



August 2008 Newsletter

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Open House Garden RR Tours

August 2 (Saturday), Larry Imhoff, a past member of the SVGRS has invited the club to his home for a Garden Railroad open house August 2, 2008. Larry has about 300 feet of track at 3 elevations and runs 3 trains at one time. We had the club picnic at his home several years ago but he said he has made several improvements to his layout since that time.

Larry's residence is 418 Southview Drive, Lititz, PA.

Open House is from 1PM till 5 PM, In case of rain the open house will be August 3. If the weather looks doubtful call Larry at 717-627-2245.

Directions from Route 30, Follow Route 30 to Route 501 North through Lititz 3 or 4 mile to intersection of 501 and 322. Go Right on 322 East 1 mile turn Right onto

Hershey Road just past the Brickerville Lutheran Church turn Left on Southview Drive to 418.



August 16 (Saturday): Bob McCrea Open House in Carlisle, 1 Pm till 5 PM With Refreshments, Home is 550 Summit Drive. Phone 717-258-8566 or cell 717-386-6633.

Bob has 6 loops to operate trains; he has track power, Battery power and Live Steam in a garden setting with lots of trestles.

Directions: Exit i-81 at Hanover Street and go toward Carlisle on Route 34. Turn Left at the second light onto Willow Street (West). Go through the light at West Street slight bend and continue on Walnut Bottom Road past College Street on Right. Next Street make a Right turn onto Nobel Street with grassy island at the entrance. Go Two blocks (1) is Hillside (2) is Summit. 550 is on the North-

west corner. Follow signs to the backyard layout.



September 20 (Saturday): Club Picnic at Bob Segessenmans home. Don Sweet is the chair of the picnic.

The picnic will be at 11:30 AM till 5:00 PM, with the food served at 12:00. The Meal and Drinks will be provided by the club. Please bring a dessert to share. The menu has not been determined at this time but it will be catered by an outside vender.

A tent will be provided for an eating area, please bring your own chair.

There will be a train pulling contest and other train running events. **If you would be willing to lead these events please contact Tom McCloud.**

There will be an auction selling some of the club items no longer used. Members can also bring items they would like to have auctioned. These items will be auctioned to the highest bidder and the club will retain 20% of the sell price. Barry McNew will be the Auctioneer for this event.

Bob Segessenmans outdoor layout has about 900 feet of stainless steel track in two loops, running trains from the 1950's. The layout is in a wooded setting covering a large area. Bob runs large

trains usually with about 30 cars. The layout has about 80 buildings.

Directions: Address 1466 Russell Tavern Road, Gettysburg, PA.

From Gettysburg follow Route 34 and turn Left onto Goldenville Road go 0.3 mile and Right on Russell Tavern Road approx 0.9 mile to No. 1466.

From Carlisle direction follow Route 34 turn Right onto Ziegler Mill Road go 1.2 mile and turn Left onto Russell Tavern Road approx 0.3 mile to No. 1466.

Lost call Bob at 717-677-9770.



We are still looking for Open House host for the months of July and October; also we are always looking for club members willing to conduct technical sessions to share your garden railroading knowledge and experience with other club members, especially the newer members. You do not have to host a layout open house to do that. If you don't want to host, we will schedule you to share your insight at another open house. Please contact Kirk Slenker at 717-244-3522 or slenke@aaicorp.com.



York Fair Layout –

The committee has met with the fair management several times in the past month to finalize the logistics for the display and worked out any questions or concerns the committee had. Everything is in a green light (good to go) status and with no major problems foreseen. The lay-out will cover an area 40' x 50' consisting of two levels plus the elevated figure-eight platform sitting on the top level which will give the lay-out the appearance of having three levels. The first level will have a Thomas track area with a wishing well, a logging mill with pond, a train station display, a village area, a working coal yard and TV monitors. The second level will have a circus theme area, a farm area, a pond, a long tunnel as well as the figure-eight. With that said now it's time for the membership to start thinking how much they can volunteer or what they can provide for this display. Sometime over the few days someone from the committee will personally contact you for your support. The following information should be helpful for you in deciding on how much you can volunteer and if you have any items/buildings you could provide. The committee will greatly appreciate your help/assistance.

