

# On Track with The Columbus Garden Railway Society



December 2024 / updated Jan 2025

# Engineers' note:

## Upcoming Destinations:

Come join us! Get these dates on your calendars. Details on following pages...

### **Next Club meetings 2-4pm**

- Jan. 26 host: Pat Waddell Epworth UMC
- Feb 22 CGRS Members Banquet WHCC
- Mar 30 CGRS outing TV Museum in Hilliard

### **News table meetings 7-8pm ish**

- Feb 13 Richard Abler/ Host Deb Sweet
- Mar 20 Cecil Easterday/

...more events & details read on the website...  
directions shared by D Kruest emails closer to event

[TheCGRS.org](http://TheCGRS.org)

Welcome to a January update to the newsletter. We wanted to follow up with celebrating the end of 2024 and ideas to bring in the new year. We offer our best wishes for 2025!

Happy Railroading,

Tim Dove and Sheila Young



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## Next Club Meeting Leaving the Station...

- Our Conductor: Pat Waddell
- When Sunday January 26, 2025
- Where: 5100 Karl Road  
Columbus, Ohio
- Time : 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Clinic...Installing Lights in Cars





*Engineers of the Month:*  
**Craig & Audrey  
Bigrigg**



Thanks to our latest Hosts in December! The weather was somewhat kind for December!



Part of the CGRS brain trust?

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Continuation of the fun...



## **Our First Christmas Car Design Contest !**

We had Fun and awarded cash prizes!

1<sup>st</sup> place Bev Mann (3) Lighted Manger scene

2<sup>nd</sup> place Tim Dove (2) Santa sleigh with Penguins

3<sup>rd</sup> place Bob Duggan (4) Lighted Packages galore



## Time to Celebrate!

**Feb 22 CGRS Members Banquet 6pm -**

Worthington Hills CC

**Details on Website for dues & dinner** [TheCGRS.org](http://TheCGRS.org)

**The Annual Raffle: Doug Clark** is accepting donations for our raffle at the banquet in February. Please e-mail Doug at [dclar5@me.com](mailto:dclar5@me.com) or text 740-972-0715 and let him know what you're bringing. We raised about \$1200 last year due to the generosity of members!

**Our Speaker: Fred Kerner** Our speaker is a travel consultant for Grandview Travel. He served his country as a journalist for the Navy from 1970- 1993. Fred will be speaking to us about varied rail travel through the US and Europe. He will be answering questions following his presentation.

## The Banquet:



We'll reserve a seat for you!

***News table meetings 7-8pm ish***

We review the efforts of the club and make future plans for the organization.

