

On Track with The Columbus Garden Railway Society



May 2026

Engineer's note:

Upcoming Destinations:

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

Next Club meetings 2-4pm

- May 31 Tim & Lisa Dove, Columbus
- Jun 28 Paul Jackson, Pickerington
- Jul 26 Barbara Hupman, Buckeye Lake
- Aug 30 Alvin & Bev Mann, Columbus

News table meetings 7-8pm ish

- Jun 18 Paul & Dana Minot, Delaware
- Jul 16 Gail Klink, Hebron
- Aug 20 Cecil Easterday, Dublin

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

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Hello Everyone,

CGRS welcomes you to our May issue! *This is my last issue as editor.* It's been a great ride.

In this issue:

- Reflections on our April Meeting,
- Upcoming events and meetings,
- Participation in supporting shows,
- Info for the garden,
- Members travel experiences,
- Club 'library' ideas,
- New membership Info,
- Merchandise information.

Continue to enjoy our hobby!

Tim Dove



New Newsletter Editor Sought for *ON TRACK*...

Interested making a difference for CGRS?

Tim Dove is giving up his role as Newsletter Editor after this May 2026 edition. This is a great way to engage with members and the hobby.

We are still looking for a volunteer. Contact Tim or Kent for more information and initial support/training.



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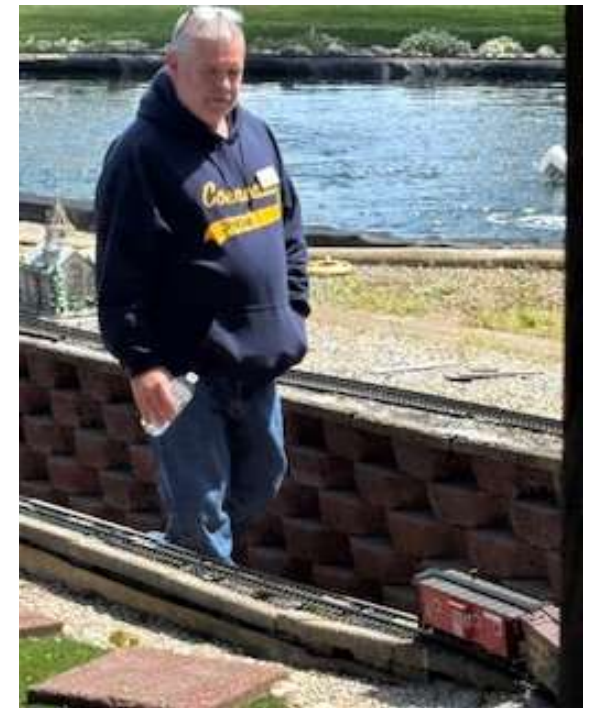
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Our April Meeting... Thank you, Briane & Connie Spangler!

By Tim Dove

Another wonderful day running trains with the Spanglers at their spread in Mount Sterling!

Another beautiful day, with a program presentation by Deb Sweet.

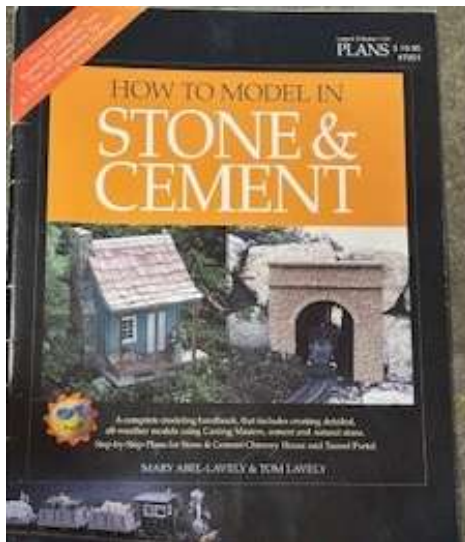


And yes, you can swim in that pond!

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Our April Meeting ... *continued.*

The program included an explanation and demo on how to build concrete portals & other concrete structures. Deb described the process of planning and implementation. She also shared lessons learned (so we could experience success in the process).



