

## North Georgia Live Steamers Mission Statement

The purpose of North Georgia Live Steamers is to provide a forum to display and operate model trains, promote the history and virtues of railroads to the general public and associate with other railroad and model rail enthusiasts. Scale models of steam and diesel locomotives, railroad rolling stock along with the associated track system and trackside structures are used to facilitate this purpose.

In order to achieve the stated purpose, North Georgia Live Steamers built a fully operational model railroad complete with stations, switches, signals and other equipment necessary to maintain realistic railroad operation. This railroad was in existence for over 10 years, but had to be dismantled when the land where the right-of-way was located was sold. Our plan is to establish another permanent rail facility on land owned by the club.

Railroad models are used to provide a historical review of the major locomotive and rolling stock types used in the US from 1835 to the present day. They are constructed in scales of 1 1/2 inches through 3 inches to a foot and operate on 7 1/2 inch gauge track. These models provide the public with a hands on; close up look at railroading as it was and as it is presently operated today.

The models promote goodwill for the railroad industry as a source of mass transportation for both freight and passenger service today, for the future and in the past. During operating sessions the membership provides demonstrations of railroad operations and give train rides to help achieve this end in a recreational setting.

NGLS hopes to present to the public a realistic picture of steam and diesel powered railroad operations. This group provides an ongoing history of railroads and the locomotive power used today and in the past by building models of the engines and cars used.

The North Georgia Live Steamers also promotes railway safety and has a published handbook used as a guide to the members for operating engines and hopes to promote safety by the membership and to the general public.