The theme for the fair: "GO HOG WILD" if you have anything that would fit into this theme please offer the item or items, as we would incorporate them into the layout.

Set-up days: Sept 2 (track set-up and test track), Sept 3 (landscaping, placing of buildings, etc.) Sept 4 (final touch-up if required). Start time for each day has not be finalized at this time, but most likely starting time will be around 10am each day.

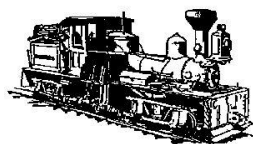
Fair days: 5th - 14th Sept. The display will be open from 12pm – 10pm on the week days and 10am to 10pm on the weekends.

Teardown: Sept. 15th (projected start time around 10am)

The committee members are: Dave Watts, Joe Mower, Walter Plank, Marlyn Geesey, Allan Bernard, Bob McCrea, Bob Segessenman, Mike Oberdick

To sign-up or if you have any questions please contact Dave Watts 717-264-8187 or Walter Plank 717-486-3489.

Article submitted by
Dave Watts



The Following photos were taken from the 2008 open house tours.



Wayne Warren's Layout showing the elevated Trackwork



Wayne Warren's Elevated Trolley Line running Point to Point Reversing Trolley



Some of Wayne Warren's Track Detail



A stop at Tom McCloud's Greenhouse included a Lunch and Tech Session on Plant care. Members also got a free plant and were able to shop for additional plants.



We made a intermediate stop at the Waynesboro Model Railroad Club. This is located in the old Wayncastle Grainery and cover 2 floors.



A Detail shot at the Waynesboro Model Railroad Clubs layout.



Tom McCloud's layout at his home



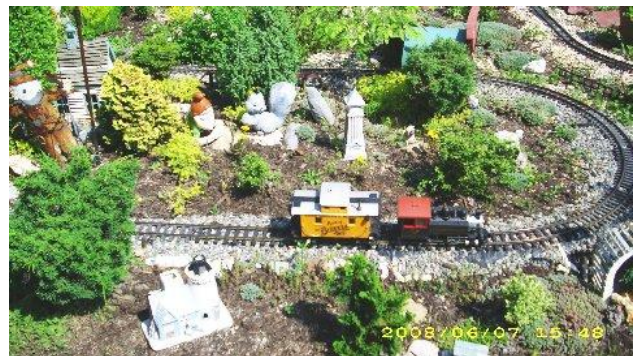
Some of Tom McCloud's track layout.



Turk Russell's front yard layout running Shays



Rosie Beaver's Layout



Rosie Beaver's Layout



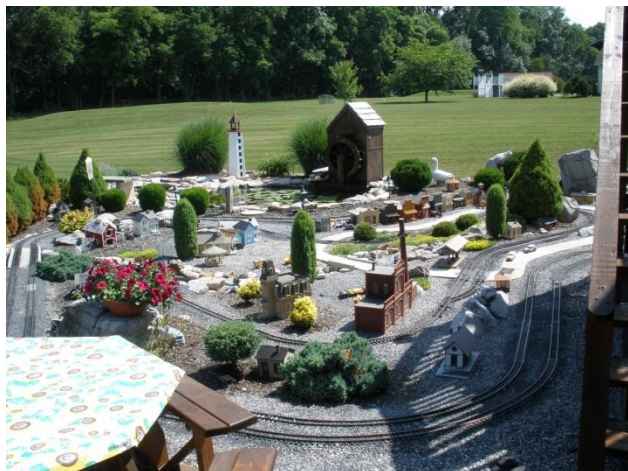
Walter Planks Open House June 2008



Turk's presentation at Walter Planks
June 2008



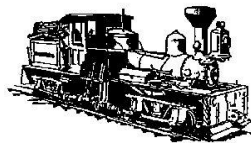
Joe Mower's Indoor Layout



Joe Mower's Outdoor Layout



Joe Mower's indoor Layout



SVGRS Membership Meeting Minutes 17 April 2008

President Tom McCloud called the meeting to order at 7PM

Officers present: Turk Russell and Dave Watts

Membership present: 18



Joe Mower's Outdoor Layout

The club secretary read minutes from the April 17th officer meeting with no addi-

tion discussion on these minutes from the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Shubert (treasurer) presented a financial report along with a copy of the ledger. Balance as of 3/31/08 was \$2,642.97 in checking and \$4319.58 in savings. The report and ledger were accepted as read and presented.

