

On Track with The Columbus Garden Railway Society



June 2025

Engineer's note:

Upcoming Destinations:

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

Next Club meetings 2-4pm

June 29 Gary Buchannan Lancaster

July 27 Paul Jackson Reynoldsburg

Aug 31 Alvin Mann Columbus



News table meetings 7-8pm ish

July 17 Cecil Easterday Dublin

Aug 21 Paul & Dana Minot Delaware

Sep 18 Mary Ricci Westerville

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

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Hello Everyone,

We cannot believe it is June already! Many CGRS members are on the move with summer trips, escaping the heat in Ohio! Isn't it always fun dealing with track expansion issues and keeping our plantings happy?

In this issue: Highlights from our May meeting,

A trip to East Broad Top,

A trip to the Dayton Rail Fest,

Gardening information,

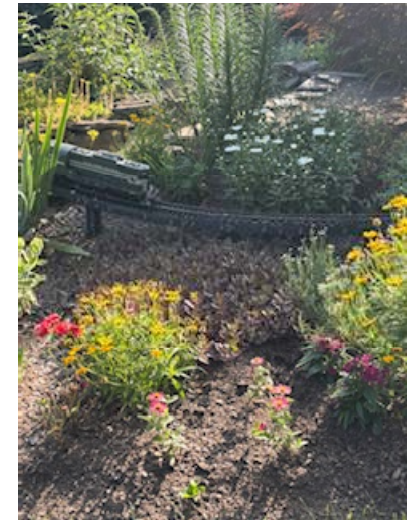
The latest possible trips information,

Upcoming events, and the regular contact,

Membership & Merchandise info.

Enjoy your summer and your Garden Railways.

Tim Dove



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Thank you, Doug & Ginny Clark for hosting our May meeting!



Some highlights...



Doug & Ginny give away ...



During the May meeting Doug asked who drove the furthest to the meeting. Gary Schneider drove from Strasburg, Ohio, approximately one hour and 50 minutes.

Doug presented Gary with a gift, which was a farm tractor. Gary has recently joined the club and has not missed a meeting. We all had a great time. I hope you can join us at the next meeting.

Mark Bartel

Directions to our next Destination

Next Club Meeting

Leaving the Station...

The home and garden railway of Gary Buchannan

- When: Sunday Jun 29, 2025
- Where: 4680 Lancaster-Kirkersville Rd NW Lancaster , Ohio
- Time : 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Bring a chair...
- Program: Show and Tell

Club Building Refurbish Efforts



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A Friendly Reminder... our *CGRS* Building adoptions

Over time, many of our layout buildings need a refresh and some love. Our club buildings are no different. At our club meeting on March 30th members “adopted” a structure from the club.

Refresh it up to your standards. Have fun but some considerations...

- 1 It must remain self contained**
- 2 You will return to the club for use at the June 29th club meeting
(or make other arrangements if you cannot make that meeting)**
- 3 Make sure it has a box to protect and be able to pack it with
others (some already have boxes)**

***Examples of *before and after* work from Bev Mann along with
Painting & Glueing tips were in our April newsletter.



Bev & Alvin Mann revisit East Broad Top!



On June 13, 2025, our family arrived at the Iron Rail bed and breakfast to experience the East Broad Top Railroad in Rockhill Furnace, PA firsthand. The house was built for the EBT's superintendent in the 1880's. It sets directly across the street from the EBTRR roundhouse and complete complex.

<https://eastbroadtop.com/> for information

Visit to East Broad Top (cont.)



After breakfast we boarded the first train ride of the day. It was pulled by a vintage diesel instead of the steam loco we were hoping for. The EBT has 6 steam locomotives in its round house but only #16 is in running order.

Unfortunately, it was down for minor repairs. Also, this early in the season, ridership is lower at most steam railroads. Diesels are much cheaper to operate than steam so to economize steam is not used until later in the season. It was about a half an hour out to the Colgate picnic grounds where a “Y” was used to turn the train around.

The grounds are used for special events. Anyone can take an early train, get off for a picnic and return on a later train.

Visit to East Broad Top (cont.)

Next, we did a walking tour of the complex including roundhouse, turntable, supply buildings, blacksmith shop, carriage shops and complete machine shop. The machine shop alone is worth the whole tour. It is recognized as the most complete preserved, working set of belt driven machines in the country by the Smithsonian.



