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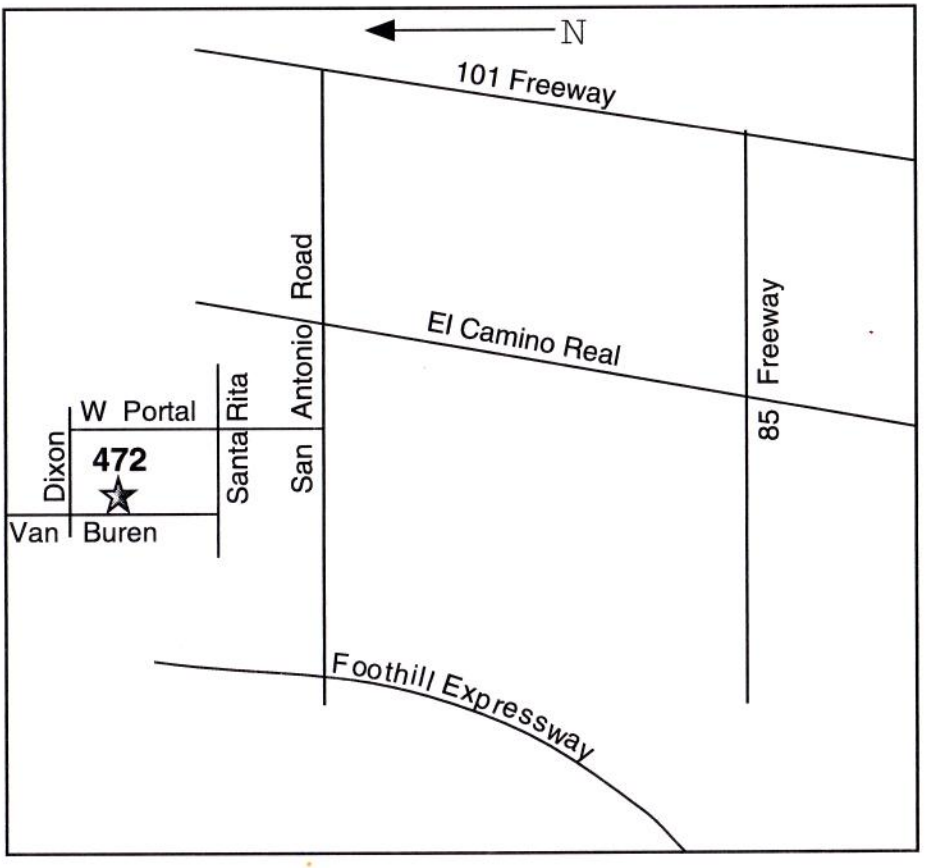

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jack Verducci

Since the 14th National Garden Railway Convention, we have added over 50 new members to our roster of garden railway enthusiasts. Welcome aboard! BAGRS is certainly growing

By all accounts, the National Garden Railway convention was a great success. Congratulations and thank you to all who made this event possible.

During the meeting of the garden railway societies from around the country, the following convention years have been reserved to be held in the city listed:

1999 ..... Chicago, Illinois
2000 ..... San Diego, California
2001 ..... Seattle, Washington
2002 ..... Long Island, New York
2003 ..... Sacramento, California
2004 ..... Denver, Colorado

A similar meeting was held concerning the West Coast Regional Meets. The West Coast Regional Meets are held on the west coast (California, Washington and Oregon), during a year when the national convention is not being held on the west coast. This will guarantee there will be a major garden railroad event on the west coast every year. The regional meets are not intended to compete with the national convention, they are to be held earlier in the year. The regional is different from the national convention in that it features open houses tours and one central meal function only. There are no clinics or vendors. This a simpler function to host. There is to be one admission fee which will include the meal function and the tour book. The idea is to make it easy on the host club so all members including the committee can enjoy the event. So far these have been huge successes. The schedule for the regional is as follows:

1999 ..... Sacramento Valley GRS
2002 ..... Southern California GRS
2004 ..... BAGRS

We are in the planning stages now for the BAGRS Annual meeting and convention. We are currently looking for a site large enough to hold the event. Watch T&T for further developments on this annual event.

