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Editorial

The Convention

We have just returned from the 3rd Annual Garden Railway Convention, and we are happy to report that it was a resounding success. Stay tuned for the full story which will appear in the future.

Our Publishing Philosophy

Since our circulation has grown so rapidly in recent months, we have many new readers who are unfamiliar with both *Garden Railways* magazine and the relatively new hobby of garden railroading.

While publishing this magazine is our full time occupation, we are both active garden railroaders as well. The magazine evolved out of our enjoyment of the hobby.

Garden railroading is an entirely new (in this country) and different approach to the model railroading hobby. It is this approach that we try to put forward in our pages.

Of course, building a garden line is a very different proposition from building an indoor model railroad for obvious reasons: you are using natural materials instead of synthetic, you are often attempting to integrate your railway with a garden, and you face the same climate-related challenges faced by full sized railroads.

But the differences go beyond the obvious. Garden railroading is being approached by most adherents as a wholly non-judgemental

endeavor, pursued with a healthy lack of competition.

Also, there is a great deal of true family involvement in this hobby. Sad to say, but statistics show that traditional indoor model railroading is very much Dad's Hobby. Our survey of 1986 proved emphatically that this is not the case here.

And of course, there is the gardening aspect of garden railroading. We have our own Gardening Editor in Petria MacDonnell, who is not only a consummate gardener, but who, with her family, is also a creative garden railroader.

And we print other miniature landscaping articles as they relate to garden railroading, too. In looking back over past issues, we discovered that railroad gardening has become a distinct branch (so to speak) of the gardening hobby, with its own limitations and parameters!

In publishing GR we try to offer diversity, education, enlightenment, and enjoyment in each issue, all in keeping with the tenets of the hobby as we see them. We must tailor the magazine to suit a variety of tastes, from the novices to the experienced gardeners and model railroaders.

In this hobby, everyone has something to contribute, and we all have something to learn.

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Cover Photo: Gas-electric B-3 at Gnarley station on Herb Chaudiere's 0 scale Cranis Prairie.

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Hotline

If you have any questions about garden railways, small scale live steam, or related topics, or if you would just like to chat, we invite you to use our **Monday Night Hotline**. Just call (303) 377-4777 between 6pm and 9pm, Mountain Time, on any Monday night. We regret that we are unable to accept collect calls.

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