



Susquehanna Valley Garden Railway Society

"Central Pennsylvania's Garden Railway Club"

Quarterly Newsletter

August 2013 Edition

Upcoming Events

Saturday

August 3rd, 2013

Executive Board Meeting
To appoint nominating
committee

Sunday

August 25th, 2013

Open House
1:00 pm to 4:00pm
Barry Ziegler's House
*See article in Newsletter
for more info.*

Saturday

September 28, 2013

SVGRS Club Picnic

Wednesday

October 9th, 2103

General Membership
Meeting
The Brethren Home
New Oxford

October 15th, 2013

Deadline for information
submission for November
newsletter

Club Picnic Information



The date and location for the annual SVGRS club picnic has been set for Saturday September 28. The picnic begins at 12:00 noon and runs until 4:00pm. Our hosts this year will be Harry and Yolanda Howe.

The menu will be Bar-B-Que chicken with all the fixing's. We are in the process of planning some other activities for the picnic. If there is enough interest we will do a hill climb, freewheeling race and have a table set up for items that you may want to sell.

If you haven't already done so, please contact Barry McNew or Turk Russell and let them know if you plan on attending.

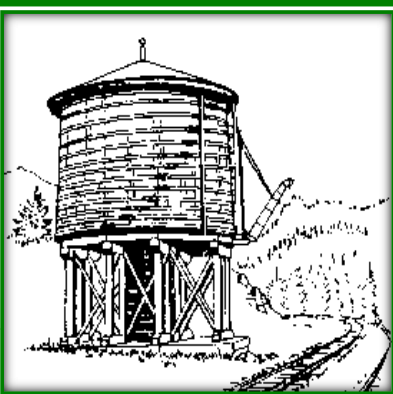
Harry and Yolanda live at 77 Ridge Road in York Springs, Pa. Their home is very easy to find.

From the North: take Rte. 94 South through York Springs. Turn left onto State Street (old Rte. 15). State Street will be before the Rte. 15 interchange. If you cross under Rte. 15 you went too far. Follow State Street to the first road on the right. This will be Ridge Road. Follow Ridge Road to their home on the right.

From the South: take Rte. 94 North to York Springs. State Street will be the first road on your right after crossing under Rte. 15. Follow State Street to the first road on the right. This will be Ridge Road. Follow Ridge Road to their home on the right.

For those of you coming from other directions Rte. 94 can be accessed by the Hanover / York Springs exit off of Rte. 15.

We hope to see all of you there. Again if you have not done so please contact Barry McNew or Turk Russell to let them know how many will be attending.



Club Summer Meeting held at Barry Zeigler's Home in Lake Meade.

Submitted by: Turk Russell and Rob Segessenman



The club had its first outdoor club meeting of 2013 on Sunday, June 9th at Barry and Lois Zeigler's home located in East Berlin.

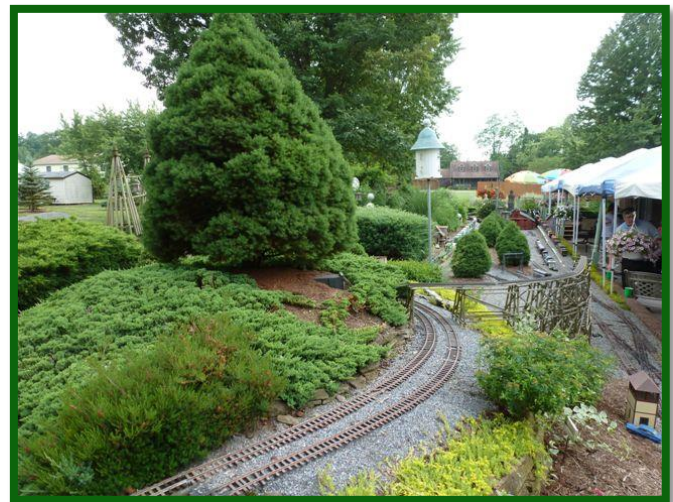
Barry had 3 trains running on his large scale layout. Barry's layout covers the entire width of the back of his house. His trains are primarily powered by RCS battery control.



In all, 17 members, spouses and guests were in attendance. We discussed our annual calendar, open houses, and other business issues. We also set up dates for the picnic as well as cleaning and organizing the club's equipment trailer. The weather was great and we all had a good time.



Thanks to the Zeigler's for providing a nice array of snacks and drinks. Especially the Martins chips for Turk!



If you'd like to host a summer meeting at your home/layout, please let the Executive committee know.



