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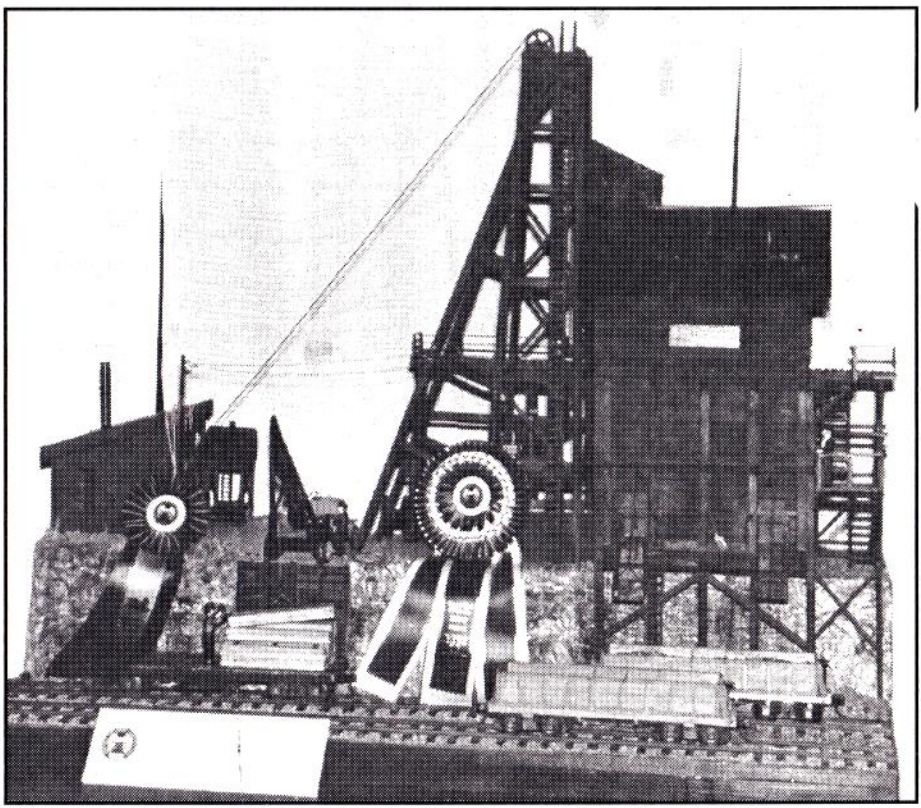

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All Aboard

by Al McCracken

150 Years on the Right Track, by *Readers Digest*. I over stocked this excellent video. Thanks to **Bob** and **Louise Hill** for donating a copy to the video library. It is now the best tape in the library. I have watched this 2 hour 10 minute tape five time and learned something new each time I viewed it.

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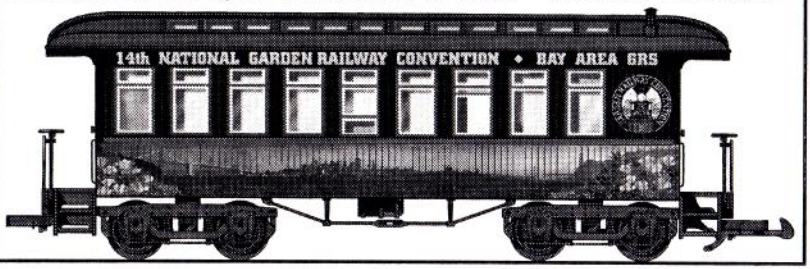

