



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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Upcoming Events and Activities

July 2017

- 10-15 NGRC Tulsa OK
- 25 General meeting at James Mackay's

Aug 2017

- 3 Board Meeting
- 12-13 Summer Tours
- 19-20 Boras Pass Railroad Days
- 29 Ice Cream Social Mtg

Sept 2017

- 7 Board Meeting
- 9-10 Summer Tours
- 26 General meeting

View From the Caboose



Whew!! It seems to be a very busy summer for me this year. We are having a blast with my daughter and grandkids who are spending the summer in Denver this year. We have been to Elitches several times and celebrated a couple of birthdays at White Fence Farm. Our May meeting was held at O'Toole's Garden Center and Chris made sure everyone went home with a prize. The hanging basket I won looks great on my front porch!! Scott and I purchased 15 clematis plants which I planted along our back fence. He has tweaked the drip system a few times and they seem to be loving their new home. The weather turned out to be perfect for our annual summer picnic and swap meet this year. As always the food was great and everyone who attended seemed to have a good time. Our hospitality crew and volunteers who helped out deserve a huge thank you!! Up next is the National Garden Railway Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I am writing this the day before we make the drive to Tulsa. By the time you read this, we will be back in town and gearing up for our next general meeting. We hope to see you at the home of James Mackay & Debbie Knapp as they are graciously hosting our July meeting on the 25th. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs to this meeting. That's all for now.

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Summer Tours

There will be no summer tours Saturday & Sunday July 22, 23 2017



George Flings runs new passenger cars



George Fling & Wayne Springer changing coupler for Layne Jacobson



Layne Jacobson runs custom Harley train

Special Wish Foundation surprises Avon teen with a giant backyard train set

<http://www.news5cleveland.com/news/local-news/cleveland-metro/community-rallies-around-avon-teen-with-special-needs>

It is a backyard transformation months in the making. Dozens of volunteers here in Northeast Ohio, along with strangers in other states came together to give one local teen a reason to get outside. Jack McBride spends a lot of time inside. That's because there are trains in every room of his house. His love of locomotives goes back to when he was 6-years-old. "It started with Thomas the Train," said Michelle McBride, Jack's mother.

Now 16, the Avon teen with special needs has giant train tracks running through his backyard. "One of the first things he did was lay down on the ground right in front of the track and look at the train from down low. He made sure he got a close look," said McBride. McBride got this project moving thanks to a friend who told her about Special Wish. "She encouraged me to make a wish," said McBride.

The organization, that helps make dreams come true, contacted members of the Northern Ohio Garden Railroad Society. "We had teams of people that came in and moved ground and brought stone in," said Ralph Boyer, Northern Ohio Garden Railroad Society. In just one day, nearly 40 volunteers brought this train yard to life.

"This is just an extension of his love for trains," said McBride. This effort goes well beyond Northeast Ohio, with a member of the Garden Railroad Society in Iowa donating the trains and power packs with another in Kansas providing the buildings.

Jack had no clue any of this was in the works.

"I was standing back there when Jack came in and tears come to your eyes and that's what's gratifying," said Boyer.

Jack's mom tells News 5 this will get her son outside more during the summer and will give him more opportunities to be social. "We're hoping people will come and visit Jack and enjoy his new layout with him," said McBride.

A Special Wish Foundation grants wishes for children up to 20 years old who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening disorder. The local chapter grants wishes for children in Lorain, Medina, Huron and Erie counties.



Special Wish recipient Jack with his DGRS cars

Cumbres & Toltec Railroad Trip (June 4)

by Jim Rippey:

On Sunday June 4th, my wife Michele and I attended a special freight charter originating out of Antonito, CO. This event was put on by The Friends of The Cumbres & Toltec Railroad and featured D&RGW locomotive #315. We were taken by motor coach from Antonito to Cumbres Pass where we boarded the train. From Cumbres Pass the train went east back to Antonito.



The Special charter featured numerous photo runbys with notable stops being Tanglefoot Curve, Cascade Trestle, Osier, Calico Cut, Toltec Gorge, Sublette, Whiplash Curve, Lava Tank, and Hangman's Trestle. Whether you were photographing from trackside or hundreds of yards up the mountainside, the coordination between the train crew and the attendees allowed everyone time to position themselves for the runbys, Snacks, drinks, and a box lunch were included.