

# On Track with The Columbus Garden Railway Society



February 2025

# Engineers' note:

## Upcoming Destinations:

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

### Next Club meetings 2-4pm

Mar 30 Club Work @ Ascension Church, Morse Rd  
 April 27 Spangler's (Mt Sterling)

### News table meetings 7-8pm ish

Mar 20 Cecil Easterday  
 Apr 17 Alvin & Bev Mann  
 May 15 Sheila Young

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

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

Happy February! We hope that everyone has had a wonderful beginning to 2025. We are glad to be creating this month's newsletter and bring information about our wonderful hobby.



We know that many of our members are working diligently on plans for their outdoor layouts, such as new plantings, changes in the layout, and adding new rolling stock. We are all patiently awaiting spring and the time to begin viewing each others outdoor layouts in the sunshine.

Happy Railroading,

Sheila Young and Tim Dove



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## Time to Celebrate!

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

Worthington Hills CC

**For Final Details for those who are coming**  
[TheCGRS.org](http://TheCGRS.org)

**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 Annual Raffle: Thank you Doug & Ginny Clark** for coordinating! We raised about \$1200 last year due to the generosity of members! Bring your cash for this year's treasures.

**A Club Survey will be a part of the evening to gain input for next year's efforts.**

## The Banquet:



# CGRS Makes a return to Oakland Park Nursery!

## Spring Fling festival this year!

Those interested in helping set up, run trains and/or tear down, can join us!

Two weekends! Set up each Friday @2:30

March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, and

March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Trains run from Noon to 4pm.

Volunteer for 2 hour shifts or  
for the afternoon.

**Info & Sign up at Banquet or call/email/ text Bob Duggan**

[deisel45@hotmail.com](mailto:deisel45@hotmail.com) 614-975-4257



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*Engineer of the Month:*  
**Pat Waddell**

Thanks to our latest Host in January! A lot of good information was shared!



*Engineer of the Month:*  
**Pat Waddell**  
Continuation of the fun.



We'll reserve a seat for you!

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

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

**Mar 20 Cecil Easterday**

6000 Riverside Dr, Dublin

Directions to the bistro are coming

**Apr 17 Alvin & Bev Mann**

5497 Crawford Drive, Columbus

**May 15 Barry & Sheila Young**

Worthington office 150 East Wilson Bridge Rd

Cascade II lower level

...more events & details read on the website

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## News Table Meetings



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## The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)...

I think we can all agree that we've had a rough winter, and while we are not yet out of the gray haven, there is the promise of Spring. We can always depend upon the grand design of the universe: The Earth will continue to orbit around the Sun and maintain its tilted wobble. For us that means, we are coming out of the darker season, and moving, gradually to more light during the day.

*“Hope Springs Eternal in the Human Breast ...” Alexander Pope, 1733 An Essay on Man*

That being said, it is time to shake off the blues and look forward. The irony that I am writing this in the middle of a Winter Weather Advisory, and ice is forming on my bird feeders, is not lost on me.



## The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

While you are perusing your seed catalogs, or heading to the garden store, it's important to know some key vocabulary. Examples are shown in parenthesis:

- **Variety:** A naturally occurring change in a specific species of a plant.
- **Hybrid** - A hybrid plant results from *cross-pollinating* two distinct varieties within the same species to produce desired traits from each parent plant, such as disease resistance or improved yield. Many hybrids are sterile, meaning they cannot produce viable seeds and may require propagation by other methods. (Broccolini – Hybrid of Broccoli and Chinese Kale)
- **Cultivar:** The term is short for Cultivated Variety. A chosen result of the Hybrid process, for its specific characteristic, which can be maintained via propagation, in most cases: cloning, grafting, or tissue culture. This maintains the consistent characteristic of the plant. Look for a (™) or registered symbol (®). (Carrot: 24 Karat – Ferry-Morse Seed Co)

The last two can be a bit confusing, but it's easier to remember that a Cultivar is a direct result of cross pollination of two sources. It must be done via Human intervention and design (no bees involved).

Next Month – More terms, but thankfully no quiz! If you are curious about anything related to gardens, let me know – I'll add it to the next month article. – Lisa Dove (forestparkgardener@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 Members:

**Joe Stein & Amanda Schleich**

(photobombed by their dog Shiloh)