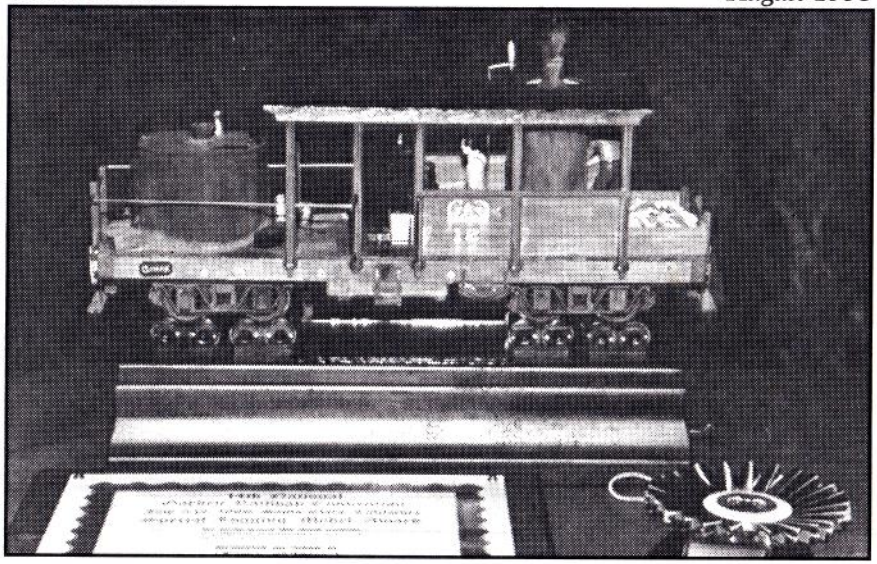

Timber Times Award

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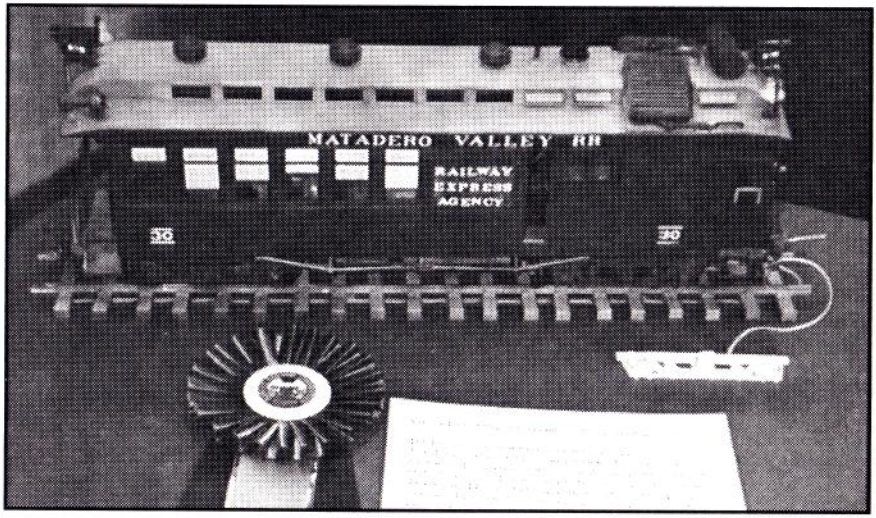
1st Place in Steam Engines

Class A Climax #2 by *Gary Whaley*



1st Place in Gas & Diesel Engines

Oil Electric car #30 by *Charles Garbett*

Photos by Lynn & Martha Hunton

AUGUST OPEN HOUSES

by Ken Martin

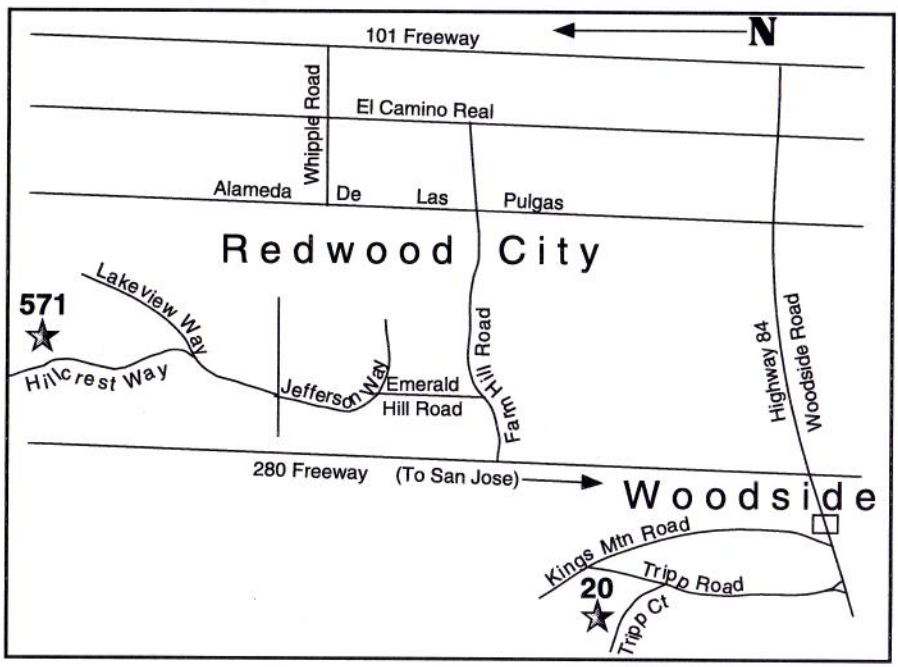
August 16—Jo & Al Bernard, 20 Tripp Court, Woodside—(650) 851-2357. The Woodside & Whiskey Hill Garden Railroad is another large railroad. It travels long distances while climbing to high elevations up Whiskey Hill.

