

On Track with The Columbus Garden Railway Society



September 2025

Engineer's note:

Upcoming Destinations:

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

Next Club meetings 2-4pm

- Sep 28 Robert & Eileen Brenner, Sunbury
- Oct 16 Brian Satin, Columbus
- Nov 30 Angela Burdge, Hilliard

News table meetings 7-8pm ish

- Oct 16 Brian Santin, Columbus
- Nov 20 Gail Klink, Buckeye Lake
- Dec 18 Alvin & Bev Mann, Columbus



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

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Hello Everyone,

And now a dry September in Ohio! The grass is now 'crunchy' and/or dormant and the trains keep running. CGRS members are still on the move and taking advantage seeing new rail experiences. *On Track* continues to inform and share our adventures!

In this issue:

Highlights from our August Swap Meet,
& Open House 2025,

Upcoming events, visits by members,

Riding the Rails with members,

Gardening information,

and the regular contact, Membership & Merchandise info.



Continue to enjoy what is left of the summer and the beginning of our fall along with your Garden Railways, Tim Dove

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Thank you, Alvin & Bev Mann for hosting our August Swap meet!



Some highlights...



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... folks found some great deals to expand their railroads!



And it is always wonderful to see the Mann's back yard!

Leaving the Station...

The Next Club Meeting is our CGRS Pot Luck

Directions to our next Destination

The home and garden

railway of Robert & Eileen Brenner

- When: Sunday Sep 28, 2025
- Where: 1300 N 3Bs & K Road Sunbury, Ohio
- Time : 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Bring a chair...
and a dish/plate of yummys to share



The Annual CGRS Open House

September 2025 “in the books”

A beautiful day! A lot of visitors... bus loads to a few. Once again, the CGRS put its best foot forward to the delight of young and old.



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The Annual CGRS Open House

September 2025 “in the books”

We met new neighbors, community members and those who visited from out of town.



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The Annual CGRS Open House

September 2025 “in the books”

Some new additions to our viewing and some refreshed veteran railroads.



A big thank-you to Deb Sweet for organizing and promoting this year's event!

The Zanesville & Western RR...

a Gail Klink & Barbara Hupman adventure.

By Gail Klink The Zanesville & Western Railroad has two antique cars, open-air and enclosed. The enclosed car had carried troops cross country at the end of WWII, and it looked it. Last year, they had a passenger who had ridden in that exact car coming home from WWII. His daughter had ridden on it, and when he saw her pictures with the number on the outside of the car, he knew it was the car that had brought him home. Of course, she brought him back to ride on it.

They served five different Ohio wines and endless charcuterie during the two-hour trip. We got to keep our glasses. Fellow CGRS member Barbara Hupman went with me. She didn't want her glass, so I have a pair!



The Zanesville & Western RR... cont.

I started out in the enclosed car, but it was too hot, so I moved to the outside car. The engine was actually a switcher, and since the route was quite short, the train moved back and forth.

While the scenery was not very interesting, the staff was. The train is privately owned by two men--the engineer and the outdoor wine host. Bill, the wine host, told us about purchasing and moving cars. Evidently, moving costs more than purchasing! The rail line it runs on originally was to carry coal.



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The Zanesville & Western RR... cont.

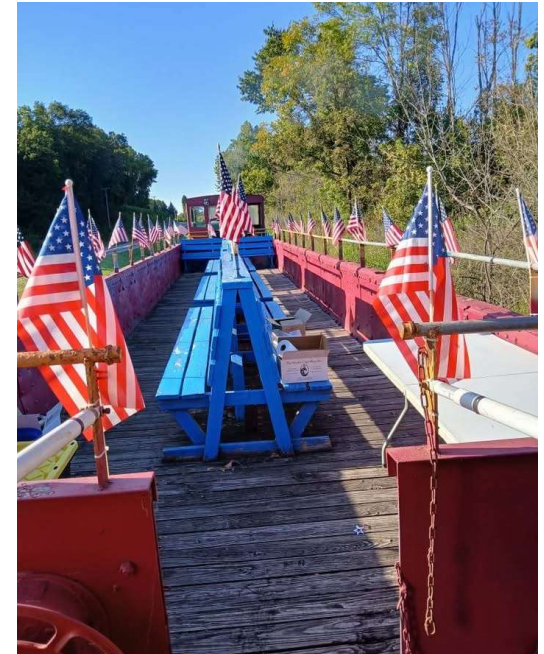
Bill was impressed to learn that I had visited the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugarcreek before it became a museum and commercialized. He said nobody was ever allowed in before. I told him about our club and our first visit when Jerry Joe Jacobson was still alive.

They run other events as well. Upcoming trips include a pumpkin run, a Christmas train, and a hobo camp. These trips are suitable for children. Our trip was not!

