



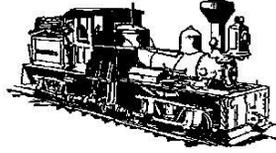
SVGRS Newsletter February 2019

2019 Calendar of Events

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| Jan- 9 | 6:00pm - Executive Board Meeting (new year planning schedule) |
| Feb- 1 | First Quarter Newsletter |
| Mar-6 | 7:00pm - General Meeting #1 New Oxford Train Station |
| Mar- 17 | 2:00 pm Repack and Organize trailer for ECLSTS train show. |
| Mar-21 | 10:00am - Setup for Spring ECLSTS |
| Mar-22 | 9:00am - ECLSTS Train Show Day 1 |
| Mar-23 | 9:00am - ECLSTS Train Show Day 2 Tear Down @ 4:00pm |
| Mar-31 | Deadline to pay 2019 Dues |
| Apr-15 | Deadline for 2nd quarter News Letter Articles |
| June TBA | Open House TBA Short meeting to be held as well |
| Sept-21 | 1:00am - General Meeting #3/Club Picnic, Southampton Township Park, Southampton Junction Pavilion, 200 Airport road, Shippensburg, PA |
| Sept 29 | 2:00pm Trailer Inventory, Clean inventory items and repack for RR |
| Oct-15 | Deadline for 4th quarter News Letter Articles |
| Nov-8 | 9:00am - Rocky Ridge Pre-Setup up ; Track & Platforms |
| Nov-16 | 9:00am - Rocky Ridge Complete Setup |
| Nov-29 | 5:00pm - Christmas Magic Opening Day |
| Dec-8 | 4:30pm - General Meeting #4/Christmas Party (Hanover Railside Dinner) |
| Dec-31 | 2019 Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic Ends |

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Reminder: 2019 Club dues are to be paid by the end of March. Dues are still only \$20 if paid by March 31, make payment to Jeff Shubert, 258 Chestnut Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257-9493



2018 Layout Tours – Volunteers Needed

If you have a garden Railroad layout we would appreciate if you would consider having a open house in 2019. This is a good way for members to get ideas and also provides good comradery among our members. If interested contact Robert Wenger, weng308@yahoo.com to set up a date. Sunday afternoons seem to work best for most members.



Message from our President

I wanted to take a moment and say “thanks everyone” for putting up with me to get this job done each year. Yes it’s a job, and not always a fun one. Being on call to handle and delegate every issue for 32-37 days each year takes a very dedicated person or someone that’s nuts!

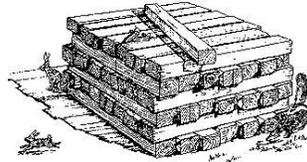
I appreciate your time/efforts thru the years to help me solve problems and the get the club thru this event. I also am grateful for the success that our members when banded together, have been able to achieve. These displays over the years represent more than just a train layout. With some guidance and teamwork, we can build almost anything! Time is always the factor. I, along with others was told many times that this year’s display was even better than last year’s. That’s hard to do with the limitations and small membership we have! After 16 years, I am stepping down as the Coordinator for the event. Renee and I could use a break to enjoy the holiday month of December.



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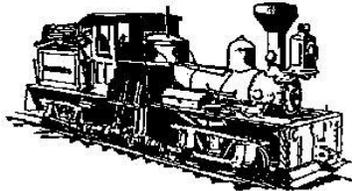
LGB tours will be again offering 2 different train related trips in July and September of this year see the site for more information:

<http://www.lgbtours.de/texte/seite.php?id=106804&lang=en>



Garden Railways Magazine Announcement

After 35 years, our favorite magazine will be reducing its yearly output of 6 issues to 4 issues starting in 2019. All current subscribers will receive the same number of issues they purchased with their original subscription term. Meaning we all get 6 regardless, till we re-new. After that it will be 4 per year.



