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Due to age and infirmities must reluctantly give up our garden railway. The following is the balance of our equipment.

Lionel
Burlington Northern Diesel (Completely factory rebuilt).... $250

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NYC Freight car 50
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Aristo
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Rutland freight car 30

Delton
Calif. Fruit Line Reefer (2) ea. 35
Dr. Pepper Freight car 30

Bachmann
Denver & R. G. 8 Wheel Caboose 30
Santa Fe 4 Wheel Caboose 20
Freight cars 1 Santa Fe, 1 Orchard Supply ea. 25
Denver & R. G. Stock Car 25

All rollings stock come with Steel Wheels from San Val.

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COME TO THE FUNCTION AT THE JUNCTION!

by Ken Martin

Don't miss this one! If all goes well, BAGRS Junction 2000 will be our most spectacular annual meeting ever! In addition to a most luxurious venue with tropical plants, waterfalls and Koi ponds, our enthusiastic committee members have added some new features.

For example, the banquet will have, in addition to a speaker, some entertainment. Also, there will be three entrees and a child's plate. Check out the write-up elsewhere in this issue for complete information.

All of the activities from past events have been retained. We'll have our own fantastic Short Line, vendors galore, lots of clinics, many raffle and door prizes, model contest, and a Sunday excursion to Niles Canyon, plus possibly some surprises.

All this starts on Friday, January 7, 2000, at the Crowne-Plaza Hotel in Foster City and continues on until Sunday, January 9. The hotel has given us a special room rate of $89 per night. To make your reservations, call (650) 570-5700. Be sure to mention the BAGRS to get the right rate. Why not make this a weekend getaway, a place to wind down from the hectic Holidays? As I mentioned last month, this is a beautiful place with many facilities, like an indoor pool and spa, all of which will be available to members that get rooms. I highly recommend taking a mini-vacation and spending the entire relaxing weekend immersed in the G-scale atmosphere. You will love it.

You can save a couple of dollars per person by getting your registration to us before December 15 while the fee is still $8.00. After that it goes up to $10.00. This fee goes toward our facility expenses. Actually, we would rather not have to deal with it, but the days of inexpensive meeting facilities are gone and, in order to bring the members the best possible event, we have to pay the price.

Be sure that your dues are current. You must be current to register. For your convenience, your dues can be included with your registration form. Just check the appropriate box and include the necessary amount with your payment.

A new twist on the Model Contest this year is the early registration form. This is just to help us get a handle on how much space and

what awards we will need. We will accept entries at the meeting but, if you are going to enter, please help us out by sending in the form.

For the hungry, there will be food service in one form or another from 6 AM to 10 PM. There are two restaurants and a snack bar in the hotel.

A vast improvement over last year, parking is convenient and plentiful. There are over 750 parking space immediately adjacent to the hotel, many of them covered.

So plan on making this a complete G-scale weekend by staying at the hotel and attending BAGRS Junction 2000. Enjoy the camaraderie of BAGRS members while viewing the Short Line and steam modules, shopping among the vendors, dining at the banquet and taking a train ride through beautiful Niles Canyon. See you there!

Wind Down from the Hectic Holidays!

Come to:

The Function at the Junction!

BAGRS JUNCTION!

