



The Columbus Garden Railway Society

ON TRACK!

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New railroad chugs through Forest Park

article and photos by Tim and Lisa Dove

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27**

**2:00—4:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. Trains
running**

**2:30 p.m. Short
business meeting
and snacks**

Bring a lawn chair



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**Directions to
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From I-270 take I-71 south to OH-161. Turn left to second light (Satinwood). Turn right, two streets to Sandalwood. Turn left. First street on right is Lindenwood. Take a right and straight ahead is red brick ranch with a red door.

Started in 2018, our Forest Park Garden Railroad was named for the neighborhood where we have lived since 1984. Tim has been a model railroader in N, HO and O scales since a young boy. Lisa is a master gardener through Ohio State University extension and responsible for the garden designs. We both enjoy our hobbies and decided to merge the two.

Lisa and I both work full time, and are also busy being new grandparents. We work on the railroad as much as we can.

Currently the trains run on track power on a 200 foot dog bone format. This year we have been busy laying the “bones” of the new gardens and planning for future expansion. The egress windows (along with a basement redesign), fence extensions and new gate designs (thanks to Fortin, Inc.) are now complete which allows us to begin planning Phase II.



As a part of our meeting, we thought it would be fun to ask club members for help with design ideas for Phases II and III of the railroad. We will provide an architectural drawing and have members draw ideas of how to incorporate a second loop and a point to point location. The construction is made of “plastic lumber” and Phase I has held up well through its first winter.

Ross Herron Memorial Railroad

Railroad a delightful tribute to Jim's grandfather, Ross Herron

by JoAnne Hamblin

The aroma of chicken, BBQ beef, green beans, cheesy potatoes, salads with lots of veggies, and cake, pie, and cookies filled the kitchen and dining room of the Kimmel home in Westerville on Sunday, September 29.



The annual Columbus Garden Railway Society Fall potluck was attended by three dozen hungry souls.

Before we weaved our way through the family room and hallway to the smorgasbord, we had a short business meeting led by Doug Clark. Winning the Jim Kimmel scratch-built cabin door prize was Darryle Hairston, who just happens to be creating a G-scale train layout in his back yard. Perfect! We hope to see his labor of love, and the cabin, if not in 2020, then in 2021.

Volunteers are needed to host 2020 events and if you aren't able to be a host, then volunteers are needed for the Center of Science and Industry (C.O.S.I.) Model Train Days, November 20-24 in Columbus. It's a tough job, but somebody has to run the trains for the delight of the kids of all ages.

At our January 2020 Make It Take It, you will construct an A-frame bridge. But there are only six kits left and they're free, so be sure to contact Bob Duggan (see page 7) to sign-up for one or more of the above mentioned events.

