To my fellow garden railroaders, I have been wishing to create a list of convention cars with pictures for a display at the 2010 convention, but time just ran out. Since that convention I have been slowly adding to my list.

The National Garden Railroad Convention (NGRC) was developed from Garden Railroad meets started by the Denver Garden Railroad Society in 1985. These conventions are held annually. They were held in Denver for the first four years. After that, the convention was held in various cities throughout the US . Typically the convention covers three to four days in the summer months. At the convention participants travel to private homes for layout tours, attend clinics, ice cream social, banquet dinner, and see and buy items from vendors thought the world that cater to G Scale Trains.

At each convention, one or more special convention cars or sometimes powered units are created by one or more G-Scale manufacturers as indicated in the listing below. Note the list is not complete. My research discovered these convention cars were an after-thought as there is no mention of any convention cars for the first six years.

1st Annual NGRC 1985 Denver, Colorado (No known Car was made)
2nd Annual NGRC 1986 Denver, Colorado (No known Car was made)
3rd Annual NGRC 1987 Denver, Colorado (No known Car was made)
4th Annual NGRC 1988 Denver, Colorado (No known Car was made)
5th Annual NGRC 1989 San Francisco, California (No known Car was made)
6th Annual NGRC 1990 San Diego, California (No known Car was made)

7th Annual NGRC 1991 Cincinnati, Ohio - Reefer (Aristocraft):



8th Annual NGRC 1992 Washington, DC (Reston, Virginia) - Piggyback Flat - The WV&M Line (USA Trains):



8th Annual NGRC 1992 Washington, DC (Reston, Virginia) - Single Dome Car Norfolk Southern (Aristocraft):



(I cannot find a Pic of this Car)

9th Annual NGRC 1993 Northern California (Santa Clara & Sacramento) - 53' Evans Box car Willamette Industries (Aristocraft):



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9th Annual NGRC 1993 Northern California (Santa Clara & Sacramento) - Drover's Caboose (LGB 4071GR):



10th Annual NGRC 1994 Denver, Colorado - High-Sided Gondola (LGB 4073GR):



11th Annual NGRC 1995 Cincinnati, Ohio - Woodside Box car (USA Trains):



12th Annual NGRC 1996 Orlando, Florida - Tanker (LGB 4080GR):



13th Annual NGRC 1997 Washington, DC (Alexandria, Virginia) - Simulated Steel Box car WVMGRS Never a Dud, Blue Door Version for Public:



13th Annual NGRC 1997 Washington, DC (Alexandria, Virginia) - Simulated Steel Box car WVMGRS Never a Dud, Red Door Version for Staff:



14th Annual NGRC 1998 Santa Clara, California - Passenger car (LGB 30808):



14th Annual NGRC 1998 Santa Clara, California - Tank car - water service (Bachmann):



15th Annual NGRC 1999 Chicago, Illinois - Overton Diner car, Blue in Color, CAGRS #1 (USA Trains):



15th Annual NGRC 1999 Chicago, Illinois - Overton Parlor car, Yellow in Color, CAGRS #2 (USA Trains):



15th Annual NGRC 1999 Chicago, Illinois - Woodside Reefer, Baldwin 085 (USA Trains):



16th Annual NGRC 2000 San Diego, California - Woodside Reefer, white, Seaworld Adventure Park (for public) (USA Trains):



16th Annual NGRC 2000 San Diego, California - Woodside Reefer, yellow, Seaworld Adventure Park (for staff) (USA Trains):



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16th Annual NGRC 2000 San Diego, California – Just the DECALS you stick on a car of your choice. No CAR, just the DECALS were sold/ given:



17th Annual NGRC 2001 Seattle (Bellevue), Washington - Drovers Caboose - Green (for the public) (Delton):



17th Annual NGRC 2001 Seattle (Bellevue), Washington - Drovers Caboose - Red (for the staff) (Delton):



17th Annual NGRC 2001 Seattle (Bellevue), Washington - Woodside Reefer, orange, Tillicum Village Dinner Car (Bachmann):



18th Annual NGRC 2002 Cincinnati, Ohio - Woodside Box car, GCGRS Show Theme (USA Trains):



19th Annual NGRC 2003 Sacramento, California - 10,000 Gallon Tank car (Vintage, with railing) (USA Trains):



19th Annual NGRC 2003 Sacramento, California - 10,000 Gallon Tank car (Modern, no railing) (USA Trains):



19th Annual NGRC 2003 Sacramento, California - Ore Car with gold load (HLW):



20th Annual NGRC 2004 Denver, Colorado - Single Dome Tank car (Aristocraft):



21st Annual NGRC 2005 Chicago (St. Charles), Illinois - Woodside Reefer (USA Trains):



21st Annual NGRC 2005 Chicago (St. Charles), Illinois - Grey Mack Switcher & Transfer Caboose (HLW):



21st Annual NGRC 2005 Chicago (St. Charles), Illinois – Ore Car (HLW):



22nd Annual NGRC 2006 Santa Clara, California - Cable car, Trolley (AMS):



23rd Annual NGRC 2007 Las Vegas, Nevada - Simulated Steel Box car, Hoover Dam (USA Trains):



24th Annual NGRC 2008 Phoenix (Chandler), Arizona - Black Stock car (AML):



25th Annual NGRC 2009 Denver Colorado - Woodside Reefer, Yardhouse Ale (USA Trains):



26th Annual NGRC 2010 Seattle (Tacoma), Washington - Woodside Reefer - yellow for public (AML):



26th Annual NGRC 2010 Seattle (Tacoma), Washington - Woodside Reefer - blue for staff (AML):



27th Annual NGRC 2011 Kansas City, Kansas - Covered Hopper Milwaukee Road (AML) 27th Annual NGRC 2011 Kansas City, Kansas - Covered Hopper FRISCO (AML) 27th Annual NGRC 2011 Kansas City, Kansas - Covered Hopper MKT (AML):



28th Annual NGRC 2012 Chicago (St. Charles), Illinois - Stock car (Aristocraft):



29th Annual NGRC 2013 Cincinnati, Ohio – Steel Box Car (USA Trains):



30th Annual NGRC 2014 Tampa, Florida

Not made yet

31st Annual NGRC 2015 Denver, Colorado

Not made yet

32nd Annual NGRC 2016 Bay Area, California

Not made yet

As you can see I am just three cars short of a completed list. Most of the listed cars are "THE CAR" that was for sale, to the public, to commemorate the convention. Some of the listed cars were dinner cars, banquet cars, or vendor cars.

If you have a digital picture of a missing car on my list please feel free to send me an jpeg of the car, so I can complete the list. Thank you, I hope you enjoyed.

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