



Columbus Garden Railway Society Newsletter

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January Meeting at Franklin Park Conservatory By Mike Walls

In This Issue

Change is Good, they say. We start off the new year (well, almost) with a new look for the front page of our Newsletter. Getting our Bill Logan - designed logo up front was long overdue in my opinion.

The newsletter also will have some added splashes of color which you'll see only if you're reading online or downloading the PDF file for your printer. Mailed issues will still be black-and-white only.

Your comments, pro and con, on this new look are welcome.

Also with this issue is the itinerary for the CGRS fall bus excursion. The last one sold out in a week. [Ed.]

Bill Logan opened the January 19th meeting at Franklin Park Conservatory in classroom #1 to a capacity crowd of over 55 CGRS members. Not sure if it was the agenda, the weather or the location but our room was at capacity.

Was great to see so many fellow Garden Rail fans on a cold winter day. We welcomed (7) seven new members to the great hobby of garden railroading.

The following business items were discussed before moving onto our clinic of scratch building rolling stock and battery power for engines.

NAME BADGES: Anyone, new members and existing members wanting to purchase a new or additional CGRS name badge should contact Richard Abler Badges are \$5.00 each. X-large CGRS sweat shirts also available \$20.00 each.

ANNUAL BANQUET: CGRS annual banquet reminder will be the February event for CGRS members that have paid their dues. Banquet reservation form in last newsletter issue. Looking for more door prizes and raffle items, contact Dan Hill for donations.

MEETING HOSTS: You can become meeting hosts for April, (May taken) June, July and August are available. don't miss out on the fun contact Bill

Lott ASAP for your favorite month. **TOOL BOX:** Bob Collins has assembled a field tool box for use when CGRS members travel to the field, such as the Park of Roses display, Inniswood gardens, Franklin Park, or even to another members rail-raising event. Many members reviewed the current contents that Bob has assembled and offered suggestions on a few additional items that could prove helpful. Thanks Bob! What a great idea.

FALL TRIP: Cecil Easterday, the Official CGRS travel and tour director provided us with a brief overview and some enticing items of interest, trains, food, more trains, more places to eat for the planned October 2-6th bus trip to Strasburg, Pa. and other sites. Sounds like a great trip, more to follow on this one.

SALE! Several CGRS members brought railroad items, engines, building kits etc. with some happy buyers, and sellers by the end of the meeting. Maybe a small swap meet could become a regular part of our meetings. What do you think?

FPC RAILROAD DISPLAY UPDATE: Bill Logan, (CGRS) has been approached by the staff at Franklin Park Conservatory and in conjunction with the Horticulture department of OSU to assist in updating the courtyard railroad layout. Input at this time is to tie the

