



The Columbus Garden Railway Society

ON TRACK!

MARCH 2019



Clinic on Switches

**SUNDAY
MARCH 31
2—4 pm**

**Epworth United
Methodist Church
5100 Karl Road
Columbus 43229**

Snacks provided!



**Hostess
Pat Waddell**

Columbus Garden Railway Society members will gather on the final day of March when member Bob Collins shares his knowledge of switches and passing sidings. For many railroad enthusiasts this can be a challenging aspect of their railroad. So if you are thinking of adding this concept to your layout or have already done so and are struggling with making it work 100 percent of the time, don't miss Bob's expertise on this subject.



As always, we will enjoy the fellowship of our CGRS friends and compare winter stories and our survival of this challenging winter. Oh, yes, and the snacks are always great.



Learn about the fun outing planned for the May CGRS meeting and the Fall bus trip to Tennessee.

"Past, Present, Potential of railroading in Columbus, Ohio"

article by Pam Sweet

photos by Ginny Clark and Kathy Shepherd

The Columbus Garden Railway Society's annual banquet for 2019 took place on February 23 at the Worthington Hills Country Club. A lively group enjoyed a delicious meal and raffle, which featured a variety of donated garden railway items including scenery materials, reference books and gift cards.

The highlight of the evening was the talk given by Michael J. Conner, a fourth-generation career railroader born in Allegany County, New York. Michael earned a Transportation Economics degree and spent two years as a Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps Military Railway Service. He shared the wisdom and insight he has gained through extensive experience serving as a vice president of the Ohio Central Railroad System as well as a railroading consultant.

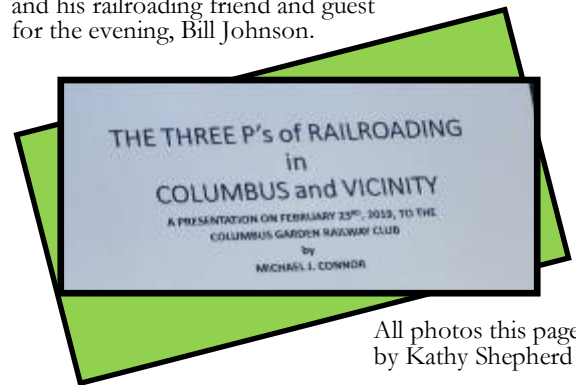
This speaker's primary focus was "The Three P's of Railroading in Columbus" consisting of the Past, Present, and Potential of railroading in Ohio's capital city, the fifteenth largest city in the nation, currently without passenger service. Although much discussion and consultation have taken place in the past few years, the dream of a Cleveland-Columbus-Cincinnati passenger line has not yet become a reality.

In addition to the above-mentioned activities, plaques were awarded to members who hosted the 2018 Open Garden

Railway Tour, always a special event enjoyed by railroaders and non-railroaders alike. #



Michael J. Conner, banquet speaker and his railroading friend and guest for the evening, Bill Johnson.



All photos this page by Kathy Shepherd



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Some of our lucky banquet raffle winners!



Thank
You

BANQUET

Saturday, February 23, 2019

We received enough donations this year to have about 80 drawings at the banquet. The listing below includes all 28 member and 11 corporate donors of raffle prizes.

All Columbus Garden Railway Society members owe a debt of gratitude to their fellow members who donated raffle prizes; such generosity is a wonderful example of contributing something for the benefit of the entire membership. CGRS members can also recognize this year's generosity and encourage future years' generosity of corporate donors by patronizing them for your garden railroad purchases.

A special thank you to all the banquet attendees for their purchase of raffle tickets; those funds allow CGRS to provide many different programs throughout the year.

If you didn't attend this year's banquet, you should plan to attend next year so you can join in the fun!

RAFFLE Prize Donors

Bachmann Trains, Rick & Shirley Breitzman,
Justin & Julie Dague, Ray & Patsy Chamberlain,
Bob & Harriet Dana, **deMonye's Greenhouse**,
Justin DeRita, Bob & Kathy Duggan, Cecil Easterday,
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Gail & Jerry Klink, Doug & Susan Kruest, **LGB/Marklin**,
Bill & Karen Logan, Alvin & Beverly Mann,
Dennis & Cindy Morehart, **Mulberry Creek Herb Farm**,
Allen & Ruth Nickels, **Oakland Nursery, PIKO**,
Mary Ricci, Dennis & Judy Roth, Fred Scheltz,
Bill & Kathy Shepherd, **Steam in the Garden**,
Don & Deb Sweet, Danny & Dawn Wells,
Marshall & Marjorie Winkle, **Woodland Scenics**

Thank
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donors

by Dan Hill

More banquet photos



All photos on this page by Ginny Clark, except two marked with KS and mystery photographer of Ginny at top right.



We're heading South this year!

CGRS Fall Trip, October 17-22, 2019

by Cecil Easterday

There is still room on the bus for this year's fall trip. If interested, please go to the members' section of our website, download the itinerary and send in your reservation. After April 1, sign up will be offered to friends and other clubs so don't miss this trip! All train cars that are included on this trip are climate controlled and have restrooms! (I mention this just in case you are thinking of our freezing day at Cass last year!)

Thursday, we head for Knoxville with a stop at my favorite pub, Rafferty's in Florence, KY, for lunch. In Knoxville, dinner will be at Calhoun's on the River (Tennessee River). The railroad tracks run past the front window (or so I'm told)!

