



SVGRS Newsletter May 2024

2024 Calendar of Events

June 9	Equipment Clean Up - National Apple Museum (2:00 pm)
July 7	Open House (Kevin Adams) – 12:00 to 6:00, 375 Providence Drive McSherrystown, PA 17344
Sept 29	General Meeting /Club Picnic, (1:00 pm) Southampton Township Park, Southampton Junction Pavilion-, 200 Airport Road, Shippensburg, PA
TBD	Equipment Clean Up - National Apple Museum (2:00 pm) This is a back-up date if June 9 does not happen
Oct 14	Third Quarter Newsletter
Nov 4	Rocky Ridge Pre-Setup, Track & Platforms (10:00 am)
Nov 16	Rocky Ridge Complete Setup (10:00 am)
Nov 29	Christmas Magic Opening Day (5:00 pm)
Dec 1	General Meeting /Christmas Party - National Apple Museum (4:30 pm)
Dec 30	Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic Ends
Jan 11	Rocky Ridge Tear Down (10:00 am)


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President's Message

Members -

With the nice weather, I hope those of you with layouts can now get out and enjoy them. If you don't have a layout, make plans with any of us who do and plan to come run a few laps with your own engine and or cars. Also, if you're like most of us, you love watching, and perhaps chasing, real trains as much as our G-scale variety in the yard. Hopefully not too much "chasing" going on in the yard unless maybe it's the Grandkids. Any more there are such a large number of options all within a couple of hours of our club area. EBT is now a very solid choice and growing their offerings all the time, the Everett Railroad provides a nice experience. If you want to go big, Reading & Northern has a huge range of options from the Iron Horse Rambles back on the summer schedule again to the diesels running into the Lehigh Gorge and RDCs on several of their branch lines. There is also the Strasburg RR running to Paradise and Western Maryland to Frostburg that now offer many "theme" rides and the New Hope and Ivyland is picturesque plus a range of others like Cass that are just a bit further away. I'm sure I've missed many others. It's worth the time to see these living museums!

These days I'm just as happy to go watch the train live with my own eyes (versus through a camera) as I am to chase and take pictures because in this digital age there are almost always tons of shots and videos available immediately. Speaking of pictures and videos, do you know what a railfan is called who chases trains, and especially those rare and unique opportunities? Most have heard the term "Foamer" and it's most often used in a negative fashion. I've included a chart with this message so you can determine just how "foamy" you might get or need to get depending on the situation. The most recent example I've seen is the foamers chasing Reading and Northern's 2102 T1 which recently made a leisurely run from Port Clinton to Tamaqua and back. Chasing trains can be fun, but please be safe and remember you'll almost never be the first person to show up at any given location and you need to consider where you stand or walk to stay out of other's shots. A little cooperation and common courtesy goes a long way.

	<h1>FOAM LEVEL ALERT</h1> <h2>NATIONAL GUIDE TO RAILFAN SAFETY</h2> <p>Please refer to your local sources for up-to-date information</p>
<p>LEVEL VI - DANGEROUS FOAM THEY RESTORED AND RAN IT ON THE MAINLINE! Avoid exposure to the internet and railroad tracks. Shelter in place with food. <i>Signs: East Broad Top running steam, 1361 is restored, ARR 557</i></p>	
<p>LEVEL V - EXTREME FOAM This type of foam only happens several times a year, but you can survive with ease. If traveling, please keep to yourself at all times. <i>Signs: Iron Horse Rambles, ATSF 3751, Steam Into The Valley</i></p>	
<p>LEVEL IV - HEAVY FOAM Rare things are out today. You've been waiting your whole life for this. After hating on it for stupid reasons, foamers are here to see it. <i>Signs: WMSR 1309 trips, US Sugar 148, CSX Office Car Special</i></p>	
<p>LEVEL III - MODERATE FOAM There is a lot more happening than usual - and all on the same day. Pick rare spots to relax when foaming. Stay casual and stay smart. <i>Signs: W&W steam to Hockessin, 425 in the Gorge, Skookum trips</i></p>	
<p>LEVEL II - LIGHT FOAM Not everyone will be out, but there is light foamfall. Most areas are okay, but refer to daily local guides in order to tell where is safest. <i>Signs: Private Cars on Amtrak, 611 at Strasburg, VALE 97</i></p>	
<p>LEVEL I - NORMAL/NO FOAM The regulars are out today and it is a safe day to railfan. As always, stay safe and stay sharp...the NS foamers may annoy you. <i>Signs for development: Heritage Units, uncommon steam ops, rare power</i></p>	

If you're going to get an opportunity to go ride or chase one of these pieces of living history, please come back and share a few pics with us and a quick or fun story for our future newsletters.