The Zanesville & Western "station" is in Mt. Perry, OH, less than an hour from Columbus.



<http://www.ZWRS.org>



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We'll reserve a seat for you!

News table meetings 7 until 8pm ish

Oct 16 Brian & Crystal Santin

578 South Fifth St, Columbus

Nov 20 Gail Klink

4401 Hunts Landing Rd #201, Hebron

Dec 18 Alvin & Bev Mann

5497 Crawford Dr, Columbus

...more events & details read on the website

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News Table Meetings

Please join us for Our Club News Table on Oct 16th hosted by Brian & Crystal Santin. Your time and talent is a big part of our club's success. We would enjoy your help in guiding the different aspects of our organization along with your ideas and creative suggestions in railroading and gardening.



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Plain City Event

By Jed Hacker The Buckeye TTOS Model & Toy Train Show was held on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 10 AM to 3 PM at Der Dutchman, 445 S. Jefferson Ave.

Jed Hacker and Bill Logan represented CGRS at the event.

It was a perfect event for train enthusiasts and families alike!



BUCKEYE DIVISION TOY TRAIN OPERATING SOCIETY PRESENTS

TRAIN SHOW

SATURDAY
SEPT 13TH, 2025
10AM TO 3PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

DER DUTCHMAN
445 S JEFFERSON AVE PLAIN CITY, OHIO

SHOW FEATURES

DOOR PRIZE EVERY HOUR • TABLES OF TRAINS & MORE FOR SALE
OPERATING MODEL TRAIN DISPLAYS • FREE TEST TRACK AVAILABLE
ADMISSION \$6 PER PERSON (CHILDREN 15 & UNDER FREE)
DER DUTCHMAN RECEIPT DATED DAY OF SHOW GOOD FOR \$1 OFF TICKET PRICE

VENDOR INFORMATION: \$20 PER TABLE (\$30 IF RESERVED AFTER 8/13/25)
TO RESERVE SEND REQUEST WITH INFO BELOW AND CHECK PAYABLE TO:
BUCKEYE DIVISION TTOS

C/O PAUL TINKER, 13760 TAYLOR ROAD, PLAIN CITY, OH 43064



The Latest: current info regarding a Canadian Rail experience



We have twenty-two Members & Friends who are signed up for this event! **Others may still join.** We can have up to 30 people in our group. Unfortunately, the “early bird” special is no longer available.

We are crossing the Canadian Rockies on “The Rocky Mountaineer”. The dates are set for May 9 -15, 2026. This exciting journey will travel through the majestic Canadian Rockies from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Calgary, Alberta. We will be travelling as Gold Superior guests. This higher-level package includes a guided trip, most meals, upper-level hotels and transportation from the train to the hotels.

At this time all questions should be addressed to Fred Kerner.
fkerner@grandviewtravel.com 614-486-1943

More information on this journey of "The First Passage to the West," can be found at <http://www.rockymountaineer.com>.

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

A Rail Adventure part 1... a Mary & Tom Ricci excursion.

by Mary Ricci OMG! OMG! Did we do good! Well, the starting out at 3:30 in the morning at Toledo may not be so great, but adding in the Buffalo and Erie County Naval Museum was definitely a good thing to do! Some great ships were there, including "The Sullivans", the first ship named for multiple people in WWII. Good food at the attached restaurant, too!

We will be following the Ricci's experience in parts through future newsletters.



Before we got on the Canadian (Via 001), we were impressed. I didn't realize we were in "Prestige" class until we went through a waiting lounge into a fancier waiting lounge with a really nice continental breakfast.

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We were then escorted like those little kids you see in a line out to our cars at the VERY end of a VERY long train. But the walk was worth it! Our room, though small, was luxurious. Leather couches, tiny bathroom WITH shower (also tiny), and a "cooler". After we unpacked what we needed from our bags, there was a gathering in the Park car. Full open bar (they have Ice Wine!) and more couches, tables and chairs. We had a mimosa. The dome car above is reserved just for Prestige class, too.

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Lunch was great, even with my dietary restrictions, but we were very surprised when they tapped on our door at 3:30 and delivered a charcuterie plate including gluten free crackers!

By dinner time, we had made some friends who sat with us and we had been meeting people left and right. They pulled down the bed while we were at dinner and it is a good thing that both Tom and I are short! Note chocolate on pillow. I slept well with the train rocking.



Save the date – CGRS Banquet information!



