



## **January 2011 – Newsletter**

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### **SVGRS Calendar of Events 2011**

**January 26th** - Deadline to sign up to help at ECLSTS and get pass

**March 3rd @ 7:00pm** - General Club Meeting at the Brethren Home in Cross Keys

**March 24th @ 9:00am** - Setup for the ECLSTS at the York Fair Grounds

**March 25/26 10:00am till 5:00pm** - ECLSTS at the York Fair Grounds

**March 26th @ 4:00pm** - Tear Down/Cleanup for ECLSTS at the York Fair Grounds

**June 3rd @ 7:00pm** - General Club Meeting at the train station in New Oxford

**August tbd @ 7:00pm** - Executive Board Meeting

**September 17th @ 11:00am** - SVGRS Club Picnic in Rossville @ Church Retreat

**October 19th @ 7:00pm** - General Club Meeting at the Brethren Home in Cross Keys

**December 3rd @ 5:00pm** - SVGRS Christmas Party @ tbd

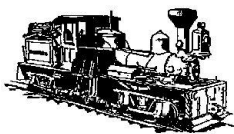
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**Club dues are now past due, Dues are \$20.00 Payable to Jeff Shubert, 258 Chestnut Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257-9493. Make check payable to SVGRS Club. Members not paid by March 1 will be removed from the mailing list. 32 members still owe for 2011 dues.**

**Any members willing to share their Garden Railroad by holding a open house in 2011 should contact Joe Mower at [jhmower@aol.com](mailto:jhmower@aol.com) or call 717-241-6483 to set up a date.**

**The new Club directory is finished; copies may be ordered from Walter Plank cost is \$5.00 + \$3.50 for shipping and handling =\$8.50**

The SVGRS mailing list is intended for use only by the SVGRS club officers. Members wishing to distribute information or Photos should submit information to a club officer listed at the end of the newsletter. Club officers will decide if the data should be forwarded to all members



### **March 3- General Meeting will be held at Cross keys**

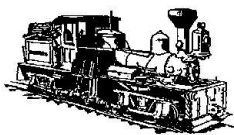
Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM the Brethren Home at Cross Keys Located at the junction of Route 30 and Route 94. Those who would like to eat dinner at the cross keys should arrive by 5:30 PM

Enter The Brethren Home at the third driveway along route 94 (Village Drive) and turn left on the fifth road after you cross the bridge (Harmony Drive) to the Campus Inn and Community Center on the left.

### **Club Financial Report**

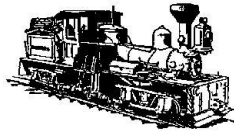
Checking Balance 12/31/2009	\$2239.96
Savings Balance 12/31/2009	\$3336.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5576.43</b>

Current checking balance	\$1975.48
Current Savings Balance	\$3841.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5816.59</b>



## **The East Coast Large Scale Train Show**

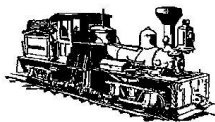
Scheduled for March 25 and 26. Setup will be on March 24. Robert Segessenman Jr and Robert Segessenman Sr. are co-chairmen for this show. Members willing to help must be registered by January 24, 2011 in order to receive a free pass to the show. To register call Rob Segessenman at 717-359-8515 (if no answers please leave a message) or e-mail [rob@robtronics.com](mailto:rob@robtronics.com)



## **Hard Working Officers give Thanks**

As a new year arrives we have a change in club officers. Walter Plank is stepping down as President and will be succeeded by Barry McNew. Walter, as well as Jeanie has donated more time and effort to this club than most folks do in a lifetime. Since joining our club; he has held the office of Secretary and has help coordinate many events. Since taking office he has helped me plan and coordinate Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic every year. I could not do this task without his assistance. We worked together on many picnics, garden shows, trains shows and various other projects that all were successful. I and the officers in the club would like to give a "Special Thanks" for his contribution to the betterment of the club. Now I'm still gonna bug him to lend a hand when we need him, so be prepared!

Turk Russell      VP/ Coordinator



## President's Message

As your new club president, I want to thank all of you for your vote of confidence. I also want to thank Walter Plank for doing a great job for the past two years as our club president.

Here is a little information about myself. I just retired from teaching 45 years of Industrial Arts to middle school kids. I am presently Squadron Commander of the Hagerstown Civil Air Patrol which has 50 cadet and 30 senior members, a 182 Cessna aircraft, and a 1999 350 Ford Van, all of which I'm responsible for managing. I 'm very active in my church in Hagerstown and I'm the chairperson of the Bethany Beach Christian Church Conference Center in Bethany Beach, Delaware. We are in the midst of a 1.5 million dollar fund raiser to build a new dormitory. And I grow peonies in my spare time. My wife, Linda, and I have two sons who live in CA.

