

TRACKS

Miami Valley Garden Railway Society



2023 Elected Officers

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

September 2023 Volume XXX Issue 9

September 17th, 2023 Monthly Meeting / Picnic

which will be held at

The Rahrig's
8074 Dayton-Springfield Rd
Fairborn OH 45324

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 September 17 2023 TRACKS

Hello all. Another month has passed and time is approaching for OPEN RAILROADS. Debby is working on a flyer to advertise them. It's delayed a few days as we went to Texas to visit our family and ride the East Texas State Railroad. Due to dry conditions the train will be pulled by a diesel loco instead of a steamer.

The picnic is delayed by a week due to a train show on the 10th at Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Gary will be setting up a MVGRS display to let more train buffs know about us. Also need a few volunteers to help set-up and dismantle as it's a one-day show. Free admission to show if helping.

The Springfield Chamber of Commerce again contacted me about setting up a layout inside a lobby for the starting of the City Christmas season. The setup will be done the day before Thanksgiving and run at least on Friday, maybe longer if we would like to man it longer. Paul Race offered some of his Christmas trains to help populate the layout.

The October meeting scheduled for the 8th is changed to the 15th because the hosts will be out of town. He is planning on having a program about access and use of the website. Bring your computer (laptop) if you need extra help.

NMRA has a show at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds November 4 & 5. The Club will probably also have a layout set up there.

The November 12th meeting program is planned to be a presentation on types of train control using wired and wireless.

November 19th is the set-up date for Carillon Park's Christmas at 1:30 p.m.

November 22nd is the set-up date for the Holiday in the City (Springfield) with take-down on the 25th. Set-up time to be determined. Take-down will be at 9:30 a.m.

The December 3rd meeting will be the Christmas Party hosted by Jen and Matt Vogt at the Greene County Historical Society in Xenia.

Springfield Train Show will be December 10th. More information to follow.

See you at the Picnic!

Gene

Meeting Minutes

MVGRS Club Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2023

At 2:35, President Grene Rahrig welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Paul and Sheila for hosting this month. They also provided freshly popped popcorn.

Vice-President Gary Beaver reported that the club received \$100 from the Van Wert Historical Society for setting up a layout at the Train Show July 29th and 30th. The Club will also have layouts at the Bradford Train Days on September 9th and at the Dayton Train Show at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds on September 10th. He also reminded everyone that the picnic will be at Gene and Debby's on September 17th (one week later than normal).

Treasurer Howard Guscar gave the financial report. He reported that expenses paid last month were \$298.00 for the raffle train and trailer insurance. The raffle was a success – it made enough money to pay for the train.

Secretary Debby Kunselman talked about the open house scheduled for September 30-October 1. The times were set for 12 noon until 5 p.m. The Satterfields layout will also be open Saturday night 5:30 – 8 p.m. She needs to know as soon as possible who wants to be open. (As of August 29th, we have 7 layouts stretching from Springfield to Brookville to Miamisburg.) Those who are open will receive \$20.00 to help offset monies spent for snacks and drinks.

Gene reminded the Club that the December meeting will be at the Green County Historical Society Building in Xenia on December 3rd. Matt and Jen Vogt have graciously agreed to host the Christmas meeting. Gene told the Club that a gentleman who purchased a train car from his booth at Van Wert also gave a \$10.00 donation to the club. He also reminded that Club that the Springfield Train Show (December 10th) will need volunteers to help set Saturday morning and teardown on Sunday at the end of the show. Let Gary know if you can help. A young man from Springfield will be setting up his HO layout on the stage with us. He has been around Gene's layout for years and has been buying trains for a few years. BTO (Big Train Operators) are planning a convention in Cincinnati June 24-29, 2024. Carillon Railfest next year is June 22nd and 23rd.

Gene that asked for updates on the different layouts:

Bob Van Hook – it's looking good!

Gary Bower – working on first loop. Finished 4' tunnel (4" slab with cinder block walls, textured portals looking like rocks)

Art Poindexter – still having plumbing issues that take precedence.

Charla and Steve Scovil – water issues being solved by creating a dry riverbed and drainage system and a lot of weeding.

Howard Guscar – working on it. Waterfall and switchback will be featured.

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Meeting Minutes Continued

Karen Engel – squirrels have destroyed the windows in her buildings again. The pond issue has been taken care of.

Gary Beaver – after the open houses, will probably tear down and redo the layout. Hoping to add a pond with waterfall.

Paul Race – will have his November Christmas Train open house. Will let everyone know the dates later.

Gene – Springfield Chamber of Commerce has contacted us to set up a layout for one day at the Holiday in the City on November 24 (Friday after Thanksgiving)). Time and place to be determined. Show and tell: Paul showed his Rock City Barn that he made. Door prizes and snacks followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Kunselman, Secretary

2023 Schedule of Events

Sept 9	Bradford Railroad Heritage Days (Chair - _____)
Sept 17	Monthly Meeting – Picnic - (Hosts_ Gene Rahrig & Debby K_)
Sept 21	Board Meeting
Sept 24	TRACKS Deadline
Sept 30-Oct 1	Open Houses (Chair - _____)
Oct 15	Monthly meeting at Aley Church (Hosts – Art & Kristi Poindexter_)
Oct 19	Board Meeting
Oct 29	TRACKS 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	TRACKS Deadline
Dec 03	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party at Green County Historical Society (Chair - _____)
Dec 14	Board Meeting
Dec 31	TRACKS deadline

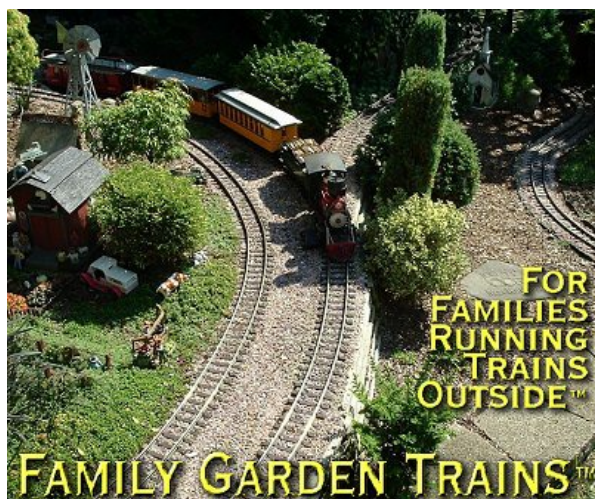
Pictures from August Meeting



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**The October meeting has been changed from
October 8th
To
October 15th.**



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Annual Membership Dues

Family	\$20.00
Business	\$50.00

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