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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:** Mr. Fred Jantzen's magnificent ga. 1 Dutch East Indies Pacific. Read more about this fine gas fired locomotive starting on page 9.

## 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

Greetings, and many thanks to all of you who took the time to write in support of this new venture. Your letters were much appreciated.

I wish to apologize for the lateness of the first issue, and I hope that you don't find this one in your mailbox equally late. The first issue was late for two reasons: First, we were late getting it out, and second, it was the first issue that was sent via bulk mail, and there was quite a bit of initial red tape to plough through. In the future we will try to get the magazine out on a schedule such that you will receive it by the end of the second month of the publication date (i.e., in April for the March/April issue).

You may find this issue of **GR** a bit heavy on steam. I make no apologies for this, but in the future I would like to publish more diverse articles; particularly construction articles, and notes on LGB and Kalamazoo modifications. However, I can't do this if no material is sent in. So how 'bout it? As I have said before, and will no doubt say many times again in the future (ad infinitum. . .), it is you, the reader, to whom we look for the continuing life of this publication. Our advertising support is much appreciated, but we need contributions in the form of articles as well. We hope to hear from you.

And speaking of advertisers, when you respond to an ad in **Garden Railways**, please mention the magazine in your letter or phone call. This helps all of us.

And last, but certainly not least, a big Welcome Aboard to Peter Jones, whose work has appeared in these pages before. With this issue, Peter has officially joined the **GR** "staff" and his column, "Scribblings on a Workshop Wall", will appear in each issue of **GR**.

If any of you would like to communicate with any of the authors in the magazine, just write to them in care of **Garden Railways**, and your letters will be immediately forwarded to them.

And one final note. . . There are very few garden railway

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