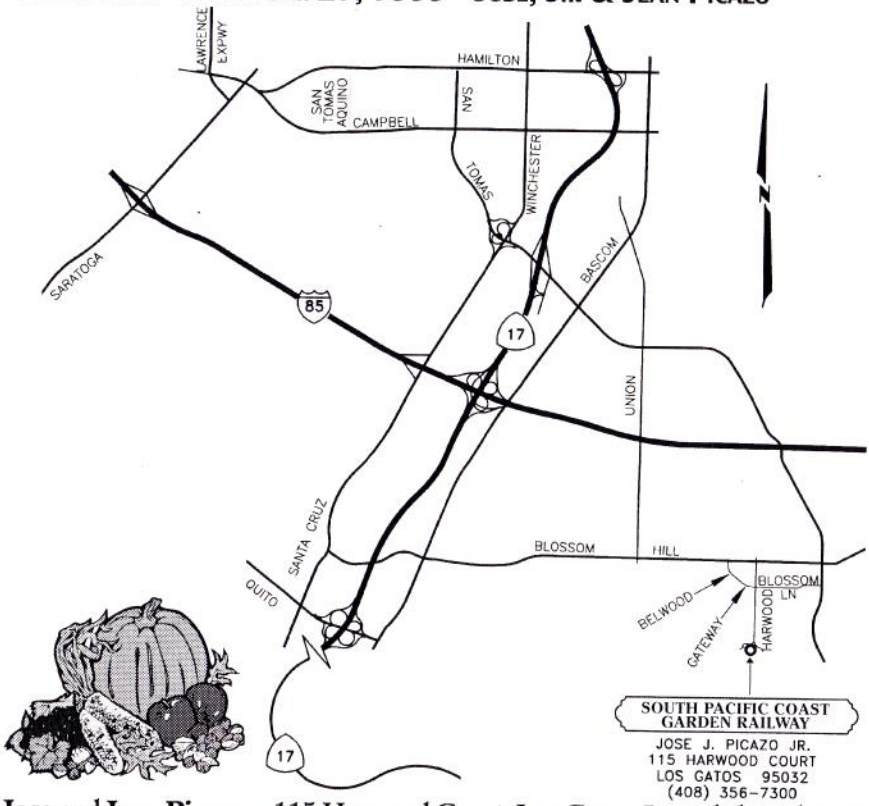
JANUARY 7-9, 2000

Vendors! Short Line! Prizes!

Be There with Your Fellow BAGRS!

Mark your calendar now!

Open House—November 21, 1999—Jose, Jr. & Jean Picazo

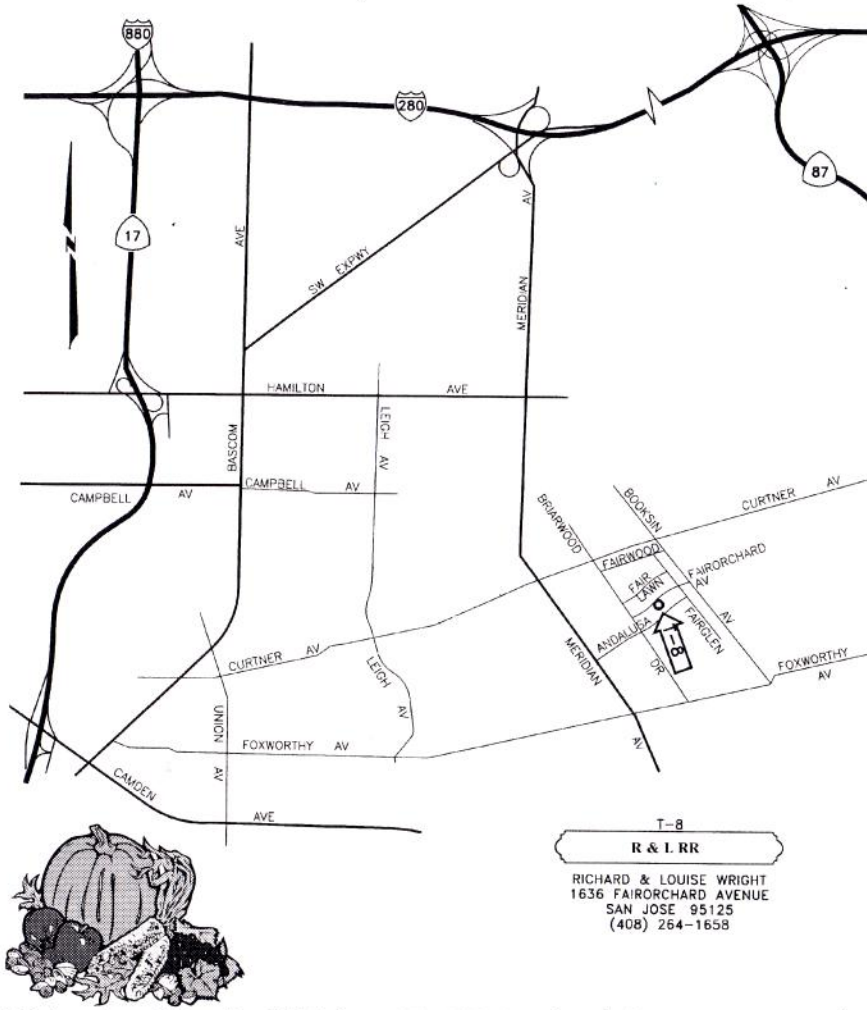


Jose and **Jean Picazo**—115 Harwood Court, Los Gatos. Loosely based on its namesake, the railroad starts from West San Jose and works its way up through the Santa Cruz Mountains. The towns of Los Gatos, Wright, Laurel, New Almaden Mines, and Boulder Creek are depicted. The railroad is built on the side of a hill with a total grade of over 22%. Water starts in the high mountains and falls into a river gorge. The railroad crosses the river gorge six times and enters nine tunnels as it climbs via horseshoe switchbacks to the summit.

