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Morgan Hill & Gilroy Railroad Days
June 20, 1998
Nursery, Garden Layout & Winery Tour
Details in this issue!

Gordon Laughland, one of the founders of BAGRS, having been inactive in garden railroading for a number of years, has his rolling stock for sale.

It is in like-new, lightly used, condition and is priced at approximately 75% of new (mail order) prices, if listed in GR magazine ads OBO. A few were Americanized and are indicated with (A).

LGB stock numbers (old 4-digit) follow: 2035 (A), 2040, 2043, 2076D (A), 2090 (A), 2095, 3019 green, 30197 blue, 3025, (2) 3062, 3064, 3067, 3068, 3167, (2) 4045, 4059, (2) 1605 N, (2) 1615 N.

Also several scratch built cars, some track and a complete GR magazine file May 87 to Jan 96. Gordon can be reached at (925) 934-8080 or jglaughland@worldnet.att.net

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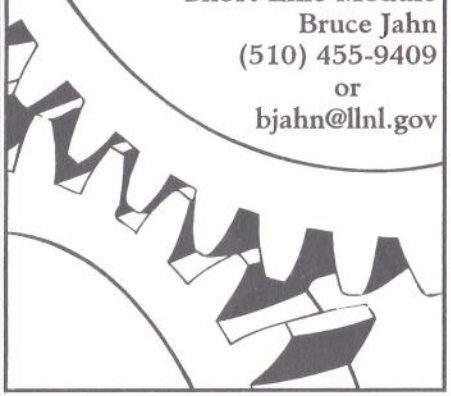
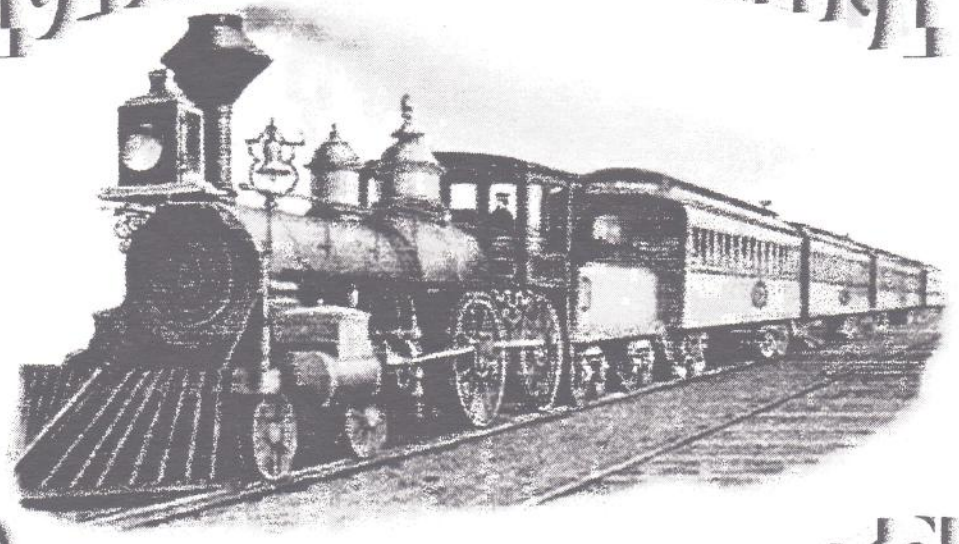


Deadline for next issue is:
July 15, 1998
There will be no July issue!

MORGAN HILL GILROY



RAILROAD DAYS

JUNE 20, 1998

NURSERY, GARDEN LAYOUT AND WINERY TOUR.

by Mark Grzan

ALL LAYOUTS ARE OPEN 10 AM TO 4 PM

I know that many of you are working very hard in preparation for the National Convention but its time to take a break and head on down to the Fourth Annual Morgan Hill/Gilroy Railroad Days for a real adventure. It is coming up very soon, and it should be fun for everyone with an opportunity to visit some award winning nurseries, wineries and layouts.

The South Valley is filled with special nurseries and wineries. With some planning you can take a loop through the south valley and visit many of them while taking in the sights and sounds of several marvelous electric and steam powered layouts. You can take a ride from San Jose on highway 17 to Santa Cruz, follow highway 1 along the coast and then cut back inland at highway 152 to highway 101 and visit the layouts. The scenery is just beautiful! Are you ready? Let's go! Of course you can go straight to the layouts, the choice is yours, but to do something different take the tour. First get on to 17 and head towards Santa Cruz.

Take the Highway 1 turn off heading towards Half Moon Bay. About a half mile you'll make a left turn onto River Street.

1. #1 – San Lorenzo Garden Center 235 River St, 408.426.1020 in Santa Cruz is a fine general retail outlet with a wide selection of plants and trees. I found unusual scented rhododendrons there in the spring! *Get back onto River Street and take a right turn onto Highway 1 towards Monterey and Watsonville. After two miles you take the Porter Street/Bay Ave exit. At the stoplight you'll make a left and go back under Highway 1. Take a quick right onto Main Street.*

2. #2 – The Pergola Nursery 2590 S Main St., 408.464.2590 in Soquel stocks unusual plants! I bought some wonderful ground covers that I still have yet to find in my conventional nursery books!