Industry News

Submitted by: Turk Russell



Bachmann Trains



Bachmann trains will introduce their first trolley. The trolley will be produced in 1:29 scale. Bachmann Industries is trying to keep pace with others such as Aristocraft and Hartland Trains. Both of these manufacturers currently offer this type of loco. Bachmann's version should be a higher end version. We will have to wait and see.

The Bachmann version is to have the following specifications:

- DCC ready with factory-installed 21-pin and 8-pin sockets for DCC decoder installation of your choice.
- Can be operated on track power or overhead wire (trolley wheel compatible with LGB overhead wire)
- Sound ready with factory-installed speaker
- Precision can motor.
- Connects power to all Code 332 track with screw clamps.
- For indoor and outdoor use.
- LED headlight and rear stop light
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Central of Georgia Railway

Submitted By: Rob Segessenman



Oglethorpe square is typical of the 23 squares spread across the historical district.

Our daughter's gymnastics has taken us all over the country and this year we were fortunate enough to travel to Savannah Georgia in the last week of June. The schedule is pretty tight with competition, but after I realized a major railroad museum was within walking distance of our hotel, I managed to find a morning we could visit.

In its day, this was massive construction and repair facility for the Central of Georgia Railway. With original construction started in 1835, and many additions in the years to follow, it became one of the largest facilities in the South. Unfortunately time and hurricanes have taken their toll.



Much of the roundhouse is open to visitors.

The large roundhouse and many of the building remain, but it's largely a shell of what it

once was. Still they have a fair collection of equipment and small engines.



This small 0-4-0 tank engine is used to run short excursions.

Weekly they get a small tank engine steamed up and give short rides on what is now a pretty limited property. We didn't ride the train, but we did tour two Central of Georgia business cars which were rather well restored.



It's always nice to see some new trains, big or small. If you find yourself in Savannah, check it out!



Union Pacific Railroad Acquires Big Boy Locomotive No. 4014

Railroad Plans to Restore One of the Largest Steam Locomotives Ever Built

Submitted by: Jeff Shubert



Union Pacific No. 4014 as it sits today at the on the grounds of the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona, California.

Omaha, Neb., July 23, 2013 – Union Pacific Railroad today announced it reached an agreement with the Southern California Chapter - Railway & Locomotive Historical Society in Pomona, Calif., to transfer ownership of one of the world's largest steam locomotives, Big Boy No. 4014, back to Union Pacific.

Union Pacific plans to relocate No. 4014 to Cheyenne, Wyo., where Union Pacific's Heritage Fleet Operations team will work to restore it to operating condition. Details regarding those efforts will be made public at a later date.

Union Pacific donated No. 4014 to the historical society December 7, 1961. The locomotive arrived January 8, 1962, at its current display location at the Rail Giants Train Museum in Pomona.

No other railroad has retained its historical equipment or honored its American roots like Union Pacific.

"Our steam locomotive program is a source of great pride to Union Pacific employees past and present," said Ed Dickens, senior manager - Union Pacific Heritage Operations. "We are very excited about the opportunity to bring history to life by restoring No. 4014."

For more information on this possible restoration go to the following website: www.railgiants.org.

Steam Rules, Diesels just roar!



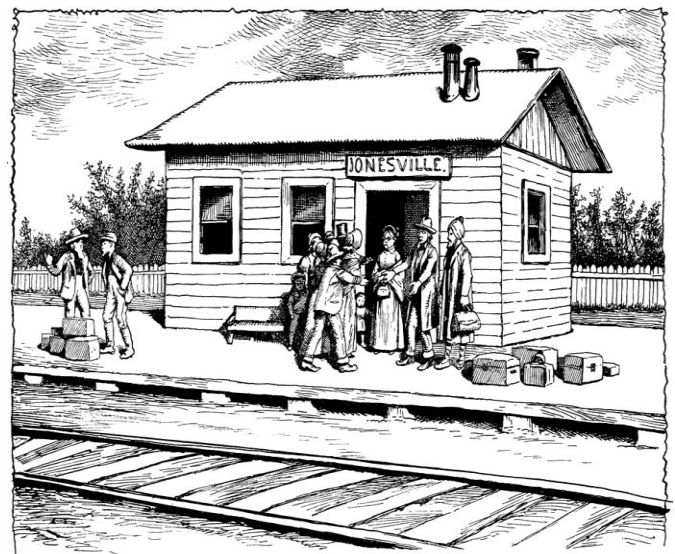
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Open House

Barry Ziegler had so much fun hosting the meeting that he has invited us all back for an open house. That's right if you didn't get a chance to attend the summer meeting and view Barry's Layout please come out and join us at his open house.

When: Sunday August 25, 2013
Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Open houses are a great opportunity to meet the other members of the club, view their layouts and share and tips, tricks or other information you may have on the hobby.

