

MVGRS 2003 and 2004 History

2003

President...Jack Wilson

Vice Pres...Bonnie Gulling

Secy.....Judy Havens

Treasurer...Bud Ragan

Marketing...Frank Klatt

Programs...John Bernard

Membership..Pat Hagerty

Operations Gordon Havens

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Editors.....Wil & Jeanne Davis

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Webmaster Peter Wine

Jan. 2003

Monthly meeting at Wegerzyn Garden center with Gary Sines presenting a program on "scratch building". Hosts Jim and Karen Engel. Open house after meeting at Gordon & Judy Havens. Election of officers for 2003. only change was Vice Pres. Leonard Williams elected.

Feb. meeting at Wegerzyn with Gary Sines continuing his "scratch built" program. New members welcomed...Chris & Leslie Schultz, Tom & Theresa Elliott.

Mar. meeting Annual Banquet at Presidential Banquet Center on March 9. Speaker is Paul Busse describing his various area layouts. March 14 we set up a display and had demonstrations at the GATS Train Show at the Airport Expo Center.

April was the East Coast Large Scale Train Show in York, PA. from April 4 until 6. Meeting is at Wegerzyn with Gene Rahrig and Chuck Merrow presenting "ways to Control Trains'...Both these gentlemen use means other than track power to control their trains. Membership is 96 regular members and 4 business members.

May meeting at Mill Ridge Village with discussion lead by Jack Wilson about various MVGRS positions. We had a layout at Carillon Park on May 17 from 9am

until 5pm. Boy Scout Camporee at the Air Force Museum, we had a layout manned by Jim and Karen Engel.

June meeting at Jim Thornbury's, we will tour his layout and see his various collectibles. Hosts Leonard & Jennifer Williams. Denny & Judy LaMusga had an "open house" of their layout on Jun. 29, it was well attended.

July meeting at Gordon & Darlene Walbroehl's with Bob Marcischak giving a talk about planning layouts, site selection, operating constraints. Hosts are Bob & Delores Premus.

August meeting was held at Denny & Judy LaMusga's. Barbara Abler presented a program on plants in miniature scale suitable for your layouts. Several MVGRS members traveled to San Diego, CA for the 19th National Garden Railway Convention.

September is our annual picnic at Gene Rahrig & Betty Betscher's. We held open houses for the Indiana Big Train Engineers and our club members. We also had a "Rail Raising" at the Premus house for Bobby. On Sep. 27, we went to Connorsville, IN. to ride the Whitewater Valley Railroad.

October meeting was at Mill Ridge Village with several "roundtable" demonstrations on sound, trestles, foam buildings. Hosts are Joe & Judy Yeager. We set up a layout for the GATS show at the Airport Expo Center.

Nov. meeting was at Carillon Park in the Kettering Building Atrium. Peter Wine presented a program on his computer about the Premus "railraising".

Dec. meeting was our annual Christmas Party at Barnhardt's. We set up a loop of track at Carillon Park in the Kettering Building for their Christmas display. Membership has Caroline & Randy Watterworth joining with their Son Tommy..

2004

Jan. 2004 meeting at Carillon Kettering Building. Bob Marcischak had a program on types of track and the pros and cons of the various types. Elections were held with Jack Wilson as Pres., Leonard Williams as VP, Bud Ragan as Tres. and Judy Havens as Secy for 2005.

Feb. meeting at Mill Ridge Village with three roundtable discussions on “buying trains on the internet” by Gordon Havens, “assembly of kits” by Gordon Walbroehl and “ponds” by Peter Wine.

Mar. meeting was our annual Banquet at the Presidential Banquet Center with the speaker Jim Bucher from WDTN-TV.

April meeting at Mill Ridge Village with Wil Davis presenting “powering your rails”. Hosts were Tom & Theresa Elliott.

May meeting at Mill Ridge Village with Gary Sines discussing prototypes for new track designs. Arrangements were made to hire a bus to take us to Indianapolis for the Indianapolis Garden Railway tour.

June meeting at Sue & Don Wright’s. See their new layout and pond. Midwest Large Scale Train Show was in Springfield, IL. May 21-23. Bob Marcischak wrote an article this month about his experiences.

July meeting was at Rick Hughes. Rick showed his new layout and discussed his new MTS control system.

August was the LGB Model Railroad Club Convention in Mystic, Connecticut.

Sep. meeting is the annual club Picnic at Lofino Park. This will be a swap meet. Open houses for this month are Barnhardt’s, Davis’, Elliott’s, Klatt, LaMusga’s and Sines.

October meeting at Mill Ridge Village and the speaker will be Steve Blessing. Steve & Heather Blessing own Green Vista Water Gardens. Hosts are Gordon & Judy Havens. Plans for GATS at the Airport Expo with Jim Pugh in charge.

Nov. meeting at Carillon Park with Bill Logan discussing landscaping and lighting. Pat Hagerty is the host. NMRA show is at Hara Arena Nov. 6-7.

Dec. meeting is the annual Christmas party at Barnhardt’s. We will set up a display for Carillon Park’s Hometown Holiday.