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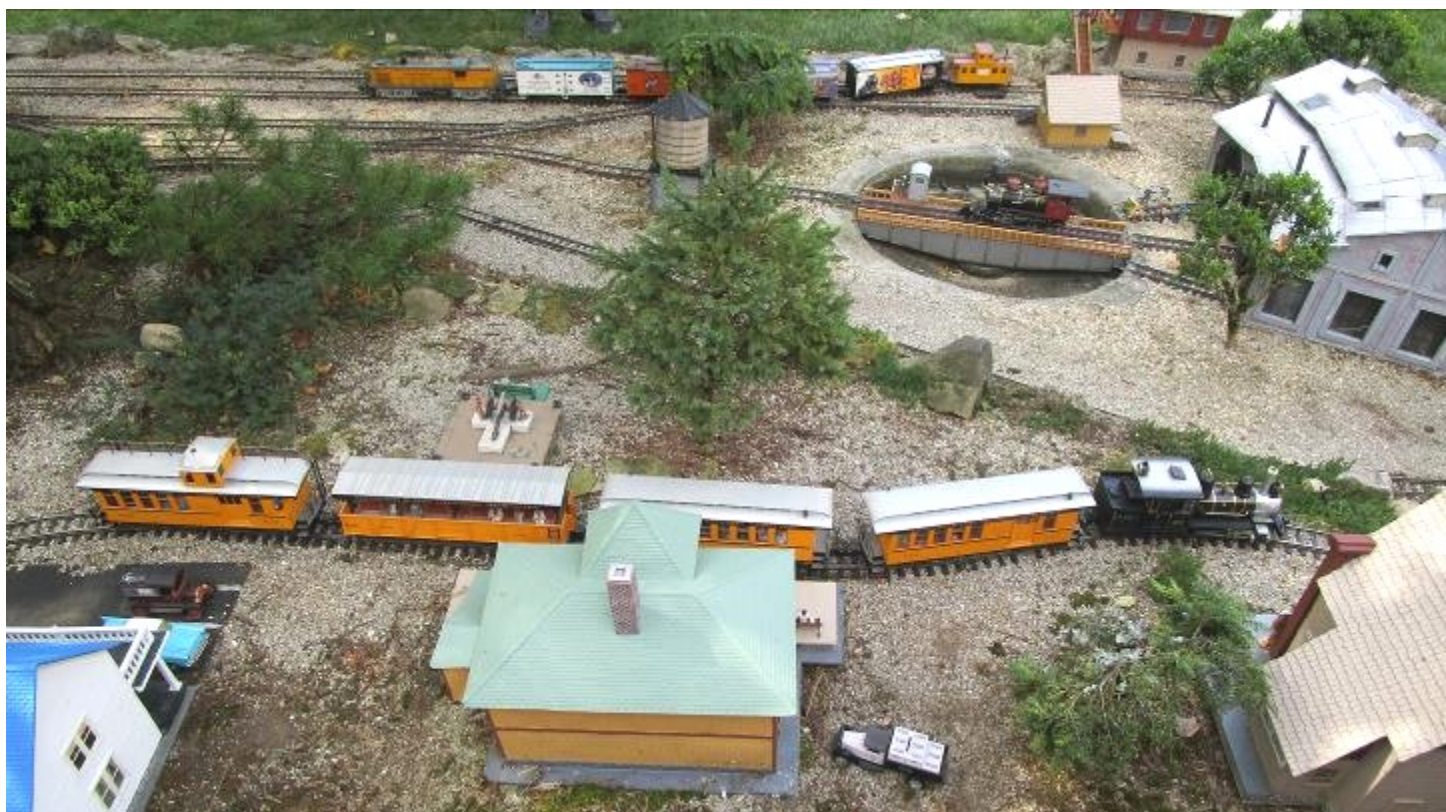
— Kimmel continued from page 2

All the trains (I think I counted four, but there could have been five, plus the trolley) were running smoothly under the big shade tree in the middle of the Kimmel layout. Of course, all the buildings were scratch-built by Jim and he is very creative at pruning boxwoods to look like G-scale size trees. Nearly anywhere you parked your lawn chair in the Kimmel backyard, you could see some portion of the layout, as it covered nearly three-quarters of their yard. Saves on mowing and is much more fun!

Many thanks to Barb and Jim for hosting and allowing us to drop food on their lawn and to the CGRS members in attendance who prepared great food for us to enjoy. Oh, and did we tell you, the weather was perfect for the day. #



Left photo: Bob Duggan and Doug Clark with samples of the A-frame bridge, our January Make It Take It project;
Right photo, Darryle Hairston, winner of the day's door prize, a Jim Kimmel scratch-built cabin