This is a replication of Woodside in the 1850's with considerable "poetic license" (i.e. there was no railroad in Woodside). The vehicles are, of course, all horsedrawn. The stream and track comes down through Redwoods and Oaks. The 450 feet of track run from the lower area of the yard up through a switchback up into the mountains and to the logging camp. Fully landscaped with miniature plants and a waterfall. The entire railroad can be seen while strolling among the trees. Guest trains are welcome.

Directions: From I-280 or U.S. 101 north, take Woodside Rd. west, turn right on King's Mountain Rd., turn left on Tripp Rd., turn right on Tripp Court. The second home on the right—#20. Enter on the left.

August 16—Jud & Betty Swedberg, 571 Hillcrest Way, Redwood City—(650) 369-6329. This railroad covers a lot of ground, running up and down hills and passing many outstanding scenic features. Many unusual scratch built buildings are to be found here. Guest trains are welcome.

Some parking is available on the property. If not, park on the road.



IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE BAGRS ANNUAL JL JONES SWAP MEET & BBQ

September 27, 1998—10 AM...until?

This year the event will be hosted by **Pat & Ken Martin** and **Charlie Allen** at Charlies' home at 472 Van Buren Street in Los Altos.

More information will be in your next issue, so start gathering your good stuff to swap or sell and plan to buy that special do da for your layout too! Can't wait until the next newsletter contact:

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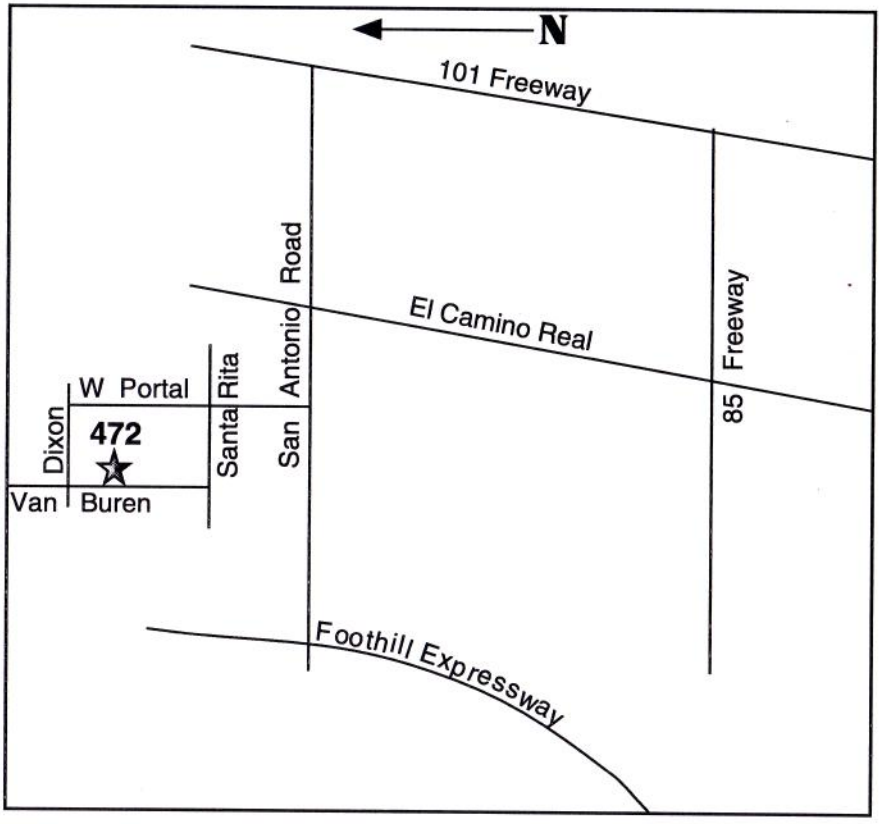


