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## Modular Show at Trains, Planes and Autos - July 12 Poker Run and Family Picnic - August 16



### July ILSR Club Event

**J**oin us for a FUN day of Planes, Trains and Automobiles on Saturday, July 12, at the Castleton Christian Church, 7214 Hague Road, Indianapolis, IN. 46256. Our Modular group will present to the community our fabulous layout, in addition to **other layouts and train memorabilia** that you won't want to miss!

There will also be a car show, RC cars and planes, plus various other transportation "treats". If you want to bring your car to enter in the car show, registration is between 9:00 - 12:00, with awards at 3:00 P.M. The fee for registration is a donation of a non-perishable food item, or \$10.00. All proceeds go to the Lawrence Sharing Place. Come out and support our Club and enjoy a FUN day with your family and friends!

*Jacquie Banks*



### August ILSR Club Event

**N**O SKILL REQUIRED!! Our Club's annual Club Picnic will be Saturday, August 16. Off we go exploring some old train sites, and along the way, there will be 4 "scenic" stops. At each stop you will receive a playing card. There will be **prizes** for the best poker hands when we arrive at our "secret" destination. The picnic will be a pitch-in, but meat will be provided by the Club. **Please check your Club's website for further details as August draws closer.** *J.B.*

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**Editor's Note:** Wow! There were so many railroad activities to report on, I really needed more pages to tell it all. However, I am held to just 8 pages, but at least, this is an "all color issue" so please enjoy! - Bud





## ORCHARD IN BLOOM – 2014

- by Jeff Carter

This year's garden layout theme was the "Yellow Brick Road" (or the Wizard of Oz). Our garden had two loops of track with the Yellow Brick Road in the center. Auntie M's house had crashed into the corner of the road with the Lion peeking from behind. Dorothy, the Scare



Crow, the Tin Man and the Witch were included.

To create, install and run the garden railroad takes many hands. Here is a list of those who helped this year.

**Randy Banks, Marion Hensley, David Palmeter, James Driesbach, Don Davis, Bud Hunter, Bill Duncan, Paul Bossert, Paul George, Charles Graft, Ron Loudermilk, Dave Beck, Darrell Jackson and Pattie Chester.**

I would also like to thank Blue Moon Farm for the flowers and Lemcke Landscape for the mulch. I would also like to thank my neighbor Barb Lanouette and my daughter Tammy Leatherberry for their help in pre-construction work.



Each year we have many visitors with questions and comments. This year was no exception. Both the children and the adults enjoy watching the trains and looking at the interesting props. One visitor said that our garden made the trip to the show worthwhile. While I don't want to boast, I think we have the most entertaining display at the show.

If you did not attend this year's show, put the first week-end in May 2015 on your list of things to do. Also, if you would like to help with next year's show, please send me an email to let me know. See you next year. - Jeff



Jeff Carter along with Randy and Jacquie Banks keep a watchful eye on the 2-track mainlines.





Nancy and I were fortunate enough to attend this year's National Garden Railway Convention held in Tampa, FL.

Being held so early in the season, I wasn't sure how many people would attend, but officially there were right at 450 registrations. From our own ILSR Club, Paul Williamson and Dale Olson also attended.

My favorite activity is always refreshing, and that is to see so many new and different garden railroads as possible. We saw plenty of really nice railroads, but they were really spread out this year from the Fort Myers area all the way over to the Orlando area. (We left the hotel on our tour busses at 7:00 A.M. and did not return until 5:00 P.M.) Long days, but definitely interesting. Met lots of really nice people. The enthusiasm for large scale trains is still very alive and well, I'm thankful to say. The Dealer Hall was full to the gills with various interesting products and services.

Gone are the days of all the large train manufacturer's lavish displays. I still miss the big LGB, Aristo, and USA TRAINS displays, however, Accucraft, Bachmann and Hartland were present, along with 27 other important and known dealers. Convention Clinics were held from 4:30 to 9:00 o'clock Wed, Thur & Fri. Both Tulsa, Oklahoma and Atlanta, Georgia made presentation bids for hosting the 2017 National Convention. Both host Clubs made compelling presentations, so it was decided that Tulsa will host the 2017 Convention and Atlanta will host the 2018 Convention. *(both of these are new venues for Natl. Garden RR Conventions)*



There were large layouts as well as smaller layouts, plus everything in between to be seen and enjoyed.