- Our banquet will be held on **Saturday, February 28th** at the **Worthington Country Club**.
- Our Guest Speaker this year will be from the **East Broad Top Railroad!**
- Future newsletters will contain more information. **Stay Tuned!**



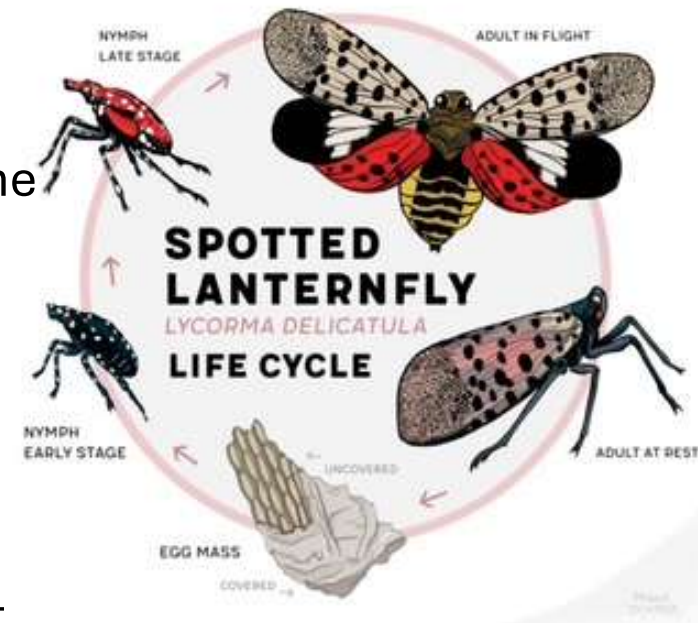
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The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)...

By Lisa Dove To continue with our “bee” theme this fall, I would like to call attention to the recent imported villain, the **Spotted Lantern Fly** (*Lycorma delicatula*).

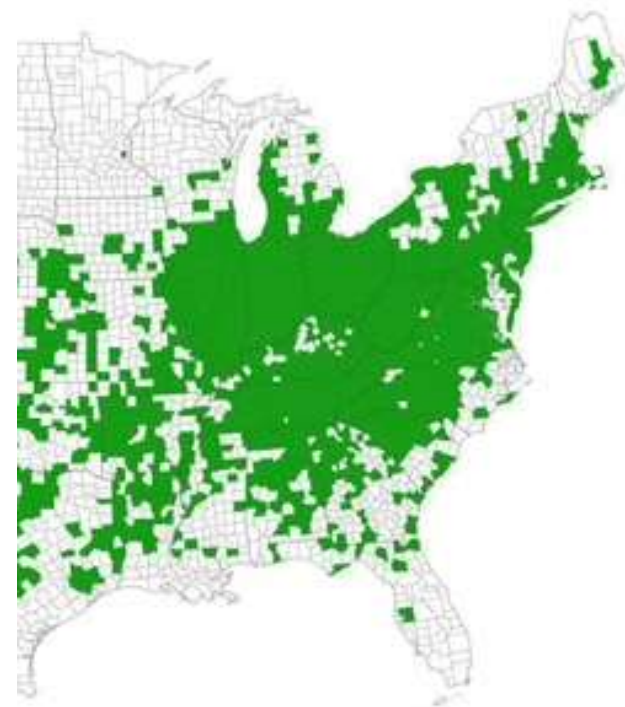
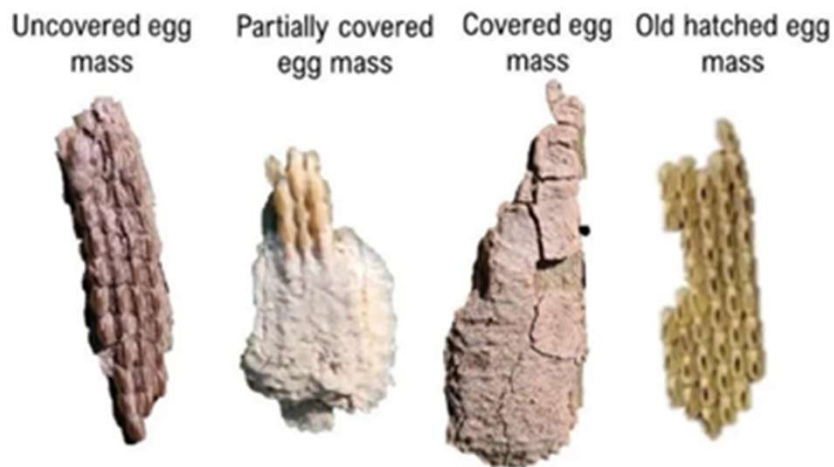
This beautiful, but destructive moth comes to us from Asia. Its preferred host is tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), which is itself an invasive plant, that looks like a Sumac.

The Lantern fly however, now feeds on a wide range of plants, including grapevines, hops, stone fruit trees, and hardwood trees. When the Spotted Lantern Fly feeds, it excretes a sticky, sugary fluid (honeydew) that promotes sooty mold growth, which can further damage plants and make them susceptible to disease.



The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

For Model Railroaders, the concern is really in the egg masses that are placed by the adult moths. It looks like a small “stucco” patch on tree trunks, your train buildings, planters, and any smooth surfaces they can find. Especially on older trees that have lichen already present, they can be a challenge to find.



