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September 19, 1999
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From the President

by Jack Verducci

Along with several other BAGRS members we attended the 15th National Garden Railway Convention in Chicago, Illinois. It seems wherever you go Garden Railroad People are the same. They are warm and hospitable. We really felt at home. The convention was well attended. I do not have the official count now, when I hear it I'll pass it on. We had a variety of weather conditions from a record breaking high on Thursday to a very mild day on Sunday.

At the convention, future dates were set. In 2002 it will in Cincinnati, Ohio (they are taking over from Long Island, New York who had to cancel). The Chicago club will have the convention again in 2005. We should be thinking about our next convention. Anyone up for 2006?

Membership Handbook & Resource Guide

by Irene Zajac, Membership Chairperson

Your Membership Handbook & Resource Guide is enclosed with this mailing. Every effort has been made to insure the quality and accuracy of its contents. Please be sure to inform me whenever you move, change any of your phone numbers or email addresses.

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ADVENTURES IN BACHMANNLAND

by Ken Martin

BOMBSHELL NEWS! By the time you read this, you'll probably know a long time friend of our hobby has made a move. Periodically I call **Dick Maddox** at his Bachmann office to get some of the tidbits of news I disseminate in this column. This morning (August 3) I called as usual and was advised that Mr. Maddox was no longer with Bachmann Industries. He is now the president and CEO of Lionel Trains in Michigan. I talked to **Bud Reece**, who many of you know, and he told me that he is now the Senior Vice President in place of Dick. I am sorry to see Dick go, but I am happy that Bud is his replacement.

Over time, I have had many conversations with Dick during which he has told me of the less than satisfactory treatment he has received from the head office in Hong Kong in spite of his outstanding job performance. I spoke to him at some length at the Big Train Show this year and sensed he might not be at Bachmann much longer but the news that he had left still came as somewhat of a surprise. I spoke to Dick's wife, Joanne, this afternoon and she told me this was all rather sudden but he is happy and excited with the change. I am sure we all want to wish him good luck in his new position. Hopefully he will bring back Lionel Large Scale and will still be associated with our particular portion of the hobby. I am currently trying to make contact with Dick to find out what, if any, the plans are in that area.

In other Bachmann news, the Consolidation is still on hold until sometime in 2000. The problem is the prototype is in Cuba and has been taken apart to be renovated for excursion use. Since it is not all together, the Bachmann people cannot get the necessary photographs to design the features on the engine. I guess the model will be a go when the engine is completed.

Their new 1:20.3 line of freight cars is on hold for a while. I don't know the reason for that.

The 1876 Centennial 4-4-0 is still on track to be here in late November. This is a little later than was originally planned but only a month or so. It will be followed by a 2-6-0 Mogul with the same superstructure as the 4-4-0 but on a Mogul chassis, ala Accucraft which has done the same thing.

It is only conversation so far but talk of a Heisler is in the Bachmann air. Just which type it will be or when it will be produced is not known at this time.

I know this is a strange subject for this column, but I think it is

information worth passing out. **Lewis Polk** of Aristocraft did a clinic at the Big Train Show in Long Beach this year on the subject of the projected development of their Train Engineer control system. They are coming out with a relatively low cost line of controls that will challenge and probably beat some of the more expensive systems. Included are individual train controls, battery power, and the ability to control up to 50 different functions just by pushing a button to select one of the 10 channels in the transmitter. It was demonstrated at the clinic and it is impressive, especially in light of the fact that it is expected to sell for well under $200! I am not going to go into any great detail here other than to say, "Check it out". I think you will be glad you did.

I suppose I will have to give LGB, Hartland, and Accucraft equal time now! Ciao!

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7th Annual (So Far) J. L. Jones Swap Meet & Barbecue

by Ken Martin

Don't expect anything fancy this year. Our place is still a big construction zone. The pool should be finished (bring your swim suit just in case) in time for the Swap Meet but the yard is still largely dirt and, as of this writing, there is no railroad. However, with a little help from our friends, I am sure something will be running when the day comes. And we'll still have a good time!

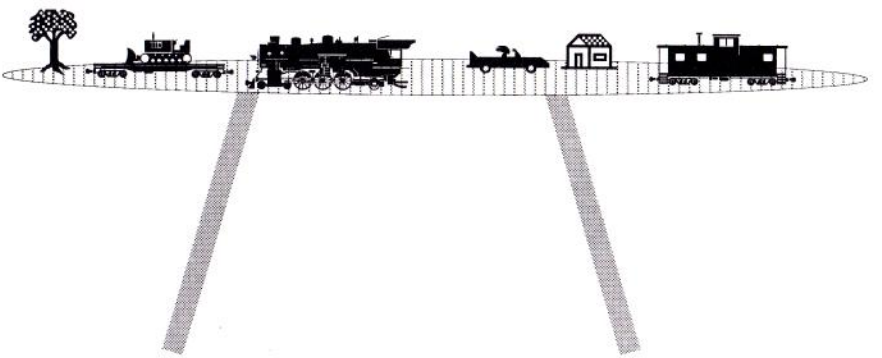
The big day is Sunday, September 19, starting at 10 AM (please don't arrive earlier than that) and going until we run out of steam.

