

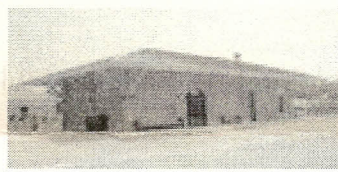
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Gordon Depot

The *Middle Georgia Railroad Association* is a non-profit organization designed to preserve and promote Railroad History in the Middle Georgia Area. We also promote railroad modeling and rail fanning. We welcome all members regardless of sex, religion or race. Railroads include the Central of Georgia Rwy, NS, CSX, Southern Rwy, Seaboard Coast Line, Atlantic Coast Line, Georgia Southern & Florida Rwy, Macon & Birmingham, H&FS, MD&S, Wrightsville & Tennille, LOP&G, SG, AV&W, L&N, NC&StL, TAG, AB&A, AB&C, Sandersville RR and many others.

The MGRA meets once a month on the third Monday evening at 7:00 P.M. at the Gordon Depot in Gordon, GA. Membership is \$20.00 annually. The depot is ideally located next to Norfolk Southern's (former CofGA) mainline to Savannah. As a member you receive a monthly Newsletter, special invitation to our popular annual Christmas Trade/Swap Cookout and to the annual Model Railroad and Trainshow held every April. We also hold field trips, and best of all fellowship. Each month there are a wide range of guest speakers on railroad history, and model clinics.

* For more information, please visit the MGRA website at:
www.middlegeorgiarailroadassociation.com

MGRA Officers

NOTES FROM THE MGRA Chairman

Hello once again. Fall has finally arriving. Lots of fairs, festivals and best of all, "train events" including the upcoming Manchester Days in October.

Our meeting last month was outstanding. Larry Goolsby from the SALACL HS showed slides of the Atlanta Terminal area taken back in the good old days. Larry also brought the SALACL HS's company store. Special thanks to Larry and the SALACL HS for coming down to the MGRA once again.

MGRA September 2010 Meeting – BYRON Depot

Please join us on Sept 20th for our next meeting. We will meet at the Central of GA RR BYRON Depot located in the heart of downtown Byron. Mr Murdock will be giving us a detailed program on Operations of the Byron Depot. The CofGA RR Historical Society has been invited and we hope to have Allen Tuten and the HS with us that evening. Plenty of parking. Program will begin at 7 pm. See you there.

DIRECTIONS: If you are coming from Macon or south of Byron, the easiest way is to take I-75 and get off at the Byron exit (SR 49) and turn right into town (or left if you are coming south) and go about one mile to the first traffic signal, turn right and go approximately ½ mile...depot will be on your right before crossing the tracks. You can park on either side of the depot. Please be safe.

The MGRA's officers are listed below. Please contact them if should have any questions about the organization.

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MGRA Fieldtrip Set - Ride the SAM RR

Come ride the SAM RR with us on Sept 25th. The SAM departs Cordele at 0930 am and will return NLT 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$27.95 per adult and \$15.85 for children. You can buy your tickets on the internet or at the station located in the heart of Cordele (DIRECTIONS: take I-75 south and get off at the main Cordele exit #105 which is US 280 and go west into Cordele and follow the signs. Turn right on railroad street and then left on SAM street after crossing the CSX rail line. Ticket office opens at 8:30 am. Spouses and children are welcomed. See you there!

The MGRA October 2010 Set

Please join us on October 18th for the next MGRA meeting. We will meet back at GORDON Depot. Scheduled program is "Depots in Georgia". Meeting will begin at 7 pm. See you there.

MGRA 2010/2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Sept 20 – MGRA Meeting – BYRON DEPOT – Mr Murdock, Station Agent - Byron, GA

Sept 25 – MGRA Fieldtrip – Ride the SAM RR!

Oct 17 – Manchester Days

Oct 18 – MGRA Meeting – Depots in Georgia – Tommy Edwards

Nov 15 – MGRA Meeting – NMRA- 2010 Convention – Max Roesel

Dec 5 – TCA Trainshow – Atlanta, GA

Dec 11 – MGRA Christmas Party – 20th MGRA Anniversary

Jan 17, 2011 – MGRA Meeting – Fred Jones – NS Operations in Atlanta

Jan 29-30, 2011 – Flint River Trainshow – Albany, GA

Feb 11, 2011 – SE RR Trainshow by Goldenspike – Osborn Convention Center – Jacksonville, FL

Feb 11-12, 2011 – SALACL HS Annual Meeting – Osborn Convention Center – Jacksonville, FL

Feb 21, 2011 – MGRA Meeting – Kevin Woods

Mar 21, 2011 – MGRA Meeting – GS&F Depot – Warner Robins, GA – Ms Bobby Hicks – "Railroads in Houston County"

Mar 18-19, 2011 – GS&F HS 11th Annual meeting – Cordele Community Center – Cordele, GA (Ride the SAM)

May 20-21, 2011 – NMRA SE Regional Convention/MGRA Trainshow – Macon State College - Macon, GA

MGRA Modeling News

Atlas will be releasing another run of SD 35s which include road names in the SE: Southern Rwy and Seaboard System. NEW MODEL: Atlas will be soon releasing a U23B model in several SE roadnames including SR. See your favorite dealer for availability.

MGRA Historical Societies

If you wish to learn more about a particular railroad that operated in the Middle Georgia area, the MGRA highly recommends the following historical societies. Each one of them has websites that you can visit and perhaps join their cause:

Central of Georgia RR Historical Society
<http://www.cofga.org>

Ga Southern & Florida RR Historical Society
<http://www.gsfrhs.org>

Southern Railroad Historical Association
<http://www.srha.net>

ACLSAL Historical Society
<http://www.aclsal.org>

L&N RR Historical Society
<http://www.lnrr.org>

The MGRA Hobby Dealers

The MGRA highly recommends the following hobby shop dealers. Please support them.

RIVERDALE STATION – Riverdale, GA
(770) 991-6085 – Bob Branin

BULL STREET STATION – Savannah, GA
1-800-611-8521 – Ms Ellie

TRAINMASTERS – 601 East Main St, Buford, GA –
Mike and Cathy Devane – 678-546-3600

DCC INSTALLS – Rick Bell – 706-860-3768