Since I'm going to be retired, I will have all this time to work on my elevated train layout, after I get my "Honey Do" list completed.

As far as our club direction, I would like your input as to:

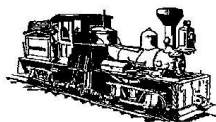
What new projects or new directions should be undertaken?

What programs would you like to see?

Any idea on how to recruit new young members?

Tell me what you would like to see. REMEMBER, this is your club. I'm here to get thing done. With our efficient executive board, I hope to make 2011 a fun and exciting year for the S.V.G.R.S.

Barry McNew   bmcnew@pa.net



## **Christmas Party 2010**

The Annual SVGRS Christmas dinner was held at the Brethern Home in New Oxtord. It was attended by 45 members

The evening began with a social gathering in the dining room. Members were able to take care of any membership items and check out the new Club Directory's now for sale \$5.00) .

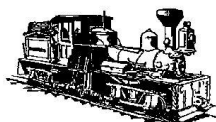
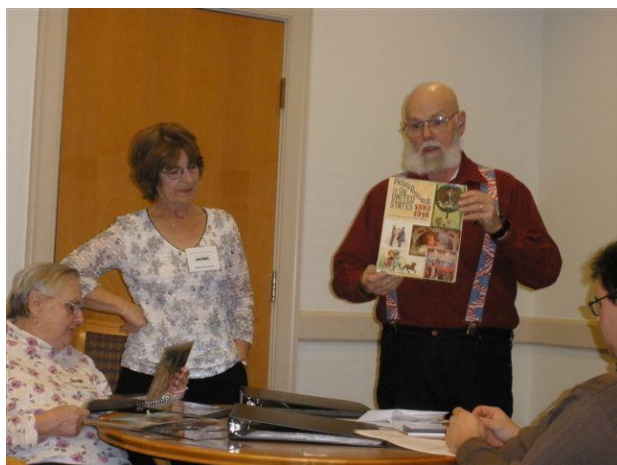
Upon entering the dining room members had a choice of many drawings, including, a 50/50 drawing, numerous individual drawings, exchange gifts for those who wished to participate, and a grand prize (secured thru the efforts of Turk Russell). Individual badges were issued to promote interaction among attendees.

Food was served and we all enjoyed a fine buffet with ample quantities to satisfy the appetites of all. Grace was given by Barry McNew prior to the beginning of the meal. Following the completion of the meal, we adjourned to the meeting room for the Evening Program to begin.

Al and Janice Bernard presented a most informative presentation about postcards and especially ones featuring railroad subjects. Information on identification of postcards was provided to all. The nomination committee gave their report and new officers were sworn in.

Many thanks go to those participating in evening program of events. Special thanks go to Terry and Janet for their planning and execution of the evening program

By: Walter Plank & Turk Russell



## Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic

### **Special Thanks of Appreciation to Mike & Donna Oberdick**

We would like to give a “Special Thanks” for their effort in Pre-dismantling the Rocky Ridge Layout in advance. This made the tear procedure go extremely fast. We started at 10:00am and finished by 11:30am. Super Effort!

This year’s layout setup was well attended. We had 25 volunteers show up to help build the layout. As in years past, a similar

design that has been proven was built with a few additions. 3 loops and a Reversing Trolley including an outdoor train kept visitors well entertained. With record low temperatures down to 7 degrees some evenings; this was tough on the trains and our members! The pond froze over and one of the pumps went down even though we had it treated the pond water with antifreeze. Thanks to Bob Segessenman, the pump was replaced and the ice was thawed out.

Attendance was up again this year with over 31,852 visitors. As it stands this would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest attendance count since its inception even with 4 days closed. I know Jerri (head of the Parks) and the rest of us were very pleased. Many members brought their own trains to run this year which gave our equipment a rest. One in particular was Phillip Shoop's a fully decorated Christmas train. He had a LGB mogul and passenger cars all decorated with flashing lights. It made quite a show running on the layout.

With the loss of many of our income producing shows, we decided on raffling off the last Bachmann train set in the clubs inventory and make use of donation gondolas and the caboose. We were fortunate that the County Parks allowed us to do this. Since our new contract with the park is now 1500.00 any extra over that is great. Compared to last year's donations of \$128.00; this year's donations were a record \$513.75. WOW! The Raffle took in \$328.00 which is not bad considering most folks ignored it. Our cost for the Raffle train set from 2 years ago was only \$92.00.

This year was Awesome. Walter and I could not have imagined that club would do so well. This will help rebuild the clubs finances after we have bought a new trailer, shelving and inventory upgrades.

Over 400 books and literature was handed out as well as 200 club brochures. Hopefully we'll get some new members.