One big improvement over the previous events is, by moving, we have eliminated the parking problem. There is some parking on the property in the drive in front of the house, but please don't park in the main driveway. Street parking is plentiful and close. It will be OK to come down the driveway to unload your gear, but please park your vehicle elsewhere as soon as you are done.

Pat and I will furnish the heat, drinks, plates, & flatware. Everyone brings whatever they want to barbecue. Members with last initials "A" thru "M", please bring a salad to share. "N" thru "Z", please bring a dessert to share.

Now is the time to clean out your shop and sell the excess stuff. It is also the time to find treasures and bargains. If you need a table on which to display your goodies, please bring one. The only tables we will furnish will be for eating purposes.

There is much more room at our new location than we have had before, so, in spite of some unfinished areas, it will be more comfortable. Guest trains, including steam, are welcome to run on whatever powered track we may have available. So come on out and enjoy a relaxing and fun day!



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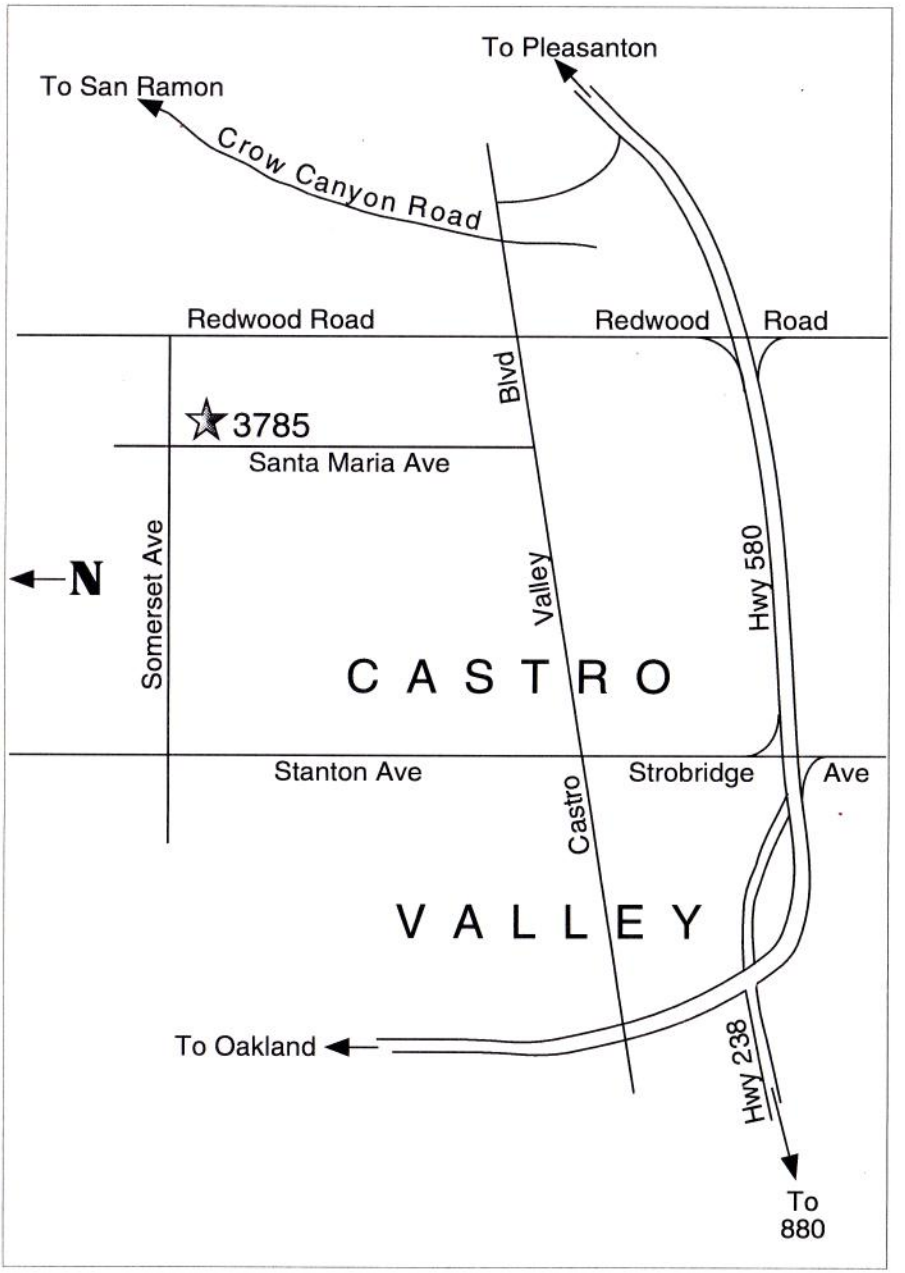

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Truckee Railroad Days/Truckee

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Taste of Morgan Hill

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
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January 7-9 BAGRS/Bay Area
2000 BAGRS Annual Meeting
Crown Plaza—Foster City

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July 5-9 San Diego, CA
16th Garden Railway Convention

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16TH National Garden Railway Convention
July 5-9, 2000
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17TH National Garden Railway Convention
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2002
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