Barry's Address is:
16 Howard Drive
East Berlin, PA 17316-9394

Directions: From Rte. 194 Take Lake Meade Road. Turn Left onto Stoney Point Road. Turn Right onto Lake Meade Drive to the Guard Shack. Let the guard shack know that you are going to Barry's. After going through the guard shack stay to the right on Lake Meade Drive. Follow Lake Meade Drive to Howard Drive on the right. Howard drive should be just after the breast of the dam. Follow Howard Drive to Barry's House on the left. It will be the first house on the left after Hines Drive.

Hope to see everyone there!

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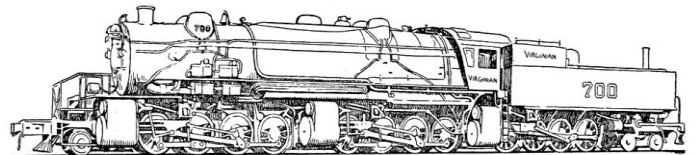
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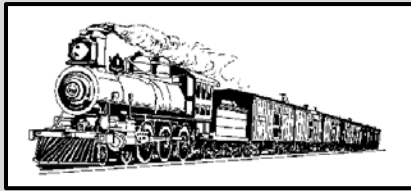
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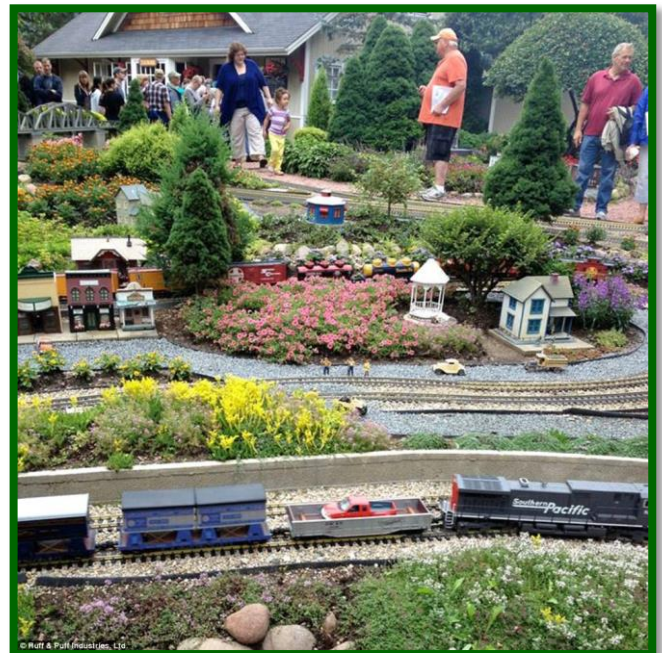
Club Financial Report

As of July 22nd, 2013
Submitted by: Jeff Shubert

Checking Balance
\$2,723.79

Savings Balance
\$6,171.68

Eleven separate model trains chug through the impressive estate that opens to the public just once per year



Thousands flock to tour 'Train Lady's' massive model locomotive filled estate garden

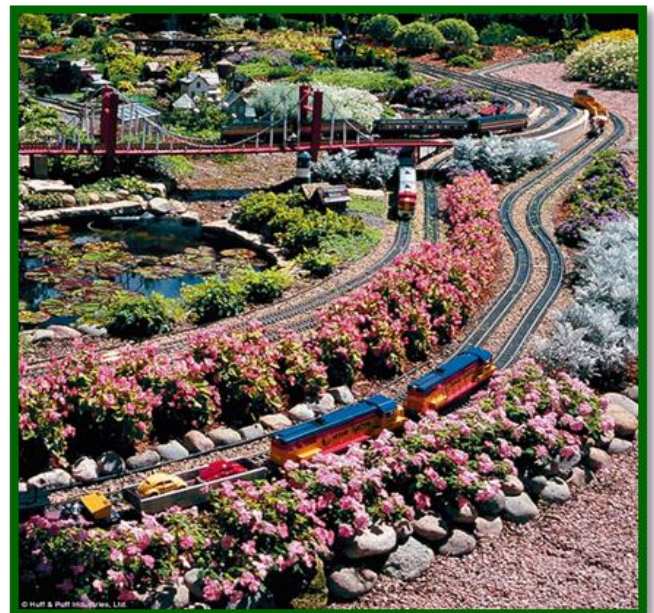
Article Forwarded By: Turk Russell



Elaine Silets opens her renowned North Barrington, Illinois estate for public viewing just once per year

Silets' Glorée & Tryumfant Garden Railway includes 6,000 square feet of gardens, waterfalls, lakes, trestles, bridges, replica cityscapes and pastoral vignettes

Elaine Silets is a train lover like no other. Not only did she make a career out of building model train displays but her expansive estate is homage to the locomotive. And over the weekend, Silets did something she does but once per year: she opened up her gardens to the public and something like 6,000 curious train lovers descended on her home.



