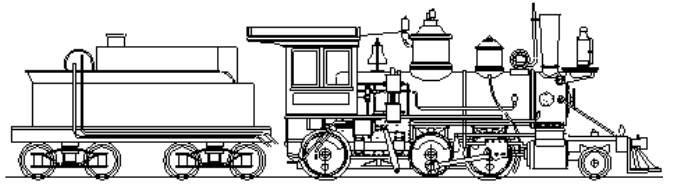


# GHBGRS

Greater Humboldt Bay Garden Railway Society



Sorry for the lateness of this issue. May has come and (mostly) gone much faster than I expected.

## Past Meets

No meet in March (we had a 3 month break at the beginning of the year).

April was at Twig and Betty LaBranche's house. Pictures are on the site at [ghbgrs.org/photos.html](http://ghbgrs.org/photos.html). The sun was out and the railroad looked great. Every time I visit this layout I notice something new. This time it was all the fun scenes around the pond.



May was held at Kevin and Sheila Schindler's house. Kevin has re-worked part of his lower loop and seems very satisfied with the changes. As always, Kevin's railroad looks right at home in landscape. Some new photos have been posted online of this layout too.



## Upcoming Events

June's meet will be Sunday the 28th (Note the new date - this has been moved from the 14th) at Geoff and Quennie Spencley's house in McKinleyville. Their address and a map will be posted online soon. Geoff's layout is very live-steam friendly so expect the sweet smell of lube-oil in the wind.

It looks like there will be a shuffling of meets in July, August and September. I'll make sure the next newsletter addresses any changes (this information will also be posted online and sent via email)

We're still looking for a host for November. Any volunteers?

Speaking of email, if you would like to receive occasional updates via email (but haven't been), send me your address.

## Timber Heritage Events

You may have heard that the steam-ups at Fort Humboldt had been canceled for the year. The good news is that an agreement has been reached between Fort Humboldt and Timber Heritage that allows the steam-ups to continue. So, come on out and visit us on:

Saturday, June 20th  
Saturday, July 18th  
Saturday, August 15th  
Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Also, the THA has announce a new event this summer – crew speeder rides. This will start in July (no exact dates set yet) and will run from Samoa to Manilla. Thanks to THA for the amazing work clearing the track and working on the crew speeder.

## Scales

I've been pondering a change of scales from Fn3 to On3 (But you aren't getting rid of me that easy - I'm still coming to meets and will still host December). What's the cause of this possible change? Well, I'm always amazed at the space that Fn3 takes (especially since my choice of prototype is D&RGW NG - often called the mainline of NG). I'm also finding myself more and more interested in operations - the why of moving freight cars from one place to another, It's kinda like a 3-D chess game – but with trains! While this can easily be done in Fn3, the space it requires is enormous.

Another reason is cost. While it's true that Fn3 is relatively inexpensive considering it's size (an AMS Fn3 boxcar costs twice as much as an AMS On3 boxcar but is 2.5 times it's size and over 5 times it's volume), it's also true that the same amount of money gets me twice the number of cars (and locomotives) in On3.

So, how many members of GHBGRS model in other scales? Did you come to Fn3 or G via another scale? Have you had thoughts of moving or adding another scale? Do you have some of your large-scale layout indoors to combat our often wet winter weather?

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