Trellis & Trestle

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WANTED

LOST BAGRS!

Your mission, should you elect to accept, is to seek and find the Lost BAGRS listed in this issue of *Trellis & Trestle (see page 13)*, make them an offer they cannot refuse, such as BAGRS Open Houses every month, Short Line action, Steam Up happenings, Morgan Hill Railroad Days, Swap Meets, Christmas Layout Tours, and a great Annual Meeting and Mini-convention.

They have failed to renew their Bay Area Garden Railway Society membership and no longer get news of the clubs activities. Perhaps they're your relative, friend, or neighbor and would renew, if you turned them in! There's still a little time left for you to convince them to renew so they will be listed in our Membership Handbook. ***Tell them we miss them already*** and to send in their ***1999 dues of $25***, payable to BAGRS, to Irene Zajac, 424 Girard Drive, Medford, OR 97504.

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Who's is Charge and Who's Doing What!
Want to be a part of these Special Interest Groups?
They're waiting for your call.

BAY AREA GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
LIVE steamers

Interested in Live Steam?
Contact: Harlan Barr
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Short Line Module Coordinator

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From the President

by Jack Verducci

Next Annual Meeting & Convention

The last annual meeting of the 20th century is now scheduled. It is to be held February 25-27, 2000 at the Wyndham Hotel, 1350 N. First Street, San Jose. Watch *Trellis & Trestle* for details.

The West Coast Regional Meet

During the ***1993 National Garden Railway Convention*** the presidents of the West Coast garden railway societies decided to have a regional meet in the years when the National Garden Railway Convention was being held outside of the region. The region includes California, Oregon and Washington. The meet would consist of garden railway tours and one social event—a much simpler event to host than a full blown convention. The purpose is not to compete with the national.

Our goal is to have a major garden railway event on the West Coast every year. This year (1999) the National Garden Railway Convention is being held in Chicago so the ***Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society*** is putting on the ***West Coast Regional Meet***. See additional information and registration form in this newsletter.

We want to support the Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society by having as many BAGRS members attend as possible. We will have a good time. The main event is Garden railway tours. Anyone who has seen the Sacramento garden railways will agree they are among the best in the country. Send in your registration form now and we will see you there.

21st Century Limited

In July 2000 the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA (National Model Railroad Association) will be hosting the NMRA Convention and train show in Santa Clara. The event is called the 21st Century limited. This is a major happening. Model railroad enthusiast will be here from around the world. NMRA represent all scales. We would like to make the presence of a strong garden railway society in the area known. We have offered our support in several areas. Tentatively we will have our BAGRS Short Line and Live Steam Short Line on display. We offered to give clinics on Garden Railroading and we will have some of our garden railways on tour. Things are in the formative stages at this point. Watch the newsletter for further developments.

BAGRS Introduction to Steam

The big day is **Sunday, May 16, 1999.** The special time is 11 AM **to 4 PM.** The great location **at Fred & Tom Vertel's** "Montebello Ridge Garden Railroad Museum" The super event is **BAGRS' Introduction to live steam.**

The BAGRS introduction to Live steam ***Steam Up*** is intended to introduce new people to the live

steam part of the hobby and to give live steamers a chance to share their passion for live steam. We have several things planned.

If you do not have a Live steam engine, come and we will make sure you get a chance to run one for yourself, or you are welcome to just watch.

If you own a live steam engine or engines please bring them with you to run. If you have an engine that you are willing to share by having someone else run it please bring it.

If you are bringing a live steamer please bring your choice of fuel. Distilled water and steam oil will be supplied.

Each hour, on-the-hour, starting at 12 noon ending at 3 PM we will have a clinic aimed at introducing you the world of small-scale-live-steam engines. You will learn how they work, and how to run them. You will be able to ask questions.