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Our April Meeting... *continued.*

Briane & Connie are always engaged in something that we all learn from... we all review their efforts and get all kinds of ideas.



And it was another great meeting for members to learn and enjoy one another's company... and enjoy a wonderful garden railroad.

Something to consider... a CLUB "LIBRARY"

By Deb Sweet

A question was raised at the April meeting whether the club has a "library" of information. Yes... and the answer lies in the bodies of CGRS members!! We attempt to have clinics that are relevant to newer members.

Our experienced club members are full of great ideas and useful information to start up a new layout ,and love to share them. Have a specific topic you need to know about? Just ask!!

Anyone from our "library" will have the answer. And we can have a clinic at the next meeting relating to your question.



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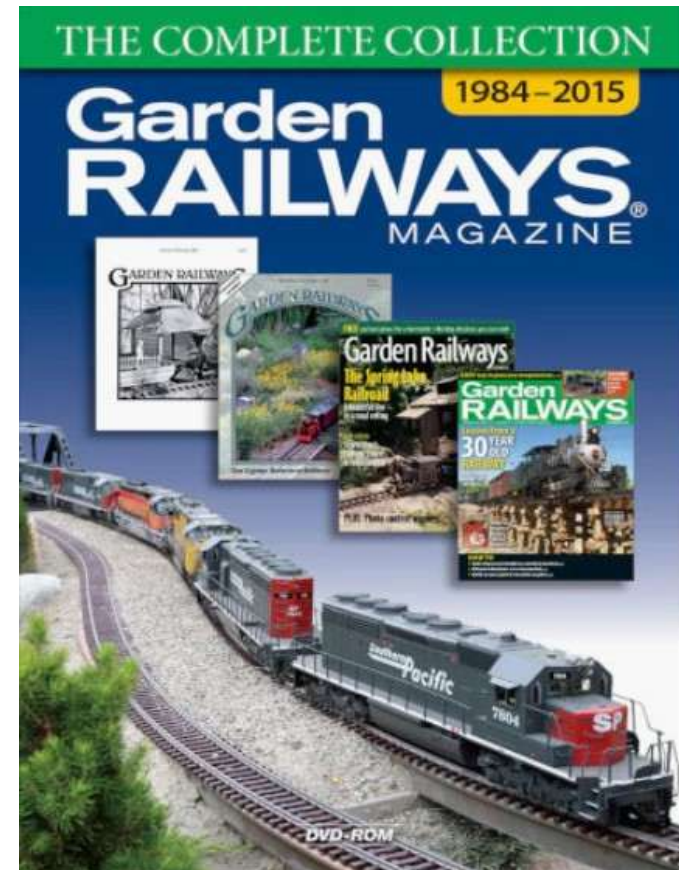
And something to share...

By Deb Sweet

A little history about G scale: In the past there was a magazine printed every two months called "Garden RAILWAYS".

It was a great resource but is no longer printed. I have old publications I will bring to meetings, and anyone is free to take them.

If interested contact
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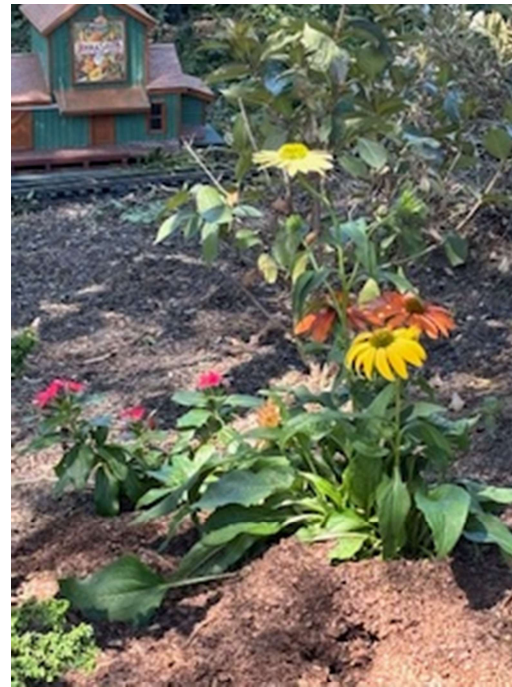
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Next Club Meeting

Tim & Lisa Dove

Sunday May 31st 2-4 PM

5785 Lindenwood Rd, Columbus



Clinic... Soil Amendments & Plants
Info Clinic by Lisa Dove
Bring a chair ;) Bring a container if
interested in plants

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Another Trip by members...