14TH NGRC MODEL CONTEST RESULTS

BEST IN SHOW & 1ST PLACE IN DIORAMAS
JUDITH ELLEN MINE BY CARL "CLIFF" OTT

TIMBER TIMES AWARD & 1ST PLACE IN STEAM ENGINES
CLASS A CLIMAX #2 BY GARY WHALEY

STEAM ENGINES

1st Place & *Timber Times* Award	Class A Climax #2—Gary Whaley
2nd Place	N.W.P. #90—Charles Garbett
3rd Place	Chain Drive #9—Gary Whaley

GAS & DIESEL ENGINES

1st Place	Oil Electric car #30—Charles Garbett
2nd Place	Aristo-Craft / Delton Rail bus—Bruce Stevens
3rd Place	Rail Truck Goose #8—John Rimpau

TRAINS

1st Place	Logging MoW—Gary Whaley
2nd Place	Guayaquil & Quito Mixed Passenger—Ken Martin
3rd Place	Log train—Gary Whaley

WHIMSEY

1st Place	Moo Line Train—Larry Hanson
2nd Place	Sea-side Excursion Train—Chris Brown
3rd Place	Winnie the Pooh Gondola—Larry Hanson

FREIGHT CARS

1st Place	Darjeeling Himalayan Platform end Boxcar—David Gast
2nd Place	Stock car—Gary Whaley
3rd Place	Russell Patern 22 Foot Log car—Gary Odell

PASSENGER CARS

1st Place	N.W.P. Single-ended 3rd Rail Power Coach by Bruce Stevens
2nd Place	Western Sierra Coach by Charlie Schlosser
3rd Place	D&RG Early Bobber Caboose (which carries passengers as needed—usually railfans)—Gary Odell

STRUCTURES

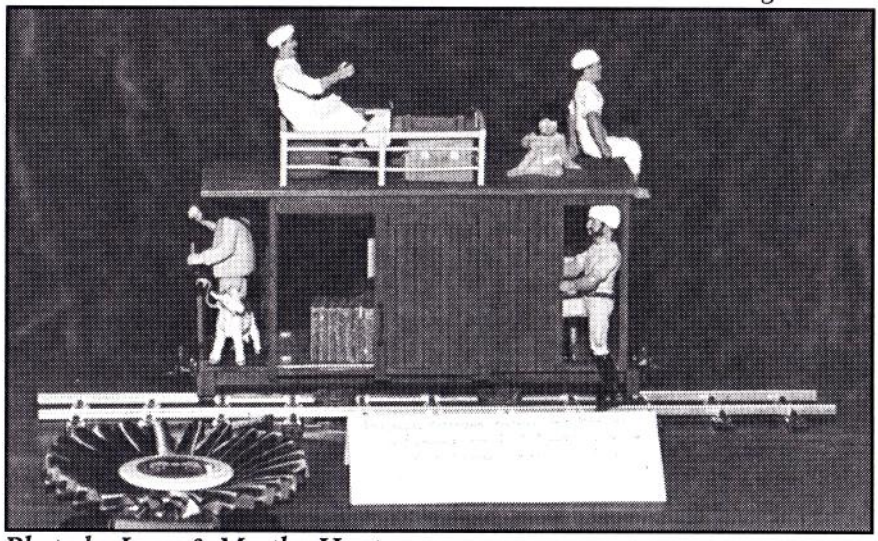
1st Place	Gilpin County Water Works by Chuck Zailer
2nd Place	Napa Valley Garden RR depot by Russ Johnson
3rd Place	**** TIE ***
	Colonial Coverd Bridge by David Stark &
	Industrial Structure by Chuck Sanfilipo