From State Highway 17 south, exit onto Highway 85 south (toward Gilroy), take Union Ave. exit, turn left at the end of the off ramp, go to Union Ave. (about 100 yards) and turn right. Stay on Union to the end, then turn left onto Blossom Hill Road, go two lights to Harwood Road. Turn right onto Harwood Road, go up the hill to the fork. Take right fork, which is Harwood Court. The house is on the left as you round the bend in the road.

Enter the pedestrian gate, walk down the stairway towards the house, then turn right and go down the steps next to the house, bear right. To fully appreciate the landscaping as you enter the railroad area, look up into the mountains and look for distant waterfalls.

OPEN HOUSE—NOVEMBER 21, 1999—RICHARD & LOUISE WRIGHT



Richard and **Louise Wright**—1636 Fairorchard Ave., San Jose. This railroad occupies a garden space 22' x 42' with 250 feet of track. The line was built in a raised planter box. Several trestles and bridges are used to allow the train to travel from one area to the other. The entire line is landscaped, using many miniature plants and rock work. Several high-quality, scratch-built buildings are seen along the line. The newest addition is a waterfall and small pond.

From I-280, take the Meridian Ave. exit heading south. Turn left onto Curtner Ave, go for three blocks to Briarwood, then turn right, go three more blocks to Fairorchard and turn left. The house is on the right. Enter the right side gate.

The Bay Area Garden Railway Society presents

BAGRS JUNCTION 2000

Come to the Function at the Junction!
January 7—9, 2000

EVENT REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION FEE: $8 per person pre-registration until December 15; $10 after the deadline or at the door. *(This fee helps to defray facility costs. This fee need not be paid to attend the Saturday morning* ***business meeting only****. Registration fee must be paid to attend any other part of the event.)*

Names to appear on name tags:

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

$8 x _____ = Total $ _____

BANQUET REGISTRATION

Saturday evening, January 8, 2000

CHOICE OF ENTREES *(includes salad, coffee or tea, and dessert. Prices include tax & tip):*

NEW YORK STEAK ..... $40 .... No. _____ x $40= _____
CALIFORNIA CHICKEN ..... $35 .... No. _____ x $35= _____
VEGETARIAN DISH ..... $35 .... No. _____ x $35= _____
CHILD'S PLATE (12 & UNDER) ... $15 .... No. _____ x $15= _____
TOTAL $ _____

NOTE: *Banquet seating is limited to* ***180****. Register early to insure your place.*

_____ $25 DUES RENEWAL ENCLOSED. *(Dues must be current to register,)*

TOTAL ENCLOSED:
REGISTRATION ..... $ _____
BANQUET ..... $ _____
DUES ..... $ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK $ _____

Make Check for Total Amount Payable to BAGRS.
Send to: Barbara Sanfilippo, 1029 Lochness Ct, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15, 1999

For further information,
call **Ken Martin** at 510•727•9296 or email martinken@juno.com

BAGRS Junction 2000

Model Contest Registration Form

Name _____

Phone No. _____

I will be entering models in the following categories *(check all that apply):*

[ ] Steam Trains

[ ] Diesel Trains

[ ] Whimsical Trains & Engines

[ ] Steam Locomotives

[ ] Diesel Locomotives

[ ] Traction Locomotives

[ ] Freight Cars

[ ] Passenger Cars

[ ] Whimsical Cars

[ ] Buildings & Dioramas

There are no fees to enter the Model Contest.

Send entry form to:

Gary Whaley, 15614 Wicks Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94579

CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15, 1999

For further information,
call **Gary Whaley** at 510•614•9397 or email gngrlway@aol.com

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San Diego Zoo
Sea World
Wild Animal Park
Legoland

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www.sdgrs.com/r2k/

Got Rocks?

by Ken Martin

At our recent Swap Meet, several members asked about the artificial rocks I had placed in various places around our temporary layout. These are made of fiberglass laminate with a natural looking finish sprayed on. I believe they were made by a company in Concord. I got them from **Joan Bradford** of Just Trains (then Rara Avis) at our 1993 Convention. I don't know if they are still available but, if you are interested, you might check with Joan.

Since then I have discovered a shop in San Leandro that produces some very realistic artificial rocks that are made of a fiberglass and concrete combination laid up with fiberglass mat and finished with an acid etched permanent finish.