Folks - As your new President, there will be plenty of challenges for all of us in the club, but I didn't want to start off my first message belaboring that. We'll get into that as the year progresses, but for now I wanted to keep it light. Enjoy the summer and enjoy yours and other's trains both models and real!

Happy Summer -Rob Segessenman

Road Trip to the Springfield MA Northeast Large Scale Train Show

Submitted by: Turk Russell

Based on the fact that the old large scale train show has fallen into shambles, and we see no hope on the horizon, Rob and I decided to make the 7hr trek to Springfield and check it out. This was the 2nd year for the show, so it was more promising to see vendors as well as displays. This new show is put on by the Amherst Railway Society. President John Sacerdote and his club have years of experience since they do the world's largest train show at the end of January every year. Snow or not it goes on!

We were invited by Joe Lipinski of the NHGRS to eat at the Famous Steaming Tender Restaurant located 20 min from the show. 25 of the 34 members showed up for a big dinner. As most of you know, I have made some friends through the years with The New Hampshire Garden RR society members and most of you know Don Sweet from RCS of New England. The former Palmer Railroad station was built in the 19th century and handled Albany and Boston Trains. It took 17 years for the Lamothe family to get the building restored back to its original appearance. Lots of antiques and trains are on display at their location. Amtrak trains still go speeding by on the same tracks and you can feel it in the building.

Enough about the restaurant, Rob and I arrived Saturday morning at the show and were pleasantly surprised. This event was held in a building that is slightly larger than the building we used to be in at York. Greeters with show pamphlets as well as a map of the show were all there as we entered. There were over 40 vendors as well as a few displays. Most the displays were modules. This show did offer some O scale but was mainly G and F scale along with some 7.5 ft scale ride along trains. The New Hampshire club built the largest to date display with over 100 modules. Their trains ran all over the middle of the building with some featuring specialty locos and freight cars. One member has 3d printed 95 special coal hoppers and they were custom lettered as well. It was crazy! Something new for the kids that I thought was awesome; they offered a "Kids On Tracks" program which offered free clinics for youngsters under the age of 15 to build or decorate flat car loads or small stations. All the materials were provided. They set up stations for this event with a parent assisting. This is a great way to get Kids involved in your hobby.

There were plenty of vendors but like always, some were crazy high on pricing and others were deal makers like Turk. I bought a few things and got a great deal from Nico Corbo of Large Scale Live. As we strolled through the show, we ran into our own members Bob Hyatt and his wife. I even ran into customers of mine from Hagerstown MD. We also finally got to meet Andrew who

runs large scale live; the program Rob and I were on a few weeks ago. As usual I met up with the infamous Don Sweet to catch up on things and take trains home to be repaired. Don gave 2 seminars about the large growing battery conversion market and the Rail Pro system. Again, I don't believe we will ever see a show in G scale as we had back in the day. This show is the future. It's too bad it's so far away. Too many lost and closed up manufacturers, but it was a bright sign that things are picking up. USA trains had a huge setup with plenty of trains on sale rather than just store pricing.

I had been informed that almost 2750 attended the show, which is awesome. Food Vendors, ATMs and all the normal things you need for a show were provided.

Lastly, there was a small group of pond folks that had some Piko trains running on the floor. I told them that with some assistance, this could be built into something really big and flashy. They were enthusiastic. Most folks we met have attended at least 1 or more York large scale shows, so they are aware of what our club can do. Logistically this is a farfetched ordeal for our club, but with some help from the Amhurst members it could happen. I told Rob I would meet with John and give the club some options if indeed there were any they may work out. After lunch we took the time to meet with the man that does it all, John Sacerdote. John and I had met a few times before, the last was at one of the East coast shows which he intended to purchase the ECLSTS show and resurrect it back to its glory days. That fell though since Star hobby declined and this is where we are today. John was excited to entertain the idea of us providing a garden RR and also were open to financial assistance to get the job done. Also, they have connections for some plants and materials since they are currently building a display outside not far from the Steam Tender Restaurant.