DIORAMA

1st Place	Judith Ellen Hardrock Mine—Carl "Cliff" Ott
2nd Place	Foremans Shed—Dave Hartwig.
3rd Place	West Coast Packing Shed—Carl "Cliff" Ott

MISCELLANEOUS

1st Place	3 Log cars Skidder, Log car, Blacksmith shop—Dave Hartwig
2nd Place	Crane Car and Tender—Mike Stewart
3rd Place	Steam Yarder—Colin Menzies



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1st Place in Freight Cars
Darjeeling Himalayan Platform end Boxcar
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ADVENTURES IN BACHMANNLAND

by Ken Martin

Well, I really got to be the Bachmann Guy last weekend. At the Convention meeting, **Todd Levy** pointed out to me that Bachmann was not included in the advertising that Talbot's in San Mateo was doing for their big G-scale weekend. A true Bachmann Guy just couldn't let an event like this happen without representation from the Bachmann factory. I called Dick Maddox and he quickly sent me four locomotives for drawing prizes and a large supply of their 1998 catalogs to pass out. Consequently, I spent a great weekend at Talbot's preaching the gospel according to Philadelphia.

The Talbot's event was great. They are talking about making it an annual shindig and I, for one, hope they do. Our module was there, looking great and getting it's well deserved accolades.

All the major manufacturers and a couple of minor ones were represented, which I think was great. Very seldom do you get to talk to factory people except at a large train show. The smaller setting was better. If you missed it, plan to be there next year.

The Talbot's people were fantastic. They wined and dined us (the

reps) and furnished whatever we needed to promote our products. A special thanks goes to Keith, Frank, Gary and Steve for their outstanding hospitality.

It turned out to be an expensive weekend for me. I fell in love with an Accucraft South Pacific Coast Mogul and three cars (all brass) and couldn't pass them up. Keith made me a deal I couldn't refuse. See, I do have something other than Bachmann stuff.

Browsing through the new Bachmann catalog is interesting and revealing. I didn't have any idea that Bachmann makes a 1/5th scale R/C motorcycle. It was quite a surprise to find this in the middle of a train book! Of more interest to G-scalers is the "Mine Kit", which includes a mine head with shaft, a mine shack, and a four wheel side dump car. Also listed are the side cars separately as well as their 1/20.3 short freight cars. As of this writing, I have not been able to contact anyone at Bachmann to find out just what the status of these products is, but I will let you know as soon as I do. If you don't have the 1998 Bachmann catalog and would like one, stop by Talbot's. I left a small supply with them.

Dick Maddox tells me that the Climax is still on target for production in October and distribution in November. I am hoping that he will have at least a drawing of it at the Queen Mary. He also says that eventually they will probably build a Heisler to complete the set.

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LIVE *steamers*

BAGRS Live Steamers Monthly Steamups

• **September: Charley Lix** has invited us all up to Sparks, NV. 32mm between the rails, have hex wrench will travel. Don't forget your camera.

• **October 17-18, Saturday and Sunday**: Roaring Camp with the BAGRS Short Line. We had a blast last year, let's do it again.

BAGRS Short Line—Schedule 1998

Sep 19 & 20 ... All Aboard to Newark
Oct 17 & 18 .. Roaring Camp and Big Trees
Nov 28 & 29 .. Pleasanton Fairgrounds
Great American Train Show
Dec 5 & 6 ..... San Mateo Fairgrounds—Greenberg's

Are we having fun? Oh, yeah!

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KUDOS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

Dear David and Dawn,

Please accept my sincerest kudos for your production of the 14th National Garden Railway Convention. You, your committees and your membership who opened their garden railroads for our perusal did an outstanding job that made for a convention that should and will be the example of how it should be done and a model for future convention committees to follow for their successes.

Although the fame of the BAGRS is known to garden railroaders worldwide, I was totally unprepared for the artistic excellence and inventiveness I observed as I visited the garden railroads on the daily tours. Each railroad was superb.

Finally, let me thank you and the membership of the Bay Area Garden Railroaders for their warm and sincere hospitality. I never met a stranger.

Sincerely,

Alvin L. Sadler—Cincinnati, Ohio

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