Powell, OH



# 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/>



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



## ... Club members' adventure

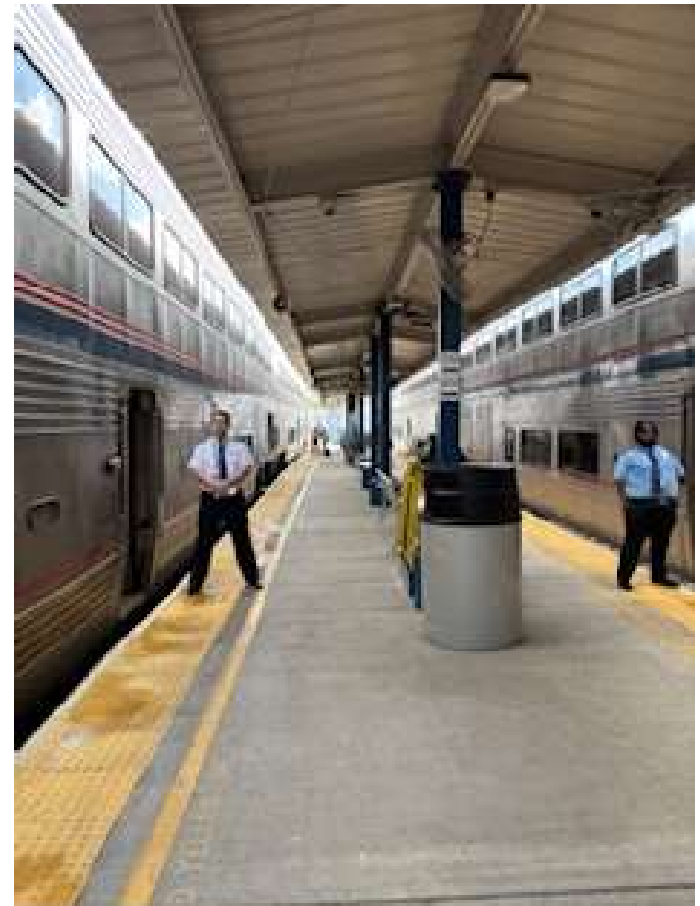
Those who travel to Central Florida...

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

We enjoy driving down to central Florida and meandering a bit. However, to get home, it was nice to jump on the Auto Train for 900 miles of the journey. Just a 6.5 hour drive and you're home in Cbus.

The highlights are shared on the follow pages. Maybe a program idea for a future club meeting ;) More info from Tim & Lisa Dove.

# Auto Train... leave 4pm/ arrive 8:30am

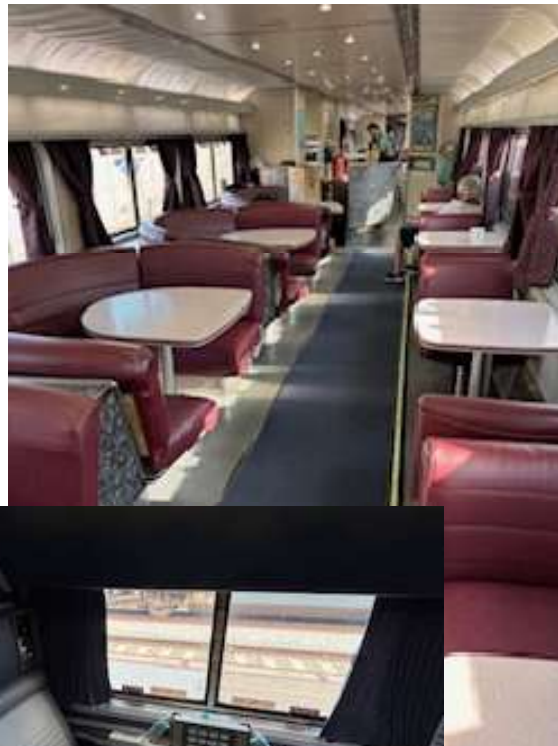


Check in was quick and easy.

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



Nice Roomette for 2 & fun club car.



The food and service was good!

## In The Gardens... Ever consider sound systems for your outdoor layout?!!!

- Many of us have added sound to our engines, rolling stock and crossings. While working on ideas for our outdoor train layout have you considered being able to add sound and music while enjoying the outdoor layout? Why not have the speakers hidden in the scenery and along your pathways.
- Theater Solutions offers the 6R6G Outdoor Granite 6.5 inch Speaker set of six. One source is Walmart or Amazon for \$279.99.



Another option is TIC GS5-5" Compact Outdoor Weather-Resistant Omnidirectional In-Ground Speakers (Pair) It is available on Amazon for \$114.99 for a pair of 5" speakers.



# National Garden Railway Convention... Set your Calendar

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](https://www.ngrc2025.org)

Share with the club if you're going.

# Reminders... Our Club Meetings:

## Upcoming Destinations:

Come join us! 2-4pm

**Mar 30** Deb Sweet @Ascension Lutheran Church

1479 Morse Rd Columbus

Program: CGRS Train Layout/Display...  
a training session

**April 27th:** Spangler's (Mt Sterling)  
Clinic idea needed

...more events & details read on the website

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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.

Latest Shared... a Minnesota Workshop Doc...Membership has its privileges ;)



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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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### *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"...

# This Issue: February 2025

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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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