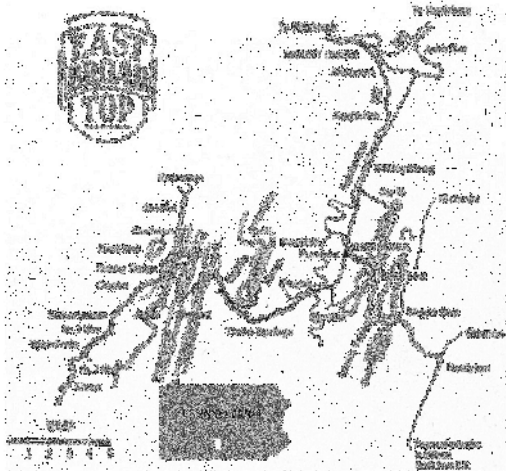
The complex was untouched until a scraper bought it and opened the roundhouse to find 6 complete locomotives just as they were left 5 years before. Having played with trains as a child, he could not bring himself to scrap those locos. In 1960 The town celebrated it's bi-centennial and asked if 1 of the locos could be displayed. The owner did one better and rehabbed 2 of the engines for short train rides and thus the tourist railroad was born.



Visit to East Broad Top (cont.)



As a bonus, there is a trolley museum that offers rides on a different set of tracks. All of the equipment we rode has been beautifully restored to like new condition. Slowly the Friends of the EBT are restoring each of the buildings and they are working with EBT to extend the tracks to Saltillo and rebuild the station there.



There are other sights to see involving the East Broad Top Railroad from Mt. Union, the original start of the railroad. It continues to Robertsedale where railbikes and speeders are used.

Unfortunately, these attractions are only open on Saturday and that's when we were on the train. Looks like we will have to plan another trip soon.

- Alvin Mann

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Jed & Michelle Hacker enjoy the CARILLON Park Rail Festival!



On board the new 3' gauge train.

Not only is this a great historical museum and the train displays were great. Once you add a Rail Festival to all this... there is a spectacular event!

I saw some familiar faces from CGRS, the Miami Valley and the Greater Cincinnati train club in attendance.

The newest train is a mile-long. The 3' narrow gauge rail network is equipped with a replica 1851 locomotive capable of carrying 120 guests on a narrated circle tour of Carillon Historical Park's exhibit buildings.

The Carillion Park Rail Festival (cont)...



The 7-1/2" gauge train club were also taking guests on a tours around the grounds.



Many train vendors were on site and spread around the grounds. There were also countless model railroading clubs of all gauges running their trains in different buildings throughout the facility.

- Jed Hacker

The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)...



The term “Curb Appeal” normally refers to the landscaping in the front of your house. However, at this time, your garden railroad should also be receiving some attention.

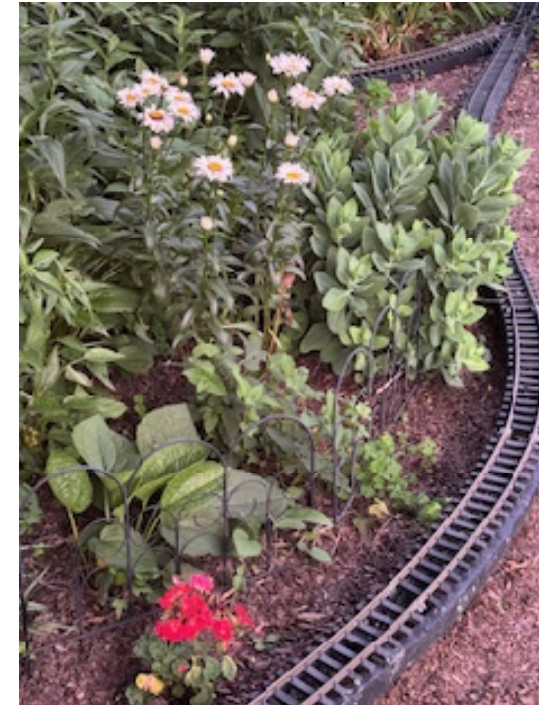
If you have recently planted new miniature shrubs/plants this spring, now is the time to set up a watering schedule. It is important to water these plants deeply (down by the roots) for at least 2 minutes. In the heat of the summer, the best time for watering is early morning. Watering in the evening, can lead to fungus, and powdery mildew.



The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

Don't be surprised if your plants "wilt" in the afternoon heat. The plants will shut down their processing during the heat of the day and will not take up water from the roots. This is called loss of Turgidity. The plant cells will lose their water pressure, and the plant stem and leaves will droop.

Take heart! Once the evening sun is lower in the horizon (or in Ohio, the clouds move in), the plant should recover.