6TH ANNUAL J. L. JONES SWAP MEET & BARBECUE

by Ken Martin

Construction is running way behind schedule at our new house in Castro Valley, so far behind that it began to appear that there would not be a Swap Meet & BBQ this year. No problem. That's why it's called the "almost" annual event.

But then, charging up on his white horse (which looked a lot like a green Miata) in his shining armor (which greatly resembled a tweed sport coat) came our rescuer in the person of **Charlie Allen**. I think Charlie had intercepted my thought waves because I had been thinking about which members had room enough to handle this event and Charlie's place was one of two that I had considered. Somewhat spontaneously, at the Convention Banquet, Charlie made the offer and I accepted.

The date is Sunday, September 27, starting at 10 AM and going until we get tired. In spite of the change of venue, the format will be much the same as it has been. For those of you who have not attended in the past, it works like this:

If your last name starts with "A" thru "M", please bring a dessert to share. If your name starts with "N" thru "Z", please bring a salad to share. Everyone brings whatever they want to barbecue. We will furnish the fire, drinks, plates and tools.

This is everyone's annual chance to clean out their train inventory and sell that old stuff that they don't want to someone who will treasure it. Likewise, it is a chance to pick up that rare treasure at a good price. If you need a table on which to peddle your wares, please bring one. The only tables that we will furnished will be for eating purposes.

It will be OK to unload your gear in the driveway, but please park your car in the street as soon as you can.

This will be the only event in September. No other open houses will be held so come join us for a fun day.

Pat and I want to thank Charlie Allen for his generosity. We are looking forward to being at his fine facility.

We also want to thank **Chuck** and **Sue Schouw**. Theirs was the other location that I had considered. Coincidentally, about two days after the Convention, Chuck called to offer the use of his place.

By that time, Charlie and I had firmed up the deal, but I really appreciated the Schouws offer. I think this is the kind of interpersonal support that makes this such a great club. Charlie and Chuck and Sue volunteered their help without my asking. You can't beat that anywhere!

See you at the Swap Meet!

BAY AREA GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

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

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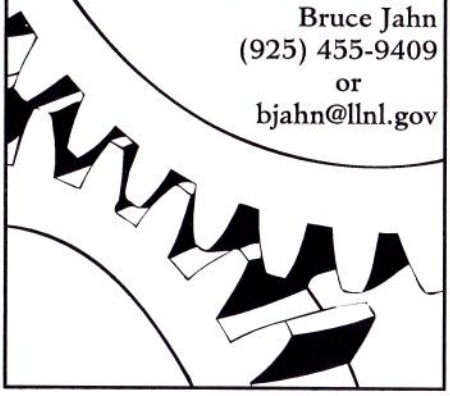

Upcoming Open Houses

by Ken Martin

September 27—Pat & Ken Martin/Charlie Allen, 472 Van Buren Street, Los Altos. 6th Almost Annual Swap Meet & BBQ.

A joint venture between Charlie Allen and the Martins. Bring stuff to buy, sell, and barbecue. See the article elsewhere in this issue for details. Powered track. Guest trains are welcome, Hours are from 10 AM until....? For information call—510•727•9296 or 650•949•3441.

October 25—Marty Bernard & Nancy Collins, 963 Hillcroft Circle, Oakland—510•839•6054

October 25—Richard & Charlotte Johnson, 18714 East Cavendish, Castro Valley—510•582•0223

November 15—Pete & Chariss Bricca, 214 Brentwood Drive, South San Francisco—415•952•0880

Model Railroad Show
November 7—8, 1998

Presented by:
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June 1. 1999

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10TH OF EVERY MONTH

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		(XXXL)	$15
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