



October 2012 Newsletter **Schedule for 2012**

November 10 –

Rocky Ridge Christmas Train setup is scheduled for Saturday November 10, at 9:00 AM. Contact Turk Russell for questions, information and running times.

Rocky Ridge is located near York Pa. From Rt. 30 take Mt Zion road approximately 1 mile and turn Right on Deininger Road and follow to the park.

We need people to set up trains, landscape the layout and decorate the Christmas trees. This is the only source of income for the club. Your help is needed for set up and later running trains to keep this source of income for the club. . Contact Walter Plank who will be assisting Turk with all scheduling for monitoring the layout.

Let's make this the best layout ever.

November 23 thru December 31 running trains at Rocky Ridge

December 8th - SVGRS Christmas Party and Election of 2013/2014 club officers. Mark your calendars and please plan to come join us for the 2012 SVGRS Christmas Party at the Manchester Cafe on December 8th at 5:00pm. We're going to try something new this year. Watch for signups, menu choices and directions to be forthcoming. Penny Segessenman, your party organizer, We look forward to getting a chance to dine and socialize with everyone!



Presidents Message

As we come upon the busy time of the season, November and December, we will need to all come together so our club can pull off another top notch winter layout display. We will be meeting at Rocky Ridge on Saturday, November 10th, around 9am and hopefully we will finish up around 1 pm. I know we all have projects to finish, meetings, shopping, and things to do, but

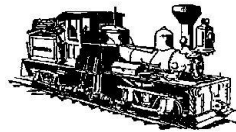
we will need to have volunteers to man our layout. So when Walter calls, please pick one or two evenings to monitor the trains and watch the kids' faces light up when they come through the door and see Thomas running around the track.

Since Joe Mower is retiring from Editor of the SVGRS Newsletter, we need somebody to replace him. If you are interested, please call Barry McNew, 717-762-2962. Joe has been our editor for the past five years and he has done a fantastic job on layout and keeping the Newsletters on schedule. Thank you Joe for doing a great job.

We also need someone to schedule layout Tours for the coming year. Again, if you are interested, please call Barry McNew at 717-762-2962.

It's also that time of the year where we start thinking about that new engine, cars, and or new buildings that would look so great on our layout. Perhaps you might be thinking about constructing your own building if you have the time and resources. Regardless which route you go, it's the most wonderful time of the year where train layouts come alive. I would like to thank everyone for your help in making the SVGRS very successful this year.

I hope you all will enjoy the season and take time out to give THANKS to the persons who made it all possible. Merry Christmas and a very enjoyable New Year.



The **DM&B** Railroad of Marlyn Geesey and Richard Rutledge

The **DM&B** Railroad was started approximately 6 years ago. It began as a small circular railroad surrounding a small round pond.

Over the years it has grown, It now encompasses approximately 507 feet of track, track power, Train Engineer, remote control switches, two diamonds, and a reverse loop, plus approximately 60 foot of point to point trolley line. We love that our trains get lost in our gardens and this adds fun to it. They go out of sight and then reappear.

Our railroad travels through gardens that include areas such as the farm, the town, the industrial area, a hobo camp, an Indian village, and a mountain area. All of these areas have interesting happenings occurring in them.

We can't forget the Eggliners that grace our railroad gardens, true fun they are!

Added to our garden railroad this year was The Thomas the Tank Railroad Garden. We enjoy it, but it was placed there for the young at heart as well as the young folks who visit our

displays.

Most of our dwarf plants/shrubs/trees were purchased through the Appalachian Nursery and add interesting color and texture to the railroad.

Our neighbors, back door neighbors, also have a large garden railroad, their themes are the East Broad Top Railroad, Norfolk & Western trains, civil war scenes, Amish interest, farm life, campers and other interesting things hidden there an about.

They, like us, have several engines and lots of rolling stock. When we open our garden railroads to friends and family, the folks that come seem to truly enjoy the railroad garden, just sitting, watching the trains, and chatting with each other, most often about trains. It is a lot of fun for us to see all enjoy what has been created in our yards.

Submitted by
Marlyn & Doris Geesey & Richard & Jane Rutledge





SVGRS ANNUAL PICNIC

This years picnic was graciously hosted by Joe & Nancy Mower in Carlisle Pa . We held it slightly later in the year to avoid the hot weather and it worked out great. Attendance was over 55 members and families. Joe offered us the first ever pig roast and it did not disappoint! The food was great. The caterer also did a custom .made Train cake. Everyone was able to eat before the rain came. Joe had his layout in operation with many of his custom trains out on display. One of our favorites was a hand built wooden trolley powered by a USA trains motor block .