The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

A common plant that we all have on our layouts are low growing sedum. By now, most of them have flowered, and begin to spread. Trimming it away from the track (and picking it out of the ties) is now a necessary task. If you have too much, consider cutting some out and putting them in a paper cup. Remember we have a swap meet in August, and you might get some takers! - Lisa Dove



The Latest from our Information Meeting about possible trips..

Twenty CGRS members met Sunday, June 22 and this is where we are...

Fred Kerner from Grandview Travel and Jeff Farkas, a representative from Rocky Mountaineer Luxury Train company presented a program on "The First Passage to the West," with Rocky Mountaineer. This exciting journey will travel through the majestic Canadian Rockies from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Calgary, Alberta, Canada. We reviewed 4 other trips as well.

The group has ok'd a trip for late May/ early June 2026.

The basic itinerary will be discussed and an opportunity for those interested can sign up so we can get more detailed pricing. More will be shared at the upcoming CGRS meeting this Sun, June 29.

Those seriously interested in more information, **Deb Sweet** is the club's contact for this moving forward. dcordrey@sbcglobal.net

- More information on this journey can be found at <http://www.rockymountaineer.com>.



FYI.. This not a club sponsored trip. It is a trip CGRS members are attending.

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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.

July 17 Cecil Easterday

6000 Riverside Drive, Dublin

Aug 21 Paul & Dana Minot

771 Rutherford Ct., Delaware

Sep 18 Mary & Tom Ricci

6039 Poplar Ridge Drive, Westerville

...more events & details read on the website

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News Table Meetings

Please join us for Our Club News Table on July 17th hosted by Cecil Easterday. Your time and talent is a big part of our club. We would enjoy you help in guiding the different aspects of our organization along with your ideas and creative suggestions in railroading.



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More Fun for this summer...

A Day trip from Central Ohio

The Zanesville and Western Scenic Railroad provides a tourist destination in Southeast Ohio, offering passenger train excursions on an exceptionally scenic and historic rail line known as the Glass Rock Spur.

Details Found
<https://zwsr.org/>



Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Robbery
 Train fun: Train Departs from Nelsonville,
 Ohio at 6pm

July 12th & 26th
 August 9th & 30th

Pricing \$25 Adults
 \$21 Children 3-12
 \$23 Senior/Military
 \$19 Wheelchair Ticket

<https://www.hvsry.org/train-rides/ohios-friendliest-train-robbery/>



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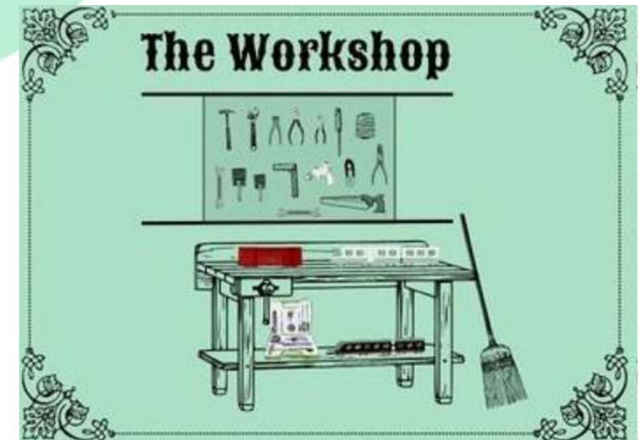
from Sue Elliott 6/14...

<https://mgrs.org/newsletters>

You can sign up as well...

The Minnesota G Scale Railway
Society sends out great info!
Check out the latest (and archived)
Workshop & Train Station
Newsletters! New this month...

At MGRS.org Issue 21 / Workshop Vol 31



Beginners (& Vet) Help Page... From our MGRS friends

Highlights from MGRS Workshop Vol. 31

**Americanizing a Roundhouse Engineering Jennie*

**New Idea for Replacing Aristocraft Headlights*

**Cheap & Simple Park Benches*

**Log Cars from Down Under*

** What Do You Do With A Rough Looking Basket Case Loco?*

Thanks to contributions from: Ben Hedberg,
Duke Snyder and Lawrence Ginnow



If interested, navigation

MGRS.org click on workshop
archives... then scroll to bottom for
“MGRS Workshop Volume 31.pdf”



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... June 21 about the CGRS Trip possibilities mtg . 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/>



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

Content, 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. Please share photos and a short narrative to be shared with our members and beyond.

Send your ideas **and content to TMDedc@gmail.com**

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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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Any articles for the July issue are due to TMDedc@gmail.com by July 15.

