



The Columbus Garden Railway Society

ON TRACK!

NOVEMBER 2019



Center of Science and Industry

Model Railroad Days for kids of all ages, including YOU!

**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 24**

Meet at C.O.S.I.
333 West Broad St
Columbus 43215

614.228.COSI

Afternoon —

Run Trains

5:00 p.m. Tear-
down train layout



Volunteer to run trains
by calling Bob Duggan
614.975.4257 or
deisel45@hotmail.com



File photos from C.O.S.I.'s Model
Railroad Days 2018 & 2017

Forest Park Garden Railroad decked out for Fall

by JoAnne Hamblin
photos by Tim Dove & JoAnne Hamblin

A beautiful crisp fall afternoon greeted Columbus Garden Railway Society members who ventured to Columbus and first-time hosts Tim and Lisa Dove's year-old layout. With this layout, the garden came first followed by the train. The trolley was running nearly the full length of the backyard and who was the trolley conductor? Why Frankenstein, of course! Tim had diagrams of their backyard for members to draw their suggestions as to how to incorporate a second loop and a point to point location. If you love to design and to tell other people what to do (suggest) with their layout, this was the meeting for you. For those of us who don't have a garden railroad, it was fun to hear the suggestions and what may work and what probably won't work.



Following the great snacks provided by our hostess, Lisa, she picked up her pruners and her half page of Lisa's list of "go to" garden tools and her two page "getting ready for winter and planning for spring" guidelines and talked us through these tasks. And she also supplied us with the take-home pages for later reference.



The nearly forty members enjoyed the day, encouraged Tim and Lisa as they move forward with their layout and thanked them both for their hospitality. We hope we can return in a few years to see how the suggestions worked out for them. #



Left photo Lisa Dove, pruners in hand, presenting her fall clean-up clinic.

Far right photo of host Tim Dove (center) with Alvin Mann and Doug Clark making their suggestions for the layout additions.



The bus adventure begins

Day One, Thursday, October 17
Westerville, Ohio to Knoxville, TN. by JoAnne Hamblin



Thursday, October 17, forty-three Columbus Garden Railway Society members boarded the Lakefront Lines coach for our long-awaited trip to Tennessee. There was no rain, yeah!, and the sky was blue.

Our new driver, new for us, was Darrell and he shared his jokes with us, and we even laughed at most of them!

Day one is usually our travel day and this year was no exception. Our tour coordinator, Cecil Easterday, finds interesting rest stops and a museum or two along the way to break-up the sitting and sleeping.

The morning stop was Voice of America Bethany, north-east of Cincinnati in West Chester. It did not disappoint.



We began the tour with a video celebrating the history of Voice of America's shortwave WLW radio broadcasting and how it kept families of countries around the world informed of the world's happenings which was very important during Adolph Hitler's regime and during World War II.

From 1938 to 1994, there were really only two short-wave stations broadcasting on a regular daily schedule in multiple languages for foreign audiences: KGEI in San Francisco, and WLWO in Cincinnati. These two stations



were used by the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs (CIAA) for broadcasting Official U.S. government news and information.

Three docents answered our many questions and explained the museum's displays from the hub with ham radio service, a diorama of the grounds and the transmitter room where the inter-workings were housed.

If you're a car buff, Crosley may sound familiar to you. Powel Crosley, Jr. not only invented this automobile,



but was instrumental in the beginnings of Voice of America. He also holds patents for many inventions displayed in a special room in the museum.



Lunch in Kentucky at Rafferty's and supper in Knoxville, Tennessee at Calhoun's on the River. Great Day! Looking forward to day two as we head to Chattanooga, Tennessee.
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The bus adventure continues

Day Two, Friday, October 18, Knoxville, TN.

to Chattanooga, TN. article by Karen Engel; photos by Jim Engel



We started our day at the Hampton Inn in Knoxville, TN with a wonderful breakfast. They had an assortment of cereals, both hot and cold, and lots of toppings for them. I had a western omelet, sweet roll, bacon, and a mango smoothie. They also had sausage, pancakes, waffles, assorted fruits, beverages and coffees. A wondrous feast for a free hotel breakfast!