Buffet Lunch: The Vertel's are hosting a buffet lunch starting at 1 PM. We need to know how many will be coming for lunch please call Fred or Tom at 650-968-9056 before May 10, 1999 to give them your name and a count (you may do this on their answering machine, if there is no answer). You can also do this via email: **ftvertel@aol.com**

A special place to run & watch trains, Fred and Tom's "Montebello Ridge Garden Railroad Museum" was featured in an eight-page cover story appearing in *Outdoor Railroader* (Oct./Nov., 1993), Editor **Russ Reinberg** said, "If you had a million dollars, what kind of railroad would you build? Possibly something similar to Fred (and son, Tom) Vertel's Montebello Ridge, though his layout cost far less than that. It represents what many hobbyists might consider an ideal railroad. Brass imports make up most of the motive power and rolling stock, the structures and scenic effects are spectacular, and the railroad has well over a thousand feet of track."

Scales featured are $\frac{1}{2}$", $\frac{3}{8}$", and $\frac{1}{4}$" dual gauge—all outdoors. The museum contains nearly every American type brass import in Gauge 1, also O-scale, an operating antique $\frac{1}{2}$" scale carousel, plus a huge collection of railroad photos, slides, posters, books, a rare collection of diesel locomotive operating manuals, and an exact engraved replica of the famous Golden Spike. A half scale (two-foot gauge) operating diorama covering the entire lower yard which features a live steam 4-4-0 of Civil War vintage, log cabin station, and water tank. The program this year is "Live Steam" and will feature an Aster Big Boy, Shay, Hudson, Daylight, Frank S., and smaller locomotives, all with suitable consists and guest live steam engines. This is a must see railroad—don't miss this event.

Election of Officers

As was posted in the previous newsletter a new board of directors was elected at the annual meeting on March 7, 1999. From the new board, board members have elected the following officers for 1999:

Jack Verducci...President
Ken Martin ...Vice President
Bonnie McGhee... Secretary
Sherman Zell...Treasurer

We would like to thank **Charlie Allen** for is faithful service to BAGRS as a board member and as Vice president. Charlie has stepped down form the board in anticipation of his move out of the bay area. We all wish him the best. We look forward to seeing his new railroad.

David Gill has stepped down as secretary, while remaining on the board. Dave has been doing this job for many years. We wish to thank him for dedicated service as secretary. Well done David! Thank you!.

Are You Going to The Big Train Show?

by Ken Martin

If you are planning on going to the Big Train Show in Long Beach in June, and particularly to the Bachmann banquet, let me know. As I have in the past, I should be able to reserve tables for our group. In order to do this, I have to give a count to On Track Productions by the middle of May. If you are interested, give me a call at (510) 727-9296.

✦✧✦✧ For Sale ✦✧✦✧

Hartland Locomotive Works, American 4-4-0 Locomotive, Green, Union Pacific w/ Kadee couplers—runs very good...$250.
Eric Struck between 3 PM — 9PM at 650•493•7367

✦✧✦✧ For Sale ✦✧✦✧

Locomotives, a large selection of railway cars of various makes and types, power packs including remote control system, some new building kits and some ready built POLA European style buildings that all require varying degrees of repair. All items are priced to sell. Please phone for more information and/or appointment to inspect.
Warren Atkins—650•341•6210

BAGRS Day at Swanton Pacific Railroad & College Park

Saturday, July 10th is BAGRS Day
All Day Train Rides, Entertainment, and Barbecue

This will be the first of what we hope to be an Annual BAGRS/Swanton Pacific Event. Longtime BAGRS member, **Fred Vertel**, is also the Publicity and Event Coordinator for Swanton Pacific. You may have met Fred and his son, Tom, at the Swanton Pacific Exhibit at our recent Annual Meeting. Fred promises a very special Swanton Event for his BAGRS kin so mark your calendar now. We'll have more detailed information about the day in our next issue.

For this issue, Fred has supplied the following article on this historic Railroad which will appear in two parts.

The Historic Swanton Pacific Railroad—A Brief History—Part 1

by Fred Vertel

The name *Swanton Pacific* may not invoke great memories for anyone who is familiar with such railroad names as Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Santa Fe, etc., however this one-third sized 19 inch gauge railroad has within itself a lengthy historical background.

The *Swanton Pacific* Railroad today runs on the old right-of-way of the historic *Ocean Shore Railroad* that once ran from Santa Cruz to Swanton with hoped for connection with the northern portion that ran south from San Francisco, along the coast to Tunitas Creek. The *Ocean Shore* was incorporated in 1905, but the north and south sections were never completed and ceased all operation by 1921.