Meeting at Franklin Park Conservatory (con'd)		Who's Who and What's What
<p>theme together with the State Bicentennial, by depicting life in Ohio over the past 200 years. Some suggests have been offered to include farming, covered bridge, canal boat, serpent mound etc. This venue has the potential to bring attention to the hobby of Garden Railroading, CGRS, and those whom have run out of space at home to further expand with the many talents that CGRS members posses. I am sure we will here more in the near future as the Conservatory hopes to have the display in place by Fathers day. Feel free to contact Bill Logan for more information.</p> <p>CLINICS: With the business and announcements out of the way our program chair, Bill Lott, introduced Gary Sines, with the Miami Valley Garden Railway Society (Dayton) who proceeded to inform us how to scratch build rolling stock from some of the most common to unique items:</p> <p>Wood Types: a. Cedar, b. Redwood, c. Basswood. Glue Type: a. Titebond II, b. super glue, c. others. Scale Lumber; a. popsicle sticks are great 2X8's, b. wood coffee stirs are 1X4's, c. Chop sticks make great wood loads. Old Jewelry: small necklace chains make good scale chains for log cars etc. Clothing snaps make for great bolt & nut combinations for bridges, wood ore cars etc. Old film canisters make great pot belly stoves. Paints and Stains for weathering were also reviewed in brief.</p> <p>This is just a few of the out of the box thinking ideas that we were exposed too during this very interesting clinic. All of this was framed by the fact that stock off the hobby store shelf or specialty suppliers need not be used to build unique rolling stock for your railroad. Custom rolling stock on a budget!</p>	<p>WOW! What a great clinic, a big CGRS thank you to our MVGRS friend Gary Sines.</p> <p>With a brief intermission for some OSU Tostitos chips and soft drinks our second Clinic presented by Bill Logan covered all aspects of going from track-powered locomotives to battery power. Items of specific interest included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Batteries, voltage range, amp hour, run time, where to buy, where to install the batteries and how to wire them. 2. Cautions, were pointed out regarding the engine modifications required to assure that all track power pick-up points were isolated or.... <p>BAD THINGS WILL HAPPEN!!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Remote control of battery powered equipment was also reviewed and it was noted that some newer locos are equipped with a switch for Track power or Battery power which effectively isolates the track power pick-up issue. <p>The meeting concluded with several brave souls taking their battery- powered equipment outdoors to the FPC courtyard layout to "RUN TRAINS" in the snow.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CGRS</p>	<p>This newsletter is intended as a medium in which to air the news and views of CGRS Members in good standing. 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. Most CGRS Member Families are from the Greater Columbus area.</p> <p>Newsletter-related business, such as articles and classified ads, as well as changes to the membership list, should be directed to the editor:</p> <p>Richard J. Abler / Puddlefort Press 990 Blind Brook Drive Columbus OH 43235-1281 Phone 614-885-0351 Fax: Same, call first. E-mail: abler@infinet.com</p> <p>Membership dues and financial matters: Doug Clark 249 Penick Ave Delaware OH 43015 Phone 740-369-4807 E-mail: dclar5@columbus.rr.com Note new email addr for Doug!!</p> <p>CGRS principal business contact: Bill Logan 1421 Norma Road Columbus OH 43229 Phone 614-846-1089 E-mail: WRLogan@msn.com</p> <p>Meetings and Programs: Bill Lott 614-837-8520; wlott@insight.rr.com</p> <p>Library/Archives/Books/Videos Cecil Easterday ceasterday@columbus.rr.com Phone: 614-889-1424</p> <p>Webmaster: Peter Wine Email: Webmaster@cgrs.org Phone: 937-228-1491</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CGRS</p>
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Prizes, Prizes, Prizes By Dan Hill	Last Chance for Banquet Reservations!	CGRS Bus Trip Info with this Issue
<p>Yes, we have lots of prizes for this years banquet! The list of raffle prizes provided to date totals 18 items: Dwarf Alberta Spruce Warthers Locomotive Print Scratch Built Bridge PH Reversing Unit LGB Truss Bridge Tabletop Christmas Train Custom Switch Lanterns (pkg of 4) RR-Track Software Railroad Jigsaw Puzzle Scratch Built Country Church 1934 Ford Coupe - 2 ea. 1949 Mercury Sedan Garden Railways Videotape LGB Wine Barrel Car Scotts Plant Foods (pkg of 4) Picnic Basket & Dinnerware Tabletop Starter Greenhouse</p> <p>Look for Katy or me at the banquet, we will be selling tickets (a dollar each or six for \$5) for the raffle prizes. All proceeds go to CGRS, so plan on purchasing as many tickets as you want to increase your odds of winning the prize of your choice. There will be separate ticket receptacles for each prize. We'll even have some extra receptacles on hand in case we get some additional last minute prize donations.</p> <p>So don't miss out on the chance to win some great raffle prizes! The door prize program is also going strong this year. We will probably have 150 items to choose from when the first number is drawn. In addition to the usual selection of figures, smoke fluid, etc. provided by Cross Creek Engineering and G Scale Junction at discount to CGRS, we have been given about 80 similar small items by CGRS members.</p> <p>So whatever your interest, whether buying raffle tickets for that special prize you really want or waiting for your door prize number to be drawn, we've got something for you. Just be sure to attend the banquet, because that's the only way you'll get it!</p>	<p>As of this writing (February 9th) there are only 10 spots left for our annual banquet. We're pleased to have Paul Busse, garden railroad builder extraordinaire, as our special guest speaker this year. The banquet is at the DaVinci Restaurant at the corner of Reed and Henderson Roads in northwest Greater Columbus.</p> <p>Your cost for the banquet is only \$30. That includes a buffet with your choice of one of three entrees, along with side dishes, rolls, dessert, and coffee or tea.</p> <p>The \$30 also covers tax and tip, as well as hall rental, sound system rental, lectern rental, and expenses and overnight accommodations for our guest speaker. Parking is free. Of course the fee also covers door prizes, and everybody will win at least one door prize. So that's really a bargain for a night's entertainment!</p> <p>To make your reservations get in touch with Jim Kimmel at JKimmel@columbus.rr.com or call Jim at 614-890-8173. First come first served! [Ed.].</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CGRS</p>	<p>Enclosed with the newsletter this month is the itinerary for the annual CGRS bus excursion. This year the trip runs from Thursday, October 2, through Monday, October 6. Cecil Easterday has put together a truly fantastic package for our enjoyment.</p> <p>We're going for 5 days and 4 nights to eastern Pennsylvania for activities and sights of interest to garden railroaders and non-railroaders alike. Check out the itinerary and you'll see what I mean.</p> <p>Our last bus trip - the one to Cass WV and surrounding area sold out in one week. So don't dilly dally if you're thinking you're going to do this trip.</p> <p>The price for the tour is as low as it can possibly be. You can't do this trip on your own for less. That's because we get group discounts to most of the attractions. Note that all hotels and many meals are included in the tour price! And you don't have to drive, and you don't have to go through airport security; just sit back and relax and let driving to a professional driver in our luxury \$500,000 vehicle!</p> <p>Cecil has really outdone herself in putting together this activity-packed trip! You'll have a blast! [Ed.]</p>
	<p>CGRS Dues Renewal Form - 2003</p> <p>Dues for calendar year 2003 are \$24. Make your check payable to "CGRS" and mail it to Doug Clark / 249 Pennick Ave / Delaware OH 43015-2211.</p> <p>Your name _____</p> <p>Current Email Addr. _____</p> <p>If you need an extra badge(s) add \$5 for each badge and list the name(s) here:</p> <p>Name for badge _____</p> <p>Your check Number _____ Total amount on Check \$ _____</p>	
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Newsletter via Email in the works	Garden Tour Letter	Welcome New Members
<p>As you have noticed the front page of the newsletter has a different look this month. We're adding a bit of color to the newsletter. But you'll only see the color if you read the newsletter online and/or download the soon-to-be PDF file from our web site, www.cgrs.org.</p> <p>In preparation for the email delivery those of you who's email addresses we have on file will be receiving a confirmatory test message. We want to be sure your email address is still the same as the one we have on file. And we want you to be sure you can read a PDF file.</p> <p>For the moment you really don't need to do anything. However, if you are a paid-up CGRS member and if you have an email address, and if you DON'T get an email test from me before March, better get in touch: abler@infinet.com.</p> <p>If you don't have an email address, don't worry. Nothing else changes. You will still get a printed newsletter delivered to your home about a week before our regular monthly meeting.</p> <p>We trust that email delivery will give you a nicer looking newsletter and reduce our printing and mailing costs so we can hold dues costs steady. [Ed.].</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CGRS</p>	<p>Garden Tour - Already?!! Those of you who have been on the garden tour in the past may have received a letter recently from Marilyn Raidt - the woman who coordinates the garden tours for Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. An enrollment form to be a host garden on a tour was enclosed with the letter.</p> <p>You don't have to do anything with that form. As in years past I will be sending Marilyn descriptions and directions for each of the CGRS members on the tour from the information I have on file. The garden tour date this year will be Sunday, September 7th, and railroad gardens will be open to the public from 1 to 6 PM.</p> <p>I have most of the information needed for those who were on the tour last year. I say "most" because much of my information was lost in a recent hard disk crash. And of course I don't have the needed descriptions and directions for those who have not been on the tour before. But we can address these issues in the coming months.</p> <p>The important thing to note is that you don't need answer Marilyn Raidt's letter. If you have questions please get in touch with me at abler@infinet.com or 614-885-0351. [Ed]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CGRS</p>	<p>The Columbus Garden Railway Society is pleased to welcome the following new members:</p> <p>Karen Gray and her son Ryan join us from Ashville.</p> <p>From Gahanna we welcome John Bishop.</p> <p>Ben Ritchey joins us from Dublin.</p> <p>New members Michael & Barbara Henestofel are from Reynoldsburg and Marvin Capehart is from Pickerington.</p> <p>New CGRS members from Columbus are as follows: Judy Stoof, John Ross, Roger Huff, Phil & Jane Dean, and Lynn & Sandra Swisher.</p> <p>From Cleveland please welcome Bernd & Civita Blaske.</p> <p>A hearty Welcome Aboard! from us all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CGRS</p>
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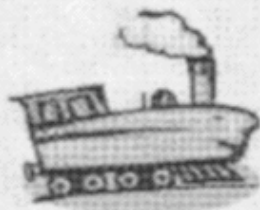
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Schedule of Events

