

On Track with The Columbus Garden Railway Society



November 2025

Engineer's note:

Upcoming Destinations:

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

Next Club meetings 2-4pm

Nov 30 Angela & Jeremy Burdge, Hilliard

Dec 28 Sheila & Barry Young, Fredericktown

Jan 25 Pat Waddell, Columbus

News table meetings 7-8pm ish

Dec 18 Alvin & Bev Mann, Columbus

Jan 16 Deb Sweet, Westerville

Feb 19 Tim & Lisa Dove, Columbus



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

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Hello Everyone,

That time of year for family and friends. Celebrations abound... train shows and Winter/Holiday train trips. 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 Oct Club meeting,

Upcoming events, visits by members,

Volunteering for the OR&W RY,

Riding the Rails with the Doves and the Minots,

Ideas for water feature winterization,

and the regular contact, Membership & Merchandise info.



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

Tim Dove

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Thank you, Brian & Crystal for hosting our October Club meeting!



Some highlights...

... how to feel comfortable downtown!



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A beautiful day in German Village!



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Leaving the Station...

The Next Club Meeting

Our next Destination

The home, garden railway and glass blowing workshop of Angela & Jeremy Burdge

- When: Sunday Nov 30, 2025
- Where: 3789 Cemetery Rd. Hilliard, Ohio
- Time : 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- Program: 3D printing... Kent & Jed
- Invited to bring a 3d project you have... to share with others
& Please bring a chair ;)



Train Shows coming up...

Dec 6

77th Buckeye Model Trains & Railroad Artifacts Show & Sale

Time

•9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Price

•Adults: \$8.00 (children under 12 free)

Event Website

•www.gserr.com



SPRINGFIELD TRAIN SHOW
CLARK COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
 4401 South Charleston Pike (State Route 41) at I-70 Exit 59
Sunday December 7, 2025 10 AM - 3 PM
Admission \$ 5 (under 12 FREE with adult). FREE Parking.
 Over 300 Tables of Trains for sale
 Operating Train Layouts
 New & Used Trains All Gauges
 Antique & Collectable Trains
 Buildings, Kits and Scenery
 Railroad Books, Photos & Videos
 RR Lanterns and Collectables
 Test Track Available

J & J Concessions
ATM in the building.

TOLEDO SPRINGFIELD CLEVELAND
 I-70 I-71
 DAYTON SPRINGFIELD COLUMBUS
 I-70 I-71
 CINCINNATI I-71
 EXIT 59 (Rte R, 41)

Tables not occupied by 9:00 am will be considered no shows and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Refunds need to be approved in advance.

Dec 7

Springfield Train Show

Time

•10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Price

•Adults: \$5.00 (children under 12 free)

•Free Parking

•4401 South Charleston Pike



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Upcoming Events... Christmas Party

by Sheila Young

Please Join Us December 28, 2025
for the CGRS Christmas Party.

Where: The Young's 137 W. Sandusky St.
Fredericktown Ohio

Time : 2pm -4pm

The Main Entrée will be Provided
Please bring a dish to share and...

Next pages for details!



Upcoming Events... Car Decorating Contest

There will be a second annual Train car Decorating Contest!!!

Please bring your creations for cash prizes for top three entrants!

Selected by those in attendance...

1st place \$50- 2nd place \$25- 3rd place \$10



So... start the planning and designs... good luck!

Last year entries.. And our winner
1st place Bev Mann (3) Lighted Manger scene

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Upcoming Events... Our February Banquet Info

The cost of the dinner this year is **\$42.00**. Here's what we have to look forward to on our plates...

First Course – Served:

Salad/Rolls & Butter with 2 dressings – Ranch and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entrée: Buffet Style

Braised Beef Short Ribs – Gluten Free

Chicken Florentine – Gluten Free

Vegetable Medley

Roasted Red Skin Potatoes

Optional Entrée (upon request) - Served:

Vegetarian Meal – Pasta Primavera with Marinara Sauce

Dessert - Served: The Pecan Ball with Hot Fudge endures!



Upcoming Events... Our February Banquet Info

CGRS Annual Banquet Dinner – Make your reservation! –

Saturday, February 28, 2026 - Cash Bar Opens at 6:00pm

It's time to make your reservation for our annual celebration at the Worthington Country Club. Thank you to Richard Abler for leading this effort for so many years!

All reservations must be made and paid no later than February 1st.