The *Swanton Pacific* roundhouse, turntable and shops are located on the site of the old logging community of Swanton, and the railroad runs westward towards a place called *Folger*. This is where the original *Ocean Shore* had a switch that shunted logging traffic up "Little Creek" to a lumber camp which became part of the San Vincente Lumber Co. Even today one can find old railroad ties where the road had climbed through the hills.

Swanton is located sixty-four miles south of San Francisco and sixteen miles north of Santa Cruz. At one time a small population lived here...most of whom worked for the railroad and the lumber company. The main attraction was the Swanton Inn and the nearness of the Pacific Ocean.

The *Swanton Pacific Railroad* is a piece of California History in that the steam locomotives were all built for the Pan-American International Exposition of 1915 in San Francisco which celebrated the opening of the Panama Canal and trade with the Orient. The Palace of Fine Arts is the only existing structure still remaining from the Exposition...but its railroad equipment lives on here at Swanton.

A young mechanical engineer from Oakland set about to build a railroad to serve the exposition. Louis MacDermot built the *Overfair Railway*. He built four state-of-the-art steam locomotives for the *Overfair*: Numbers "1912", "1913", "1914" and "1915". Each weighed approximately 18,000 pounds and was built to handle large trains drawn from a roster of the 60 passenger cars that MacDermot assembled in his shops in Oakland. Also built was a heavy switch engine, Number "1500" which he used in construction of the *Overfair Railway*.

The *Overfair* was beset with problems (mostly political) from its inception. When the exposition closed in November of 1915 MacDermot had realized no profit from his venture. He passed away in 1948 but not before he was befriended by Billy Jones who purchased the remains of the rolling stock and the locomotives from the MacDermot estate.

Billy Jones ran his railway in Los Gatos, CA. In the meantime, the *Overfair* engines slumbered away on the Jones' property. With Jones' death, the *Overfair* equipment became divided between two new owners...Quentin Jervis of Los Angeles and Bob Maxfield of Calistoga. The plans and ventures of these two new owners met with little success and all were again for sale.

Enter Al Smith, a lifelong train enthusiast who was then President of Orchard Supply Hardware stores and a volunteer locomotive engineer on the *Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad* now located in the Los Gatos town park. In 1979 Mr. Smith purchased the Calistoga equipment, followed in the early 1980's with the purchase of the Jervis equipment...except for the "1500". Neil Vodden purchased the "1500", then donated it to the *Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad.*

Al Smith began construction of his *Swanton Pacific Railroad* on his 3,200 acre Swanton Ranch, and it became a wonderful railroad haven for the enjoyment of he and his friends. Prior to Al's death in 1994, he gave the railroad and ranch under trusts to California State Polytechnic University (Cal Poly) of San Luis Obispo. He gave the unfinished "1915" to the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, where it sits as the primary display in the museum's lobby.

Due to the foresight and generosity of Al Smith, the historic *Overfair Railway* equipment lives on for the enjoyment of future generations of railroad enthusiasts, historians and all those interested in preserving and operating man's creations of the past.

(Part 2 will appear in next issue)

MAYS OPEN HOUSES

by Ken Martin

Please note the times for this month's open houses. Due to some special circumstances, they are different for each open house. We ask that our members observe them out of courtesy to our hosts.

May 16—Mike and Nancy Schneider, 315 Galli Court, Los Altos—(650) 941-6160. the Schneiders are fairly new members and their Galli Garden Railroad is still developing. It is moving along 19th century lines and has a water feature that is bridged by the railroad. There is 300' of powered track here and guest trains are welcome. The layout is in front of the house, so it is easy to find. **Open 10 AM to 2 PM.**

May 16—Fred and Tom Vertel, 1475 Redwood Drive. Los Altos—(650) 968-9056. "Spectacular" pretty well sums up this railway. It can't be described in the space allowed here. Many beautiful trains including a full-sized 2' gauge locomotive. Live steam guest trains are welcome. **Open 10 AM to 2 PM.**

Directions: From I-280, exit onto the Foothill Expressway north. (From I-280 south, turn left at the end of the exit ramp to pick up Foothill Expressway.) From Foothill Expressway, turn west onto Vineyard. Go to the T and turn right onto Redwood Drive. You must sign in prior to entry.

