

The GANDY DANCER

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ENTERTRAINMENT JUNCTION

The Big Train Project consists of the construction, operation and maintenance of the 25,000 square foot G-scale model railroad that is the centerpiece of the EnterTRAINment Junction train-themed family entertainment complex located off I-75 at exit 22 in West Chester, Ohio just north of the Cincinnati metropolitan area. This voluntary effort is under the sponsorship of the Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society.

ACTION AT THE JUNCTION

Attendance continues to grow! More and more folks are believing it because they've seen it, and they are telling everyone they know! We hope you are telling everyone you know. It helps to give a brochure when you're doing the telling, so pick up a supply when you're in.

Many guests, once they see the big train layout, come back for more. They tell us how amazed they are at the new things they see each time they visit, and they marvel at the detail they find in the many scenes. Of course it's part of the plan to constantly add new things so there will always be surprising



There's a Celebration going on at EnterTRAINment Junction, an AMERICAN CELEBRATION during the whole month of JULY!

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Above: It's the 4th of JULY, 1880 in the town of River Bend and everyone has turned out to celebrate. A train load of revelers has arrived just in time to catch the troops from nearby Camp Zook leading the parade up main street.

new discoveries to be made. Here are a few things, some newer than others, you may not have seen.

At right is the General Store, the work of Sonja Dilthey, in the growing village of Leon. Beyond, but too difficult to photograph because of all the reflections in the plexiglas, is the Livery Stable, the work of Lee Dilthey.



Someone who works at Schunk Furnace is raising poultry and collecting eggs from this chicken coop, the work of

Judy VanAs. She even made the chickens.

CALL THE POLICE!!! IT'S A JAIL BREAK!!!
 The Jail now has an interior and an inmate escaping from a second story cell. The Police Station/Jail is the work of Dennis Thompson.



There are a number of otherwise large open spaces that have become the sites for some temporary scenes. Tom Carskadon has provided all the stuff creating this outdoor market across the tracks from the Modern City. Another area has a parking lot, and another a car show. Tom has also provided a couple of US military railcars, tanks, jeeps, Humvees and even an attack helicopter for the month of July. Did I mention the Army and Marine race cars?



Allen Miller has added the traveling crane and scrap piles to supply materials for the foundry created some time ago by Ron Schunk.

The container crane created by Chuck Miller, through the efforts of Allan Pantle using the miracle of computerization, now operates with the push of a button. Allan is currently working on doing the same for Peter Villarreal's crane.



A FEW OF THE THINGS IN THE WORKS...



Tom Breon is making a number of color light signals for the modern period mainlines.

Peter "Julio" Villarreal, having been an accomplished riveter when he worked for the railroad, is now putting in thousands of miniature ones into the tower for a drawbridge. It appears he has a job for life.



Jim and Jeanette Kuschill with the farmhouse they have under construction

TRAIN CONTROLS... Steve Carr and Tim Watson have the track and train count up to 36 tracks and 55 operating trains.

Pictured at right is one of the 24 computerized control panels that are now running 26 tracks accounting for 45 trains. Soon two more of these will be activated controlling multiple trains on each of the middle period mainlines. That will leave just 8 tracks to be computerized.



EJ NEWS

The Junction Cafe is now serving Blue Bunny Ice Cream, Funnel Fries, Brats and Beer, in addition to all the other goodies. (Psst... Hey Volunteers There's a great BBQ special offered most Tuesdays!)

Did you see the TRACKS AHEAD segment featuring EnterTRAINment Junction on your local PBS TV station recently? The segment was filmed last July before EJ opened. There has been a huge amount of stuff added to the layout since then. Perhaps the TA crew will come back again sometime for an update.

HOBBY SHOP... The planning is in process to fill the hobby shop space with a store that will sell G-scale trains, all kinds of Thomas the Tank and possibly Playmobil stuff and maybe even dollhouse stuff. The final decision to move ahead has not yet been made, however.

Doug Blaine and Richard Janyszek of Bachmann Trains marketing and sales upper management paid EJ a visit in April. Thank you gentlemen for your interest and support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THOMAS returns for the month of August. He and James and possibly one other will be visiting the Modern City giving rides to G-scale kids. Full size kids and adults alike will be surprised to find an all new ride-on train coming in August, too. Keep checking the website.

Keep this one under your hat... Rumor has it that singer, song writer, musician Neil Young, a big train fan (he's part owner of LIONEL), may come to visit EnterTRAINment Junction in August. Perhaps it has something to do with Crosby, Stills and Nash coming to Indianapolis about that time. We have no idea what day. We may not even be given advanced notice.

Mark Saturday and Sunday, September 12 and 13, on your calendar. We are in the process of arranging a Mini Model Engineering Show for these dates. There will no admission charge for this event. If it's mechanical and has been reproduced in miniature you may see it at this show - not just trains, but stationary steam engines, hit and miss engines, atmospheric engines, farm equipment, radial aircraft engines, steam boat engines, automobiles, machine tools - who knows what surprises will be in store.

Attention G-scalers! Mark Saturday, September 26 on your calendar. EJ will be hosting a G-SCALE ONLY SWAP MEET from 10 AM until 4 PM. Anyone who has G-scale trains, buildings, track, accessories, etc. to sell or swap are welcome to participate. There will no charge for the first table, however additional tables will require a fee. Tables will be first come first serve. Depending on demand, those using only partial table space may be asked to share with others.

VOLUNTEER NEWS...

Tom Carskadon, a GCGRS member, part-time EJ employee, BTP Volunteer, and now USPS

retiree recently held his retirement party here at EJ and invited family, friends, GCGRS members, and associates. Tom reports that his guests enjoyed themselves very much and highly recommends EJ for a retirement party. Steve Carr, another GCGRS member and BTP Volunteer has arranged to have his son's wedding rehearsal dinner at EJ including private viewing of the trains. So you see, EJ party rooms are not just for birthday parties, but for many other occasions as well.

REMINDER to VOLUNTEERS

If you have less than Platinum level benefits and you continue to contribute your time, continue to turn in your hours because your benefits continue to accrue. As you attain each level your "account" will be credited with the additional benefits. To check your status see Volunteer Management or Gift Shop personnel.

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