The America 250 –Ohio Train!

By Tom Marthaller

Laurie and I got to ride on this from Columbus to Dennison. We were on the bright red car #422. There were over 800 passengers on this train. It was a great time!



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The America 250 –Ohio Train! ... more info

From <https://dennisondepot.org/events/250-buckeye-train/>

Commemorate America's semiquincentennial traveling by rail along the historic Panhandle Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad, heading east from our state capital, Columbus, Ohio. This special excursion will be nostalgic of the golden age of the railroad that helped to build our nation and once saw 22 passenger trains a day through Dennison in the 1900s, heading towards Pittsburgh or Columbus. This route was once the most direct railroad route from New York to St. Louis and part of the National Defense Strategic Railway.



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The Rocky Mountaineer...



The Canadian Rail experience !

Oh, My what a trip! Vancouver... to the train.

Stanley Park, Gastown, The Roundhouse, The Fairmont Vancouver and so many more iconic places.



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The Rocky Mountaineer...



The Canadian Rail experience !

The Rocky Mountaineer staff was amazing! Hotels and transportation was fantastic. Accommodations were made for those with mobility concerns. Four staff and three chefs for our train car! Food was amazing and table service was top notch.



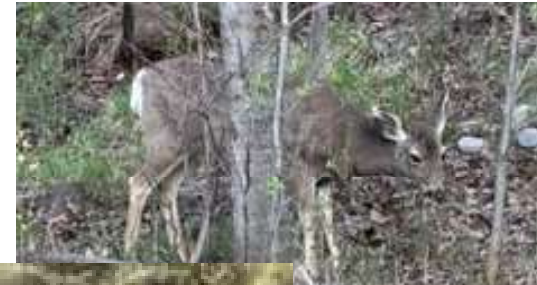
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The Rocky Mountaineer...



The Canadian Rail experience !

Oh, My what a trip! The Wildlife and Scenery!
(Our weather was equally amazing!)



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The Rocky Mountaineer...



So many memories!

The Canadian Rail experience !



The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)...

By Lisa Dove **It's in the bag!**
Uninviting wasps and hornets into your yard.

Hanging a paper bag around your house and railroad can discourage paper wasps and even yellow jackets from building nests.

The bag is made to resemble a hornet or wasp nest and will discourage territorial scouts from establishing nests. It fools them into thinking the place is already occupied! While this is not 100% fool proof, it is a low cost and low risk method of deterrence. *It is most effective in the spring when scouts and queens are looking for new nesting sites.*



The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

How to make a fake nest:

- *Use a small or medium-sized brown paper bag clean of any food residue
- *Stuff the bag with some small plastic bags to keep the shape
- *Gather and twist the top tightly to seal it. Use a rubber band or twine

Hang it in areas where you want a buzz free zone

- In Trees around your layouts
- Under Eaves on Porches or in Garages/Sheds
- Outdoor dining and seating areas



The Gardens (in Garden Railroading)... continued

We all know that wasps and yellow jackets become aggressive in the fall, right in time for our CGRS Open House! And, from experience, I can tell you that running afoul of a yellow jacket nest last year was not a fun experience. The paper bag “ounce” of prevention is worth more than a can of Raid[®] !

Thanks to Laurie Marthaller for showing me this trick! I put one in the corner of my front porch where I have had to remove two starts of paper wasp nests. It worked! I have not seen the wasps, and the carpenter bees have also moved on.