May 16—Charles and Elizabeth Garbett, 13906 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto—(650) 948-4001. The Matadero Valley Railroad is set in the Santa Clara Valley in the 1930's. Along the right-of -way are a dairy farm, lumber mill, vacation homes, freight station, a small town and much more, all scratch built. The entire line runs around a beautiful swimming pool area where the plants are noted for your information. No track power. Battery powered guest trains welcome. The water may still be a bit chilly, but feel free to bring a bag lunch and spend the day swimming and relaxing, if you like. Parents, please watch your swimming children closely. **Open 10 AM to 4 PM.**

Directions: From I-280, exit onto Page Mill Road heading southwest for .5 mile, turn left onto a gravel driveway. Look for mailboxes and orange fireplug with yellow posts guarding it, cross the culvert, pass the big house under construction, and go about 400 feet to the top of the drive. The home is the third on the driveway, 600' from Page Mill. Parking is limited, but there is extra parking on the grass at the foot of the hill.

BAGRS Annual Calendar of Events (Revised 4/8/99)

May 16
- BAGRS "Introduction to Live Steam"
  Steam up—Fred Vertel's/Los Altos
- BAGRS Open Houses
  Charles & Elizabeth Garbett/Palo Alto
  Mike & Nancy Schneider/Los Altos

May 23
- BAGRS Short Line
  Dunsmuir House/Oakland

May 28—30
- National Spring Steam up/Newark

June 1
- Board Meeting—7 PM
  Coco's Restaurant/Sunnyvale

June 5 & 6
- BAGRS Short Line
  Great American Train Show
  San Mateo Expo Center

June 11—13
- Big Train Show
  Queen Mary/Long Beach

June 18—20
- West Coast Regional Meet
  Hosted by Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society

June 18—27
- Rail Fair/Sacramento
  California State Railroad Museum

June 19 & 20
- BAGRS Short Line
  Roaring Camp/Felton

June 26
- BAGRS Morgan Hill Railroad Days
  Open House Tours/Morgan Hill

July 10
BAGRS Picnic
Swanton Pacific/Near Davenport

July 28—31
15th National Garden Railway Convention/Chicago, Illinois

August 10
Board Meeting—5 PM
Sherman Zell's office/San Jose

August 15
BAGRS Open House
Arul & Gauri Tandavan/San Francisco

August 23—27
LGBMRRC Convention
Durango, Colorado

September 18 & 19
BAGRS Short Line
Railroad Days/Truckee

September 19
BAGRS Swap Meet & BBQ
Ken & Pat Martin/Castro Valley

October 5
Board meeting—7 PM
Coco's Restaurant/Sunnyvale

October 17
BAGRS Open Houses—TBA

November 21
BAGRS Open Houses—TBA

November 27 & 28
BAGRS Short Line—GATS
Pleasanton Fair Grounds

December 5
BAGRS Annual Christmas—Tour #1

December 7
Board Meeting—5 PM
Sherman Zell's office/San Jose

December 12
BAGRS Annual Christmas—Tour #2

2000—Calendar of Events

February 25—27 BAGRS/Bay Area
2000 BAGRS Annual Meeting

July-August 21st Century Limited
(NMRA National Convention)

July 2000 San Diego, CA
16th Garden Railway Convention

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Conventions & Meets

2000	16th NGRC	San Diego, CA
2001	17th NGRC	Seattle, WA
2002	WCRM	BAGRS/Bay Area
2002	18th NGRC	Long Island, NY
2003	19th NGRC	Sacramento, CA
2004	WCRM	To be announced
2004	20th NGRC	Denver, CO

Note: NGRC ..... National Garden Railways Convention
WCRM ..... West Coast Regional Meet

Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society

present the

1999 West Coast Regional Meet

June 18th—20th, 1999—Sacramento, California

Traditionally when the national Garden Railway Convention is held in the eastern United States, one of the western garden railway clubs hosts a smaller event that allows people to visit several garden railways nearer to home. The Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society invites you to this year's West Coast Regional Garden Railway Meet in Sacramento. We will have over thirty garden railways open over the three-day weekend. On Saturday evening we will be hosting a complimentary buffet barbecue dinner with live steam rides and numerous door prizes.