With 10 acres of gardens, waterfalls, lakes, trestles, bridges, and replica towns and pastoral scenes, her Glorée & Tryumfant Garden Railway in North Barrington, Illinois, it's no wonder they call her the Train Lady.



Silets began her new life as the Train Lady after her beloved late husband Harvey's law career took off, leaving her in search of a hobby. That hobby became Huff & Puff Industries, a company that designs and manufactures model railroads for home and garden displays. Huff & Puff's work has been seen in the Nieman Marcus Christmas book, in the lobby of Chicago's Hancock Center, and in Tiffany & Co. window displays. The half-inch G-scale trains ply a Japanese water garden with waterfalls, a pond garden, rose gardens, a Snoopy topiary built especially for Silets' grandsons, and other floral landscapes.

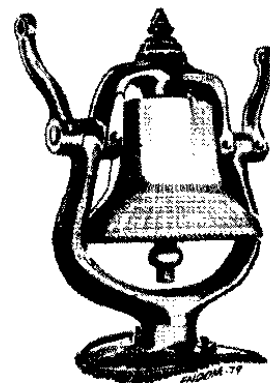


Also open to the day's visitors was the private train museum on Silets' property. The Harvey M. Silets Memorial museum was built in honor of the Train Lady's husband, a famous attorney who once represented Jimmy Hoffa. The museum is a scaled down replica of Greater Chicago that has 16 trains of its own, a



drive-in movie theatre, and other transit-related exhibits like elevated trains and subway trains. Down to business: Though Silets (left) has plenty of personal passion for her trains, they are also her business. Huff & Puff Industries (right) creations have appeared in Chicago's Hancock Center, Tiffany's window displays, and on the Oprah Winfrey Show, The Today Show, NBC, CNN, CBS, FOX, NBC, the Travel Channel, and PBS.

For visitors, the once a year opportunity was well worth the \$10 entrance fee. It was fun, young Ethan Sparks told the Barrington Courier-Review as he reluctantly stepped off a replica Hogwarts Express train, inspired by the Harry Potter film and book series. Visitors continually thanked Silets for inviting the public onto her estate. 'I always feel like Queen Elizabeth for a day,' Silets said. She even offered tips on how to create one's own Glorée & Tryumfant Garden. I tell everyone it's real easy,' she said. 'All you need is to live here 40-plus years, and have buckets of money. I've lived here 44 years now, Silets clarified. There was almost nothing here — the pond was here and a shabby, 1,000-square-foot house. And no matter how much her home and gardens are appreciated by visitors, Silets seems to love it all the most. I live in heaven, she said. I do. Isn't it beautiful?



Tools of the Trade!

Submitted by: Joe Mower

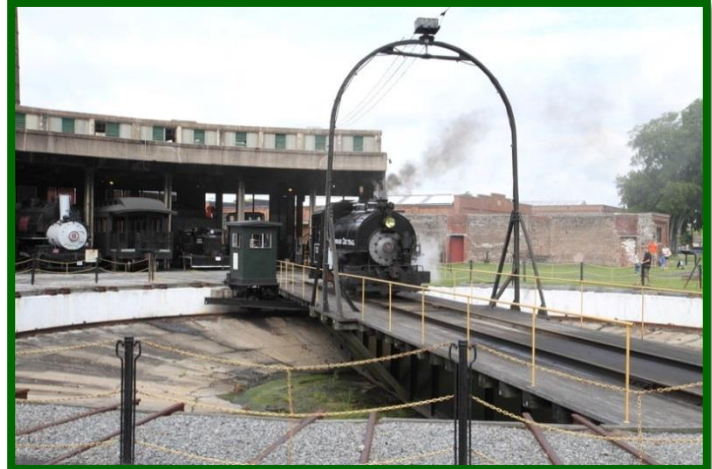
Allen Wrench for Split Jaw Couplings



For those with Arthritis or just needing help with the Split Jaw track couplers, these “Klein” T handle Allen Wrenches with Ball End are available on Amazon for \$7.36. The wrench also has a second side with a straight Allen Wrench for really tight screws. They are Klein part number JTH6E11BE. They are a quality tool and I am very happy with mine.



More Photos From Rob's Trip to Georgia



A special **Thank You** goes out to all who have contributed to this edition of the newsletter.

If you have information that may be of interest to the club members feel free to forward it to me and I will include it in our next edition.



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