Buckeye Show in April. ***Another CGRS presence!***

The Mini Layout made another appearance at the 78th Buckeye Model Train and Railroad Artifact Show and Sale on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Thank you to *Gary Schneider* for organizing! And to those of you who, moved the materials, set up, tore down, packed and were present to talk to interested parties... Thank you!

Many folks we talked to were very interested in the club and our September Open House event.

78th Buckeye Model Trains & Railroad Artifacts Show & Sale



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Buckeye Show in April. *Another CGRS presence!*



Another fun day with trains!

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Come join us and be in the room where it happens!

News table meetings 7 until 8pm ish

Jun 18 Paul & Dana Minot
771 Rutherford Ct. , Delaware

Jul 16 Gail Klink
4401 Hunts Landing Rd unit 201, Hebron

Aug 20 Cecil Easterday
Friendship Village Dublin (more details later)

We need volunteers to host news table meetings for

Sep, Oct & Nov

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News Table Meetings

Please join us for Our Club News Table on Jun 18th hosted by Paul & Dana Minot. 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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More effort with *CGRS* Building adoptions

Over time, many of our layout buildings needed a refresh and some love. Our club buildings are no different. At a previous club meeting many members “adopted” a structure from the club and refreshed them. Thanks to Bev Mann for another work of art.



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The Great Lakes Train Expo

Another Great Show! Again, CGRS was there!



Another great experience and expanded participation for a large-scale event in Ohio!



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The Great Lakes Train Expo

Another Great Show! Again, CGRS was there!



After “party” at Andrew’s home for social and train session.



Jed finally meets our friends, Sue Elliot & “guest” from MGRS!

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

This month Doug shared...

May 18 GR news

May 14 “Free Stuff” for members

Apr 28 Charity Sale, UP 4014 info & MGRS “How To”

Apr 21 Train Show Details and News from MGRS



CGRS Timetable... continued

A Follow up from Doug's Email... Apr 28 "UP 4014 Ohio Visit"

Union Pacific "Big Boy" 4014 ***will cross Ohio***
twice on the America-250 Tour –



June 6-9 eastbound
July 12-15 westbound



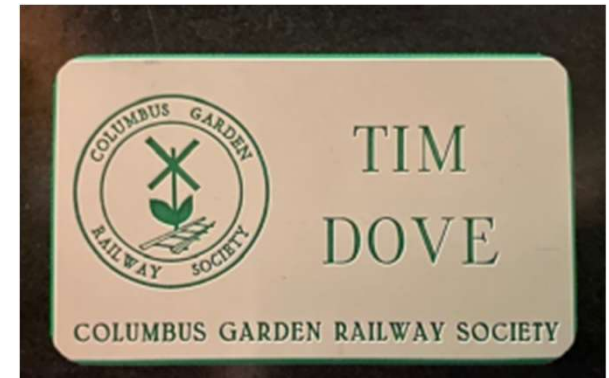
Full eastern route at the link listed → [Big Boy No. 4014's Schedule | Union Pacific](#)

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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

Order forms

<https://thecgrs.org/members/cgrs-store/>



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CGRS Mugs and Bag Tags...

But wait ... there's more!

The CGRS Mug (with lid) 14 oz, cork based / white ceramic

<https://thecgrs.org/members/cgrs-store/>



For those of us traveling this year...

Don't forget we have bag tags.



Bag Tags with loop \$8 each

Mugs will be \$7 each for CGRS members

Membership 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 and join us at a Sunday event. Learn more about the hobby and meet others.



Membership Form & Information

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



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About us

Contacts

- *Newsletter related business, articles and classified ads*
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- *Membership & Address Changes*
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- *General Information & Webmaster*
Kent Kloes
- *News Table Meeting Agendas*
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- *Traveling / Display Layout*
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 - *Meeting hosts*
Dave Bush
- *Principal Business Contact*
Bill Logan
 - *Bills and Invoices*
Lisa Dove



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.

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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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Feel free to send any articles for the Jun issue to members of the club for the News Table meeting Jun 18.