2018 Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic Round up

submitted by: Turk Russell

This year's event was definitely different then all the past ones. We had plenty of issues to say the least. As usual, a small group of us went up on Nov 7th and did the pre-setup with platforms, Trestles, pond and the basic layout. That day the weather was great.

On Nov 10th Saturday, we held the main setup. It was darn cold, but our place was kept warm thanks to Jason Scott's super heater. I was pleased to have 28 volunteers show up to help construct the layout. It was another long day 10am – 4:30pm. As usual, we had to go back and finish things since ran into some problems.

Special Thanks: Renee Russell for the sandwiches and to McNews and Rieffes for providing us with drinks and comfort food.

On the only big snow day of the year, A few of us dedicated idiots traveled to the Park in a snow storm. It took us 2.5 hrs. to get there. This originally was to be our club trip to Strasburg RR, but that was cancelled due to the possible big storm. Rob & Penny, Turk& Renee, Bob

Wenger, Kevin & Aaron Adams and Phillip Shoop and his mom made the trip. We worked on the layout for 2 hrs. And finished it up to be ready for opening night The Park personnel told us they were leaving and so we left as well. They closed the road at the big hill due to so many accidents. It took Renee and I almost 4 hrs. to get back to Waynesboro . Dedicated Idiots!

Our sponsor was Steam Into History who paid us \$1600.00 and the park matched at a \$1000.00 payment as well. Again as Thanksgiving was early, we were set to run 37 nights. The Park closed a record 10 nights! This year's new online ticketing system did not fair well and confused a lot of folks. In turn, this put a dent in our ticket sales as well along with poor weather conditions. There was a lot of potential \$\$\$\$ lost this year.

31,051 patrons visited Christmas magic this year which is way better than we expected based on the above numbers. Although, the numbers were low compared to the past 2 years of over 43,000; it could have been worse. The Park will be reviewing their policy on these online hourly sales and hopefully they will make improvements.

We ran the usual 6 trains. One main, one outside, a Christmas tree and amusement train loop. 2 reversing lines were setup also. It's been suggested to me that next year we build 2 mainlines and give up one of the reversing lines. This will be tough, but could be done with some more squeezing of the display. After the first week, the problems started. Trolley Rev. System and some of the amusement rides broke down. By week 3, Barry McNew and I were fixing locomotives at 11:30 pm already and working on the roller coasters. That way they could be transported back to the Park and keep things going well. Thomas had to get an entire new mechanism installed. Lucky for the club, the Bachmann VP (Rich) came thru for me with fast shipping of out of stock parts to keep things rolling along. Everyone was happy with our new Lionel/ Aristocraft 2-8-0 steam locomotive. It ran awesome and took turns with the F3 diesels train. Lack of track cleaning was a huge issue this year. Rob and I had to really press on this. There were times when we showed up and found the Thomas loop had black residue all over it. We had no huge issues other than money count totals. The coin \$\$ was over the top this year which really helped us out. On Teardown/cleanup day, we usually see about \$25-40.00 worth of coin. This year's take in of \$136.60 was huge and set a record!

Special thanks: to Bob Wenger and Barry McNew for doing the (Fix it list). They both made extra trips between my house (pick up parts and fixed items) and them getting them back to the park.

Raffle Totals for the Thomas the Tank Train were \$648.00. This was off compared to last year's raffle of \$1071.00. The winner was Steve Miller of Dover, PA. However, considering the weather and such; this was not too bad. For the 2nd year in a row, I secured us a "no cost" donated new Bachmann train set. Thanks to Rich Janyszek for helping our club out! We sure did appreciate it.

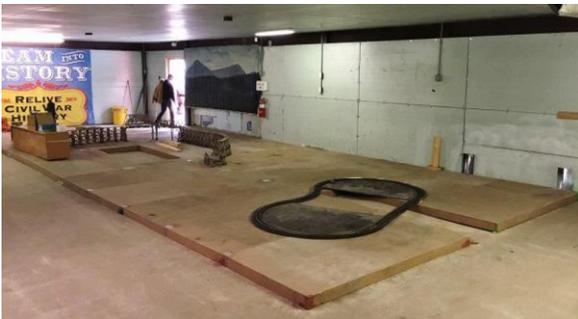
Special Thanks; to Jeff Shubert & family for providing us with all the printed raffle tickets!