***Feb 13 Richard Abler/ Host Deb Sweet***

120 E Stafford Ave, Worthington

A greeter will meet you at the entrance

***Mar 20 Cecil Easterday***

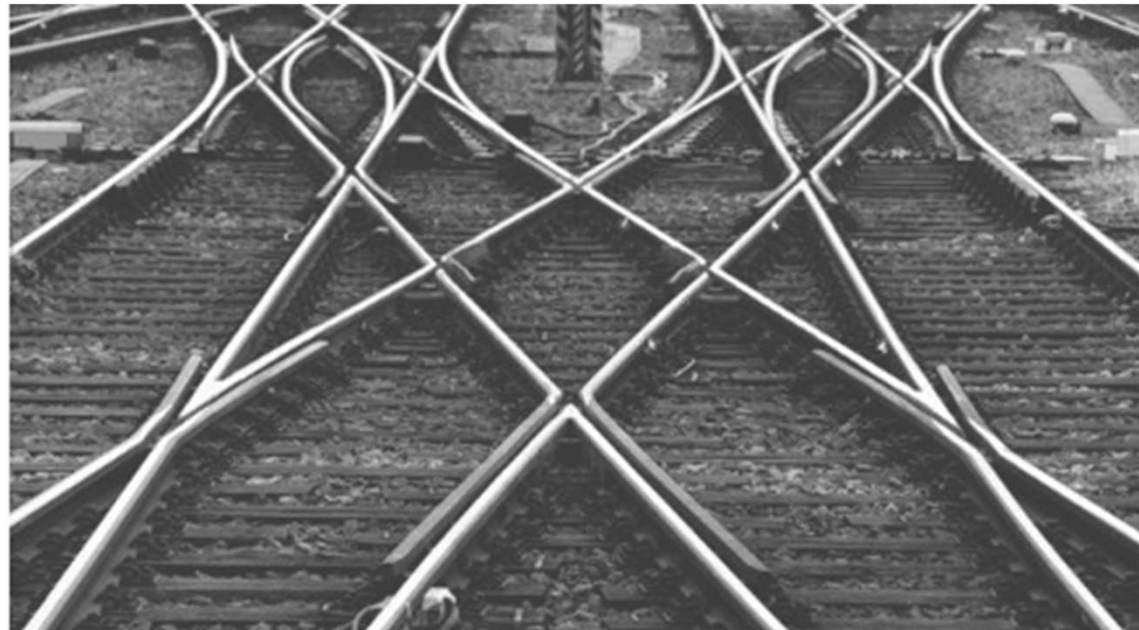
6000 Riverside Dr

Directions to the bistro are coming

...more events & details read on the website

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## News Table Meetings



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## ***CGRS Timetable***

Members! Make sure to pay attention to the CGRS Timetable emails from Doug Kruest!

Doug provides important and timely information for the club and its members throughout the year.



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# The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)...

Oh the weather outside is frightful...

But our trains are still delightful!



Please feel free to share pics of your winter wonderland to [TMDedc@gmail.com](mailto:TMDedc@gmail.com)



# Welcome New Members...

Welcome and Thanks for getting ***On Track*** with The CGRS we are glad that you have decided to join us for the ride and scenic hobby of a lifetime. Please feel free to ask as many questions as you can, add new ideas and information to our group. We would love to know more about you and your interest in garden railways.

Welcome to Our Crew Member:

**Chelsea & Henry Eismon**

Plain City, OH

*Not pictured husband Eddie (yet)*



# Interested in becoming a member?

Get on board with The CGRS. We would love to invite those who have a garden railway, those who would like to learn more about garden railways, those who want to join in this exciting hobby, and those who are just love trains.

We all have family and friends who enjoy our current garden railways! Bring them to a Sunday event and have them learn more and meet others who love this hobby and want others to join in on the fun.



Membership Form & Information

<https://thecgrs.org/membership/>



## ***A friendly reminder to “old” members...***

It's that time of year... time to re-up!  
The Banquet is coming too! The  
form for both are available on the  
website.

Don't miss out on a great time!



Membership Form & Banquet Information

<https://thecgrs.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2025-CGRS-banquet-dues-renewal-form-2b.pdf>

# For Fun... Did you know ???



Those who travel to Central Florida...  
You can use the Amtrak Auto Train  
between Sanford FL. and Lorton VA.  
(basically northern Orlando to  
southern DC areas).

Tim and Lisa Dove will give a report  
back in the next newsletter about  
their experience in Feb 2025.

# Diary of a Beginner's Building of an Outdoor RR

As a beginner Building the outdoor space, I'm sure that you have many questions on how to begin and some of the best ways to start without breaking the bank. The first thing most people see is the price of the trains and the cost of track. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel for those just starting out.

First start by really researching how large a layout you would like to start with. Beginner sets often start out with a circle of track, an engine, a car and some may include the power pack to run the train. You can then add other pieces of track to enlarge your layout.

Some families start out with just an oval in a flower bed.



This is a great way to start with the idea of each chance to increase the size of the plan. Second some hobbyists don't add in scenery they allow the garden to be their scenery then slowly add in buildings, people and other decorations. Next as their railways grow with track many plan increasing layout through the winter months. Finally, the best way to keep the hobby inline with your budget is to shop for items and accessories on a few of the following sites:

- eBay
- Trains.com
- JanesTrains.com
- Facebook Market Place
- Other G scale club website
- And many Hobby stores located near you or even in cities you may be visiting.

This hobby is a great way to begin family traditions and show the creativity of each family member showcasing their favorite things.

## Show N Tell Meeting at Angela & Jeremy Burdge

There were so many wonderful items shared at this meeting.