Where currently found...

The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

What can we do?

If you see the adult moths – squash ‘em. While we were in DC, people were stomping them everywhere, waiting for the Metro! They are doing their part to save the Cherry trees around the Tidal Pool...

If you find egg masses, squash them and scrape them into a plastic zippered bag filled with hand sanitizer or rubbing alcohol to kill them. **DO NOT USE ANY INSECTICIDE.** You don't want to get rid of any beneficial insects that are innocent bystanders.

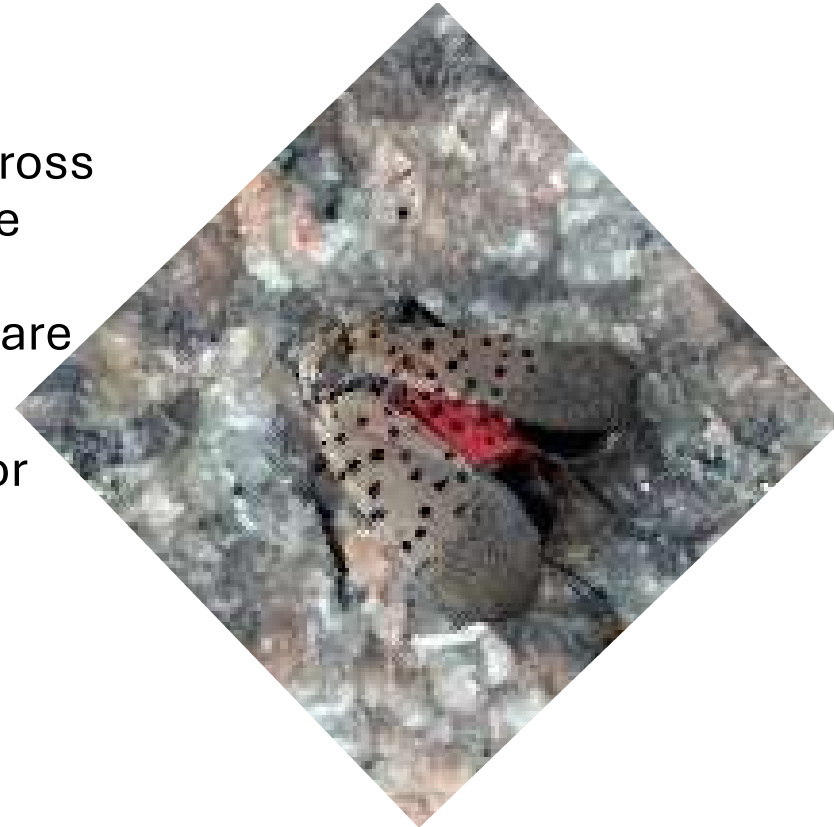


The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

The Silver Lining...

Nature is a funny thing; there is always something positive that can come from chaos. Beekeepers across the 19 states affected by the Spotted Lantern Fly are noticing that Honeybees are actually collecting the sticky residue and creating honey, which scientists are now studying for medicinal properties.

Beekeepers see this as a late season food source for their hives, which could assist in the Honeybee population rebound.



Mark & Sheree Bartel stop in Lebanon, OH!



By Mark Bartel On the way to Cincinnati to celebrate Sheree's birthday I saw this army medical/ kitchen railroad car. My father during WW2, was a cook, for the tank infantry. I was told he worked on a car like this, so, I stopped and took these pictures. This railroad car was located in Lebanon, Ohio.

While traveling, I am always looking for trains and train stations. Who knows what I might see next!



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Welcome to our New Members this month from Columbus !

Bret & Bev Newman // Adam Plank & Alex Drummer

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.

Come to a Sunday event. Learn more about the hobby and meet others.



Membership Form & Information

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

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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. Recheck those in boxes!

This month Doug shared...

Sep 1 Buildings left at Mann's home

Sep 5 Brenner's Charity Event

Sep 15 Wells Open House & MVGRS info

Sep 16 Canadian Train Trip Meeting Info



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. Current examples and ordering will also be available for review and purchase at a later meeting.

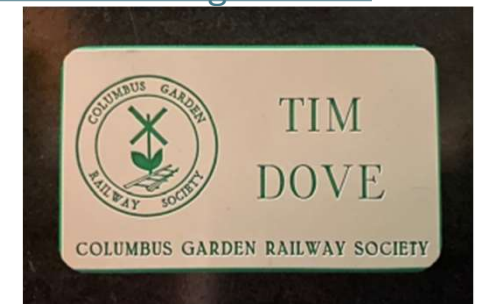


Name Tags with Magnet fastener \$6 each

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 Oct issue are due to TMDedc@gmail.com by Oct 15.

