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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: Yes, this is a garden railway, not a full size RR. Read how Doug Diemer created this photograph in his article on small scale movie making, starting on page 6.

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

As summer is now upon us, I hope that all of you are working feverishly on your garden railways, and will be sending in copious reports on your progress. I have, in fact, received a great deal of interesting correspondence in the past couple of months from folks all over the country who are thinking about, actively planning, or (best yet) actually beginning construction of a garden railway. All very gratifying, to be sure.

During my visits to the various coasts I was able to visit three fine garden railways, including one owned by Vernon Winn which may qualify as being the oldest garden railway in the country. It was begun over 11 years ago. Read Mr. Winn's very interesting article elsewhere in this issue.

I want to sincerely thank all of you who have sent in articles for future publication. We are pleased now to have a growing backlog of things for future issues. But don't relax - keep 'em coming! With luck, we may be able to expand the size of the magazine before the year is out!

Circulation continues to grow as interest picks up, and you will see some new advertisers in this issue as well, for which we are grateful.

Finally, the dates have been set for the **4th Annual Sidestreet Bannerworks Small Scale Steam Up**. This year it will be held in conjunction with the 4th National Narrow Gauge Convention, to be held in Denver on September 19-23, 1984. The Garden Railway Tour - in cooperation with the Garden Railway Society of Denver - and the Steam Up will be held on September 22 and 23, respectively. We are still looking for a site for the Steam Up, and will keep you posted as to the location.

That's it for this time. Many thanks for your continued support.

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