



# On Track with The Columbus Garden Railway Society

All Aboard!

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# Engineer's note:

Upcoming Destinations: Come join us!

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Sep 19 (you just missed this one)

Jed & Michelle Hacker Westerville

Oct 17

Alvin & Beverly Mann Columbus

**"The Trip"** Sep 19- Sep 23

Trip Coordinators: Mary Ricci & Beth Baker

...for more events & details read on...

Welcome to our newsletter *On Track* with The CGRS!

We value all our members and friends who take an interest in our hobby and hope you will enjoy this new version of our society's newsletter. It is our hope to bring you relevant and upcoming news and CGRS information that will help you wanting to stay connected to The CGRS.

We want to give special thanks to JoAnne Hamblin for all her hard work and dedication to *On Track* and The CGRS. For the last 9 years you have kept us all well informed and connected to the events and interests of our members. Thank you so much for your dedication and for volunteering for a job that takes a lot of time and creativity and has been the heart of our connection to the hobby as well. You have done an outstanding job and we as members are very grateful!

We hope the next few pages will continue to be both interesting and engaging.

Helping Engineer our CGRS, Tim Dove and Sheila Young

# Trainscapes: The Garden Bench... by Lisa Dove

While the lack of rain has made running our trains a whole lot more enjoyable, it is causing havoc with our trainscapes! Here are some things to do in September to help keep get your live layout fixtures ready for the fall season.

- Water, Water, Water! Boxwoods, Mini Pines, and your Sedum ground covers. As plants begin to go into dormancy, hydration is very important.
  - Deep watering (hold the hose and count to 30) once a week is best! No fertilizer at this time!
- Deadhead your perennials (coneflowers, black eyed Susans, etc). This puts the plants energy back into the roots instead of seed production.
- Clear up leaf debris, to prevent the spread of spores and remove the hiding places for non-beneficial insects.

- Annual plants that you put in the ground in April/May, have made it through their life cycle. Some may make it another month.
- Bird migration is starting. They are gathering, so you may see higher activity at bird feeders. Keep your hummingbird feeder up for another month to catch the ones migrating from the North.



*Check out our Input/Suggestion Box... known as the “Coal Hopper” (Slide 15) Ideas for topics? You have expertise to share?*

# Welcome New Members...

Welcome and Thanks for getting *On Track* with The CGRS we are glad that you have decided to join us for the ride and scenic hobby of a lifetime. Please feel free to ask as many questions as you can, add new ideas and information to our group. We would love to know more about you and your interest in garden railways.

Membership in the Columbus Garden Railway Society (CGRS) is open to anyone. While the name of the organization refers to garden railroading, ownership of a garden railroad is not necessary. Many of our members have a G-scale railroad in their garden or yard, others may have one in their basement or other room of their home, and yet others may choose to not have one at all. That is not important. What is important is that all our members share a common interest and love of our hobbies.



# Interested in becoming a member?

Get on board with The CGRS! We would love to invite those who have a garden railway, those who would like to learn more about garden railways, those who want to join in this exciting hobby, and those who just love trains.

We all have family and friends who enjoy our current garden railways! Bring them to a Sunday event and have them learn more and meet new people.



Membership Form & Information  
<https://thecgrs.org/membership/>

# CGRS merchandise...

The CGRS Depot Store:

- Crew neck sweatshirts - XSmall to 4Xlarge - \$25.00 to \$27.00
- Golf shirts S to 3XL - \$28.00 to \$42.00
- Golf Shirts WITH pocket - same sizes as golf shirts without pockets - \$37.00 to \$45.00
- Jackets with hood - S to 3XL - \$62.00
- Hats - baseball type \$18.00 please choose color - Khaki, green, black, white.
- PLEASE NOTE: ALL golf shirts ordered without a pocket unless a pocket is specified. Bob Collins is our Conductor for all wearable merchandise any questions please contact him at 614-975-5753.



Name Tags with Magnet fastener \$6 each

Bag Tags with loop \$8 each

## Order forms

<https://thecgrs.org/members/cgrs-store/>



# Beginners Help Page...

- Beginner Help Forum: Are you just starting your railway or adding a new creative addition to your current railway here are some places that might help you.
- ❖ [Trains.com/beginners](http://Trains.com/beginners) this is an overview of garden railroading
- ❖ [Trains Magazine online](#)
- ❖ [Outside wiring Garden Railways Magazine](#)
- ❖ [Trains.com](http://Trains.com)
- ❖ [CS.Trains.com/grw](http://CS.Trains.com/grw)
- ❖ [Where do you start? Garden Railway forum](#)

[www.gardenrails.com](http://www.gardenrails.com)





## Engineers of the Month: Kent & Beth Kloes

Craig Bigrigg has also been busy working with a 3D printer. New sections of bridges are available.

Thanks to our Latest Hosts!