We all clambered on the bus and rode to Chattanooga, TN. The weather this year was much better than last year's rain. We arrived at the Choo Choo Hotel just in time for lunch.



Lunch was a cold cut buffet with delicious potato salad and fruit in addition to the ham, roast beef or turkey sandwiches that we made. Of course, they had a variety of cookies for us to finish off our meal. This was at a restaurant called "Stir". Then we ventured into the old train station that has been refurbished into a hotel with small shops and lots of memorabilia from the train days. Behind the hotel was the

Chattanooga Choo Choo where you could stay in cars overnight. We just took pictures, shopped and enjoyed. They must have known we were coming because the porch was lined with rocking chairs where we could sit and enjoy the view and weather. Several of us tried to buy out the little gift shop that they had. I purchased my usual pin that I collect for every train that I ride and to add to my wall hanging. Darrell (Mr. Bus Driver) fooled us by picking us up on the "side" so Dave was waiting in the front, but we finally got him, too.

Then, we were off to the Incline Railway on Look-out Mountain! Since there were 45 of us, we had to divide up and take different cars to the top. Wow, what a steep incline and it is over 100 years old! Jim was really white knuckling it by the time we got stopped at the top. It is a breathtaking 72.7% grade, that is powered by two, 100 horsepower winches developed by the Otis Elevator Company. The Incline Railway is approximately one mile long, single track system except for a passing loop in the middle, allowing both counter-balanced trains to operate at one time.

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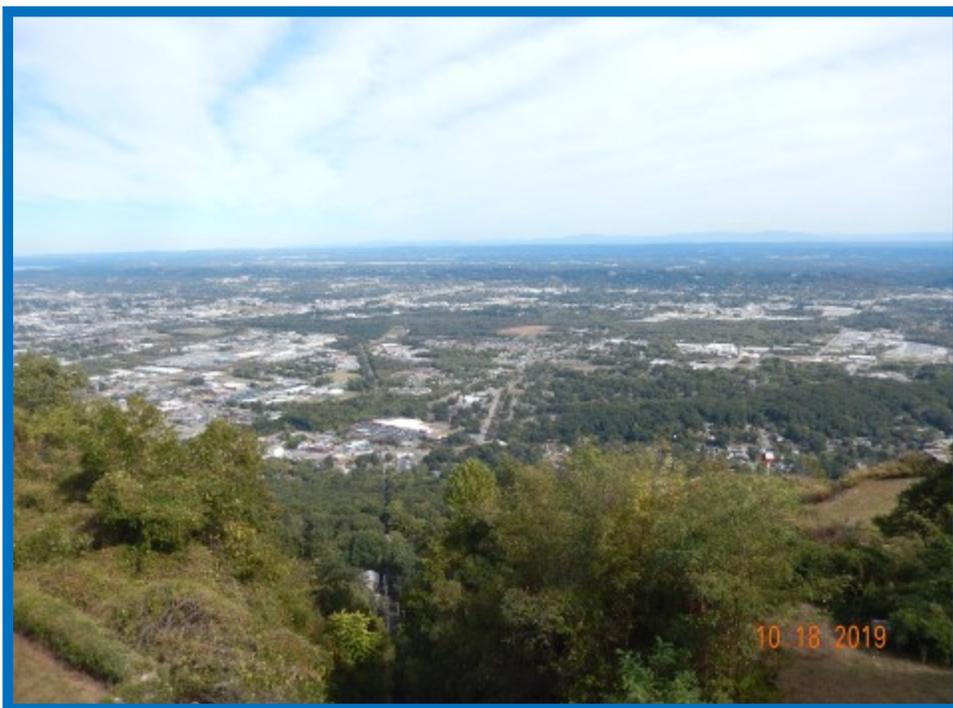
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Chattanooga, Tennessee

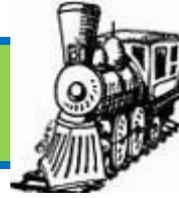
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At one time there was a hotel part way up the mountain and the view is fantastic. You can see all the way to the Smokey Mountains! We bought souvenirs and drank beverages and snacked while enjoying the view. Coming back, we had a small problem because the cars run every 20 minutes, so some of us couldn't get back to the bus on time...especially Charlie!

