



July 2011 – Newsletter

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SVGRS Calendar of Events 2011

July 9 Saturday Open House 1 PM till 5 PM - Marlyn Geesey 2932 Exeter Drive, York, PA 17403 Phone 717-347-7637

July 16 - Club Equipment Clean Up day - Bob Segessenman (Biglerville)
Time: 10:00am rain or shine

August 19-21st SVGRS display @ Gilbert's Garden Center (Northumberland)
Set-up up: 18 August @ 10:00am
Tear-down: 21 August @ 3:00pm

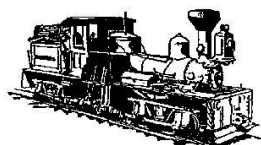
September 10th Layout Open House - Rob Segessenman Jr. (Littlestown)
Time: Noon till Whenever Bob Segessenman Jr, 521 South Queen Street, Littlestown, PA 17340 – Phone 717-359-8515.

September 17th SVGRS Picnic - Camp Myers Retreat (Rossville)
Time: 10:00 - 3:00pm

September 23rd & 24th Fall ECLSTS - York Fair Grounds (York)
Set-up: 22 September @ 9:00am
Tear down: 24 September @ 4:00pm

October 19th SVGRS General Meeting - Brethren Home (Cross Keys)
Time: 7:00pm

December 3rd SVGRS Christmas Party / Dinner (TBD)
Time: 5:00pm



June 9th Meeting Notes...

General SVGRS Meeting called to order 7:10, 9-June at the New Oxford Train Station

Offices Present: Barry McNew, Jeff Shubert and Rob Segessenman Jr.

Members Present: Nine (9) including Officers

President welcomed and thanked everyone for coming as well as Jim for the use of the station

Secretary read the previous meeting minutes from March 3rd

Treasurer passed around a current financial report and discussed recent deposits and expenses.

Purchases: One Large Australian Rock (Used in Thomas Loop) mostly funded by generous donations

Additional artificial rocks - 2 Large, 2 large & flat and four "corner" rocks

10 ft radius track purchased from Walter - Full Circle of Aristo American Style Ties

Edible Arrangement and Sentiments sent to Lisa Bole on the passing of her mother Mary

- Report was approved, but request was made and seconded to have a simple in-flows/outflows report that was tabulated monthly since the last club meeting.

New Business

- Clean up day was discussed and a time of 10:00am was set for the 16-July event. It will be "Rain or Shine" since there is plenty of room in the pole barn should the weather not cooperate.

- Trailer insurance was discussed. Current research and proposal was read by the President. Those are as follows.

Discussion concerned not with getting insurance but if club was a viable and recognizable organization that could actually carry insurance. The President agreed to research the possible solutions, such as formal incorporation before next meeting.

Motion made, seconded and approved to seriously investigate LLC/501C status up to and including a \$500 lawyer's expense.

Motion made, seconded and approved to get the Eric insurance pending the outcome of the LLC/501C status.

- **Picnic was discussed, but no "chair-person" has yet been named or volunteered.** The notion of a "pot-luck" was accepted as the best approach with the club providing the hot dogs and hamburgers plus a simple selection of drinks like water.

- **Fall ECLSTS discussed** - A question was raised about any stigma the club might suffer if we chose NOT to do this Fall show. Rob Segessenman Jr. agreed research this. No formal motion was made to do or not do the show. The discussion was if a "chair" stepped forward, the club would do the show.

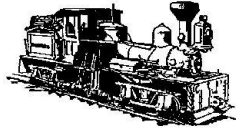
NOTE: Since the meeting Bob Segessenman has volunteered himself and Rob Segessenman Jr. to "chair" the show. The theme will be "Keep it Simple!" No two or three layers, and a simpler track setup using the pre-built figure-eight the club owns. It will also be a "pack your own lunch event," but the club will supply water and perhaps sodas with a light snack." With a "chair" in place, this is a mute point, but I did verify with the ECLSTS folks that we would not be penalized (in terms of doing the Spring show) if we did not do the Fall show. Believe it or not, they claim this will NOT be the last Fall show.

- **Option to do the show at Gilbert's Garden Center in Northumberland was raised. SVGRS participated in 2009 and received \$500 for our efforts.** The same deal stands for this year with a date to be set directly and Jeffrey Johnstonbaugh providing the coordination. While full participation by any club member it is welcomed, SVGRS is only responsible for setup and tear-down, but not monitoring of the display all weekend.

NOTE: Since the meeting, the date and times have been solidified. See schedule above. Please call Jeffrey @ (570) 473-7973 if you'd like to help in any way!