Thanks to all of our faithful members who braved the weather for this great event!

Submitted by: Turk Russell  
Walter Plank

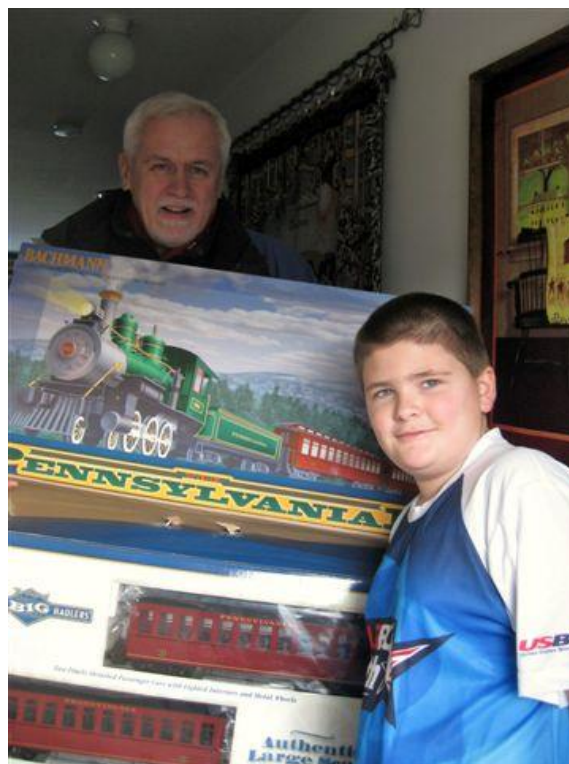


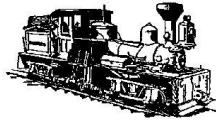






Here is the winner of the Pennsy Train set that we raffled off at Rocky Ridge Park. Our own Kirk Slenker delivers the train set to the winner. His name is Troy Boose, 129 N. Cheviot Way, Red Lion, PA 17356; Telephone # 717-650-8631, Troy is 11 years old and attends Larry J. Macaluso Elementary School in the Red Lion Area School District



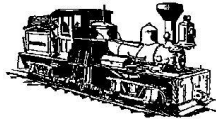


**For those with internet connections.**

Here is the best example of snow removal on a train layout. Too bad its Diesels Ha Ha!

Enjoy Turk

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7Y5fJGrJ3k&feature=related>



## **News from Bachmann**

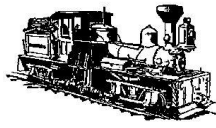
Bachmann is re-introducing the 2-6-0 black Mining mogul . The new engine and tender is now

DCC ready and has an all new motor / running gear setup. The locomotive now has many new parts and most of the detail parts are made of metal. It is now heavier for better balance and adhesion for tracking

This is another step in upgrading Bachmann engines to a higher level of quality.

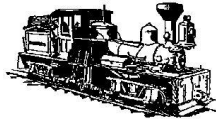


Submitted by: Turk Russell



**Team Large Scale and St Aubin have come up with an all new American Flag Eggliner.** This info is being given exclusively for Doris Geesey (she is the only person I know who loves them)

**Part Number ART22796X - USA Flag Eggliner Limited Edition Arriving Spring 2011**



## **USA trains re-introduces a all scale power pack**

Originally Known as the "Super Blue" power pack (produced by another company ; it boasted 6amps of power which was a little more than MRC's control master 20. This new pack has been upgraded to 10amps of power available.



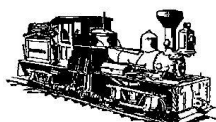
The "Train Power 10" is designed to operate all standard DC Gauge model trains. The output voltage is high enough for G Scale and the output voltage wave form is delicate enough for N Scale. The design of this power pack in-

cludes a very special circuit that provides the correct waveform and voltage for slow speed operation without overheating even the most sensitive instrument motor. The unique circuit that adjusts the output for each scale train is called "Dial-A-Gauge."

This power pack provides the user with a convenient Walk-A-Round control handle that easily controls speed, direction, momentum and braking.

