutty Presidential "Peanut One", the 21' Oscar or Piker, or the "real" beer can tanker. Ask your dealer to order them from Walthers.

933-6892 HO Impact Test Car \$14.25

See the entire line of "Tongue-in-Cheek"™ models in the NEW 1980 Walthers HO Catalog Expected in October.

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Joe Foss has been on vacation, traveling around the world and his next article on the Trains of China is being crafted for the May issue of the DGRS Newsletter.

Dear Readers,

Last month in the March DGRS Newsletter, we included a link to John Hart's great video. Unfortunately, due to some technical website bandwidth issues, readers of the Newsletter could not access the video. John Hart has graciously posted the video on his website and provided a link to the video.

We apologize for the technical issue.



Colorado Garden Rail

A 2D version of an original stereoscopic video by John Hart
12 spectacular layouts in the Denver and suburbs area.

<http://hart3d.com/trains/coloradogardenrail.mp4>

Thanks John !!!

2024 DGRS Calendar

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
Apr 18, Thursday, 11am	Choo Choo Sew Everyone is invited and will be welcome.	Contact Cherylene Evans for time and details: 8061 W Grand Ave, Littleton CO 80123
Apr 25 & 26, Thurs & Friday	Rail Days at the CRRM. Steamers #20 and #491 fire up to pull trains around the CRRM loop.	Members are requested to sign up to run trains on the club layout for this event, 9am - 3pm. Most of these operating shifts are 4 hours long. Please call Don McCullough or Alan Olson to support these activities at the museum.
Apr 27, Saturday	DGRS Work Day at the CRRM, 8am 4 pm Serious work is required due to wind storm and heavy snows.	BRING 5 GALLON BUCKETS GLOVES KNEE PADS SHOVEL and HAT
Apr 30, Tuesday	General Meeting. Our regular General Meeting will be held at the Clements Community Center. Sean Jackson, who is one of the leaders at the Durango & Silverton railroads car shop, will do an overview of the recent projects in the car shop as well as the roundhouse.	Train T-SHIRT Night 7:00 PM, <u>Clements Community Center</u> 1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, CO 80214
May 7, Tuesday	DGRS Board Meeting	7:00 PM, @ Doug Mayes Office. 7114 W. Jefferson Ave, Suite 210, Lakewood 80235
May 11, Saturday	Hobo Brunch; Members get together and swap stories at breakfast.	8:30 am at the Valley Inn, 1997 S Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO
May 16, Thursday, 11am	Choo Choo Sew Everyone is invited and will be welcome.	Contact Cherylene Evans for time and details: 8061 W Grand Ave, Littleton CO 80123
May 18-19, Sat & Sun	Colorado Crossings at the CRRM	This year's event will feature two coal-burning steam locomotives in operation, along with special activities, cab tours, and more
May 28, Tuesday	DGRS General Meeting at Jareds Nursery	6:00 PM Jareds is located at 10500 W Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80127
June 4, Tuesday	DGRS Board Meeting	7:00 PM, @ Doug Mayes Office. 7114 W. Jefferson Ave, Suite 210, Lakewood 80235