Friday, starting with breakfast at our Hampton Inn, we travel to Chattanooga with lunch at the Chattanooga Choo Choo's Stir Restaurant, with time to tour the hotel and/or the depot. Next stop, Chattanooga Incline on Lookout Mountain. The views of Chattanooga are breathtaking and the views of the workings of the Incline are fascinating! We will check into the Doubletree Hilton and stay three nights.

Saturday, we head for Etowah, TN and the L&N restored Depot. There is a short bus ride to board our train for the Hiwassee Loop and continue on to Copperhill, Tennessee. We'll travel beside the Hiwassee River and through the river gorge, then spiral to the top as the tracks cross over themselves as they corkscrew up the mountain. We continue on to the former mining town of Copperhill, TN. Our bus will meet us in Copperhill and take us to Blue Ridge, GA for lunch at a restaurant called simply "Southern Charm". Dinner is at Alleia Italian Restaurant where we will dine on their enclosed porch.

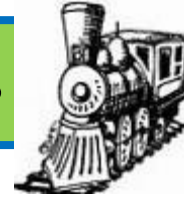


Sunday, we head for the Chattanooga Depot for the main event, the Summerville Special - a double-headed steam train event. Our lead engine is expected to be the 2-8-2, recently restored, number 4501, followed by the 2-8-0 number 630 engine. We will have lunch in the dining car served on china. During the 75 minute layover in Summerville, you can explore the town and its historic turntable. The locomotives will be rotated on the turntable, serviced and watered for our return trip to Chattanooga. We will have exclusive use of two of their first class cars - the Pullman and the observation. For those in first class cars, breakfast as well as lunch is included.

Monday, we head home with a stop at the Kentucky Artisan Center. Lunch is on your own here and there will be time for a leisurely lunch, or quick lunch and shopping - whatever you'd like to do. We plan to be back in Westerville before 7:00 p.m.

There you have it! I can hardly wait. It's been several years since we've enjoyed the Tennessee Valley Railroad and all it has to offer. You don't want to miss this trip. Get your reservations in as soon as possible! #

O H—I O Model Train Shows



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March & April

Friday & Saturday, March 22 & 23
Salem
 Midwest Scale Train Show



Sunday, March 31 — Campbell
 Iron & Steel All Gauge
 Model Train Show & Expo

Saturday, March 23 — Mount Hope
 Mount Hope Train & Toy Show

Sunday, April 7 — Medina
 Medina Model Railroad
 & Toy Show

Sunday, March 24 — Fremont
 Norwalk & Western Railroad
 Spring Model Train Show

Sunday, April 14 — Salem
 Youngstown Model Railroad
 Association Toy Train
 Flea Market

Saturday, March 30 — Cleveland
 TCA Lake Erie Chapter
 Springtime Train Meet



Saturday, April 20 — Columbus
 65th Buckeye Train Show

In Memory of . . . William J. Kelly, Junior

We lost a Columbus Garden Railway Society member on March 8, 2019. William J. "Bill" Kelly, Junior of Marion was born in Pennsylvania on December 23, 1933. He was a United States Navy veteran serving in the Korean Conflict. Bill was a long-time parts manager at more than one auto dealership and an employee of a funeral home in Marion. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Elaine (Bracken), son and daughter, both of Marion, William "Bill" Kelly, III and wife Tammy and Marie (Vaughn) Stewart. The Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 13, 2019 in Marion. Bill had a passion for LGB trains.

Thank You!



Banquet, February 23

Many thanks to Deb Sweet, for recruiting her sister-in-law, Pam Sweet, to write the banquet article and to Kathy Shepherd and Ginny Clark for telling the story of the evening in their many photos. — the On Track editor

NEWS TABLE News

February 14, 2019 Easterday Home



Thanks to Cecil Easterday for hosting the February 14 meeting.

Doug Clark passed out copies of the meeting agenda and Cecil gave summaries of the treasury and the 2019 fall trip status.

Dan Hill noted the raffle prizes status has improved from his report for the February 2019 *On Track* issue and that the totals are now closer to the same number as last year's final count.

Deb Sweet sent a message that she will not be able to attend the banquet and that Don's two sisters will instead be attending with him; one of his sisters will provide the banquet report for *On Track* and Ginny Clark and Kathy Shepherd will take photos.

Bill Logan reported that the banquet programs have been printed and that he will have the special plaques for the Open Garden Railway Tour hosts attending the banquet. He also gave a summary of this year's winter steam-up held earlier in February.

Bob Duggan described the May meeting changes due to CGRS's participation in a swap meet hosted by Danny and Dawn Wells, Springfield, with the Dayton area and Northern Ohio clubs on Saturday, May 18; this being the best schedule for all regarding the multi-club meeting. He will submit information regarding this change in the CGRS meeting schedule to JoAnne Hamblin for *On Track*.

Cecil Easterday volunteered to host the March news table meeting with snacks provided by others and Dan and Katy Hill volunteered to host the April news table

NEWS TABLE, 7:30 pm Thursdays

March 21 — Cecil Easterday
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April 18 — Dan & Katy Hill
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 of the month

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April 18, Thur 7:30 pm	News Table, Hill home, Columbus
April 28, Sun, 2-4 pm	Spangler home, Mount Sterling
SAT, MAY 18 —note day and date change	
	Joining Miami Valley GRS & Northern Ohio GRS at the Wells home, Springfield
September 8, Sun, 1-5 pm	Annual Garden Railroad Tour open to the public
October 17 to October 22	Fall bus tour to southeastern USA