- Mark shared strategies of how to light a station. He also discussed oils that worked well for metal on metal (Keystone it costs about \$20.00), Clock oil #859 for plastic & metal \$75.00, & Pico Conductive paste.
- Tim and Lisa shared building memories with their granddaughter build a flat bed car into a LEGO car creating their own building. Tim also shared Deb Sweet's Corrugated roof building press this can be barrowed by any member when needed.
- Eric shared ways to light cars and build your own electric boards to control lighting.



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- Kent discussed his ability to create people on his 3-D printer. Please speak with Kent for information about his printer and his many capabilities with it. Kent also discussed the abilities of RailPro as a follow up to Jed's demonstration with his engine.
- The club members also have available for use of the rail bender Bob Duggen can give you the information as to how to borrow it from the Club.
- Janet was kind enough to share a beautiful Ohio State box car that was from Rail King as well as a 30 year old Lionel train.
- Tom discussed Couplers  
[www.campacbox.com](http://www.campacbox.com)



# Thank you!...

For the 3rd straight year the *Madeline Apple Garden Railway* was open the first 3 Thursdays of December (5th, 12th, 19th) from 5:30 to 7:30. It was another year of the *Christmas Train and Light Spectacular!*

Families, friends and neighbors stopped by the backyard and enjoyed the lights, trains, hot chocolate, candy canes and the Christmas spirit. 🎄

Thank you to the Bush family for sharing the your efforts and pictures from the experience...another great example of sharing the hobby.



# Around town The Columbus Main Library Display!

Another amazing display at the Columbus Main Library downtown! For those who didn't make it this year...



Photo credit ... Dave Bush

# A Day trips and weekends from Central Ohio

## The Great Train Store

(Located in: [Crouse Mills True Value Store](#)... yes quirky but more than you think)

11788 Market St, **North Lima**, OH 44452

(330) 549-2143

## Junction Hobbies

EnterTRAINment Junction...

closing Jan 5 call for details

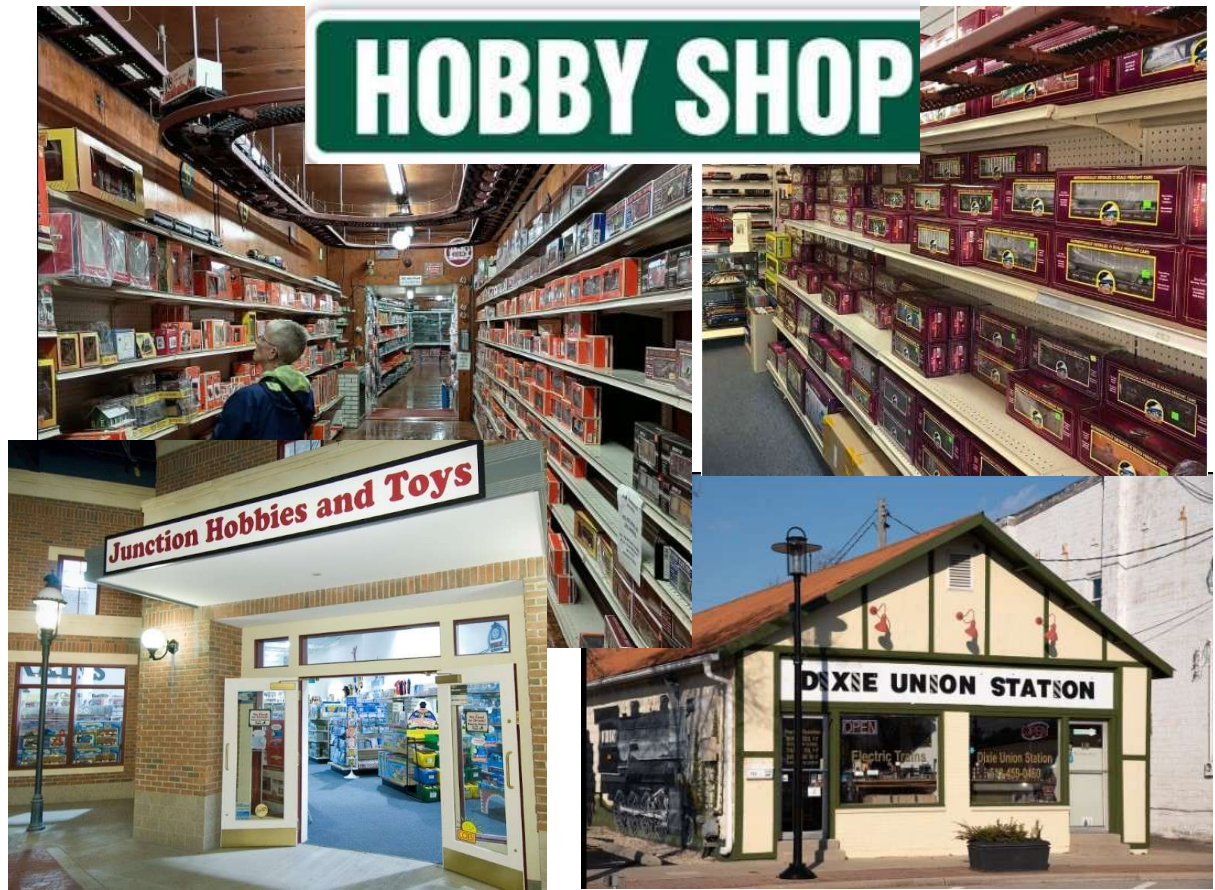
7379 Squire Ct, **West Chester** Township, OH 45069