- A proposal or recommendation to move the regular meetings to weekend dates/times was proposed as a way to potentially get more attendance. There was some approval to give this a try over the winter months.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm



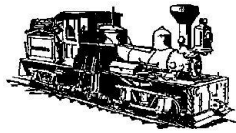
Income and Expenses 1/1/2011 through 6/30/2011

Category Type Total

Income 4,335.24

Expenses 1,687.86

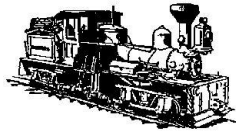
Income less Expenses 2,647.38



Our layout is in the front page of the Aristo newsletter

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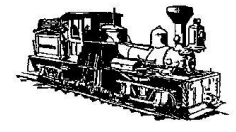
Turk



<http://www.jonesanthony.com/>

New world record set for longest HO scale train. Even though its HO scale, its still amazing that people go thru this

Submitted by: Turk Russell



New building by Phillip Shoop

Subject: kitbash project

Here is a look at my first "true" Kit bash project. It's a Car barn for the electric railway and designed to hold 4 trolleys that can be up to 15" in length each. It's made from the

Piko Sonneberg loco shed with 2 of the add on kits. the styrene trusses are Plastruct, all other styrene is evergreen the lampshades and bulbs are from Bridgemaisters and are running off 16 volts ac with the supplied resistors. I'm waiting on the to roof sections which should be here Wednesday. the rails are screwed to 3/4" treated plywood and then 1/4 furniture grade plywood to simulate the rails being embedded in concrete. the building will be completely detailed inside when I'm finished. If the club would ever want some kind of loco shed for a club display I'd be willing to bring it .



Philip had a open house May 12, The turn out was disappointing. I heard that Philip has a lot of action packed into a small area. The following photos were supplied by Al Benard.



Train Festival 2011 News

July 21-24, 2011 - Rock Island, IL

Train Festival by the Numbers

www.trainfestival2011.com

Here is a look at Train Festival 2011 by the Numbers

- 4 - Days Train Festival is open
- 7 - Full Sized Steam Locomotives
- 8 - Diesel Locomotives
- 14 - Train Excursions
- 10 - River Boat Excursions
- 1000 - Length in feet of the Miniature Railroad
- 5 - Model Train Layouts
- 60 - Vendors and Sponsors
- 6 - Food Vendors
- 8 - James Coffey Childrens' Concerts
- 36 - Hours Train Festival is Open to the Public
- 3 - Night Photo Sessions
- 1 - Rare Excursion by the Nebraska Zephyr

As you can see Train Festival 2011 has lots of numbers. We hope that you will be one of those numbers.

Tickets are still on sale at www.trainfestival2011.com with many excursions sold out. We have something for everyone.

There is also quite a bit to do the Quad Cities. Go to the Quad Cities Convention and Visitors Bu-

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Chinese Steam Loco to be Americanized for Train Festival



Steam Locomotive #6988 has received a makeover from her appearance as built for China Railways to a more traditional American Look. Sister locomotive #7081 will remain in her Chinese paint

reau website at www.visitquadcities.com to check out the many local attractions.

Ultimate Experience

Get the Ultimate Experience. Take the train from Chicago on Thursday Morning to Rock Island. Once you arrive at Train Festival, you will have some time to look around. At 6:00pm you will board the Celebration Belle Riverboat for a 2 1/2 hour Dinner Cruise down the Mississippi River. You will dine on the Captain's Dinner with Entertainment. After the River Dinner Cruise, you will be transported to the Radisson Quad City Plaza for an overnight stay. On Friday morning you will be taken back over to the event to spend some additional time looking around. A bus will take you back to Chicago departing Rock Island at 1:30pm arriving back in Chicago around 4:30pm.

[More Information](#)

job and graphics for Train Festival. You will have to decide which version your prefer!

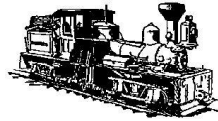
Photo by Robert Franzen

Check Out Quad City Airport

The Quad City International Airport offers 5 airlines nonstop from 11 U.S. Cities, with hundreds of connections from beyond those nonstop cities. International Connections abound via cities like Atlanta, Chicago O'Hare, and Detroit. Cities served with nonstop flights daily include Atlanta, Chicago O'Hare, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Denver, Detroit, Memphis, Minneapolis-St. Paul.

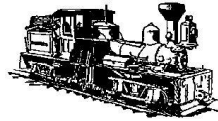
Airlines & cities with multiple flights per week (not daily) include AirTran with 4 weekly flights from Orlando International, and Allegiant Air with nonstop flights from Las Vegas, Tampa Bay/St. Petersburg/Clearwater, and Phoenix-Mesa Gateway. Please visit qcairport.com for a live flight tracker, information about rental cars or ground transportation, and links to the airlines.

The Quad City International Airport recommends you use a professional travel agent to book your travel. Airport code: MLI.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhCLaYIFil4&feature=related>

This is a video from the 2011 Cass Railfan Weekend . Lots of Whistles and bells. Turk



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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

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

Russell's Customizers – Repairs to garden railroad equipment. (Aristocraft, Bachmann & LGB. Moderate pricing for Garden Railroad equipment, technical advice, rail mechanics & maintenance problems. Call evenings 717-762-8873 Turk & Renee Russell.

Victoria's Timeless Treasures & Dale's Garden Railroad Depot – Provides a full range of Garden Railroad equipment, accessories and supplies. They invite members to view their extensive multi-track layout. 610-589-9000 Dale & Victoria Bricker