Overall, this event was still a success for our club. It's what keeps us going through the year. Especially when you lose 3 big weekends plus some Fridays due to closings. We are all aging and it's tough to keep things going and push for volunteers.

Special Thanks: Penny Segessenman & Renee Russell for helping me with the design changes and layout areas. You two have been putting up with me for quite a while now! Rob and I would like to thank everyone who stepped up and volunteered for this event. This is our only fundraiser and it's a proven winner.

Turk Russell Coordinator
Robert Segessenman Asst. Coordinator

Photos of Rocky Ridge 2018



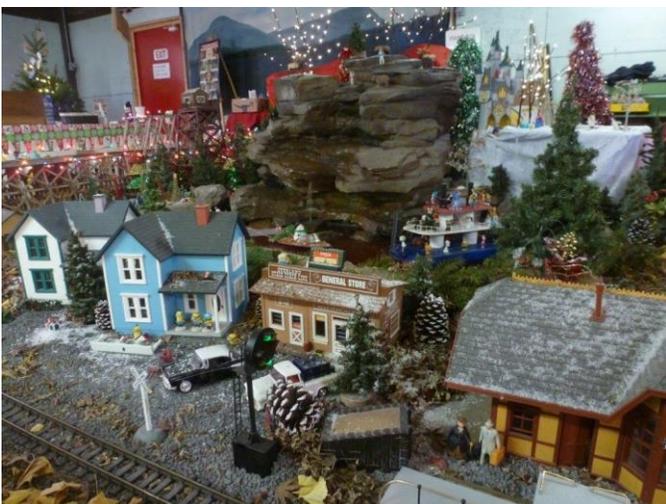
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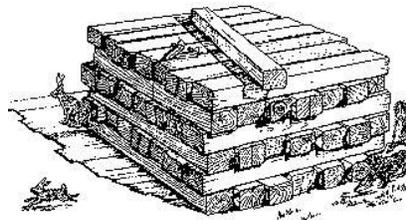
Layout ready for the show







Winner of the Tomas Train Set



2018 Christmas Party

Our club gathered, for the fourth time in a row, at the Hanover Railside Dinner for our annual Christmas Party on Sunday Dec 2nd. This continues to be a well-liked venue as the location is central to our area. What's not to like? The food is good and we have the place to ourselves! Because of the club's continued good fortune at Rocky Ridge, all costs for both the Christmas party and summer picnic were covered by the Treasury. Costs for this event alone with prizes and dinner were just over \$1000.00!!! We are lucky to have that option for now.

Turk Russell and Penny Segessenman hosted the party with obligatory jokes and new videos. The festivities were well attended with 45 of the 48 folks who RSVP'd par-taking in the celebration and camaraderie of our club. We do like to talk and we do like to eat!

The meal was kicked off at 5:05pm after Barry McNew provided our blessing. Renee Russell & Janet Shoop coordinated the 50/50 and sold a total of 175 tickets. **Bob Buck** was our drawn the winner. He graciously donated his share back to the club. Thanks

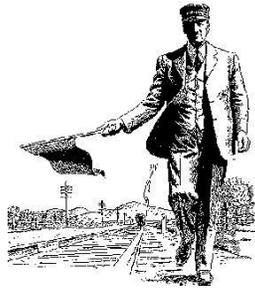
Bob!!! So \$175.00 goes back in the treasury. Turk and Penny drew tickets for over 30 prizes. The runner up was **Jeff Shubert** taking home a USA trains boxcar. The Grand prize was a brand new Aristocraft snowplow won by **Tom McCloud**.

