

## MVGRS 2005 and 2006 History

### 2005 Roster of officers

President Jack Wilson  
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Programs John Bernard  
Bob & Delores Premus  
Marketing Frank Klatt  
Membership Pat Hagerty  
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Equipment Denny LaMusga  
Historian Karen Engel  
Tracks Ed. Wil & Jeanne Davis  
Webmaster Peter Wine

Jan. meeting at Carillon Park with speaker Michael Robinette, Executive Director, Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Robinette gave a presentation on the Dayton Aviation Heritage Street Car System. This system uses street cars to connect aviation trail sites. First stage is to connect the Air Force Museum with Downtown Dayton and the Wright Dunbar area. Ultimately, it will also connect to Carillon Park and other relevant sites. Hosts were Bob & Delores Premus.

Feb. meeting at Carillon Park with Jim Henry presenting a program on area railroads.

March was our annual Banquet at the Presidential Banquet Center. Speaker was Lewis Polk concerning Aristo-craft trains and G gauge.

April 1-3 was the East Coast Large Scale Train Show in York, PA. Monthly meeting was at Mill Ridge Village with Don Oeters as speaker. Don presented his plan for a Large Scale train layout in conjunction with the Cincinnati Garden Railway Society and locating it in West Chester.

May meeting was at AMVETS with roundtable presentations "Control of G Gauge Trains", "Making people", and "Garden Railroad Photography". Hosts were the Watterworth's.

June meeting was at LaMusga's with Gordon Walbroehl and Frank Durham talking about purchasing trains on eBay. The club participated in a Rail Raising for Rick Hughes.

July meeting was at Gary & Joni Sines showing their Narrow-Minded & Clear Cut Logging Co. RR. They also entertained us with music by the Abnormal Sines. NMRA National Train Show was in Cincinnati July 9-10. The club participated in the Four Club Tour by taking a bus to tour the Cincinnati layouts. We participated in a Rail Raising at O'Connors.

August meeting was at Hughes new elevated layout. GATS was at Hara Arena Aug. 13-14. The club helped the Gebele's improve and update their layout.

Sep. meeting was our annual Picnic at Indian Riffle Park with entertainment by the Accordion with Frank Klatt explaining the history and types of music.

Oct. meeting was at Mill Ridge Village with Wil Davis showing us how to build trestles. Oct. 14-16 was the Large Scale Unconvention with an emphasis on LGB.

Nov. meeting was at Wegerzyn Garden Center with speaker Lynda Nelson from the Ohio Rail Commission talking about Museums and Rail Excursions available in Ohio. Hosts were Tom & Theresa Elliott. Nov. 5-6 NMRA at Hara Arena.

Dec. meeting was our annual Christmas Party at Barnhardt's. Gifts were collected for children served by the Montgomery County Board of Mental Retardation and Mentally Disabled transportation department, this program has been supported for the last 9 years by MVGRS.

2006

2006 Roster remains the same except Tom Elliott is now the Equipment person.

Jan. meeting was at Wegerzyn Garden Center with a "Show and Tell" of all our fabulous Christmas gifts that are train related. We held election of officers with the only change was Tom Elliott becoming our Equipment person. Rodney and Donna Meeks held their annual Open House on Jan. 7 from 6pm until 9pm. This newsletter has a nice article with pictures about the Dayton Union Train Station.

Feb meeting was at Wegerzyn with Wil Davis and Sue Wright presenting a program on "Building structures from stone and concrete".

March was our annual banquet at the Presidential Banquet Center with Scott Trostel an author with many books written about the railroads here in Ohio. March 31-April 2 is the East Coast Large Scale Train Show.

April meeting was at Wegerzyn with a program by Gary Sines on rebuilding birdhouses and making structures using styrofoam.

May meeting was at the Davis' with Barbara Abler showing techniques for trimming and pruning our miniature trees for our layouts. This newsletter has many pictures of correct pruning tools. May 27 was the day to help spruce up the layout of the Ragan's.

June meeting at O'Connor's with a presentation on "Control Systems for indoor and outdoor layouts" by Denny LaMusga. Miami Valley Railfest at Carillon Park Jun. 24.

July meeting was held at Bob & Betty Messmore's with Wil Davis hosting a question and answer program.

August meeting was held at the Wright's. The program was presented by Wil Davis and Peter Wine on types of roadbed. Xenia Railfest is Aug. 26 with Gordon Havens in charge.

Sep. was our annual picnic at Rodney & Donna Meeks with Mike Mason as speaker. Mike will talk about various railroads that ran thru this area including the "Grasshopper". MVGRS members traveled to NJ to learn about the LGB MTS control system. Frank Klatt, Bob Messmore and Jim Engel went to this demonstration and hands on learning opportunity.

Oct. meeting at Wegerzyn with Gordon Walbroehl presenting information available thru our library. Our 4 Club Tour went to Columbus where we were joined by people from Detroit, Cleveland and Pittsburgh in addition to our clubs.

Nov. meeting was at Wegerzyn with a presentation by Green Vista Water Gardens. NMRA is Nov. 4-5 at Hara Arena.

Dec. meeting was our annual Christmas Party at Barnhardt's. Carillon Hometown Holidays has asked us to set up a display in the Kettering Building for Dec. 8-9. Other displays include the Kettering Tower lobby display that we have been involved in the maintenance and upkeep for several years. Clifton Mill Christmas Display is quite an extravagant display. In 1992 we helped set up a trin layout, trained some employees how to run it and maintain it.