Fast forward 3 years and John and his club built their own show which has huge potential. I am happy to see that we now have a large-scale show even though it's a hell of a drive and getting around NY. We will see if the future can offer something for the SVGRS members.

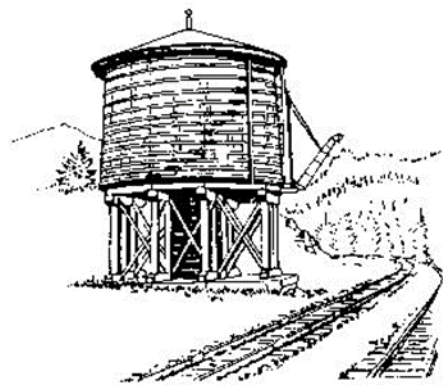












North East Ohio Large Scale Train Show

Here is a copy of the flier for the North East Ohio Large Scale Train show for any one interested in going.



Just some quick updates on the upcoming 4th Annual North East Ohio Large Scale Train Show!

Everything is moving right along for our all-G Scale show and June 1st we'll be ready to greet everybody as the doors open at 10am!

Remember if you buy your tickets in advance online before 9PM Eastern on May 31st you'll be granted entry to the show a half hour earlier at 9:30AM!

At this current time, we have almost all the vendor tables sold so if you think you might want to be a vendor register online now before it's too late!

The planning for the garden railroad tour taking place June 2nd is coming along nicely. We have four G scale garden layouts and one 7.5"-gauge railway currently signed up. The g scale layouts will be open from 12PM to 4PM and the 7.5" gauge from 4PM to 6PM. The exact addresses and details of these layouts will be made available at the show on June 1st. You will be given wristbands during the show along with a flyer with all the details. The layouts on average have about a 17-minute drive between them. The specific Ohio cities the layouts are located in are Austintown, Girard, Warren, Fowler and Orwell. Be sure to wear your wristbands

while on the tour as this is not a general public tour and only available to everyone that pays to enter the show on June 1st. There is no transportation for this tour so if you don't want to drive check with any friends attending the show to see if they may want to carpool.

Three clinics are being offered this year as well. The topics will be: control options for your g scale trains, Plants for your garden railroad and basics on electronics/LEDs. The times for these clinics will be posted and announced during the show.

We have more vendors this year than the prior 3 years! That includes Melovetrainz, 4 Track RR and 30+ more vendors! Nobody should leave this year's show without finding something they want or need!

We will of course have our large club layout running during the show, but we will also have operating displays setup by the Columbus Garden Railway Society, Gold Spike Garden Railroad Club and Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad!

Last but not least are the door prizes. Every hour on the hour we will be doing multiple drawings for door prizes. There's nothing addition to purchase to enter as everyone that pays to get into the show is automatically entered. We have donations from 4 Track RR, Melovetrainz, RLD Hobbies, LGB, Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, Reindeer Pass Railroad, Remote Control Systems of New England, Split Jaw and MrPictovid (Large Scale Live).

Please be sure to check to check on our [Facebook Page](#) and [our website](#) for more updates as we get closer to June 1st (Only 19 days away!) By visiting our website you can also purchase your advanced tickets, register to be a vendor (only a few spots left!) and order show shirts! You can also find links to see local hotels, eateries and attractions!

We can't wait to see you all there!

Remaining Train Shows 2024

Bay Area GRS modular tracks will be running at the Rail Fair at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont, California, on Memorial Day Weekend, May 25, 26 & 27, 2024. Info at: www.spcrr.org

