

Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society

Established in 1989, the Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society (SVGRS) has grown to about 100 family memberships. Since then, the Society has hosted two National Garden Railway Conventions (1994 and 2003), built permanent displays at the State Fair and a local shopping mall, and participated in exhibits at the Sacramento State Railroad Museum and the Great Train Expo at Cal Expo. Members also maintain indoor railways at area Children's hospitals.

Currently, the Society is involved in regularly scheduled railroad events in the area, promoting Large Scale Railroading indoors and out, improving gardening and railroading skills, and learning more about Large Scale Trains.

The Society assists members' efforts to design, build, operate and maintain our Garden Railroad empires in a spirit of cooperation and fun.

The Society's modular railroad is a portable Garden Railway shown at numerous functions throughout the Sacramento Region. The small layout sections are joined together to build a 15 by 30 foot railroad. Members without railroads may run their equipment; we all share our hobby with others. The modular group welcomes new members.

Join us, today!

Visit our website:
<<http://www.svgrs.org>>



Large Scale Railroading

Large Scale Railroading has existed for many, many years, originating in England, and arriving in the United States in the 1940's. By the 1960's, the German toy company Lehmann Gross Bahn (Lehmann Large Trains) introduced the first Large Scale trains designed for outdoor use. LGB remains the best known of Large Scale train builders, but now there are dozens of manufacturers of Large Scale trains, both vintage and modern, standard and narrow gauge. Rugged enough for outdoors, these trains have made Large Scale the fastest growing segment of the model train hobby. The Large Scale hobby has much to offer - rugged, dependable, and detailed locomotives and cars, buildings, cars, etc. - to populate large and small Garden Railways.

Membership Application

Name _____

Spouse _____

Names for Badges (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone (___) _____

Cell phone (___) _____

E Mail _____

1. Do you have a Large Scale Railroad?
Yes No Under Construction Planned

2. Where is your Railroad?
Indoors Outdoors Both

3. Are you able to host a meeting?
Yes No Not at this time

4. Would you like to learn more about our modular (travelling) railroad?
Yes No Not at this time

Member Benefits

- Monthly meetings in members' homes.
- Winter Banquet and Summer Picnic.
- Monthly newsletter (*The Flyer*) containing club news, articles about the hobby, club activities, and directions to club meetings.
- Raffles, held at meetings, of Large Scale items, including locomotives, passenger or freight cars. Tickets are \$1; proceeds go to the club.
- Information for both beginners and experienced model railroad builders. Our members are very happy to share information to make YOUR garden railroad a success.
- Club Video Library of Garden Railway and real Railroad subjects.
- Club Tool Chest with specialized tools useful to Large Scale modelers, including rail benders, track template, and smart level.
- Club Library with books and magazines



- Clinic sessions to learn more about various aspects of our hobby.

Membership Information

Dues are \$35.00 for the first year (which includes name badges). Renewal dues are \$25.00 per year. Membership begins on the date of payment, and continues until December 31 of that year.

Memberships include all immediate family. Applications should be sent to

SVGRS Membership
PO. Box 276031
Sacramento, CA 95827

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