

Garden Railroads

Garden railroads are miniature railroads, so you have to face the same challenges as a full scale railroad. Outdoors, the railroad changes with the seasons of the year, the weather and even the time of day. Another unique aspect is that garden railroads often involve the whole family.

If you are interested, one of the best ways to get started is to join a club.

Our club sometimes holds meetings at member's garden layouts during the better weather months so we can see how others have approached the challenges. All our members love to explain our theories and plans.

Garden railroaders also traditionally host open houses which typically include invitations for other members and visitors to bring their own trains to run. As a result, visitors get to see a wide variety of equipment and can run their own trains even if their personal layout is only a dream.

Other Interests

Our group also caters to and encourages special interests. Some of our members are avid gardeners and have integrated their miniature railroad into a garden. Several members are primarily interested in European railroads and have designed their railroads with that in mind. Other members are interested in live steam. Their locomotives run by burning alcohol, butane, or even coal to boil the water that creates the steam to drive their engines.

In all cases, we welcome new members and look forward to having you join our club. If you need more information about the club please check out our website at:

<http://cnylsrs.net> or contact:

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Central New York Large-Scale Railway Society

Enjoyment and
Promotion of
Large-Scale
Model Railroading



Who We Are

The Central New York Large-Scale Railway Society evolved from two Clubs in the Syracuse area to better serve the desires of all. One Club concentrated on garden railways and the other club concentrated on a modular layout. The combined club directs its effort to outdoor garden railroading when the weather allows, to our indoor layout at Driver's Village, and to train shows when time allows.

Our large-scale trains all run on Gauge 1 track which is 1 ¾" between the rails. Our trains represent different scales ranging from 1:32 where the track represents standard gauge, to 1:14 where the track represents 2' narrow gauge. Our members model a variety of scales and welcome any interest on Gauge 1 track.

Membership

Membership comes with privileges to run at our indoor layout at any time the mall is open and to all voting rights and the opportunity to hold office and participate in any Club events.

Driver's Village Layout

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Roger Burdick our club has a long-term lease of a section of Driver's Village where we have installed a 900 square foot layout. The layout has a North American theme in the general transition era between steam and diesel (1930 to 1970 for the buildings and decorations).

The layout presently has four main loops. One loop is designed for our members who want to run their trains with only minimal interaction. We also have three interconnected loops that have operational elements (an interchange yard, passing sidings and spurs). The design enables both hands on operation (capability for manual switching and uncoupling) and remote operation of switches. We have DC equipment and DCC equipment available to run your trains. All loops have curves that are as large as possible. The layout also has three separate lines. There is a small circle that will run trains for children. There is a line that can be used for smaller rolling stock which sets up high in the mountain, and also a point to point line which requires the engine to have a magnet on the bottom.

Membership

The Central New York Large Scale Railway Society, Inc. is a not for profit corporation which is open to anyone interested in G-Gauge model railroading which does not discriminate against its members or anyone else on the basis of race, religion, gender or sexual orientation. All members have voting rights in the club, and are entitled to run their model train equipment on the club's Drivers Village layout.

Membership application can be obtained by going to our Website www.cnylsrs.net to download and print out an application form which may be filled out and submitted to the Club's Executive Committee.

Club dues are \$35.00/year. Dues are payable on October 1st. of the preceding year. New members will receive full access to the club layout at any time the mall is open including a key to the layout operating cabinet. Inside the cabinet is a key to the mountain door and instructions on how to use the electronics in the cabinet.