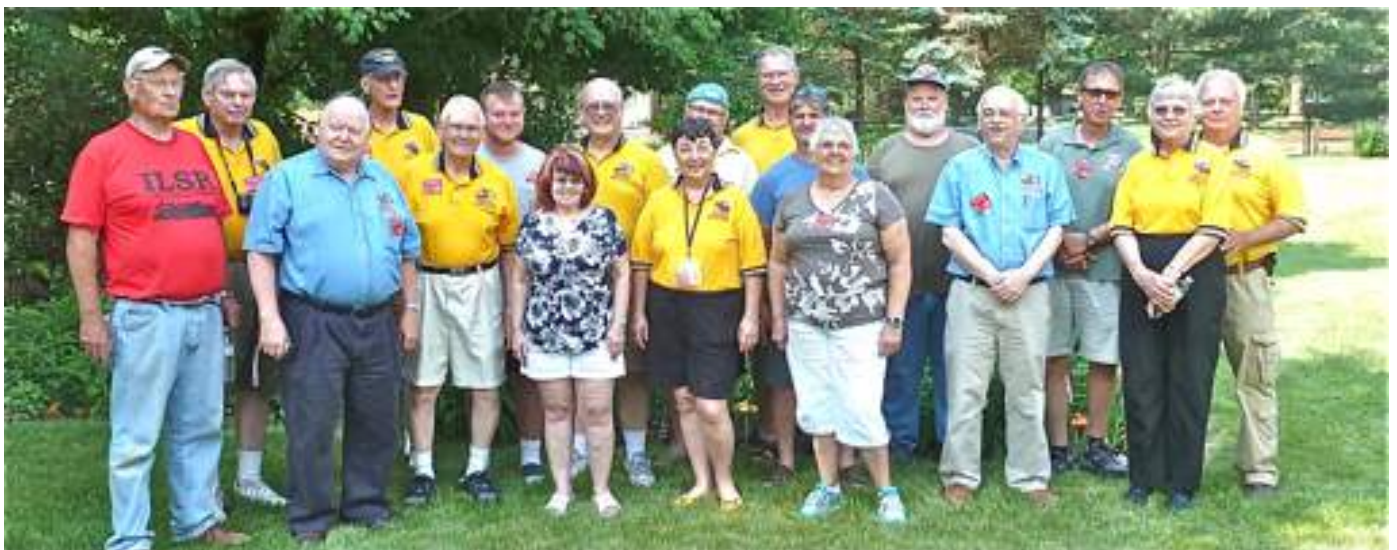


This railroad host was dressed in a conductor's uniform (*remember the temperature is 85 degrees*). The second picture (*to the right*), the railroad host is trying to keep cool with shorts and a wide brim hat.



The **Suncoast Center for Fine Scale Modeling** (Odessa, FL.) This was a spectacular, indoor layout everyone got to see on Friday consisting of 41 highly detailed modules for a layout size of 45 feet by 45 feet and 400 feet of hand laid code 250 aluminum, hand spiked rail. Talk about super detailing!!

## *Club Visit to Bill & Betty Harryman's Garden Railroad*







Nineteen of our ILSR Club Members attended the May 31st Train Open House in Taylorville, IL. Bill & Betty may live the furthest from the Indianapolis area, but their garden railroad is certainly well worth seeing. The meticulous landscaping and smooth train operation was a pure inspiration.





## A Fun Day In Upland, IN. Blooms & Berries Festival Schwartz Garden RR Open House



June 14 was another “picture perfect” Indiana day for Club Members to enjoy eating strawberries, enjoy some “live music”, look at craft items FOR SALE, admire the Modular Club Division’s great display railroad, **PLUS** visit Geoff & Carolyn Schwartz’s beautiful garden railroad! Donna Driesbach wants to thank everyone who stopped by to see her at her craft booth. She had a lot of fun.



James Driesbach wants to give out a giant THANK YOU to everyone who was able to help make this show a success! We had a great crowd and lots of compliments. “I am beginning to recognize some of the locals that come around every year and several of them thanked us for being there. For some, it seems to be the highlight of the Festival.”

James also wants to thank several Club women: his wife Donna who helped set up the Drive-In Theatre and camp ground. Plus Jacquie Banks, Rebecca Williamson & Roseanne Huckleberry for helping pack stuff back in the containers during teardown.





Geoff & Carolyn have created a truly beautiful and inspiring, raised garden railroad with a landscaped, retaining stone wall outlining the perimeter. We are looking at the “front-side” of the layout.



☞ Picture at right is one of Geoff's scratch built buildings. It is Schwartz & Sons Garage based on an existing garage in Uniondale, IN.



A grain elevator is visible in the background with coal sales yard standing in the foreground. (The coal is real!)



We are looking at the “back side” of the layout and everyone will notice that this RR is built to operate 3 trains simultaneously. We see the Forney freight on the mountain track, the Norfolk Southern freight on the passing track and the Erie-Lackawanna passenger on the outside mainline.

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# 2014 Club Event Calendar

July 12      Castleton Christian Church Modular  
Show  
*(Trains, Planes and Automobiles)*

Aug. 16 ILSR Picnic - Details to be posted on our Club website sometime in July.

Sept. 13 ILSR Pizza Train - Noblesville - Details included in the next Newsletter.

Dec. 6 Christmas Party Open House - Home of Jacquie  
and Randy Banks



# Geoff & Carolyn Schwartz's Garden Railroad

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