We held a short business meeting, which provided some insights on the year we had and especially how Rocky Ridge has become the lifeblood of our club. Our president Turk Russell gave us an update on club activities/purchases and changes that we will do in the coming year. Our VP Bob Wenger provided an update presentation on our club by-laws. Treasurer Jeff Shubert gave us a healthy financial report and Secretary Rob Segessenman read off minutes and discussed some previous issues.

Turk Russell and Bob Wenger provided this year's entertainment. Bob showcased his recent railfan trip with his wife Sue to Colorado and New Mexico. Turk once again, through special permission from the Editor of Railfan magazine Steve Barry; was able to showcase a private Steam locomotive Railroad photography. Major thanks to the Russell's and the Segessenman's for continuing to make this a fun and enjoyable evening for all.

Submitted by : Rob Segessenman





Article by Rob Segessenmann

As a 10 year old I have vivid memories of making several trips to Norristown PA with my Dad to the old Reading Interlocking Tower where a buddy of his worked. At that point it was just recently placed under Conrail, but it still had the original mechanical controls connected to analog switching remotes. I can recall being given “orders” to throw specific switches and watching the trains rolls by knowing I'd put it on the right track. That was a big deal for a kid! Heck, it would be a big deal for me as a big kid!

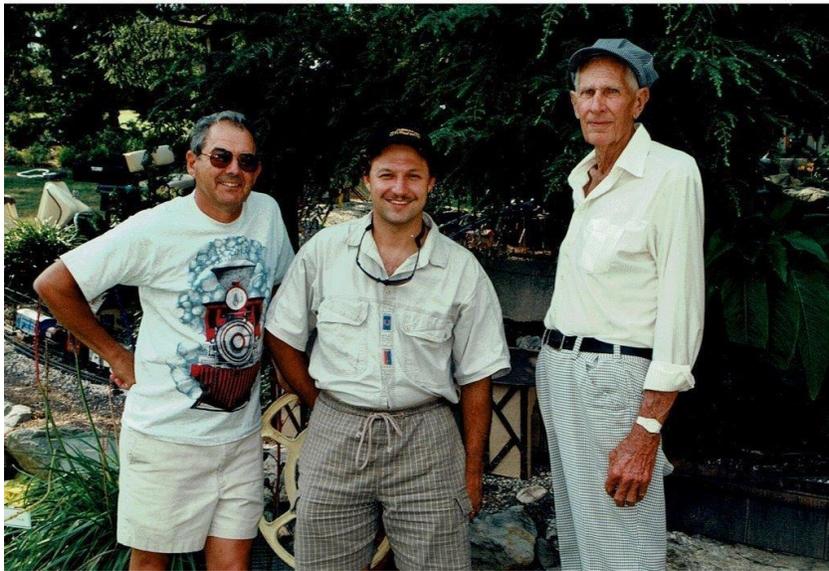
Flash forward to this time last year when Turk and I traveled to Andover MA to attended their train show. At that show I saw and studied a similar interlocking tower on the New Hampshire Garden Railroad Society modular display. Although it was a commercial model, nobody seemed to know who made it and I'd not seen it before or since till earlier this month when one showed up on the TrainZ auction site. I don't like to buy built up buildings online because of the risk in S&H, but I knew I had to take a chance! Thankfully it only suffered very minor damage, and now I have plans to model the manual switch levers and control boards to put in the upper room. Maybe I can even find a model of a kid to put in there pulling those levers! What are you fondest childhood railroad memory? Perhaps you can share for the next newsletter!



Found Vintage photos of the Annual picnic 1999/2000

While looking through our old Film pictures. Renee came across these and we thought it would be neat to share. The club picnics were always held at our founders home of Gene and Mary Boll . The Boll family put on quite the event for kids and adults alike. We averaged 75-100 people usually.

Members in the photos are myself, Barry McNew and Gene Boll ; Joe Mower and Dick Blieler If anyone has photos of back in the day, please send them to me so we can get them put in future newsletters.