Plan on staying for Railfair 99, June 18—27,1999. One of the largest and most elaborate railroad festivals in the world will take place in Old Sacramento. Visiting locomotives and railroad cars, train rides, live entertainment, unique exhibits, children's exhibits and living history demonstrations will make this an event for the whole family.

This will be a busy weekend in the Sacramento area and we recommend that you get reservations for overnight accommodations as early as possible. One we suggest is the First Choice Inn in Rocklin at (800) 462-2400. Please mention the Garden Railroad Meet to get our special rate.

Registration is required by May 20th so we can get your schedule and map books returned to you. The cost for the Garden Railway tour book, name tags and barbecue is $40.00 per person.

If you need additional information, please contact Bob Dean at (916) 726-5689. Please make checks payable to **SVGRS** and mail checks and registration form to: **Earl Martin, Paymaster, 4019 Pine Cabin Way, Roseville, CA 95747**.

1999 West Coast Regional Meet Registration

Name _____ Amount Enclosed

Address _____ $ _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Names of attendees for badges _____ _____

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Is there anything we can do to assist your weekend? _____

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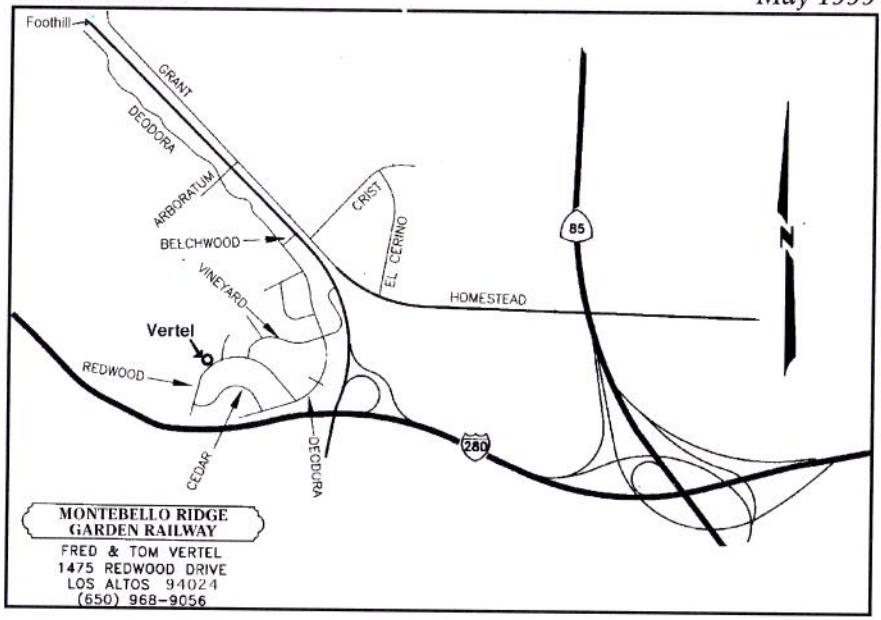
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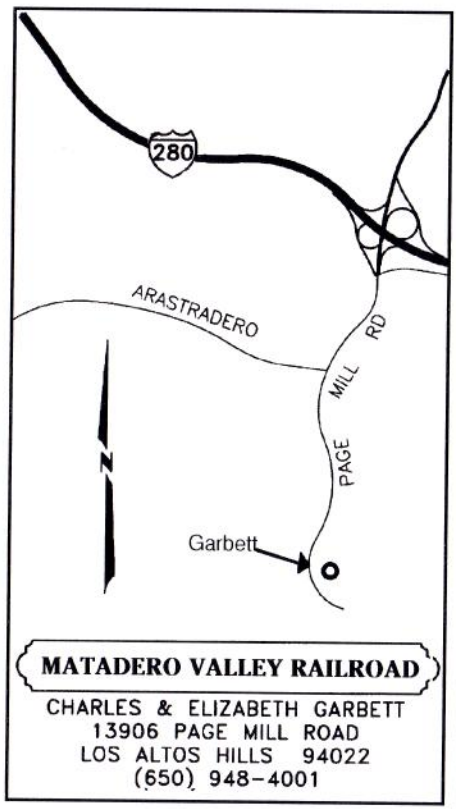
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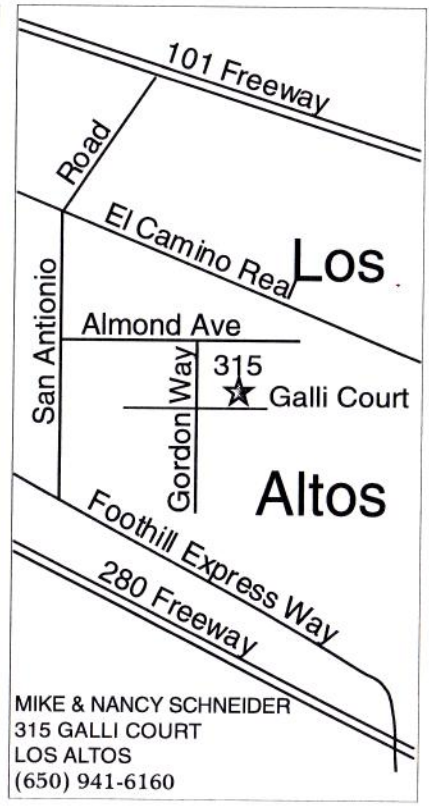
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ADVENTURES IN BACHMANNLAND

