

On Track with The Columbus Garden Railway Society



October 2025

Engineer's note:

Upcoming Destinations:

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

Next Club meetings 2-4pm

Oct 26 Brian & Crystal Santin, Columbus

Nov 30 Angela Burdge, Hilliard

Dec 28 Sheila & Barry Young, Fredericktown

News table meetings 7-8pm ish

Nov 20 Gail Klink, Buckeye Lake

Dec 18 Alvin & Bev Mann, Columbus

Jan 16 OPEN (volunteers?)



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

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Hello Everyone,

Time to feel the chill in the air! Halloween 'train runs' are upon us. This also seems to be the time of year we have more train show opportunities with the holidays approaching. CGRS members continue to be on the move and taking advantage of new rail experiences. *On Track* continues to inform and share our adventures!

In this issue:

Highlights from our September Pot-Luck,

Upcoming events, visits by members,

Riding the Rails with members,

Gardening information,

and the regular contact, Membership & Merchandise info.



Continue to enjoy the beginning of our fall and our Garden Railways,

Tim Dove

Thank you, Robert & Eileen Brenner for hosting our September Pot-Luck!



Some highlights...

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... always a thrill to ride the trestle !



Great food and great company!

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Another beautiful day for trains and club members!



Leaving the Station...

The Next Club Meeting

Our next Destination

The home and garden railway
of Briane & Crystal Santin

- When: Sunday Oct 26, 2025
- Where: 578 South Fifth St, Columbus, Ohio
- Time : 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- Program: Redesign and Building Home/Bus
- A shoeless home... wear your festive socks ;)



Discover the goat!



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Train Shows / Events coming up...

*Dayton Train Show Nov 1-2

Iron & Steel Autumn Show Nov 8 (Youngstown)

**TCA Train Show Nov 22 (Cleveland)

Springfield Train Show Dec 7

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Visit Train Show Site

Dayton Train Show

Organized by Miami Valley Division

November 1-2, 2025

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We've Moved! **Thanksgiving Train Show**
NEW DATE TOO!
Saturday
November 22, 2025
10am to 3pm

Join us at our New Home, the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
164 Eastland Road, Berea, OH 44017

After Many Years in Parma, We Needed a Bigger Station to Park our Cabotage

Admission \$6.00 each, Families \$10.00, Kids 17 & Under FREE, with Adult

**We Have More Dealer Tables
 Larger Operating Layout
 Bigger Parking Lot**

Plus Everything You've Come to Expect at Our Shows & More!

- FREE Parking
- Handicapped Accessible
- New & Old Trains
- Many Brands & Scales
- Parts, Repair Manuals, Etc.
- Kid's Scavenger Hunt
- Huge 14 foot Kid's Layout
Where the kids run the trains!
- \$5 Train Set Raffle
- Refreshments Available
- Test Track! check them before you buy

For More Info, CONTACT JOHN AT (330) 273-8404 OR TCALOOKER@EMAIL.COM

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We'll reserve a seat for you!

News table meetings 7 until 8pm ish

Nov 20 Gail Klink

4401 Hunts Landing Rd #201,
Hebron (Buckeye Lake)

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 Nov 20th hosted by Gail Kink. 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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Upcoming Halloween

By Joe Stein & Amanda Schleich

We will be powering everything up after 5pm or so on weeknights and all-day Saturday/ Sunday as long as it's not windy.

The address is 387 Highmeadows Village Drive in Powell, OH.

From Oct 23 through the end of October.

It is another a perfect event for train enthusiasts and families!



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The Latest: current info regarding a Canadian Rail experience (last reminder)



We have twenty-two Members & Friends who are signed up for this event! **The trip is still open so join us!** We can have up to 30 people in our group.

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 2...

For Part 1 see the Sep 2025 newsletter.

a Mary & Tom Ricci excursion.

by Mary Ricci We had to show a picture of the table setup for dinner. Cloth everything. We finally changed from granite, lakes, and trees to prairies. I did not know that the middle part of Canada had so much farmland, but it does make sense. It is above the US breadbasket. The best part was a field of sunflowers.



This was the view from the Prestige dome car.

A Rail Adventure part 2... a Mary & Tom Ricci excursion

One of the uncomfortable things was that our suitcases were too tall to fit under the couch, so if you do get a sleeper of any sort, make sure you have the right measurements for your bags.

We left the train and we had a great time walking and shopping and eating in Jasper! We had tea on top of the mountain, but the dark parts behind us were where the area around Jasper had been hit by a forest fire. They saved the infrastructure, but the majority of the town lost their homes. They are living in trailers while they homes are being rebuilt.



A Rail Adventure part 2... a Mary & Tom Ricci excursion.

We left Jasper on a trip that included the Ice Fields (a huge Canadian Glacier), the Skywalk (I took 1 look over the cliff and went back to the bus), multiple parks with great views. A decent buffet, great photos, a huge 6-wheel drive Ice Explorer Bus, and wet knees. Yep – I fell, but a really cute guy helped me back up!



The tour bus decided to break down. We were only delayed an hour. (Some of you may remember a similar occurrence!) We were dropped off in Lake Louise, another sleepy little town. The thing that surprised me, but shouldn't have, is that the guest rooms in hotels are not air conditioned! We have had windows that open and fans, but no A/C.

The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)...

By Lisa Dove We are nearing the end of October, and that means our gardening work for 2025 is coming to an end. NOAA is predicting a colder than average winter with above average precipitation and that means we have a little work to do before our first snowfall.

Cleaning up around the layout consists of pulling out our annual plants, and planting any spring flowering bulbs like tulips, daffodils, or hyacinths.



The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

It is also a time to clear leaves and debris. Minimizing nesting materials for mice around your buildings will save you from having to make spring repairs.

If you are planning to run your trains all winter, now is a good time to check all connections and power sources (those who run on battery power can ignore me!).



The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

Now is NOT the time to prune any trees or shrubs. Leaving fresh cuts on the plants this late in the year can lead to frost damage resulting in little or no growth in the spring. This is especially true of English Boxwoods.



Trains and More Trains in Georgia



By: Mike & Tracy Walls Our week's journey began when we visited Waycross, GA, a major crossroads with an average of 20+ CSX freight trains serving NS & EW destinations across the country.

We found the original (Restored) Passenger Station with a viewing platform close to the very active tracks. Tracy waving to the train engineer got a peace sign and a short blast from the engineer. This happened several times in the hour we were there.



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Trains and More Trains in Georgia (cont.)



After lunch at a track side diner, we headed out of town back to our campsite when we came across the CSX Rice yard. We discovered that this is where CSX services their cars and repaint them for this region.

We heading to northern Georgia on the very Scenic Georgia By- Way we arrived at our next two nights stay campground, located just outside the small German themed town of Helen, GA.



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Trains and More Trains in Georgia (cont.)

Tracy purchased advanced tickets for the 3:00pm excursion train in Blue Ridge, GA. for our 2 hour round trip tour through the beautiful Blue Ridge mountains.

We rode in a 1950 open air (fully restored) car providing us with amazing views of the valley and surrounding mountains. This was some of the smoothest rails that we had ever traveled.



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Welcome to our New Members this month from Columbus !

Jody & Colleen Goodhart Heath, 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.

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...

Oct 18 Halloween Cars

Oct 18 Dwarf Alberta Spruce Info

& a list of providers of all things Trains



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

