



The Columbus Garden Railway Society

ON TRACK!

SEPTEMBER 2019



Ross Herron Memorial Railroad


article & photos by Jim Kimmel

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 29
2:00—4:00 p.m.**

2:00 p.m. Trains running
2:30 p.m. Potluck and Meeting
Bring a side dish
Meat, beverages and table service will be provided
Bring a lawn chair



Hosts Barb and Jim Kimmel
417 Mary Avenue
Westerville
43081-1779
614.890.8173

 **Directions to 417 Mary Avenue Westerville 43081**
From I-270 take exit 29 Westerville North to North State Street; turn right onto Schrock Road; left at South Otterbein Avenue; right on Mary Avenue to 417.

The railroad was started in 1996 and was named for Jim's grandfather Ross Herron, who always wanted to be a railroad engineer but his wife did not like the idea.

The layout started with one single loop and one small waterfall pond.

The next year a dogleg was added and finally a trolley line back and forth. The pond was later enlarged to a two-tiered waterfall pond (an idea we saw at the garden railway convention in Seattle many years back). The set-up has the capability of running five engines at a time (fingers crossed, everything runs as it should) with an alternating circuit and another passing circuit.



All the buildings were scratch built by Jim. Plantings have been in place more than 15 years and are mature, but well maintained to scale by Jim's skillful pruning. #

Please see page 2 for a pre-meeting open garden railroad.

September 29 Pre-Meeting Open Garden Railroad – Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Hacker Express Garden Railroad, 151 East Schrock Road, Westerville 43018-3446

article and photos by Jed Hacker

If you haven't been to the Hacker's house in the past year, you'll be impressed with all the changes. The weekend after the rained-out garden tour last year Jed has been going non-stop expanding. Hundreds of wheelbarrow loads of bricks, gravel, and topsoil have been brought into the backyard tripling the railroad garden. Even added a new Amish built shed/workshop in which to park trains. Check out the Swiss inspired viaduct being made from rigid pink insulation foam. Many miniature plants accent the garden along with picturesque European themed scenes.



Since it's Fall, that means Oktoberfest! You'll hear the polka band and enjoy the trains either moving beer from the brewery to Oktoberfest on the mainline, or passengers taking a ride on the scenic cog railroad up Der Korkenzieherberg. Lederhosen optional. Parking in the curb lane of Schrock Road is allowed. Only 1.5 miles to the Kimmel home. #



RAILROAD GARDEN TOUR

**The annual garden tour is Sunday,
September 8th. Mark your calendars!!**

WE NEED YOU!

**Please let Deb know you are opening
your layout for the tour.**

Deb Sweet, dcordrey@sbcglobal.net or 614.899.1270

If you are opening your railroad for the September 8 annual Garden Railroad Tour and would like to put one of the signs shown, in your yard to promote the day, contact Deb Sweet.



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

Bob Duggan has sign up sheets for:

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

Crawford Valley Railroad

article by Jed Hacker; photos by Richard Abler and Jed Hacker



Beverly and Alvin ordered perfect weather for the August 25th club meeting at their pristine Crawford Valley Railroad. This was also our annual Swap Meet. There was plenty of scenery to look at on the railroad and lots of good nuggets to be found in the auction. Approximately 50 were in attendance for this afternoon of trains and trading.

Doug Clark led the business meeting. Bob Duggan is looking for folks to sign up for hosting meetings next year and volunteering for the Columbus Garden Railway Society Center of Science and Industry (COSI) exhibit in November. Our meeting will be at COSI and at the conclusion of the meeting the many hands will make for quick work tearing down the club display layout. Bob also showed off his bridge models that the club will be building for the 'make and take' meeting this winter. Jed Hacker stood-in for Deb Sweet to hand out flyers for the upcoming open garden tour. Bev Mann then took center stage and gave a great descriptive history of their layout, starting with the waterfall pond area and then getting trains operational the night before their first open garden tour in 2005. In the years to follow they modeled buildings to represent their family history and the different industries they were involved with. We finished by singing Happy Birthday to Alvin. Cake, snacks and other goodies were provided.