by Ken Martin, the Bachmann Guy

I finally found some time to take a good look at the new Climax and run it a little. I am favorably impressed. If anything, it is an improvement over the already excellent Shay. Because if it's smaller size and weight, it probably has slightly less pulling power but I haven't tested this yet. It runs slightly better at extremely low speeds, has more intricate detail, and has better electrical system (particularly in the drive wheel contacts) until you get to the wiring for the sound system!

If you have tried to install sound in this engine using the wiring as it comes out of the box, you got a whole lot of silence. Somehow, the switching circuit was designed with the cylinder switches in *series!* Anyone that understands even the simplest of electrical circuits knows that this circuit must close to trigger the sound and, with switches in series, it cannot do that. One switch or the other is always open at any given time. **Dick Maddox** of Bachmann tells me this is being corrected in production, but that doesn't do you any good if you already have one that is wired wrong. Fortunately, the solution is fairly simple. It goes like this:

Remove the tops of the steam chests on the top of the cylinders. They just pop off. You will see two terminals in each cylinder (Figure 1). In the left box, there is a large red wire attached to one terminal. In the right box, there is a large black wire attached to one terminal. These wires go back to the distribution board in the tender. The other terminals have a smaller black wire

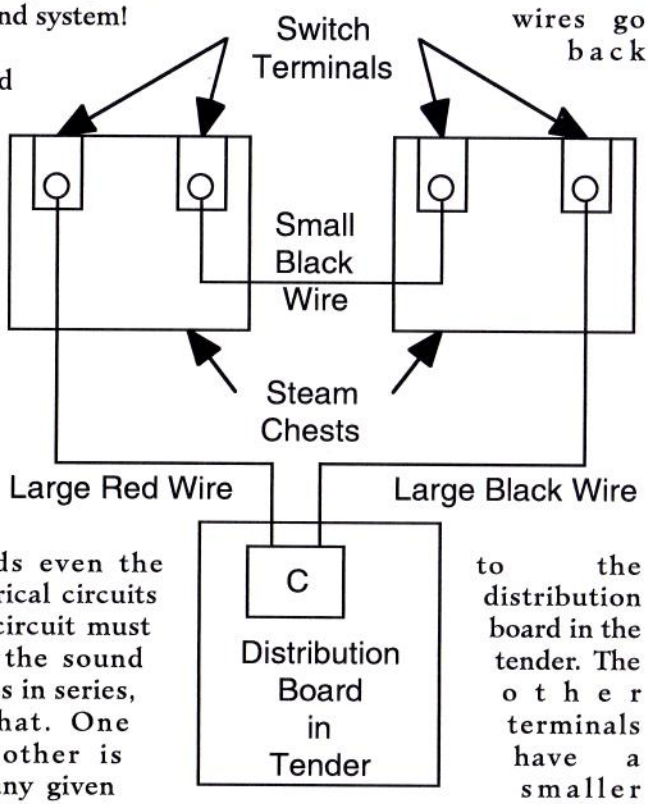

Figure 1 — What you got.

attached to them. This wire runs from one box to the other and is where the problem lies.

