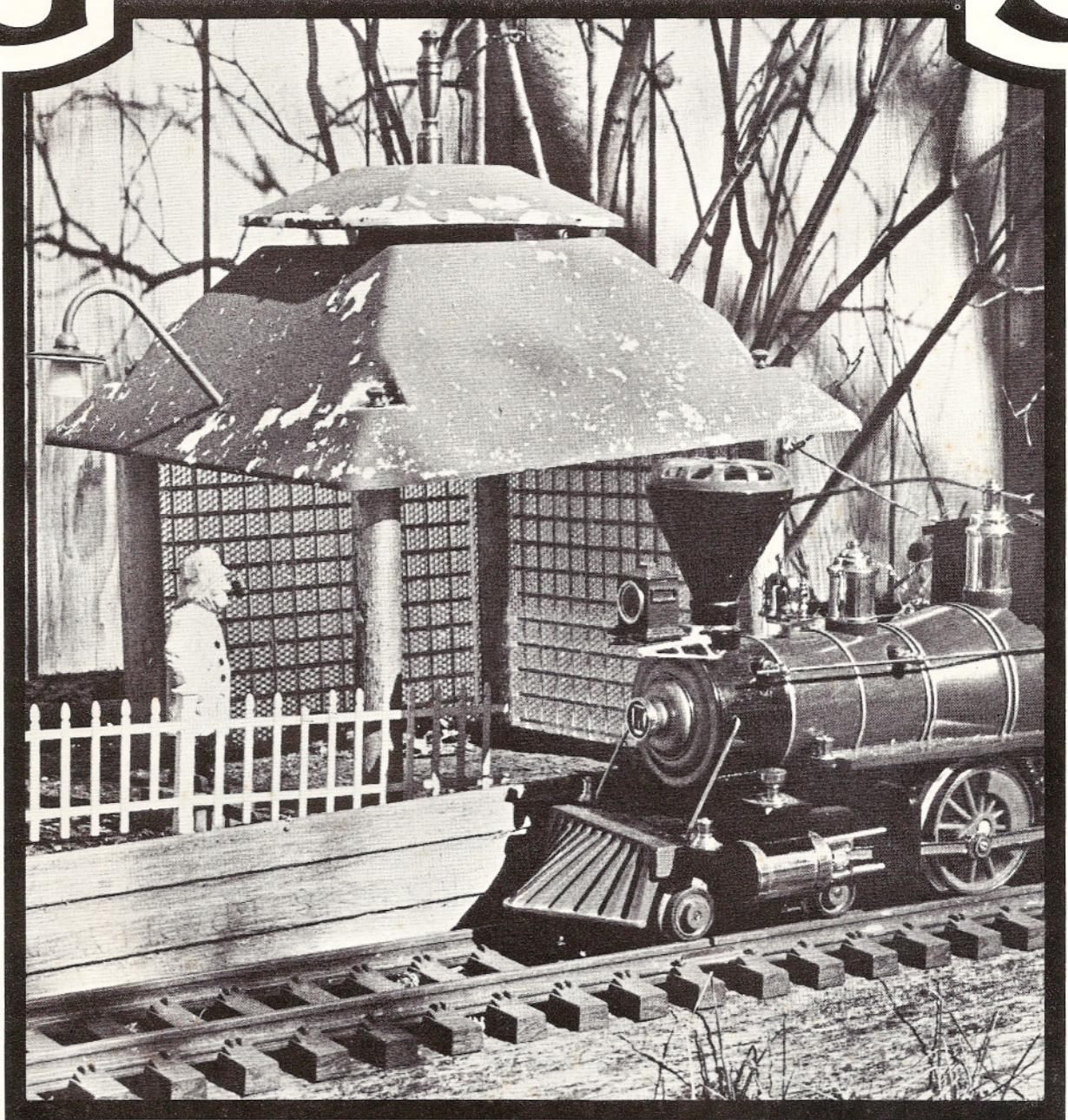


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Announcing a

Competition

for the design of a

Battery Powered Locomotive

There has been much interest lately over the possibility of battery powered locomotives, so **Garden Railways** has decided to sponsor a competition for the design of one. This competition is open to all except those involved in the design and/or manufacture of commercially available model train equipment or supplies.

PRIZES:

1st Prize: A Mamod locomotive kit
2nd Prize: \$25 cash
3rd Prize: A brass switchstand kit

Deadline: September 1, 1984

The finished locomotives must be in our hands by the deadline for judging at the 4th Annual Sidestreet Bannerworks Small Scale Steam Up in Denver in September.

Write for an entry form and a complete set of rules. Judging will be done by an impartial panel.

The winning designs will be published in **Garden Railways** for all to enjoy. NOTE: If we do not receive at least three entries the Competition will be cancelled.

Cover Photo: It is train time on Jerry Baker's J.B.R.R. See page 10 for a description of this garden railway.

Hotline!

If you have questions about garden railways, small scale live steam, or related topics, or if you would just like to chat, please feel free to use our Monday Night Hotline. Just call (303) 733-8880 between 6 pm and 9 pm, Mountain time, on any Monday night. We regret that we are unable to accept collect calls.

Flagman's Box

Editorial

Surprise! For those of you who were expecting an issue of the **Sidestreet Banner** about now, this is it! If you read the questionnaire results in the last **Banner**, you will have read that we had no intention of expanding the format, using larger photographs, etc. What can I say? Things change. After much thought, evaluation of the questionnaire responses, examination of the hobby today and its projected growth, and soul searching, we felt that now just might be the time for a US magazine devoted to garden railways. Hence, **Garden Railways**.

The content will be much the same as in the old **Banner**; emphasis on small scale steam, articles on building garden railways, odds and ends, bits and pieces of interest, etc. In addition we will have notes on electric running outdoors, scratchbuilding, kit bashing, and other things that have been somewhat neglected in the past.

You will continue to see influence from the United Kingdom in these pages. After all, that is where garden railways were born, and they have years of experience on us. It is to them that we must look for guidance.

The success of a publication is dependent upon its readers. We need to know your likes and dislikes regarding what you want to see in these pages. What we need most to stay alive, however, is contributions. If you are active in any aspect of garden railways, or anything that pertains to garden railways, why not write down a few notes and take a few snapshots so that we can all share what you are doing. There is an article in this issue that outlines a few things to think about when writing for publication. The most important thing, however, is just to write it down and send it in.

From what I have been able to see, it would appear that small scale live steam and garden railways have a very long and bright future, not only in the USA, but around the world. It is to the attainment of that future that we dedicate this new magazine.

Marc Horovitz
Marc Horovitz

PS I will be in the Wash. DC area in the latter half of April, and would enjoy meeting any of you who live out that way, schedules permitting. Drop me a note. Also, in May I will be attending, and giving a clinic at, the NMRA PCR Convention near San Francisco. Hope to meet some of you there, too. MH

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