September 29 Pre-Meeting

Oktoberfest on the Hacker Express Garden Railroad

by JoAnne Hamblin

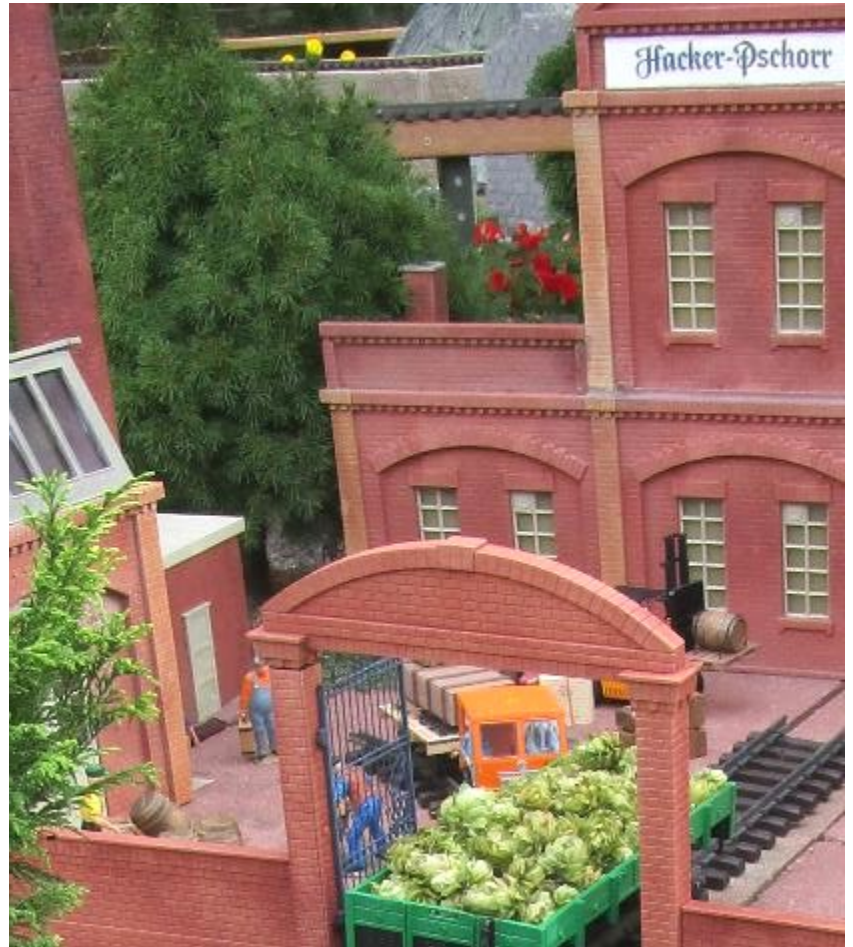


It's Fall, that means Oktoberfest! We heard the polka band and enjoyed watching the moving of the beer from the brewery to Oktoberfest and passengers taking a ride on the scenic cog railroad up Der Korkenzieherberg.

Many thanks to Jed and Michelle Hacker for opening their newly expanded railroad both before the main monthly event at the Kimmel home and afterwards for those who missed it beforehand.

Hope you saw the bridgework Jed has built for his railroad because he will be teaching us how to do that for our railroads at a clinic in March of 2020.

If you like the European-style trains, the Hacker Express Garden Railroad was the place to be on September 29. Much of the railroad traces back to the Alps and Hacker family traditions and livelihoods. #



RAILROAD GARDEN TOUR

The annual garden tour, Sunday, September 8th

Our open house started with about six people in the first hour and a half. After they left and with the able assistance of Doug Kruest for the event, we decided to shut down the loops and enjoy the weather. We no sooner were enjoying a delightful chat than the “second wave” arrived and it was somewhat continuous for the duration. We discovered that many had started with the furthest layouts from their homes and were heading back hoping to see as many as they could before arriving closest to their homes. I received more than the usual series of questions about the catenary and had to give the questioners an actual demonstration on what happens if the pantograph is lowered from the upper cable — it stops — and my bow tie didn’t light up.

Our best guess for the number of visitors was about 200, but for me it was the enjoyment of interacting with everyone. We had a couple of casualties, however the failures were attributed to the lack of preventative maintenance in certain areas of the components. The fix will be either a larger hammer or complete removal from the system.

— Bob Collins



For the past 15 years we have enjoyed the rewards of sharing our backyard with friends,

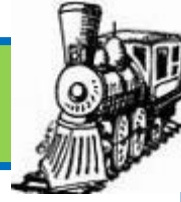
neighbors and the general public. Each year the joy deepens as we welcome new visitors and recognize returning ones, even if we can’t remember their names. Their appreciation for all our efforts never ceases to amaze us. We and our fellow club members know what a labor of love it is, but when others recognize it, it blesses us.

This year the children were excited, as usual, but also extremely well behaved. Parents were attentive and all trains and cars remained intact and on the rails without incident. The locomotives were the ones that behaved poorly. The gears of one locked up and her stand-in did an admirable job.. The fire pumper car refused to pump properly and the spectators remained dry and unaware of their near miss.