Submitted by : Turk Russell

Industry News: By Turk Russell

Märklin Inc. celebrates LGB's 50th anniversary

Event in California featured special LGB displays, museum tours, a charity fundraiser, and much more

Posted on September 11, 2018

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A Grizzly Flats volunteer educates attendees about the restoration work being done on the Grizzly Flats Chloe locomotive.

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Chloe's first class passenger car, No. 7

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The LGB 50th anniversary RhB class Ge 4/4 II Electric Locomotive on display. (Look for a review of this product in the December 2018 issue of *Garden Railways*.)

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A large display of LGB memorabilia from the Richter family was shipped over for the event.

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LGB new items displayed on old railroad steamer trunks.

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The Märklin, Inc. team in gray shirts and OERM board member, John Mobley, in front of the Chloe locomotive

Ken Mitchrone

On September 2, 2018, Märklin, Inc., the North American Subsidiary of Gebr. Märklin & Cie. GmbH, celebrated the 50th anniversary of LGB with a special event for LGB Club members and enthusiasts at the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, California.

Events celebrating LGB's 50th anniversary were held in Germany and Hungary earlier this year, and this was the premiere event held in North America. Märklin, Inc. general manager, Gale Cousins, said he decided to hold the event at the Orange Empire Railway Museum (OERM) because, "It is the official home of Ward Kimball's Baldwin-built locomotive, Chloe. As a proud sponsor of the Chloe Restoration Project, Märklin, Inc. could help raise money for continued restoration."

Ward Kimball, an animator for Walt Disney, and his wife Betty donated their backyard Grizzly Flats Railroad collection to OERM. Chloe was built in 1907 and was originally a workhorse for Hawaiian Waimanalo Sugar Company. OERM is working hard to get Chloe up and running again, but it is a big project.

The entire team of Märklin, Inc. employees from the United States attended, and a special guest from Märklin Germany, Janko Franke, Export Manager, was in also in attendance.

Approximately 175 people attended the event. In-N-Out Burgers and custom cupcakes with LGB's 50th logo were served. OERM and Grizzly Flats provided a team of volunteers to help with the event. There were docent-led tours of the museum, trolley rides that ran continually, and a train that left on the hour taking passengers into town and back. LGB new products were on display including the new models of the Grizzly Flats Chloe locomotive and passenger cars. A digital presentation helped LGB modelers learn more about running trains digitally on their layouts, and a collection of historic LGB memorabilia was on display. There was also a variety of products for sale, including LGB 50th logo baseball hats, beer steins, coffee mugs and polo shirts.

Among the attendees of the event, were members of Ward and Betty Kimball's family. Stacy Cousins, Marketing Manager for Märklin, Inc., said, "We were very touched to have been contacted by the Kimball family and have them in attendance at our event."

To raise money for the Chloe Restoration Project, Märklin, Inc. sponsored a few different fundraisers during the event. There was a silent auction of collectible items belonging to LGB founder, Wolfgang Richter. Janko Franke announced the winners of the silent auction items and spoke about the connection these items had to Wolfgang Richter and LGB's history. Two different raffles were held, one for LGB 50th logo products and a raffle of special LGB items, including a complete Chloe train and one-of-a-kind Grizzly Flats Railroad boxcars made by a friend of the museum specifically for the event. All of the proceeds from the silent auction and raffles went to the Chloe Restoration Project.

For more information about LGB garden trains and the LGB Grizzly Flats models visit www.lgb.com. To learn more about the Orange Empire Railway Museum and the Chloe Restoration Project, visit www.oerm.org.



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Amherst Train Show at the Big E

Rob and I thought we would include this photo at the Amherst Big train show. The New Hampshire train club now has our old Aristocraft original 2-8-0 consolidation.

It's now fitted with a Rail Pro system and runs on their modular layout

We sold this to them and in turn bought the custom Lionel/ Aristo steam loco that everyone enjoyed running at Rocky Ridge this year



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