

# TRACKS

Miami Valley Garden Railway Society



## 2023 Elected Officers

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

August 2023 Volume XXX Issue 8

## August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Monthly Meeting

which will be held at

**Paul and Sheila Race  
2991 Fowler Rd  
Springfield, OH 45502**

**Meeting starts at 2:30 PM  
Gather at 2:00 PM**

## Open Railroads

If anyone is interested in participating in the open houses on September 30 – October 1, please let me know.

You can be open just one day if you wish or both days. It will be up to you. In the past, members have had something to drink and some snacks available.

This will also be up to you. The club decided at the July meeting that the times would be 12 Noon to 5 p.m. each day. We will try to have a list prepared for handouts at each layout. We also want to get it in the local papers and on the website and Facebook. So the sooner I have the information, the better chance we have of greater coverage and hopefully more people to come and enjoy our trains.

Gene

### Notes for August 2023 Tracks

Members:

Sorry caused Jerry to be late again. The remodel is taking all my time trying to get the room finished.

I received a call from Chamber of Commerce, Springfield asking MVGRS to set up a train display for the opening of their Christmas Season, but have not received any further details.

Meeting is Sunday at the Race residence gathering around 2 meeting around 2:30. Bring snacks and something for a door prize. Everyone likes to get a prize, something of value to you.

If you plan to be open for Sept/Oct open RR make sure Debby knows soon.

The September meeting/picnic will be at our house, Sept 17 ( 1 week later) as we will be out of town on the 10th.

The new outdoor RR's are progressing slowly due to weather and other problems. We have 3 or 4 in progress. If you have some spare time available let me know and I can maybe steer you to help on one or so.

If you have something to share with members, please tell or jot it down and send it to me to add to Tracks.

See you at meeting

Gene

### Meeting Minutes

#### MVGRS Club Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2023

The meeting time was changed to about an hour later due to weather. At 3:35, President Gene Rahrig welcomed everyone. Sam Griffith announced the housekeeping items for the day. Food and drinks are in the workshop and trash cans (garbage and recycling) are right outside the workshop. Facilities were right inside the back door. Gene thanked the Griffiths for hosting and welcomed the new members and returning members. Our new members today were Jim Cencer and Carrie Remhof and returning members Dave and Lynne Hamilton and Jacob Stockslager.

## Meeting Minutes Continued

Treasurer Howard Guscar announced that the savings account earned 4 cents for the month.

Vice President Gary Beaver reported that Railfest was a success. He thanked all who helped set up and tear down. There were over 5500 in attendance this year. Next month's meeting will be at Paul and Sheila Race's house.

We lost member Bonnie Klatt this month. Elaine and Howard went to her funeral on July 5.

Open houses will be September 30 and October 1st from 12 noon to 5 pm. An ad needs to be worked up to send to the Northern Ohio Club, the Columbus Club, and the Cincinnati Club.

Springfield has requested a layout for the weekend after Thanksgiving. It will be inside and 1 – 2 days.

More information will be available soon.

Carillon Christmas layout will be the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Time to be announced at a later date.

Sam talked about his layout. It was started in 2019. It is inspired by Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

He has installed a cog railway in the last few weeks. The layout will have three trains eventually – 2

trains and a cog railway. The pond is self-sustaining. He is the Chief Engineer and Lori is the Chief

Horticulturist. She uses bonsai techniques on the plants to keep them looking authentic.

Jacob talked about Stockslagers having a dedicated area of miniature plants for sale.

They purchase

most of the minis from Islay Nursery in Oregon. He reminded us that zone 5 is best for this area but zone 6 plants will work if put in a protected area on the layout. He was asked about tree height for the

layouts and he suggested about 4 inch high is good.

Door prizes were next with snack time following.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Davis, 83, Dayton, died Saturday August 5th, 2023.

Visiting hours will be on Saturday August 12 at 12:30 followed by a memorial service at 1:30 at Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Rd Huber Heights, Ohio 45424.

Interment will be at Peninsula Memorial Park, Newport News, VA. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to Sulphur Grove UMC.

Wil





## Pictures from July Meeting





## 2023 Schedule of Events

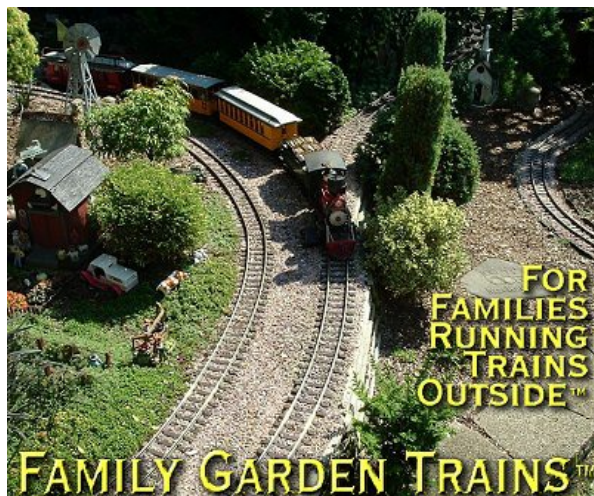
Aug 13	Monthly Meeting (Hosts - __Paul & Sheila Race__)
Aug 17	Board Meeting
Aug 27	<b>TRACKS</b> Deadline
Sept 9	Bradford Railroad Heritage Days (Chair - _____)
Sept 17	Monthly Meeting – Picnic - (Hosts_ Gene Rahrig & Debby K_)
Sept 21	Board Meeting
Sept 24	<b>TRACKS</b> Deadline
Sept 30-Oct 1	Open 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



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Howard Guscar, Treasurer	
Debby Kunselman , Secretary	
Elaine Guscar, Membership	
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### Annual Membership Dues

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

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