Tom Mcloud and displayed offered his miniature plants for sale .Turk, Barry , Rob ,Joe and Mel; set up a small area For selling and swooping trains and related items. We all did very well . A brief meeting was held to inform members of our upcoming dates and events. Unfortunately; The following the rain came and we were not able to offer the hill climb or rolling stock contest .

Still a good time was had by all. Thanks again Joe and Nancy !

Submitted by: Our appreciative board members





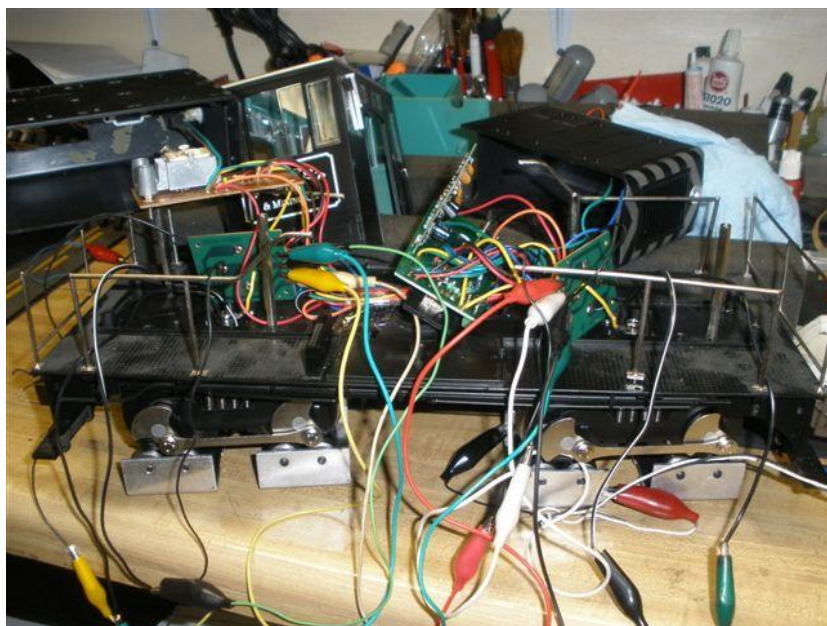
Rob Segessenman

Dad brought his camera by to show me some of their pictures from his trip to Alaska, and I just copied 'em all. I couldn't resist sending just a few...



How to Repair a diesel

For all of you who know how much I love diesels. This photo should shed new light on my dedication to getting one stingy old center cab repaired. It had multiple shorts in the board and wiring . So a few jumper wires here and there ; and ba da bing ! It works
Enjoy ; Turk



Attached are some photos of Phillip Shoops layout taken from his club open house.





COLUMUS GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY visits PA

About 6 months ago the CRS asked me if I could help them with some garden railway tours on their way to Pennsylvania and the Lancaster area.

They chartered a motor coach for 46 of their members and had planned numerous stops along the way. After doing the lunch train in Strasburg ; they wanted to visit as many layouts as they could ;but keep it close by. Unfortunately, some of our close members in this area were down-sizing, but I am happy to say the 2 of our members stepped up and did a great job.

Phillip Shoop and Ken Murry displayed their railroads . Cecil Easterday (club coordinator) informed me that they both did a great job and gave out plenty of information as well as some light refreshments. Thanks to these to members for sharing their railroads.

In all my years with model railroading; it still amazes me that folks can look in the back of Garden Railways magazine , find a club and contact info, make a call and you always seemed to get welcomed to come and visit /play with Large scale trains. This helps keep our hobby alive !

Submitted by: Turk Russell

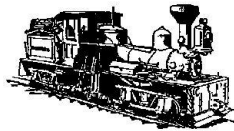




Good news for LGB Fans. This is now an un-official site now for LGB railroaders to see whats happening in the train business.

Provided by: TurkRussell

<http://theworldoflgb.blogspot.com/p/pagina-1.html>



New Releases from Bachmann trains

By: Turk Russell

With the success of Bachmanns narrow gauge 120.3 locomotives; this comes as no surprise that they would continue the tradition with more similar releases. The C-19 2-8-0 ; which will be available in October . there will be 5 choices of RioGrande Road names and undecorated

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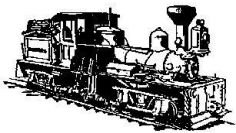
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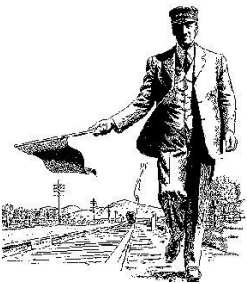
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