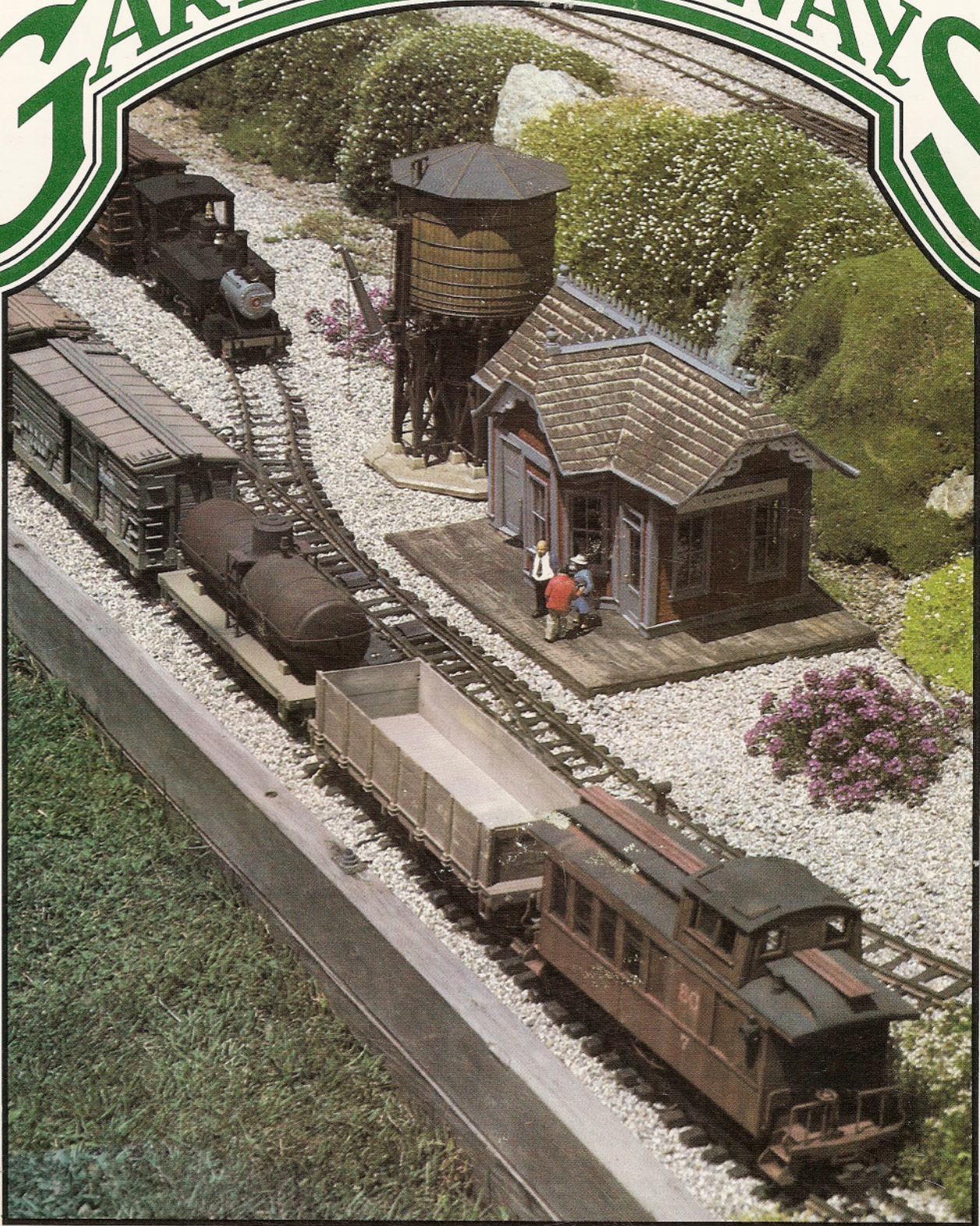


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Editorial

In this issue of GR we have the results of the questionnaire sent out to subscribers two months ago. They are quite interesting, and indicate a very healthy and growing hobby, which is no real surprise. Nineteen eighty-seven should be a wonderful year for garden railroaders.

In the questionnaires, many of you indicated a willingness to write for *Garden Railways* on a variety of topics. Please don't wait for further invitations. We have a good backlog of articles now, but with the expanded format of the magazine, we can always use more. Let us hear from you.

You will find a new column in this issue. **Notes & News** replaces the old **Product News** column. **Notes & News** will still contain information on new products, but will also include notes on other things of interest to garden railroaders, like upcoming events.

There is great interest in scratchbuilding track, and we have several articles on this topic which we will be running, beginning with this issue.

The Convention

Planning for the 3rd Annual Garden Railway Convention is well under way. The Convention will be moving to a hotel this year, so facilities will be much better than in the past. The hotel, the

Landmark Inn in Denver, is centrally located and the special Convention room rates are quite reasonable; only \$36 per night for up to four people. There is a restaurant in the hotel, as well as several others close by. And there is also a swimming pool, so you can cool off after returning from the Garden Railway Tours.

Activities this year will be similar to those of past years, with expanded emphasis on family involvement. We hope to include optional trips to the Denver Botanic Gardens and possibly to some local rock gardens as well. We are planning more lectures on the gardening aspects of the hobby, too. Babysitting will be available this time for those of you needing it.

The clinics this year will be more focused, with less repetition than in the past. A well rounded program is being planned.

We hope that many of you will be able to attend. Only a limited number of hotel rooms are available, so we recommend that you register as soon as possible. Registration forms can be sent to you now from the Convention Committee (see ad in this issue). Commercial registrants are encouraged. We look forward to seeing you in August.

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