



# The Columbus Garden Railway Society

## ON TRACK!

MAY 2019



## Three-Club fun in Springfield

**SATURDAY  
MAY 18  
Noon—4:00 p.m.**

**Noon-2:00 p.m. Swap  
meet and trains run  
2:00—4:00 p.m.  
Potluck and meeting**

**Danny and  
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If you have already sent your reservations to Bob Duggan, you are counted—otherwise send your reservations to Dawn Wells by May 10.

Provided—tableware,  
water, soda,  
pork sandwiches  
Bring a side dish  
Bring a lawn chair  
Bring your trains to  
run on Wells' track  
Bring railroad or  
garden items to sell  
Bring a card table  
for your items  
Bring change

Approximately 1600 feet of stainless steel track was used in the approximate 30 foot by 100 foot layout at the Wells home. Three waterfalls and several water features are included in their backyard with many Aristo-Craft engines and trains weaving among the water features. Power source is 24-volt using the AristoCraft revolution. Battery power can also be used. Most of the buildings are done in diorama

style that Danny and Dawn designed and painted. There are scratch-built buildings from JigStone and wood. Trains are staged in a 24' by 24' room that the trains enter through the small tunnel in the wall. There is one large fairy mountain which the kids love.



### Directions to 1910 South Bird Road, Springfield 45505

From the intersection of I-270 West and I-70 West, drive 33 miles west on I-70 to exit #59 OH-41/South Charleston. Turn right onto Laybourne Road for 1.6 miles and then right onto South Bird Road to destination on right.



## Ridin' the rails near Mount Sterling

by JoAnne Hamblin; photos by Dave & JoAnne Hamblin

As we traveled to our country destination for the April 28 Columbus Garden Railroad Society event at the Spangler country estate near Mount Sterling, the sky was overcast as it had been for what seemed like weeks. But when we arrived, the Spanglers — Briane and Connie — gracious hosts that they are, not only turned on the heat in their garage but turned on the sunshine too. Thank you, Briane and Connie!

The trains were running and so were Connie's Eggliners, in amongst the spring blooms. The twenty-six members and one guest, Fred Jacobs, enjoyed the strawberries served by Connie, with fudge dip, of course, and other goodies and we settled in for the short business meeting led by Doug Clark. The biggest two news items for the members; the password for the members-only portion of the website access will be changing in May, so watch for the email with the new word. Also, the Center of Science and Industry's (COSI) fall Model Railroad Days has moved back to it's former dates, just before Thanksgiving. AND, the club will receive a \$50 raise for participating — \$450. The new dates are — set-up November 18 and 19, run trains Wednesday through Sunday, November 20—24 with tear-down November 24 and put-away November 25. Please mark your calendars now so YOU can run trains. This is great for those of us who do not have garden railroads; we can be kids just like our members who have a railroad in their gardens.

Since Bob Collins had done such a magnificent job at the March clinic on switches and passing sidings, there were no questions for him. Bob Duggan then moved the meeting towards the list of suggestions for future clinics



with the hope that we could find volunteers to present them. Many thanks to Briane and Connie for hosting the April event. It's always great to relax in the country for an afternoon! #





## Champagne anyone?

article and photos by Kathy Shepherd

The Verde Canyon Railroad has its depot, headquarters, and a railway museum in Clarkdale, about 25 miles southwest of Sedona, Arizona.



Bill and Kathy Shepherd

Riding the Verde Canyon Railroad was a memorable opportunity. Board the train in Clarkdale, Arizona (about 85 miles north and west of Phoenix) for a 20 mile, 4 hour round-trip journey to the Perkinsville ghost ranch and back. Archeology, geology, Indian lore and history are all included by the knowledgeable staff. Two national forests and a wilderness area, towering red rock pinnacles, fortified bridges, and a 680 foot manmade tunnel add to your railroad experience. Of course a champagne toast, as we left the station, enhanced our day. Caboose, first-class and coach



cars are available. The train is pulled by FP7 locomotives. In addition, open air cars are available for great photos of Verde Canyon. #







## We're heading South this year!

CGRS Fall Trip, October 17-21

go to [www.thecgrs.org](http://www.thecgrs.org) for trip details and to register

Summerville  
Steam Special



## RAILROAD GARDEN TOUR

**The annual garden tour is Sunday,  
September 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!!  
The marketing has begun,  
and I am advertising  
that there will be new layouts this year!!  
SO the pressure is on for you folks  
new to the club.  
WE NEED YOU,  
so please consider opening  
your home to the Sunday event.**

Deb Sweet, [dcordrey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dcordrey@sbcglobal.net)

**NEWS TABLE News**

April 18, 2019 Hill Home



Thanks to Dan and Katy Hill for hosting the April 18 news table meeting.

Doug Clark led the meeting and Cecil Easterday shared the treasurer's report and the update on the 2019 fall bus trip to Tennessee. Cecil is concerned that she has not filled her minimum seats but confident she would, since reservations have now been opened up to area railroad clubs.

The Center of Science and Industry (COSI) train show has changed dates for 2019. Set-up is November 18 & 19, trains run November 20 through Nov 24 with tear down Nov 24 and put-away Nov 25. The good news is, we will receive a 'raise' of \$50 for participating — \$450.

The member only password on the CGRS website will be changing in May. Watch for an email in May with the new password.

Jed Hacker reported the Sweets still need our help getting their layout ready for the season. Since it is battery operated, we won't need to spend much time cleaning track.

G-Scale layout for sale in Lebanon on April 27 — see Bob Collins.

Another idea for the February 2020 banquet was shared by Dan Hill. Jeff Darbe of WOSU/PBS television has done programs on the history of Columbus area depots. Dan will contact Jeff to see if he is available.

Future monthly events are

June — the Duggan home

July — the Easterday home

August — the Mann home

September — the Kimmel home (potluck)

Future news table meetings

NO May meeting because of the earlier three-club monthly event (May 18).

Future news tables see box below. #

**NEWS TABLE, 7:30 pm Thursdays**

May — **NO** News Table Meeting

June 20 — Alvin & Beverly Mann home  
Columbus

July 18 — 6:15 pm — pontoon ride on  
Buckeye Lake—7:30 meeting at Klinks

## Who's Who in Columbus Garden Railway Society

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of the month

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**ON TRACK** is intended as a medium in which to air the news and views of the Columbus Garden Railway Society members. CGRS is an informal group which meets monthly or thereabouts 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 the editor unless otherwise noted. Photographs by Dave and JoAnne Hamblin.



Connie Spangler's Eggliners at her home near Mount Sterling, Ohio

## 2019 CALENDAR



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May News Table will not be held

**SATURDAY, MAY 18—note day and date change**

Joining Miami Valley GRS & Northern Ohio GRS at the Wells home, Springfield

June 20, Thur, 7:30 pm	News Table, Mann home, Columbus
June 30, Sun, 2-4 pm	June Event, Duggan home, Dublin
July 18, Thur, 7:30 pm	News Table, Klink home, Buckeye Lake
July 28, Sun, 2-4 pm	July Event, Easterday home, Dublin
September 8, Sun, 1-5 pm	Annual Garden Railroad Tour open to the public
October 17 to October 21	Fall bus tour to Tennessee