

Ozark Garden Railway

Society Dispatch



October 2011

50th Annual Steam-O-Rama

Pictures submitted by Mary Abel Lavelly



The first day of the 50th annual Steam-O-Rama was a slow day. Attendance was light on Thursday. Those that came by the layout were mostly exhibitors. However, Friday was a much better day. At times, people were gathered two and three



deep too watch the trains run. As always, Jerry's live steam drew a lot of interest. Tom Lavelly brought his Fortuna Flyer which was also a big hit.



Saturday started out cloudy and cool. The trains started running and things were looking good, for about ten minutes! Then after several weeks of hot dry weather, the windows of heaven opened and the rain came down. When Noah was spotted floating by in his ark, OGRS members decide to close shop with hopes that Sunday would be a better day. **WORNG!**

With rain clouds still on the horizon, Sunday's running was canceled as well. Oh well, next year will be better! **A GREAT BIG THANKS GOES TO EVERYBODY THAT HELPED WITH THE SET UP AND THE TAKE DOWN OF THE LAYOUT, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HELPED AND THOSE WHO ATTEMPTED TO HELP RUN TRAINS!**

More Pictures by Mary Abel Lavelly

I would like to thank Mary for taking some photos on Friday. There was not much chance for me to take photos on Saturday or Sunday. The following pictures are some great shots that she took and the captions that she assigned to them. ENJOY! I could not resist. I added a couple of comments.



A person felt his or her true worth for a day by the number of yards of concrete poured!!



"Derailment!!" Sure perked everyone up – inside the tent and along the outside.

Hey Mary, I see that you captured the other profile of the guys!



A depot hack that ran. Craig couldn't find his checkbook. (\$8500)



Nice job on the layout, Dennis. They sure liked your "diorama" on the Climax. I liked the photo where the big steam tractor is in the background and the guy on your Climax is waving to him (or her). (Do steamers refer to their "tractors" like sailors refer to their ships as feminine?)



What happens if I press this button?



What a great shot, Mary! This picture says it all!

October Meeting

October's meeting will be at Dennis and Martha Rayon's in Mt. Vernon on Saturday the 15th. Their address is 10587 Lawrence 1140, Mt Vernon, MO 65712.

Dennis and Martha will be providing the meat and drinks and requests that those who can, bring a side dish or dessert. Everyone can start showing up around 11:30 a.m. and be sure to bring chairs.

Contact Information:

Phone: 1-417-849-0588

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Directions:

Either take 174 from Republic, or I-44 from Springfield, take exit 49 (174 highway exit) off of I-44, turn right go about 2.5 miles. If coming from MT Vernon, take 39 highway north to Farm Road 1140. go to third left , watch for RR signs.

Dennis has expanded and made a lot of changes to his layout. I am looking forward to seeing it. **HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!**

Things Too Remember

- People are needed to design and build Christmas theme displays for the indoor layout. The layout will be set up from November to January at the Springfield Botanical Gardens.
 - Dennis Rayon is doing a winter scene (18" X 18').
 - Glen and Sherry Carlisle is doing a North Pole Transportation and Storage Company (18"X18").

- Charlene Chesbro and Marilyn Allen are doing a Santa theme diorama (18" X 42").

- The club needs people to be considering hosting a club meeting in 2012. Volunteer early and get your choice of months.
- There is a need for volunteers to give how-to clinics in 2012. Several have already volunteered and are listed in the Clinics section of the newsletter.
- If anyone has something to submit to the newsletter such as how to articles, tips, trivia, history of railroading, pictures of your projects, etc. Send email to Glen Carlisle. carlisle02@sbcglobal.net

Scheduled Clinics For 2012

- **Jan.** Jerry Davis: Straightening bent track and lighting buildings.
- **Feb.** Craig Chesbro: Engine wiring and battery power.
- **March** Marilyn Allen: Slide show presentation on garden railway plants.

Clinics Not Yet Scheduled

- Glen Carlisle: Decaling
- Keith Richardson: Hard Shell (mountains – interior and exterior)
- Rick Brown: Making figures from G.I. Joe type army men.

THANKS EVERYONE FOR VOLUNTEERING

The Gandy Dancer's Trivia Section

The Answer to Last Month's Trivia Question

The railroad term 'FRED' is a:
d. flashing rear end device.

This Month's Railroad Trivia Question

A velocipede was:

- a) a three wheel tricycle used by agents to check car numbers.
- b) never used for anything that applied to the railroad.
- c) was an early track inspection vehicle.
- d) was a bone shaker bicycle used by Railway Express messengers.

When Things Go Wrong

Submitted By Mary Abel Lavelly



This is what happens when two trains try to occupy the same track.



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