After our Incline ride, we boarded the bus and headed to our hotel in downtown Chattanooga, the Doubletree Hilton. Once we got all our stuff unloaded and to our rooms, we hopped back on the bus and went to the Public House Restaurant facing the Tennessee River for dinner. Another awesome meal was had by all. We had salad or soup to start, pot roast, chicken, salmon or a veggie entrée and dessert choices of cheesecake, banana pudding or crème brulee. Needless to say, we over-ate, again! #



Area Model Train Shows



RailServe.com

November



Saturday, November 23

Maumee Valley Railroad Club Model Train Show & Swap Meet

9 am to 3 pm Adults \$5; Families \$7; 12 and under free
(mvrrc.ri@gmail.com)

Coliseum Bingo, 911 West Washington Center Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46825

Saturday and Sunday, November 23 & 24

Brass Expo and Custom Craftsman Models 2019

Sat. 10 am to 4 pm; Sunday 10 am to 3 pm. Saturday evening seminars 7 to 9 pm.

Wyndham Resort, 2300 Lincoln Highway East (Route 30) Lancaster, PA 17602

Brass trains, brass-hybrids, custom craftsman models of structures, vehicles, rolling stock, passenger cars, and detail parts, books and more.

December

Christmas Time Open House

Weekends in December Dec 7 & 8, Dec 14 & 15, Dec 21 & 22, Dec 28 & 29

Noon until 4 pm Central Ohio Model Railroad Club

6471 Proprietors Road, Worthington 43085; www.comrcinc.org

SAD NEWS

Bruce Walker, 77, of Columbus, a Columbus Garden Railway Society member, passed away peacefully October 30, 2019, less than three months after being diagnosed with cancer.

A couple of weeks before this fateful day, Bruce returned home from a local care center, and Bob Collins and Bob Duggan tried, unsuccessfully, to get power working on Bruce's layout so he could run trains. So later that same week, the Bobs cleared the track and made some adjustments and used their own battery powered trains to run them for Bruce for nearly four hours. Bruce was thrilled to see trains running in his backyard!

Surviving Bruce, are his wife of 47 years, Catherine "Cathie" (Finley), two daughters, one son, two siblings, and seven grandchildren. "The fix-it man" was a train enthusiast and sailor, had a smile that was genuine and ever-present. If you visited with Bruce, then you were probably lucky enough to leave with a bag of his notorious molasses cookies. A celebration of Bruce's life was held November 9th at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Columbus.

NEWS TABLE

News . . . The news table team was in Tennessee on the fall bus tour during the normal news table time.



Check with your local United States Post Office for these commemorative stamps.



Who's Who in Columbus Garden Railway Society

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NewsLetter
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of the month

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**National Voice of America
Museum of Broadcasting**

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2019-2020 CALENDAR



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| November 20-24 | CGRS at Model Railroad Days, C.O.S.I. Please volunteer to run trains |
| November 24, 2-5 pm 5 pm | November Event, C.O.S.I., Columbus Tear-down train layout |
| December 27, Fri, 6 pm | Holiday Party/Potluck at the Easterday home, Dublin |
| 2020 | |
| January 16, Thu, 7:30 pm | News Table-location to be announced |
| January 26, Sun, 2-4 pm | Make It Take It A-frame bridge, Epworth UM Church, Columbus 43229 |
| February 29, Sat, 6 pm | Banquet, Worthington Hills Country Club |