Please use the order form that is available on the CGRS website <https://thecgrs.org/> to make your reservation. As always, all \$\$ should be sent to directly to Bob Collins.

Thank you! - Lisa Dove



We'll reserve a seat for you!

News table meetings 7 until 8pm ish

Dec 18 Alvin & Bev Mann

5497 Crawford Dr, Columbus

Jan 16 Deb Sweet

3611 Madrid Dr, Westerville

Feb 19 Tim & Lisa Dove

5785 Lindenwood Rd, Columbus

*We need volunteers to host for
March, April & May*

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News Table Meetings

Please join us for Our Club News Table on Dec 18th hosted by Alvin & Bev Mann. 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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Another Gauge, Another love... the OR&W RY



Members of CGRS, Bill Logan and Jed Hacker have become a part of the new energy to preserve the legacy of Southeastern Ohio's Narrow-Gauge Line, particularly the Ohio River & Western Railway.

The Friends are looking for volunteers to help with restoration and preservation work. One of their current projects focuses on a remarkable survivor — a 130-year-old combine car #29 that once served passengers and baggage along the OR&W. With careful restoration, the goal is to bring this rare piece of rolling stock back to its former glory as a tangible link to the past as a mobile museum. A second more recent acquisition is the passenger car #5, the President's former personal car.

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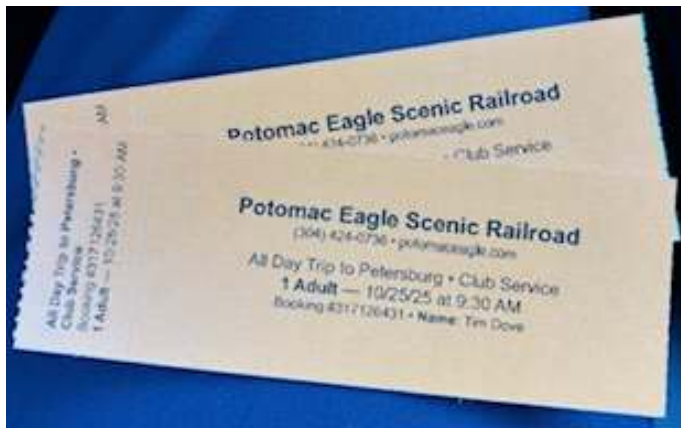
Anyone with an interest in rail history, model railroading, or hands-on preservation work is encouraged to get involved, CGRS member Bill Logan will be happy to discuss how. More information, including upcoming events, ways to contribute, and historical photos can be found on their website: <https://orwfriends.org/>. Further information can be found on two Facebook sites by searching; Friends of the OR&W and Ohio River & Western Railroad History and Models.

The Potomac Eagle trip

on the move with Tim & Lisa Dove.



by Tim & Lisa Dove Many of our members have experienced this line. On our travels we decided to take advantage of a beautiful fall day, a club car and table service of multicourse meals all on a 9-hour tour.



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The Potomac Eagle... In Eastern West Virginia

The Fall foliage, historical homesteads and narrations were very enjoyable! The trip included a run to Petersburg from Romney with a 3 hour stop over and then a return trip.



The Potomac Eagle... In Eastern West Virginia

The F7 (and a switcher on the other end) pushed and pulled a consist of club cars, diners, coaches, an open car and observation car. We took advantage of the Braddock Inn, a converted sleeper to a club car. We had 5 couples in the entire space with tables for each and club seating for each of us.



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The Potomac Eagle... In Eastern West Virginia



And of course, 51 eagle sightings! What a trip!

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Other Club Info...

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/>



Canadian Train Excursion!!!

We are crossing the Canadian Rockies on "The Rocky Mountaineer". The dates are set for May 9 -15, 2026.

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

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



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Trains and More Trains in California

By: Dana & Paul Minot

We visited Napa Valley California in September which was during harvest season, and it was amazing seeing all the grapes on the vines.

We took the Napa Valley wine train Legacy Experience which included a four-course meal all prepared on the train and the food was amazing. On the train we had a wine tasting in the open-air car while stopped in front of the famous Napa Valley sign.



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Trains and More Trains in California

In the afternoon we disembarked for wine tastings at the Charles Krug and V. Satti wineries. The V. Satti winery was nice as they also had a large store and Italian deli, over 400 types of cheeses. Their wine is not sold in stores or restaurants and was very enjoyable to taste test. The Legacy ride only has 60 fellow travelers and that allowed us to get off the train for some tastings at the wineries.

