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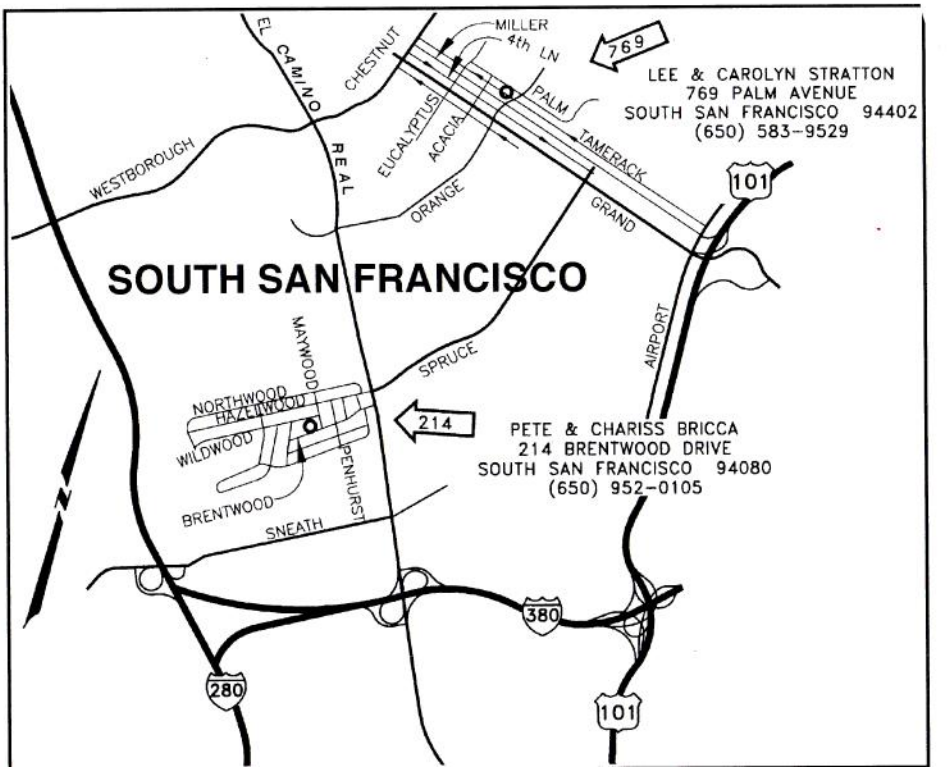
Open Houses

Missed these layouts during the Garden Railway Convention? Now's your chance to see them!



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BAGRS members! Please wear your BAGRS badge during • Meetings • Open Houses • Short Line • Live Steamers • Your Badge Identifies You To your Host and To Other BAGRS

Do it the Easy Way with Items from the Baggage Car

by Ken Martin

Most of us dread the chore of holiday shopping. Well, here is your chance to save time and some wear on the old body. The BAGRS Baggage Car has many desirable BAGRS items at reasonable prices. They can either be purchased at our open houses or ordered by mail. Every article is in our BAGRS blue with a yellow logo. So take a look at the Baggage Car ad elsewhere in this issue and get a gift for your favorite BAGRS person now.

We now have **BAGRS jackets**. These are flannel lined nylon windbreakers with snaps in front and a drawstring at the bottom. They are blue with a small logo on the front and a large logo on the back. Our first order sold out immediately and, as of this writing, we have received a new order and have sizes L thru XXXL in stock.

Another new item is the **poplin cap**. We still have some mesh caps left ($6) but also have a good stock of the new poplin caps. Like the mesh caps, the size is adjustable. These caps sell for $8.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Jack Verducci

As of the latest count, BAGRS now has 519 members. This certainly is good news. We would like to invite new members and old timers as well to give us your input. We are interested in ideas that will help better serve the club and out hobby as well. Give your input to me or any other board member (see BAGRS Board in this newsletter) and we will give your ideas consideration.

We are just about ready to close the books on the 14th National Garden Railway Convention. It was an unqualified success in all ways including financial. For details contact one of our board members.