Start by unsoldering the small wire from its terminal *in one box only* and resoldering it to the terminal that has the large wire. Do this in *either* box, but *not in both*. Leave the small wire attached to its terminal on the other cylinder. Take about 6" of 24 gauge wire and solder one end to the terminal that now has no wire attached to it. Feed the wire out of the cylinder through the hole in the inside of the box where the existing wires enter, under the smoke box and into the opposite cylinder through the equivalent hole. The gauge of the wire is not important but anything larger than 24 will probably not fit through the hole. This is an exercise in some gymnastics but it can be done with a little perseverance. Now solder the new wire to the terminal with the *large* wire already on it. And that's it (Figure 2). The switches are now in parallel and either one can close the circuit any time it is activated by the piston.

The wires from the cylinders to the tender distribution board go the yellow wires connected to the plug/jack marked "C" (for "contact") on the board. The other plug/jack is marked "P" (for "power") and supplies track power to the sound system. Be sure to connect them properly for whatever system you are using.

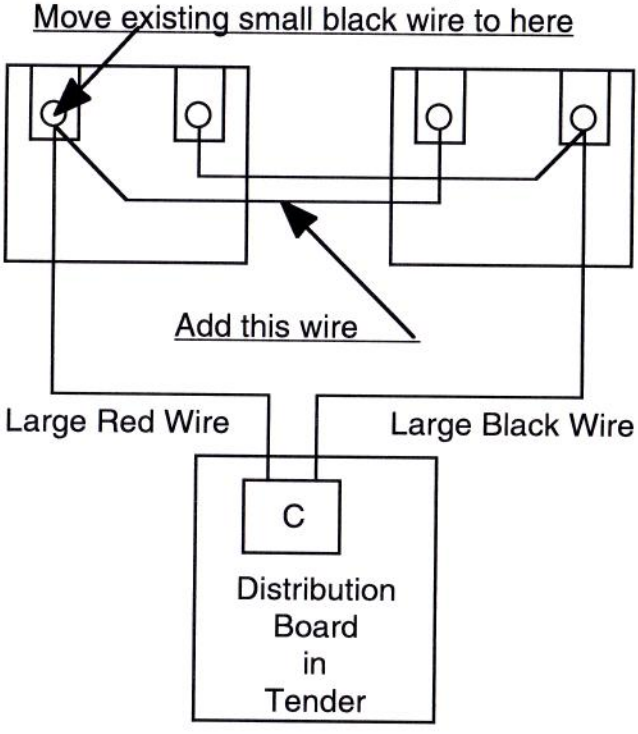

Figure 2 — What you want.

Some of the Climax locos are developing a squeak after running for a while. Lubrication stops the noise for a while but it comes back. The problem is flash

on the rear truck drive shaft bushing. Cleaning up the bushing should eliminate the problem.

Another problem on the Climax is cracking of the plastic washers on the axles behind the drive wheels. In most cases, you can't tell they are cracked because it doesn't affect the operation of the engine. If there is a problem, call Bachmann (800-356-3910). They now have a retrofit metal and plastic washer available that not only cures the ailment but also gauges the driving wheels a little wider so they will not derail on scale switches like Llagas Creek and Sunset Valley.

As I reported, the Consolidation is still on hold and won't be seen in 1999. The prototype model for the 4-4-0 was at the New York toy show and we should see it on the market in late 1999. I also heard rumors of a 2-6-0 so I checked it out with Bachmann. This will be an 1880's style locomotive and will not be done until late 2000 or early 2001.

That's it for now from Bachmannland!

NEW MEMBER NEEDS HELP WITH BATTERY POWER!