The train was pulled by a GE 44 tonner with two Pullman cars with an open air car on the end.



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The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)...

By Lisa Dove

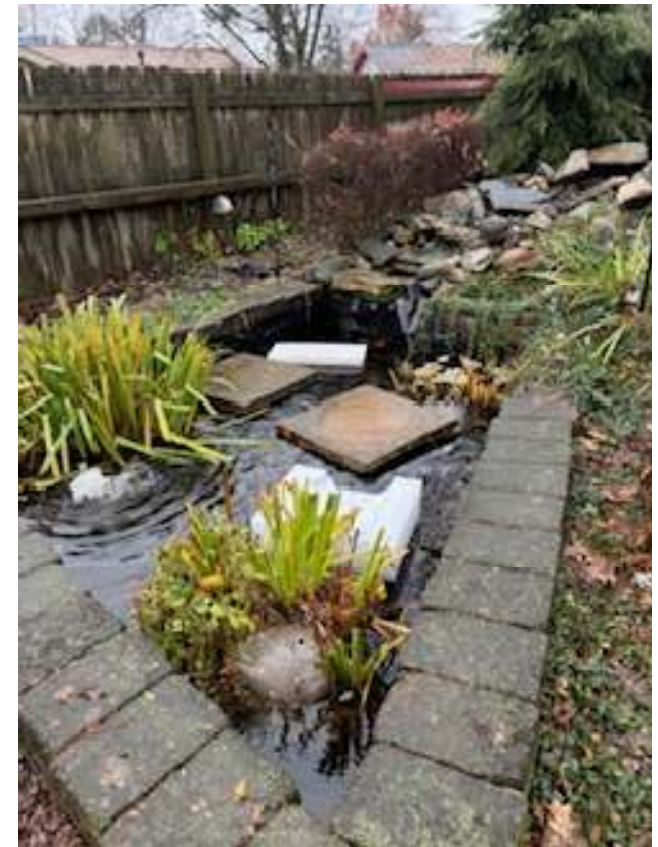
Winter Garden Tasks – Our ponds and water features

Many of us have ponds or water features on our layouts. While November can get gloomy and cold, we don't normally get a hard freeze until early December.

After we are done with raking of the leaves and trimming of the flower beds, we need to make sure we take care of our ponds and water features.

Clean the pond - remove any debris from the bottom of the pond, if possible.

This year Tim and I put a canopy over our small pond to keep as much of the falling leaves out as possible. We used white Row Cover material, which is water permeable, and is relatively inexpensive. It worked pretty well!



The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

Plant Maintenance - trim irises and plants that are above the water to 3 inches above the surface. Move all water lily plants to deeper sections of the pond.

Hardware - Remove all shallow pumps (less than 18' below surface). Clean and store them in a safe place, making sure all water is out, to prevent ice damage. Remember to remove any UV light clarifiers and make sure to drain any pump hoses that will be left outside.

Fish Maintenance: Do Not Feed the Fish after the water is about 50°F. Being cold-blooded, their metabolism slows down and they cannot digest the food. It just sits there until Spring and loads Nitrogen into your water – the result – Algae!



The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

Winter Bacteria – The addition of a cold bacteria (ex: Microbe-Lift Autumn Prep or Seasonal Defense), can help reduce ammonia and organic debris over the winter, and are beneficial to your fish and plants. These microbes work under the 50°F temperature threshold, and unless your pond freezes over, will work all winter.

Aeration - It is very important that the pond surface is not completely frozen over. Keep a hole in the surface of the pond by using a pond de-icer (looks like an electric donut!). We keep a small gurgler going over the winter, which keeps the water surface moving, and allows for the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide for the fish.

Reminder! When preparing your pond for the upcoming winter, don't forget to remove your garden hoses from your house spigots! Same rules apply – drain them and store them to prevent ice damage.



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. If you missed these... check them out!

This month Doug shared...

Oct 23 “Where can I get that?”

Oct 27 Details for Dec 6 show

Nov 11 Brenner’s Thanksgiving details

As my kids say IYKYK... if not you missed out.



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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- *Traveling / Display Layout*
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 - *Meeting hosts*
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 - *Bills and Invoices*
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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 Dec issue
are due to TMDedc@gmail.com
by Dec 15.