Dave presented a membership report: Current membership stands at 72. He also reported on behalf of Jeff Shubert that the last call for membership letter that he sent out was a great success as it got most of the members who were delinquent to pay their dues.

Old Business: Turk gave an overview of the very successful Garden Expo Display (Harrisburg). He again thanked all who helped with this display.

Bob Segessenman gave an overview on the very successful ECLSTS display. He also thanked all who helped with this display.

New Business:

Turk reported that the club has purchased: A Penna. AB diesel, 5 rolling stock cars and a Penna. Caboose (\$598). He's in the process of getting decals make so the engines may run either as a club logo engines or as a Penna. engines. Club also purchased a Shay engine with several logging cars (\$600) to be used at future club displays. Purchased a train

set (to be raffled) consisting of a Penna. Steam engine and 2 passenger cars (\$92).

Club Picnic: Will be held at Bob Segessenman's September 20, 2008
The picnic is one week later this year than normal due to the York Fair display/layout to permit all the club's members a chance to participate in both worth-while events Don Sweet is the chair for this year's picnic.

Tech Sessions: The following tech sessions/open houses are scheduled for 7 Jun (Tom McCloud) 29th Jun (Walter Plank) and (Joe Mower), 16 Aug (Bob McCrea).

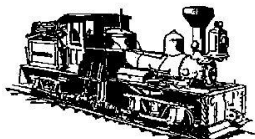
York Fair: Dates 4 – 14 Sept. Fair would provide an area 40' x 50' for a display, has offered \$1500. Pro's and con's discussed as this will require a large commitment from the whole club because of the length of the fair of the number and hours required each day to support. After much discussion Dave Watts has agreed to chair this show and also joining Dave on this committee will be Allan Bernard, Marlyn Geesey, Joe Mower, Mike Oberdick, Walter Plank and Bob Segessenman. **The committee asks the membership to help volunteer as much of their time as their schedules permit.** This display will add a nice sum to the bank account to help offset the cost for annual picnic and the Christmas party.

Club Outing: Turk reported that it appears at this time that we will be going to

East Broad Top on Saturday the 11th of Oct. He also stated that there is a chance that this could move to the Saturday the 4th of Oct if EBT changes their Rail Fan weekend. More details will follow in the coming months.

Walter offered to make wood engines boxes to help protect the new engines that that the club just purchased and the club as accepted his offer.

SVGRS Secretary
Dave Watts



East Broad Top Trip

After past suggestions by members; the club has decided to take its first day trip to visit a local railroad.

We will be traveling to the East Broad-Top Railroad located in Orbisonia, Pa.

The date is Saturday, Oct 11 2008.

The fall is a great time of year to visit. Everything that the EBT Railroad and the Trolley museum have operating will be open to the public.

There are tours of the railroad and the trolley facility throughout the day. This railroad still has it all; Roundhouse, manually operated Turntable, and Coaling

facility as well as all of its buildings. Trains and trolleys will run every hour so there is lots of action. Plenty of food vendors will be there as well. EBT has not posted an operating schedule yet so as soon as they do I will let everyone know where and when to meet.

For more information about the EBT Railroad itself; visit their website at www.ebtrr.com

Here are some photos of past fall spectaculars

<http://www.ebtrr.com/photos.HTML>

Hope to see you there.
Turk Russell

Attached is a treasurer's report from Jeff Shubert.

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Items for the newsletter can be submitted to
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The next issue of the newsletter will be out approximately October 5, 2008. Please have any information for the newsletter to me by October 1.

We are always looking for articles to publish. If you have an article you think would be of interest to other club members please send it to me.

Joe Mower

Related Garden Railroad Businesses

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.

RCS of New England – Specializing in battery control throttles for G scale trains. They also

provide sound systems and special lighting effects. 717-259-9523 Don & Donna Sweet

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

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

Cool Train Hobbies – General train supplies and merchandise specializing in G scale trains. 717-898-7119 Ted & Kim Symonds.

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.

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