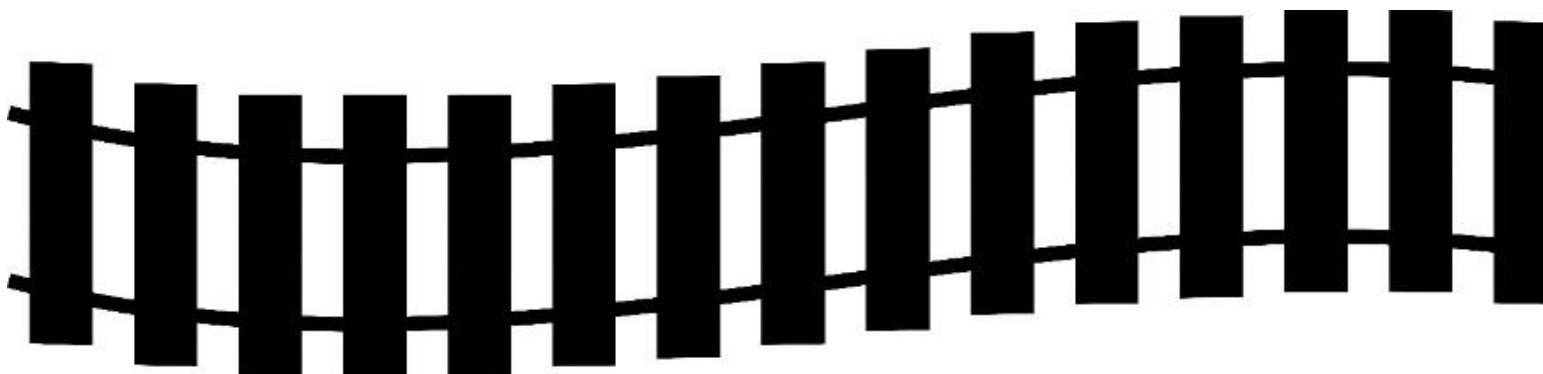
MO-KAN Garden Railroaders hosts a Midwest Garden Railroad Gathering over the weekend of May 30 to June 2, 2024. Layouts around Kansas City, workshops, vendors, and more. For info: www.mokangardenrailroaders.org

Riverside Railroaders Club sponsors the Northeast Ohio Large Scale (G Only) Train Show June 1, 2024, at the Warren OH SCOPE (YWCA). Info at: riversiderr.org

Finger Lakes Live Steamers welcome G Gauge railroaders to a Garden Railway Picnic, Open Run and Trunk Sale on June 9, 2024, 10am to 4pm in Marengo, New York. Info at: finger-lakeslivesteamers.org

San Diego Garden Railway Society will host the 2024 West Coast Regional Meet Saturday through Thursday, August 10 to 15, 2024. Look for details soon at: www.sdgardenrailway.com

Georgia Garden Railway Society is planning a three-day 2024 Southeast Regional \ Get-Together from August 23 to 25, 2024 including the 65th Atlanta Model train Show in Duluth, Georgia. For more information, check: www.ggrs.info





Videos and Websites

This column is dedicated to sharing some interesting items that a previous member (Bob Wenger) had found on the Internet and thought he would share with club members. He provided us with many of them before leaving so we can continue this section of the newsletter for an extended period of time. Please send me any interesting videos and websites you have found so that we can continue sharing them in future newsletters. Enjoy! Dee

Historical Films:

Iron Horse Centennial- B&O Railroad

<https://youtu.be/Om7F9DnEikk>

1939 NY World's Fair

<https://youtu.be/bG0YiDPUJ94>

Trolley Pageant at the Illinois Railway Museum

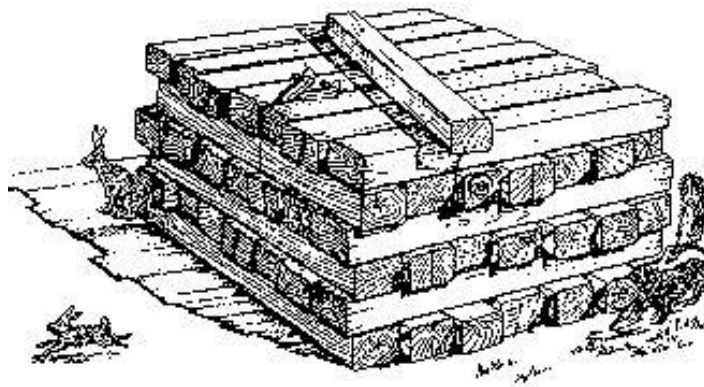
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The Beginnings of American Railroads and Mapping - Library of Congress

<https://www.loc.gov/collections/railroad-maps-1828-to-1900/articles-and-essays/history-of-railroads-and-maps/the-beginnings-of-american-railroads-and-mapping/>

2024 Layout Tours – Volunteers Needed

If you have a garden Railroad layout, we would appreciate it if you would consider having an open house in 2024. This is a way for members to get ideas and provides good comradery among our members. If interested contact Robert Kluk at jokatson@msn.com to set up a date. Sunday afternoons seem to work best for most members.



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