   Proceed southbound Highway 1 for 10 miles. Take the Airport Blvd. exit. Take a left on Airport and over highway 1. Follow Airport Blvd as it becomes Hollohan Rd. you'll take a right at E. Lake Ave/ Highway 152.

3. #3 – Sierra Azule Nursery and Gardens, 266 E. Lake Ave. 408.763.0939, is right off highway 152 in Watsonville. There you will a good selection of dwarf and miniature plants in 4" pots. This is an award-winning nursery, known for its drought resistant plants. Many are displayed in a garden

setting over several acres where you can bring a picnic lunch. Tours are offered on Sat. mornings at 10 am. The staff is both knowledgeable and friendly although you won't find many bargains here, as you will probably never see plants like these either. Next to the nursery is Rosendale nursery. A wholesale firm that sells its stock through Sierra Azule. *Afterwards get back onto 152 and proceed east bound.*

4. #4 – You must be thirsty by now. Time to visit the wineries. *After climbing up the coastal range past Mt. Madona County Park you'll descend into a cool grove of Redwood trees to a quite valley. Along the right you will see four wineries beginning with*

   - Fortino Winery, 4525 Hecker Pass Rd, 408.842.3305
   - Thomas Kruse Winery, 4390 Hecker Pass Rd. 408.842.7016.
   - Rancho De Solis Winery, 3920 Hecker Pass Rd, 408.847.6306
   - Live Oaks Winery, 3875 Hecker Pass Rd, 408.842.2401

5. #5 – Live Oaks Winery is behind West Side nursery. Two young ladies and their families run this outfit, hand selecting all of there own nursery stock. There are bargains here!, with ground covers and unusual plants.

   Back onto 152, proceed east bound through the City of Gilroy. Take a left turn at Monterey Highway and a right turn on 152 over the SP RR and under Highway 101. On your left you'll see the Gilroy Outlet stores. Stop if you must, other wise continue east bound to New Avenue where you will make a left.

6. #6 – Proceed a couple of miles to Dale and Pat McAnally's layout, 9060 New Ave, Gilroy, 408.848.1440. Dale had a hundred tips for you from creating colorful mountains to correcting track problems. Their layout is truly special.

   Proceeding north bound on New Ave, the road takes a left, a right and another left and becomes E. San Martin Ave. Proceed over 101, the SP tracks and take a right onto Monterey Highway.

7. #7 – Proceeding North on Monterey Highway take a left turn on Watsonville Road. It's the first light just before the City of Morgan Hill. A half-mile up the road you'll make a left on to La Alameda and a quick right to 680 Alamo Dr. At the end of the street you'll find the Grzan Family's Pandosa and Alamo Western GRR 408.778.7816, (see description in May 98 issue of Garden Railroader)

8. #8 – Get back onto west bound Watsonville Road and the make a right to 15235 Pratola Ct. There you will find Daryl and Linda's splendid GRR, 408.779.0893. The Bramlet's have spent a great deal of time in their preparation. They have installed a new roundhouse and a round table and other spectacular items, a sure don't miss visit!

9. #9 – Back onto West bound Watsonville Rd. You'll make a right onto Sunnyside Rd. and a left onto Edmundson. A mile down make a right onto Oak Glen Rd. Proceed for about 3 miles down a lovely shaded lane. Oak Glen becomes Llagas Ave. At 2200 Llagas Ave you find the Broeder layout. There you'll find a healthy gathering of live steam garden railroaders, running locos and stock of every type and size. If you've never seen live steam this is the time to visit.

10. *Proceed east on Llagas Avenue, down a windy road to Monterey Highway. Make a left, go under the SP tracks and make a right on Cochrane Ave. On the right you'll find a Marie Calendar's Restaurant. A good place for a quick meal before heading home. Proceed eastbound on Cochrane where you'll get back onto 101 for a safe trip home.*

Whew! You made it. Hope you had a good time, and didn't get lost too often. The South Valley is a beautiful area hope you enjoyed the day and all the layouts!

BAGRS Timetable

June 1998	
13 & 14—Big Train Show	The Big Train Show—Queen Mary—San Diego
20—Morgan Hill Days	4th Annual Morgan Hill-Gilroy Railroad Days—1998
July 1998	
7—12...14th NGRC	14th National Garden Railway Convention Santa Clara Convention Center

••• Layout tour hours are Noon until 4 PM Unless Otherwise Noted •••

Please respect these hours for the benefit of our hosts.

BAGRS Members are welcomed to attend Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society events. Contact Judy Arrigotti at (916) 933-4663 for directions and times.

14th National Garden Railway Convention Shirts

(White with colorful Logo)

Polo shirts Adult Sizes (M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)	$25.
T-Shirts Adults Sizes (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)	$15.
T-Shirts Youth Size (12)	$12.

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