The swap meet had a variety of items from Bill Logan's giant used LGB Stainz train parts collection, Alvin's circus train set, Dan Hill brought free catalogs from various manufacturers, others brought new and used track, trains, rolling stock, buildings, LGB people, and even a sidewalk concrete pattern mold. Doesn't matter if you are new to the hobby or a seasoned veteran you could find something you need. #



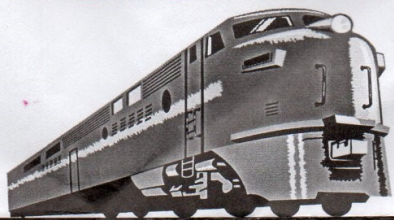
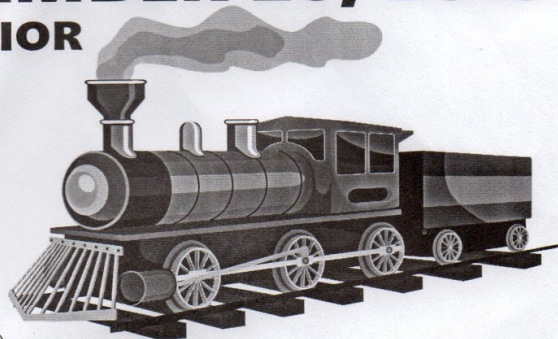
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18th ANNUAL**

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

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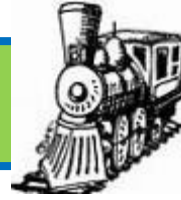
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Area Train Excursions



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September and October

September 27 – 30, Pennsylvania
N & W 611 at Strasburg Rail Road
four, 45-minute excursions daily



Steam in the Valley

**All Aboard Steam Locomotive No. 765
September 21 & 22, September 27 & 28**

October 4, Pennsylvania
Norfolk & Western #611, Strasburg Rail Road
four, 45-minute excursions daily

October 5, Michigan
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Reading to Jim Thorpe
and RDC excursion
from Pottsville to
Jim Thorpe, PA.



NEWS TABLE News

August 15, 2019, Sweet home



Many thanks to Deb and Don Sweet for hosting the news table meeting on August 15.

Cecil Easterday 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.

Deb Sweet shared she has only 12 hosts, one of which is a new railroad, for the September 8 annual garden railroad tour open to the public. These media sources will have promotions for our event: GScale.net, Sunny 95, Columbus Dispatch, Railway Magazine, Cheap Columbus free things to do and more. Lawn signs will be available for hosts to pick up at the August 25 event at the Mann home. Also, at this August meeting, we hope many will volunteer to help hosts with running trains and troubleshooting during the September 8 tour.

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.

The newsletter team appreciated Bob Duggan for creating two samples for future Make It Take It winter events. The team chose the A-Frame railroad bridge for the January 2020 clinic and the footbridge for the January 2021 clinic.

Jed Hacker volunteered to present the March 2020 clinic on Styrofoam sculpting bridges and more. We are confirming a location for this event.

Cecil Easterday has volunteered to host the September 19 news table meeting — thank you! #

NEWS TABLE, 7:30 pm Thursdays

September 19 — Cecil Easterday 7320 Macbeth Drive, Dublin 43016-9177; 614.582.3099

October 17 — News Table will be held on the bus to Tennessee since most of the news table members will be on the bus trip!

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| September 19, Thur, 7:30 pm | News Table, Easterday Home |
| September 29, Sun, 2-4 pm | September Event, Kimmel home, Westerville — Potluck/Cook-Out |
| October 17 to October 21 | Fall bus tour to Tennessee |
| October 17 | News Table will take place on the bus to Tennessee |
| 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. |
| December | Holiday Party—Date to be announced |