



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

December 2009 – Newsletter

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SVGRS Calendar of Events 2010

November 28 - till???? Running trains at Rocky Ridge

January 23, 2010 - SVGRS Workshop. This is the first event of this type. We plan to have work stations set-up to discuss wiring, trestles building, engine maintenance, basic layout and landscaping. More details will be announced as we approach the schedule date.

February 10, 2010 – Executive meeting

February 17, 2010 – General membership meeting

February 26 thru 28, 2010 - Harrisburg Flower Expo ,setup starts February 22.

March 4 thru 7, 2010 – York Flower show

March 26 thru 28, 2010- ECLS train show

April 21, 2010 – General membership meeting

June 23 , 2010– General membership meeting

September 25, 2010 – General membership meeting.

October 20, 2010 - General membership meeting.

President's Message for December 2009

Our club continues to evolve increasing relationships with fellow members. We are a growing club with increasing activities and responsibilities. We are finding new ways to address the needs of fellow members and are planning new activities to provide education of Garden Train Techniques thus enabling new members to learn from the experiences of the older established members. Reaching out to new members is our effort of provide continuing support to those requesting a helping hand.

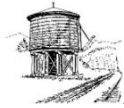
We are presently maintaining a working display at Rocky Ridge Park with four (4) engines operating simultaneously. Children marvel at the Thomas Engine and exhibit enthusiasm for Model Railroading. Thru this public display we are recruiting new members for the future. Today's children are tomorrow's club members. The combined efforts of the club membership, has created a superb public display to be enjoyed by the thousands of visitors to Rocky Ridge Park. The support of the club membership has enabled the monitoring of the display on a daily basis to be easily accomplished.

Our club has revised the bi-laws to address renewed areas of need for revision. The Executive Committee meets bi-monthly to assure best interest of the entire club membership is maintained. Plans for the future include increasing engines and rolling stock to enable continued excellence in our public displays and maintain sufficient backup equipment for continuous operations. Procedures for proper use and care of club equipment will be instituted to assure all members are able to maintain club equipment at the highest level. Listing hours of use during a public display will better enable our maintenance people to undertake repair and routine inspection to assure continued full use of club equipment.

The club continues to provide various public displays for funding of club activities, but the most valuable asset is the appreciation of the public at large, relative to our combined club undertakings. We grow together as a unit with emphasis upon camaraderie among a working club membership.

The future of our club is dependent upon continued club membership participation. Our aim is to involve more members in the daily operation of the club. All members should feel free to maintain communication with the executive committee so all concerns will be evident and addressed. Let us all work together as one unit for the benefit of all club members.

Club thanks to all who provide services on behalf of SVGRS. Here is looking to increased success as we face the challenges of the "New Year".



Reminder 2010 SVGRS Club Dues are to be paid by December 31; Dues are \$20 per family. Send Payment to Jeff Shubert, 258 Chestnut Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257-9493

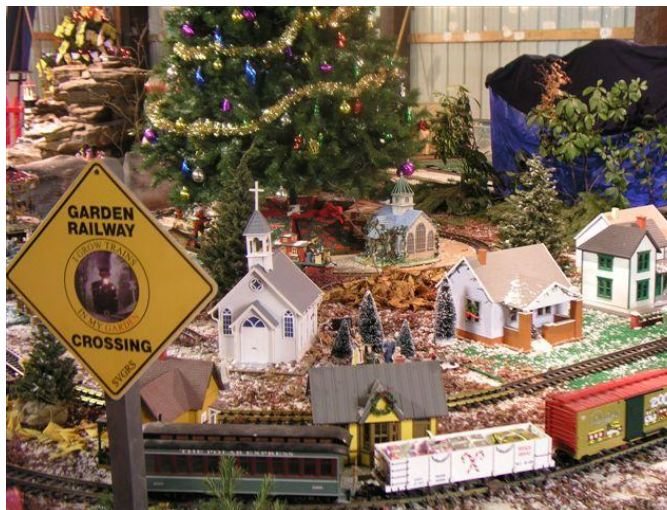


January 23 Workshop will be held in Quincy at the Community Center (also known as the Quincy OX Roast (located beside the Citco Station along route 997) (**Set your GPS for 8098 Anthony Hwy, Waynesboro, PA**) the meeting is planned from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. We plan to have 4 or 5 tables for presentations. Presentations include Landscaping your Railroad, Building Trestles, Kadee Couplers, Engine Maintenance, Battery operations, Air switches and Basic wiring. This is your chance to ask questions about Garden Railroad.



Rocky Ridge

Thanks to all who helped with the set-up and running of trains at Rocky Ridge. Following are some photos from the 2009 Rocky Ridge Layout.





Harrisburg Flower Expo ,setup starts February 22.



Christmas Party 2009.

Many thanks to all who helped with arranging the 2009 Christmas Party. Following are some photos from the party.





Esbenshades 2009

For four of the past five years, Elaine and I have taken trains to a local garden center over the week of thanksgiving. On the surface it is just one more train display, one more plot of mulch with trains going in a circles. So the real question is, “why ?” What is the driving factor?

I believe the answer is found in the people stopping by the display. It ranges anywhere from the shout of “Thomas” to the grin and gleam in the eye from the more dignified of us older “kids”. It gives the viewer a chance to stop even if only for a minute or two and reflect. It can be memories of their family trains at Christmas, memories of riding the trolley or just the “cute” blue engine called Thomas. It also raises the opportunity for new memories and interaction between family members. This is the real “why” of our part in the Esbenschade display.

We would like to personally thank the members in the Susquehanna Valley Garden Railway Society for helping make the Esbenschade display a success. Stepping back to look at the larger picture of what happened is quite interesting. Club members taking their personal time and resources to assist a fellow member on a project. The crew worked together extremely well as they assembled the 3-d puzzle of track. With 3 long days of running, there were no mechanical issues. To sum it up, the talent and capabilities of this club are simply quite amazing.

Thanks for a job well done! Clair & Elaine Dise





New from Phoenix Sound Corp. BigSound™ P8

We have been developing a new sound board here at Phoenix, the BigSound™ P8. More details will be release shortly but we felt it time to let you know what is in the works.

The P8 is geared towards the DCC and R/C user. Briefly, a P8 can be seen as a P5 with the ability to read motor voltage for speed and 5 trigger inputs. If you use Hall Effect devices as triggers or for chuff synchronization the P8 has a dedicated power connection for these. And yes, the P8 will be programmable with the computer interface just as the 2K2, PB9 and P5 systems are. The P8 measures approximately 2.2" x 0.9" (55.3mm x 22.3mm). This smaller than the PB9 but a bit larger than the P5 - about 0.2" (5mm) longer and <0.1" (2mm) wider than the P5.

The P8 offers the same flexibility, functionality and high input and output capacity as the P5 paired with a P5T in a single board package.

Further details, including pricing and availability of the P8 will be sent out shortly

Submitted by Turk Russell



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Aristo Craft REA Caboose in box \$40.00

Aristo Craft EBT Caboose in box \$40.00

LGB Rio Grande 4 wheel Caboose \$40.00

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