

# TRACKS

Miami Valley Garden Railway Society



## 2023 Elected Officers

Gene Rahrig, President  
Gary Beaver Vice President  
Howard Guscar, Treasurer  
Debby Kunselman, Secretary

May 2023 Volume XXX Issue 5

## April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 Monthly Meeting

which will be held at

Aley Church  
4143 Kemp Road  
Beavercreek, Ohio 45431

**Meeting Time Changed**

**Gather around 2:30 PM, meeting  
Starts about 3:00 PM**

**Meeting Hosted by Karen Engel and The Scovils**

Hello All

I have been informed that the new 3-ft Gauge train at the Carillon Park is indeed running daily. They have one-ride tickets available at \$5 per person per ride, as well as a year-long train ride membership of \$151.

As for the Rail Festival, we are just about ready to go.

Sorry for any confusion.

Dave Oroszi



### NOTES FOR May 2023 TRACKS

The May meeting is the THIRD Sunday the 21, as the second Sunday is Mothers Day. It will be at Aley Church, co-hosted by Karen Engel and The Scovils.

The banquet went well with more participating and getting the items they wanted most. Thanks to our speaker Lance for updating us on how the MVGRS started.

Coming SOON is Railfest June 24 and 25, with setup June 22 and/or 23, time to be announced. This is now the time to get your trains out, lubed and checked, not waiting until you put them on track and find out something is wrong.

The coming of spring is the time to get your own trains and railroad cleaned and running for summer. If you need help or advice, there is someone in club to help. Do not be afraid to ask. We have 3 or 4 new outside layouts springing up this year.

There are some people, not members, in the area that have G scale trains or layouts that we need to encourage to become members.

Upcoming meetings June 11 at Satterfields. July 9 meeting at Griffiths.

We need ideas for speakers for meetings.

See you at meeting.

Gene

### Invitation from Dave Taylor of The Cincinnati Garden Railway Society

We are having a cookout and run event at the club layout behind EnterTrainment Junction on May 28, 2023, starting at 12:00 PM.

Anyone from the MVGRS is invited to attend, we will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs, just bring your own snacks and drinks and a train to run if so inclined. Starts at noon and will go until 6:00 PM or maybe later.

**Dave Taylor**  
**CGRS**



## Meeting Minutes

MVGRS Club Meeting April 16, 2023

The Annual Banquet of the MVGRS was held at TJ Chumps in Fairborn OH. The meeting was opened at 2:35 PM by President Gene Rahrig. He thanked all who came. He announced the passing of Jim Engel and Chuck Ellsworth in March and that past member Chuck Merrow had passed in October.

Vice President Gary Beaver reminded members that Railfest is June 24th and 25th with set-up on June 22 or 23 weather depending. Time to be announced later. The big train is on campus and should be up and running.

The May meeting still needs a host. Karen Engel volunteered and will be having the meeting at Aley Church.

Treasurer Howard Guscar gave the financial report.

Secretary Debby Kunselman thanked all who volunteered to help and to all the club members who donated items for the raffle. We had more items this year than before. Thanks!

The meeting part of the banquet was adjourned at 2:50.

Dinner was served. Conversations were lively.

The raffle was held with almost everything going to a new home. Again, thank you to all who donated items and all who bought tickets for the items.

Lance Crooks was the guest speaker. He told how the Club was formed and who the other founders were. The first organizational meeting was on September 8, 1991, with Bob Roe, Bryant Fannin and Lance. The club was first known as Miami Valley "G" Scale Association and the newsletter was the Steam in the Valley. The first club meeting in February of 1992 had 20 people. The name changed in October 1993 to Miami Valley Garden Railway Society. He went on to tell about different events that the club participated in. Several of the members who have been in the club for many years remembered and added to the discussion. For those newer members, it was interesting to hear about the beginnings.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Kunselman, Secretary



## Pictures from April Meeting/Banquet





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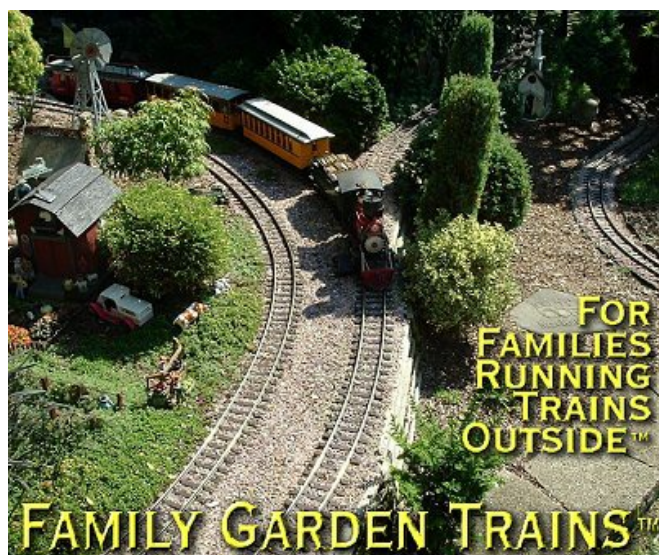
## 2023 Schedule of Events

May 21	Monthly Meeting (Hosts - Karen Engel and The Scovils.
May 25	Board Meeting
May 28	<b>TRACKS</b> Deadline
June 11	Monthly Meeting Hosts - The Satterfields
June 15	Board Meeting
June 22/23	Set-up for Railfest weather to determine which day (Chair - __Gary Beaver__)
Jun 24-25	Carillon Railfest
June 25	<b>TRACKS</b> Deadline
July 1-8	National convention in Santa Clara, California
July 9	Monthly Meeting (Hosts The Griffiths
July 20	Board Meeting
July 30	<b>TRACKS</b> Deadline
Aug 13	Monthly Meeting (Hosts - __Paul & Sheila Race__)
Aug 17	Board Meeting
Aug 27	<b>TRACKS</b> Deadline
Sept 9	Bradford Railroad Heritage Days (Chair - _____)
Sept 10	Monthly Meeting – Picnic - (Hosts_ Gene Rahrig & Debby K_)
Sept 21	Board Meeting
Sept 24	<b>TRACKS</b> Deadline
Sept 30-Oct 1	Open Houses (Chair - _____)
Oct 08	Monthly meeting at Aley Church (Hosts – Art & Kristi Poindexter_)
Oct 19	Board Meeting
Oct 29	<b>TRACKS</b> Deadline
Nov 03	NMRA Show Set-up? (Chair - _____)
Nov 4-5	NMRA Show at Montgomery County Fairgrounds
Nov 12	Monthly Meeting at Aley Church - (Hosts - __Jack & Sharon Wilson__)
Nov 16	Board Meeting
Nov 19	Carillon Setup 1:30 p.m.
Nov ??	Packard Setup
Nov 26	<b>TRACKS</b> Deadline
Dec 03	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party at Green County Historical Society (Chair - _____)
Dec 14	Board Meeting
Dec 31	<b>TRACKS</b> deadline

### Carillon Park Railfest June 24 - 25, 2023







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Howard Guscar, Treasurer	
Debby Kunselman , Secretary	
Elaine Guscar, Membership	
Jerry Humston, Tracks Editor	470-6646
Karen Engel, Historian	256-0450
Jim Satterfield, Past President	

**My Apologize for getting the Meeting host mixed up on the upcoming events page.**

**President Gene Rahrig provided the correct dates to me and I messed them up.**

**All is corrected now.**

**Jerry**

### Annual Membership Dues

Family	<b>\$20.00</b>
Business	<b>\$50.00</b>

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**MVGRS Memorial**