All in all the day was exceptional. We counted 328 people give or take a few. The flow was steady and we were able to talk with most of our guests. What a wonderful way to make new friends!

— Bev and Alvin Mann

Area Train Excursions



RailServe.com

October



October 17-21 Columbus Garden Railway Society—Tennessee Valley Railroad excursions including Copperhill Special and Summerville Steam Special; Lookout Mountain Incline



October 19 & 20 and October 26 & 27

Reading & Northern Railroad Fall Foliage Excursions
From Reading to Jim Thorpe and RDC excursions from Pottsville to Jim Thorpe, PA

October 25-27 Autumn Colors Express; diesel-powered excursions from Huntington to Hinton, West Virginia through the New River Gorge

October 25-27 Bellefonte Railroad Historical Society Fall Foliage Excursions; six excursions from Bellefonte, PA



November

November 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 Team Railroading Institute "North Pole Express" Pere Marquette 2-8-4 #1225 powers the annual Christmas excursions from Owosso, Michigan

Model Train Shows & Conventions

October & November

October 19 & 20

Dayton Train Toy-N-Tique Show

Trains, Toys (pre-1989) and antiques. LOTTS & NMRA welcome Early Birds \$10 Sat 10 am-Noon; General Public \$8 Sat Noon—5 pm, Sun \$6 11am—4 pm; Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 645 Infirmary Road, Dayton 45417; contact DaytonTrainToyNTique@gmail.com or 614.515.3888

November 2 & 3

Dayton Train Show; Vendors offering different gauges, memorabilia, souvenirs, mini-clinics, books and more; Admission \$8, Sat 11 am—5 pm; Sun 11 am—5 pm; Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 645 Infirmary Road, Dayton 45417; contact NMRA.DIV.3@gamilcom

NEWS TABLE News

September 19, 2019, Easterday home



Many thanks to Cecil Easterday for hosting the news table meeting on September 19. Cecil shared that the club is in good financial shape. We now have 46 on the fall bus to Tennessee with two joining us in Chattanooga.

Jed Hacker shared that he will have his railroad open for a pre-event tour before heading to the September 29 main event at the Kimmel home. This is a potluck, so bring a side dish to share— meat will be provided.

Bill Logan has been in contact with our February banquet speaker, Jeff Darbee. Dan will share contact information with JoAnne Hamblin so she can begin promoting our banquet speaker.

Any new members paying their \$24 dues after September 1 will be considered paid through the following calendar year.

The holiday potluck will be Friday, December 27, 6:00 pm at the Easterday home in Dublin.

The first kit for the A-frame bridge clinic in January will be free; there will be a fee for additional kits. Bob Duggan reported we have events scheduled for January, February, March, May, July, and August of 2020. If you would like to host, please contact Bob.#

Sign-Up!

Fall activities needing your attention and other fun 'stuff' !

- ◆ Model Train Days at the Center of Science and Industry (COSI) Tuesday, November 19 Set-up and Monday, November 25 Put-away, Wed. thru Sun. November 20-24, Run Trains!
- ◆ Our November Event will be Sun., Nov. 24 held at COSI. Run trains and help tear-down.
- ◆ Hosts needed for 2020 Sunday events.
- ◆ Order kits (only 6 left) for the January Make It Take It A-Frame Train Bridge.
- ◆ Contact Bob Duggan at 614.975.4257 or deisel45@hotmail.com

NEWS TABLE, 7:30 pm Thursdays

- October 17 — News Table will be held during the bus trip to Tennessee since most of the news table members will be on the bus trip!
- November 21— Many of the team will be at C.O.S.I. running trains so the team will need to decide if a meeting is needed.

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of the month

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More Kimmel train layout photos on pages 2 and 3

2019 CALENDAR



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October 27, Sun, 2-4 pm	October Event, Dove home, Columbus
November 20-24	CGRS at Model Train Days, C.O.S.I.
November 24, 2-4 pm	November Event, C.O.S.I., Columbus
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, Upper Arlington