The B&K RR did not disappoint. Great additions and accurate display of a company town in W. Va. Thanks to all who shared their treasures for the swap meet. Many of us took advantage.

The Shrunk 3D crew were on hand to take scans of interested members. G scale sized versions of ourselves will be available at a future meeting. We will visit each other's railroads and find the exact replicas of the owners!





# Directions to our next Destinations

## Next Club Meeting

- Leaving the Station...
- Welcome to the Brenner's railways both their beautiful Garden Railroad and their 7-1/2" large scale garden railroad.
- When Sunday September 29, 2024
- Where: 1300 3 B's & K Road Sunbury, OH
- Time : 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- This will be a Pot Luck please bring a dish to share
- Type in the address in your favorite Mapping App for directions



# Destination Addresses for future events

Upcoming Destinations: Come join us!

**News table meetings 7-8pm ish**

Since our club does not have formal officers or by laws, we are a collective of interested hobbyists that meet once a month to determine the direction and processes for the club. Those in attendance make decisions as needed. You are invited to join (and have a vote if you are a paid member).

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# Thank You...

To our Open House Tour Conductor! Thank-you **Deb Sweet** for all your efforts organizing and sharing information for another successful Open House! Well done coordinating with our visitors from the Florida club and setting up our get together.



And to our Train Trip Tour Engineers! Thank-you **Mary Ricci & Beth Baker** for all your efforts organizing and leading another exciting tour! Look for more information in our next newsletter.

## Part of our History...

(In future months, this page will highlight one of our members)

### For this month, a brief history of CGRS...

The first meeting CGRS meeting was in February 1992 with about two dozen attendees at the Chemical Abstracts cafeteria here in Columbus. Shortly after its founding, CGRS committed to participating in the Great American Train Show (GATS) at the Expo Center (Fairgrounds) in Columbus. The group has participated in an annual excursion for interested members for years.

From a somewhat humble beginning, CGRS has blossomed into a group of over 100 families mostly from Ohio, but with a few members from nearby states as well. Even as running and organizing a group of this size has become more complex, CGRS still adheres to its original idea of being simply a gathering of like-minded people interested in running trains, creating wonderful gardens and having fun.



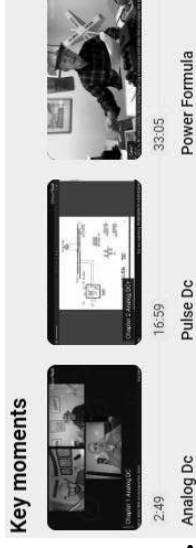
The Columbus Garden Railway Society (CGRS) is a unique, organization whose goals are to have fun with garden railroading and the sharing information on the hobby. The group is simply an informal gathering of people interested in gardening and railroading. We all subscribe the 10-foot rule, which loosely translates to "If it looks good from 10 feet away, then it is good enough".

# News from the Railway Construction Crew

Don't forget our

Workshop Wednesday Series hosted by Jed Hacker & David Bush

On YouTube!



- Youtube Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggVKIaR-Gyo&t=3345s>

Power options for G Scale!

Chapter 1 Analog DC

Chapter 2 Analog DC+

Chapter 3 Analog DC/RC

Chapter 4 Analog DC/RC+

Chapter 5 DCC

Chapter 6 DCC/RC Chapter

7 RC Battery w/ DCC Decode

- Streamed live on Feb 3, 2021
- Join Bill, Jed & David for a show explaining the ups and downs of DC, DCC & RC power for your Garden Railroad.
- Use this link to the CGRS website for your copy of the slides that accompany this show.
- Feel free to print the powerpoint and follow along. <https://thecgrs.org/wp-content/upload...>

# A Day trip from Central Ohio

Something fun to consider

Do you have Children or Grandchildren who would love to enjoy a train ride with Santa? He will be coming to a train near you soon and now is the time to make your reservations.

Here are a few place to try:

- North Pole Adventure: <https://www.cvsr.org/excursions/north-pole-adventure/north-pole-adventure>
- Santa Train: <https://www.hvsry.org/train-rides/santa/>
- 6 Magical train rides:
- <https://365cincinnati.com/christmas-train-rides-ohio/>



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## **The Coal Hopper:** (Suggestion Box)

Where everyone can add their fuel to the fire of our hobby...

Suggestions, comments and creative ideas for upcoming events, news table meeting agenda items, possible new event ideas, information etc. are welcomed here. For CGRS to stay on track your input is important to us.

Send your ideas **Contact Us** (bottom of [thecgrs.org](http://thecgrs.org) page)

Select **Newsletter** Sheila Young & Tim Dove

Start message with "Coal" or "Idea" ...

# This Issue: September 2024

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*ON TRACK* is intended as a medium in which to share the news and views of the Columbus Garden Railway Society members.

CGRS is an informal group which meets monthly or so 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 our members unless otherwise noted.

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