These are made by Second Nature, 527 Harlan Court, San Leandro. I stopped by there the other day and met a young man who identified himself only as Dustin. While this company has been there for several years, he told me they just took it over about a year ago and are trying to build the business. He took me on a tour of the facility, showing me not only the rocks, but also statues they are starting to manufacture.

The rocks come in many sizes from a foot or two in diameter up to large panels that can be connected to build huge boulders. They will produce custom items with any finished desired. Most of their stones have a moss rock-like finish but Dustin advised me they finish them in any color to match whatever type of natural rock you may have. He also told me they will teach the customer how to put on any finish needed. Prices seemed to be fairly reasonable and the rocks looked very authentic in addition to being relatively lightweight. I lifted one slightly and will guarantee you that placing these on your railroad will be infinitely easier on your back than real rock!

In addition to selling finished products, they hold seminars to

teach people how to build and use their products. From time to time, they hold an open house and barbeque at which time you can sign up for rock building seminars. I asked Dustin to advise me about the dates of these activities so I can pass them on to our members. He agreed that he would.

If you would like to visit Second Nature, call them at (510) 483-0799. Be sure to call ahead because they have a very small staff and there is not always someone there.

After I arrived home, I received a phone call from Dustin advising me, for the month of November, they would give an introductory 10% discount to any of our members who show them their BAGRS badge. If you are interested, I would recommend taking a trip to look over their products. Meanwhile, you can visit their web site at www.2ndnatr.com

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SHORT LINE MODULE Coordinator

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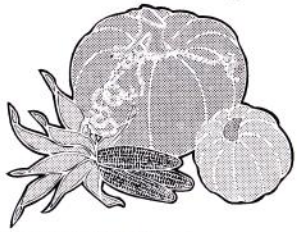
Calendar of Events

November 21
BAGRS Layout Tours
Jose Picazo
~~David Towle~~ CANCELLED
Richard & Louise Wright



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

December 4 & 5
BAGRS Short Line (Work Party)
Pleasant Hill Education Center

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

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

January 29-30
BAGRS Short Line
GATS—Cow Palace

March
BAGRS Short Line
Livermore Veterans Hospital

April
BAGRS Short Line
Great Mall

May
BAGRS Short Line
Talbot's Salute to G Scale III

June
BAGRS Short Line
GAT—San Mateo
BAGRS Short LIne
Father's Day at Roaring Camp

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

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

BAGRS Short Line—Schedule 1999/2000

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

Dec 4 & 5 ..... Short Line (Work Party)
Pleasant Hill Education Center

Jan 7–9 ..... BAGRS 2000 Annual Meeting
Crown Plaza—Foster City

Jan 29 & 30 ..... GATS—Cow Palace

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Meeting Schedule

Meetings start @ 7 PM

1st Tuesday
every other month

December 7, 1999
February 2, 2000
April 4, 2000
June 6, 2000
October 3, 2000

BAGRS Baggage Car

BAGRS Apparel Source

Items are blue with BAGRS logo in yellow.

Jackets	All Sizes		$35
T-Shirts	Adult Sizes	(M, L, XL)	$10
		(XXL)	$12
		(XXXL)	$15
	Youth Sizes	(S, M, L)	$6
Caps	Mesh (Adjustable)		$8
Caps	Poplin (Adjustable)		$8
Golf Shirts w/Pocket		(L,XL,XXL, XXXL)	$20
Sweat Shirts	(L, XL)		$15
		(XXL)	$20
		(XXXL)	$25
Tote Bags		Small 14"	$10
Coffee Mugs—Blue w/Yellow Logo			$5

To order:

- List the items you wish to purchase (be sure to note sizes).
- Send a check for the total amount plus 15% for shipping to:

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BAGRS Timetable

November 1999	
21—Layout Tour	Jose Picazo—115 Harwood Ct Los Gatos—408•356•7300
21—Layout Tour	David Tou[illegible] Paseo Laura Los [illegible] CANCELLED 408•356•1223
21—Layout Tour	Richard & Louis Wright—1636 Fairorchard Ave San Jose—408•264•1658
27 & 28—BAGRS Short Line	Great American Train Show Pleasanton Fair Grounds

December 1999	
12—Layout Tour	Bonnie & Glenn McGhee—1925 Churton Ave Los Altos—650•968•0599
12—Layout Tour	Leo & Phyllis Schlocker—1759 Lexington Ave San Mateo—650•341•0731
12—Layout Tour	Clair & Betty Young—45 Arlington Dr South San Francisco—650•992•8162

Layout Tour hours are Noon until 4 PM, Unless Otherwise Noted • Please respect these hours for the benefit of our hosts.

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