Now that the 14th National Convention in behind us we are gearing up for the BAGRS annual meeting and convention. We are still working out the details but here is what we have so far. The dates are Friday through Sunday, March 5—7, 1999. It will be held at the South San Francisco Conference Center located right off US Highway 101. The address is 255 South Ariport Boulwvard, South San Francisco. The Conference Center is surrounded by hotels and restaurants (details to follow). We plan to have the event start Friday afternoon with the opening of the hall with vendors, BAGRS Short Line and clinics. The business meeting will be held on Saturday morning, we will continue activities through out the day Saturday concluding with our banquet Saturday night. Sunday we are tentatively scheduled to go to the Golden Gate Railroad Museum in San Francisco.

Due to hosting the National Garden Railway Convention this year, we had an abbreviated annual meeting in 1998. For those of you who have never been to our regular annual meeting and convention you are in for a real treat. In addition to the clubs business meeting and board of directors election, there will be several events in which you can participate or attend. To name a few, we wil have: a model contest (bring your project—we will have several catagories). vendors, clinics, BAGRS video lending library, and our famous BAGRS Short Line railroad. Watch Trellis & Trestle for further details.

Richard Finlayson who headed the BAGRS Live Steamers has started a new live steam group independent of BAGRS which will encompass the entire west coast. We wish Richard and his new group—good luck and happy steaming.

This leaves BAGRS without its own live steam division. I have polled a few BAGRS members who have Live Steam engines and there is interest in➥

NOVEMBER—OPEN HOUSES

by Ken Martin

Both layouts scheduled for our November tours were open for the convention in July, but, since many of our members were busy working at the convention or hosting their own open houses, we decided to give those people a chance to see what they missed. Thanks to the hosts for allowing us to visit their homes.

November 15—Pete and Chariss Bricca, 214 Brentwood Drive, South San Francisco—650•952•0105. This eclectic little raiload has about 150' of powered track in a 300 square foot space. It features a tunnel, trestles, bridges, and structures and is an excellent of what can be accomplished in a small space. Guest trains are welcome including steam. Enter through the garage.

From U.S. 101 North, take I-380 exit west. Exit El Camino north. At bottom of the ramp, turn right onto El Camino; go north to Hazelwood. Turn left onto Hazelwood and proceed to the first stop sign; turn left onto Maywood and go one short block to Brentwood, turn right. The house is on the right. Enter through the garage.

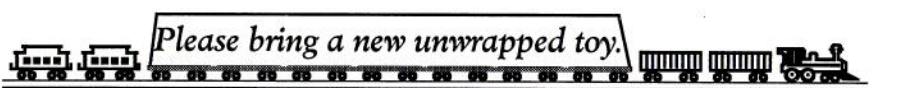
November 15—Lee and Carolyn Stratton, 769 Palm Avenue, South San Francisco—650•583•9529. Built along a narrow gauge theme, this layout has 300' of powered track. Though it was open for the convention, a pond with 27' of trestle and some very high mountains have been added since then. Guest trains are welcome. No steam, please.

From North U.S. 101, go to So. San Francisco. Take Grand Ave. exit. Go west on Grand Ave. approximately 1.5 miles to Eucalyptus. Turn right on Eucalyptus. Go two blocks to Palm Ave. Turn right on Palm. 769 is the second house on the right. Enter on the left side of house..

FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

maintaining a live steam division. Watch *Trellis & Trestle* for further developments on this issue.If you are interested in Live Steam, please let me know.

This year we will be collecting Toys for Tots. The collection will be during our holiday open house. The collection point will be at the Verducci house, December 13, 1998.



ADVENTURES IN BACHMANNLAND

by Ken Martin

Things have been a little quiet for the Bachmann Guy trainwise lately. I have acquired a second Shay (which I haven't even taken out of the box yet), but most of my time has been spent concentra-ting on our new home and getting enough things done so I can get back to the really important things, like building a railroad. Next spring looks like the best guess right now.

I talked to **Bob Murray** at Bachmann earlier this week. He gave me a few interesting tidbits, one of which was Bachmann now has a website. If you're interested, try www.bachmanntrains.com. It also can be used for e-mail, so there is a new line of communication with the Bachmann people.