Having joined BAGRS in March of this year, **Dan Christopoulos** of Walnut Creek needs assistance from a BAGRS member, in the Oakland or Walnut Creek area, who has had experience with ***battery power***. Please give Dan a call at home (925) 906-1960 or fax (925) 906-1955, if you are willing to share your expertice on the subject.

HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP

BAGRS ANNUAL CALENDAR

The ***BAGRS Annual Calendar of Events*** is designed to give you an overview of up coming events at a glance. It is far reaching and is intended to help you in planning your personal schedule so you don't miss any of the BAGRS functions and other events that may be of interest to you as a BAGRS members. For a shorter-range schedule and the details on the listed events check the ***BAGRS Timetable*** at the back of *Trellis and Trestle*. Also see additional details in the body of *Trellis and Trestle*.

As you can see these are not necessary BAGRS sponsored events but rather are events related to Garden railroads, Gardening, Trains, Models and other related events. If you know of an event, you think BAGRS members would be interested in, please contact **Jack Verducci (650) 341-4088.**

Note: Dates and events are subject to change. The calendar will be updated monthly. Remove calendar page from this issue and place it where you can refer to it frequently.

Lost BAGRS?

Bob & Pat Bagnato
Martin Belokin
Scott & Louise Bradshaw
Ruth S. Bruner
Patrick & Jeanne Bryant
Michael & Ruth Carski
Noah Cash
Mike & Nancy Cavalieri
Iris & Francis Chien
Norman & Synthia Coates
Bart & Mary Coddington
Carol de Maintenon
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3rd Annual

National Spring Steamup

May 28-31 1999

Memorial Day Weekend

Newark, California

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A world class international steamup is going on in your backyard! Reserve Memorial Day Weekend for FOUR DAYS of live steam action at the Newark Hilton. Run trains, attend seminars, trade stories, swap equipment, see new stuff!

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Conference rate of $65.00 per room.
Dealer and seminar rooms will be open during the four day event.

Some of the events this year!

- Optional excursions to Golden Gate Live Steamers and the Sacramento Railroad Museum will be arranged. Additionally, a group plans to return to The Roaring Camp again this year.
- Enjoy at least two additional days of steamups at local garden railways after the event. Specifics to be announced.
- No host dinner on Saturday evening.

Regular Programs and Events
Schedule Boards for portions of each day on all tracks.
Dealer Rooms open portions of each day.
Swap tables all four days.
Door prizes to be given away on Sunday evening.
MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!
Seminar schedule will be announced.

BAGRS Open House
Sunday 1 PM—4 PM
Registration required to operate on the tracks.

Registration
$70.00 before April 1st. $75.00 after April 1st.

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Meetings start @ 7 PM
1st Tuesday
every other month

June 1, 1999
August 12, 1999*
October 7, 1999*
December 7, 1999
February 2, 2000
*Note: * exceptions.*

BAGRS Baggage Car

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T-Shirts	Adult Sizes	(M, L, XL)	$10
		(XXL)	$12
		(XXXL)	$15
	Youth Sizes	(S, M, L)	$6
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Sweat Shirts	(L, XL)		$15
		(XXL)	$20
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16—Layout Tour	Mike & Nancy Schneider, 315 Galli Court, Los Altos—650•941•6160
16—Layout Tour	Charles & Elizabeth Garbett, 13906 Page Mill Road, Los Altos Hills—650•948•4001
23—BAGRS Short Line	Dunsmuir House—Oakland
28—30 Steamup	National Spring Steamup—Newark
June 1999	
1—BAGRS Board Meeting	BAGRS Board Meeting—Coco's Restaurant—Sunnyvale
5 & 6—BAGRS Short line	Great American Train Show—San Mateo Expo Center
11-13—Big Train Show	Queen Mary—Long Beach
18-20—West Coast Regional Meet	Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society—See Insert!
18-27—Railfare	Railfare—California State Railroad Museum—Sacramento
19 & 20—BAGRS Short Line	Fathers Day at Roaring Camp & Big Trees—Felton
26—Morgan Hill RR Days	Open House Tours—Mark Grzan—408•776•7816
July 1999	
10—BAGRS Pinic	BAGRS Pinic—Swanton Pacific/New Davenport
28-31—15th NGRC	15th National Garden Railway Convention—Chicago, IL

••• 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.

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