Month/Date	Day/Time	What/Where	Comments
February 22	Saturday night	CGRS Annual Banquet DaVince's Restaurant Reed and Henderson Rds in NW Greater Columbus	
	6PM Social Hour 7PM Dinner 8PM Program: Guest Speaker - Paul Busse		
March 30	Sunday 2 - 5 PM	CGRS Monthly Meeting Madison Township Community Center	Speaker: Frank Klatt
April 4 - 6 April 27	Friday - Sunday Sunday	East Coast Large Scale Train Show CGRS Monthly Meeting: Host Needed	York PA
May 25	Sunday	CGRS Monthly Meeting: Craig & Audrey Biggrigg / Bexley	
June 14 - 15	Saturday & Sunday	Rose Festival / Whetstone Park of Roses CGRS will run trains and staff information booth	
June 21 - 25	Sat - Wed	LGB Model Railroad Convention - King of Prussia PA	
June 29	Sunday	CGRS Monthly Meeting: Franklin Park Conservatory	
July 9 - 13	Wed - Sun	National Garden Railway Convention - Sacramento CA	
July 27	Sunday	CGRS Monthly Meeting: Host Needed	
August 24	Sunday	CGRS Monthly Meeting: Dan & Katy Hill / Grandview Heights	
September 7	Sunday	CGRS Open Garden Tour	
Sept. 26-28	Friday Eve thru Sunday	An Affair-of-the-Hort Inniswood Metro Park / Westerville	

For information about hosting a meeting call Bill Lott at 614-837-8520 or email to wlott@insight.rr.com

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