Speaking of communication, Bachmann now has a new 800 number for G-scale parts and service. It is (800) 233-3364. Talk to Irv for parts and Joe for service. Actually, this number calls into the same place as the (800) 356-3910 number that we are all familiar with, but the phone is in the other end of the room so there is not so much yelling when the phone rings.

Bob also told me that there has been some problems with Shays that have had the "Big Boost" installed with the Phoenix sound system. Apparently the higher amperage required by this appliance causes damage to the sound switch contacts. Bachmann is currently working with Phoenix to come up with a solution. Stay tuned.

The expectant date for the Climax remains the same, i.e.; production in October and distribution in November. It should be here in time for Christmas shopping. In fact, it should be here by the time you read this.

The Consolidation does not have a firm production date for publication yet, but keep your eye on the dealer ads about the time you finally get all the winter weeds cleaned out of your railroad.

I have received some feedback from some people who would like to have another Bachmann "Plus" clinic. There are still a lot of the engines around and they can be made to run fairly reliably. If you are interested in doing this, please let me know. If there is enough response, I'd be happy to do it. Catch me at a club event or call me at (510) 727-9296.

If you haven't seen Bachmann's new 1:20.3 20' freight cars—box car, flat car and gondola—you haven't seen some of the nicest new products on the market. They are very well and accurately detailed. The sides of the gondola➥

are removable just like the prototype. Check'em out.

There is still no word on the forthcoming mine kit. It is being manufactured by Heljan and even the Bachmann people are waiting for some word. It should be a winner when it finally gets here. It looks great in the catalog.

BAGRS Short Line—Schedule 1998

Nov 28 & 29 .. Pleasanton Fairgrounds
Great American Train Show

Dec 5 & 6 ..... San Mateo Fairgrounds—Greenberg's

BAGRS Short Line—Schedule 1999

Jan 2 & 3 ..... Greenberg's—San Rafael

Jan 30 & 31 ... Cow Palace
Great American Train Show

Feb ..... Livermore Veterans

Mar ..... BAGRS Annual Convention

Apr ..... Talbot's Salute to G Scale II

May 23 ..... Dunsmuir House—Oakland

Jun 5 & 6 ..... San Mateo Fairgrounds
Great American Train Show

Jun 19 & 20 ... Fathers Day at Roaring Camp

Jul ..... Greenberg's—San Rafael

Nov 27 & 28 .. Pleasanton Fairgrounds
Great American Train Show

Dec 4 & 5 ..... Greenberg's—San Mateo Fairgrounds

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1st Tuesday
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December 1, 1998
February 2, 1999
April 6, 1999
June 1. 1999
August 2, 1999

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10TH OF EVERY MONTH

BAGRS Baggage Car

BAGRS Apparel Source

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T-Shirts	Adult Sizes	(M, L, XL)	$10
		(XXL)	$12
		(XXXL)	$15
	Youth Sizes	(S, M, L)	$6
Caps	Mesh (Adjustable)		$6
Caps	Poplin (Adjustable)		$8
Golf Shirts w/Pocket		(L,XL,XXL, XXXL)	$20
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		(XXL)	$20
		(XXXL)	$25
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BAGRS Timetable

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28 & 29—Short Line	Short Line—Pleasanton Fairgrounds—GATS

December 1998	
5 & 6—Short Line	Short Line—San Mateo Fairgrounds—Greenberg's
6—Holiday Tour	John & Pat Kessler—10 Yosemite Road Ordina—925•254•2793
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13—Holiday Tour	Rusty & Donna Fisher—620 Marlin Court Redwood Shores—650•595•3700
13—Holiday Tour	Leo & Phyllis Schlocker—1759 Lexington Avenue
•••2 PM —6 PM	San Mateo—650•341–0731
13—Holiday Tour	Jack & Pauline Verducci, 2050 Fairmont Drive
•••2 PM —6 PM	San Mateo—650•341•4088 ☛ ✦✦ Toys for Tots ✦✦
13—Holiday Tour	Clair & Betty Yound—45 Arlington Drive
•••2 PM —6 PM	South San Francisco—650•992•8162

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