

TRACKS

Miami Valley Garden Railway Society



2023 Elected Officers

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

December 2023 Volume XXX Issue 12

December 3rd, 2022 Monthly Meeting / Christmas Party

which will be held at

Greene County Historical Society
located at
74 West Church Street
Xenia, OH 45385

Hosted by the Jen and Matt Vogt

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



Click on address
for directions



Judy Havens passed away very peacefully this morning around 3AM at Hospice of Montgomery County. The dementia or Alzheimer's finally won. She had been there almost a week. She did not want a funeral but we will have something later to honor her.

Gordon



Notes for December 2023 Tracks

Hello all.

WE are closing in on December 3, our annual Christmas Party meeting hosted again by Jen and Matt Vogt.

Club will donate a meat and drinks, members are asked to bring a side dish or desert. Also, we want to THANK Lynn and Jerry for the fine dinner at the November meeting.

The nomination and election of officers for 2024, also at the December meeting.

Setup of Christmas Train displays at The Packard Museum and Carillon Park are completed and the display for, Holiday in the City, Springfield went well.

Karen will be collecting battery less, unwrapped toys for needy children. Bring them with you to the meeting. She will be delivering them later next week.

We will have to have a discussion at least by the January meeting concerning Train open houses for 2024. It may be Spring, Fall, either or both. The decision needs to be made so the media can be notified. Think about your reason for either.

The banquet will be March 10. Start contacting "The" person in charge of businesses you patronize asking for a donation of some kind for a door prize. Most every business in the past has donated something. It does not have to be train related. Just ask.

See you at the Christmas Party

Christmas Party December 3 at Greene County Historical Society. Jen Vogt in charge.

Gene



MVGRS Club Meeting - November 12, 2023

President Gene Rahrig opened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. He welcomed the members and thanked the Wilsons and Humstons for hosting today and providing the Dayton F.O.P. Hall for the meeting today.

Carillon Park Christmas set-up will be next Sunday, November 19th, at 1:30 p.m. We will still be inside but not at the usual spot for set-up. Tear down is scheduled for January 7, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

The Packard Museum set-up is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th, at 12 noon. Tear down date is yet to be scheduled.

Holiday in the City for Springfield set-up is scheduled for Wednesday, November 22nd, at Noon. Tables will be up in a rectangular shape and covered with black tablecloths. Volunteers will be needed for supervision and troubleshooting, if necessary, on Friday, November 24th, from 4:30-9:30 p.m. Tear down will be Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

Vice President Gary Beaver reminded members that the Christmas Party will be at the Green County Historical Society on December 3, 2023, with gathering at 2:00 p.m. and meeting at 2:30 p.m. Jen and Matt Vogt will be hosting. Nominations for officers will be accepted and voted on at the meeting.

A discussion about the best time for open houses was next. More discussion will be needed on whether we do a spring open house, a fall open house, or a combination of both. More on that later.

Treasurer Howard Guscar gave the financial report. The savings account is growing!

Membership Chair Elaine Guscar announced that 24 families had paid their dues so far.

A Quilt of Honor ceremony was done for our newest member, Robert Aiken, who was unable to attend today's meeting. He will receive his quilt soon.

Secretary Debby Kunselman reminded the members that the Banquet will be March 10th and that TJ Chumps has been reserved for that afternoon. Also, it is time to start looking for items for the raffle. Remember to ask for gift stores, store vouchers, etc. from merchants where you shop. Hopefully we can increase their business.

Time for the dinner break and what a break it was. The food was delicious. Those who did not come missed a great meal!

Show and tell:

Gordon Walbroehl brought an engine for show and tell. It was an LGB battery operated engine about 30 years old which he converted to track power.

Door prizes were next. There were lots of very nice items to choose from.

The meeting was adjourned about 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debby Kunselman, Secretary

Meeting Minutes Continued

MEMBERSHIP

The Club also needs lots of volunteers this month, so clear your calendar and pay Membership Dues early .

Make checks payable to MVGRS.
(\$20 for Family or \$50 for Business) and mail to:

Elaine Guscar
4270 West Charleston Rd
Tipp City, OH 45371

Thank You in advance , Elaine

THANKS MVGRS.

Elaine Guscar



2023 Schedule of Events

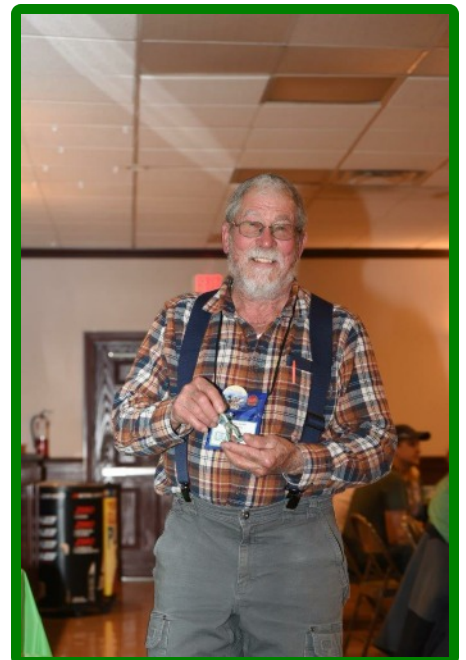
Dec 03	Monthly Meeting – Christmas Party at Green County Historical Society Chair - The Vogt's
Dec 14	Board Meeting
Dec 31	TRACKS deadline



Pictures from November Meeting



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The Big Train Project Status Report (Part 176 – 2023 Christmas Layout)



The Halloween and Christmas holidays are the busiest time of the year for EnterTRAINment Junction (EJ). To provide visitors with added incentives to come, EJ sets up special attractions prior to Halloween and prior to Christmas in its Display Area. One of the biggest challenges for the EJ employees and volunteers is the change-over from the Halloween walk-through display to the Christmas displays. Each year, the G-gauge layout is the centerpiece and most complex part of the Christmas displays. In the past, this layout had been built from scratch, taking a lot of time and manpower to construct in the time between Halloween and the opening of Christmas at the Junction in mid- November. To reduce that time and effort this year, the layout structure was constructed in advance of modular pieces, which could be much more quickly assembled like a kit. Figure 1 shows the assembled structure.



2023 MVGRS Board Members

Gene Rahrig, President	864-7411
Gary Beaver, Vice President	
Howard Guscar, Treasurer	
Debby Kunselman, Secretary	
Elaine Guscar, Membership	
Jerry Humston, Tracks Editor	470-6646
Karen Engel, Historian	256-0450
Jim Satterfield, Past President	

Annual Membership Dues

Family	\$20.00
Business	\$50.00

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