(513) 898-8078

## Dixie Union Station

110 W. Main Street , Mason OH 45040

(513) 459-0460



# National Garden Railway Convention

June 18 – 22, 2025 Sacramento, CA at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center

The NGRC 2025.org website will begin offering early bird ticket bundles until March 31, 2025

Various Tabs

FAQs providing dates and times

Basic Registration will include:

Layout of location

clinics

vendor hall admission



Ticket Bundles included: Basic Registration, banquet, ice cream social, a parking pass for Banquet and a convention car.

Convention AML 6P60 locomotive will be offered.

Please see the website for complete details. [NGRC2025.org](http://NGRC2025.org)

Put it on your calendar!

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# CGRS merchandise...

The CGRS Depot Store:

- Crew neck sweatshirts - XSmall to 4Xlarge - \$25.00 to \$27.00
- Golf shirts S to 3XL - \$28.00 to \$42.00
- Golf Shirts WITH pocket - same sizes as golf shirts without pockets - \$37.00 to \$45.00
- Jackets with hood - S to 3XL - \$62.00
- Hats - baseball type \$18.00 please choose color - Khaki, green, black, white.
- PLEASE NOTE: ALL golf shirts are ordered without a pocket unless a pocket is requested. **Bob Collins** is our Conductor for all wearable merchandise. Any questions, please contact him at 614-975-5753.

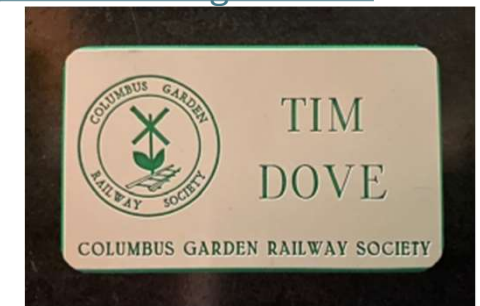


Name Tags with Magnet fastener \$6 each

Bag Tags with loop \$8 each

## Order forms

<https://thecgrs.org/members/cgrs-store/>



# About us

## Contacts

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**Jed Hacker**
- *Traveling / Display Layout*  
**Doug Kruest**
  - *Meeting hosts*  
**Dave Bush**
- *Principal Business Contact*  
**Bill Logan**
  - *Bills and Invoices*  
**Lisa Dove**



### *The Coal Hopper:* (Suggestion Box)

Where everyone can add their fuel to the fire of our hobby...

Suggestions, comments and creative ideas for upcoming events, news table meeting agenda items, possible new event ideas, information etc. are welcomed here. For CGRS to stay on track your input is important to us.

Send your ideas **Contact Us** (bottom of [TheCGRS.org](http://TheCGRS.org) page)

Select **Newsletter** Sheila Young & Tim Dove

Start message with "Coal" or "Idea"...

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*ON TRACK* is intended as a medium in which to share the news and views of the Columbus Garden Railway Society members.

CGRS is an informal group which meets monthly or so to share a common interest in garden railroading and to socialize.

Membership is open to all interested persons. All articles in this newsletter are provided by our members unless otherwise noted.

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