The power console contains the power portion of the pack. The power from a standard 110 volt wall outlet is safely isolated and reduced to the range of voltage proper for model train operation. The power console has a power ON/OFF switch, line cord connection for the hand-held controller, DC output connections for powering the train track, and AC output connectors for AC accessories

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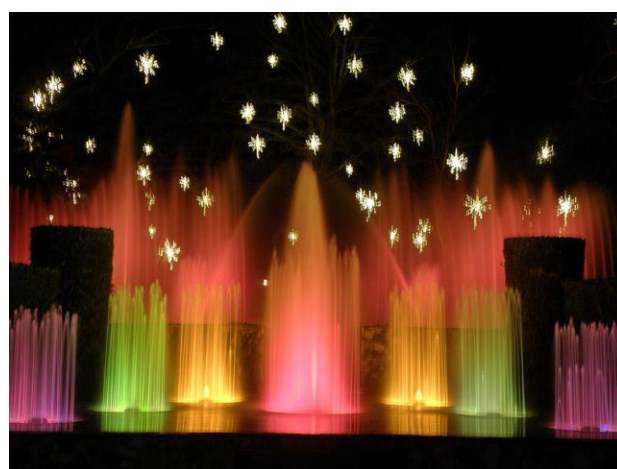
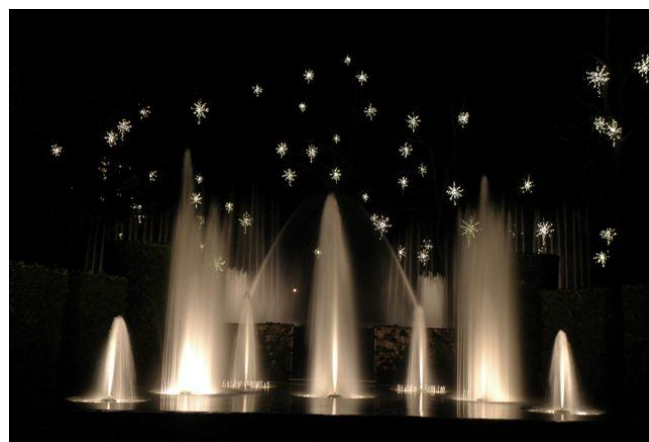
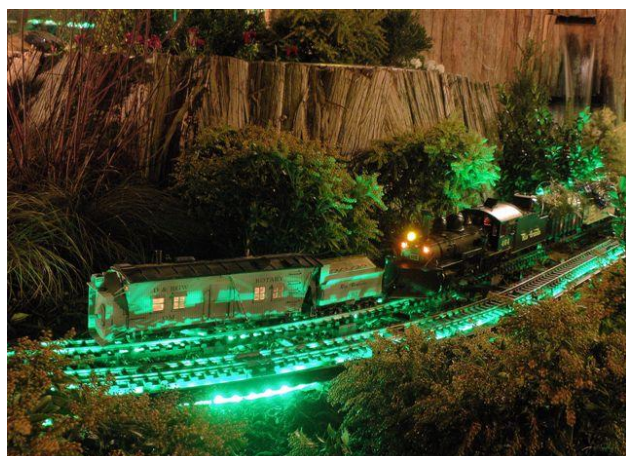
## **Members take a trip to Longwood Gardens**

On Dec 27 the McNew, Shubert and Russell families made the trip to Kennett Square, PA to visit Longwood Gardens and to see the newly designed Outdoor Railroad. Hard to believe, on this cold day there were 2 weddings taking place. Photos were being taken outside in the Gardens and the girls looked really cold. The layout is designed, managed, and built by Ross Carson and our friend Mike Moran. It is awesome to say the least and they have a fleet of locomotives to keep it running. They have 3 trains running on one large layout and a separate loop for the kids. That way they can chase Thomas the Tank around and not run into everyone. The layouts are built in 2 weeks time and then torn down after Christmas. Each year Longwood contracts them to build a new layout that has to be different. This takes serious funding! Like our club all of the stuff is built from scratch with live plants.

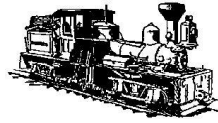


Turk took his trains along and met with Mike to set up and run them. All trains are track powered and controlled by Aristocraft train engineers.

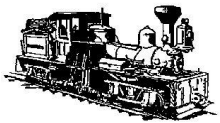
We recommend that all members make this trip. It is very enjoyable with lots of memories for all ages.







## **My Winter Time Garden Railroad Project – Joe Mower**



Turk has a collection of cars and engines that are for sale to help out a friend who no longer can do trains.

Items range from \$15.00 to 225.00 give him a call for listing and prices  
717-762-8873



### **SVGRS Club Officers**

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### **Related Garden Railroad Businesses**

**Appalachian Gardens**- Specializing in miniature plants and trees for Garden Railroads. They also offer a full range of nursery products. Appalachian Gardens provides plant materials for club exhibits and displays. 717-597-8456 Tom & Fern McCloud Website, [www.smallplants4bigtrains.com](http://www.smallplants4bigtrains.com)

### **Martins Greenhouse**

It is a small greenhouse business specializing in perennials. This includes rock garden plants & miniature conifers, which fit in well with garden railways.

Noah & Marian Martin, 5489 Division Hwy., Narvon, Pa 17555, Ph. 717-354-7546  
[martinsghse@juno.com](mailto:martinsghse@juno.com)

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