



SVGRS Newsletter November 2021

2021 Calendar of Events

Here are the important dates for the balance of 2021- Please make sure to mark these down! Details will follow for each date/event as that time gets closer!

Friday, 26-Nov-2021 @ 5:00pm - Opening Night for Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic.

Sunday, 5-Dec-2021 @ 4:30pm - SVGRS Christmas Party @ The National Apple Museum in Biglerville PA

Thursday, 30-Dec-2021 @ 6:00pm - Closing night at Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic.

Update: Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic will be closed on Christmas eve and New Year's Eve.

Questions on updates, Please contact Rob or Turk

Reminders

Important! Rocky ridge train operators needed from November 26 through December 30. This is our Clubs major fund raiser. Watch for a sign up sheet in near future. If you have a preferred date contact Turk or Rob as soon as possible.



Rocky Ridge is officially underway!

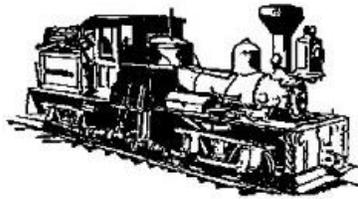
We put the platforms down Monday. Many thanks to those who helped.





Main setup was completed Saturday November 13th. Set up looks good this year. Thanks to all came out to help.





2022 Layout Tours – Volunteers Needed

If you have a garden Railroad layout we would appreciate if you would consider having a open house in 2022. This is a good way for members to get ideas and also provides good comradery among our members. If interested contact Robert Wenger, weng308@yahoo.com to set up a date. Sunday afternoons seem to work best for most members.



2021 SVGRS Annual Picnic

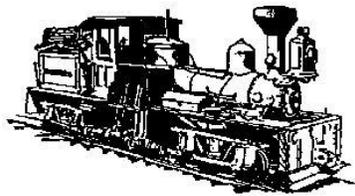
After too long period of a (Covid) hiatus, we held our first club event in over a year. This was the annual picnic on Sept. 19, 2021 at Shippensburg fairgrounds around 1:30 pm. Our catered meal was provided by Sunnyway Dinner including roast beef and Turkey with all the fixings. We had 42 members and family in attendance. The blessing was provided by Barry McNew. As usual we had drawings for prizes and a 50/50 raffle. The raffle netted \$100.00 with the winner being Dee Simmons taking home \$50.00. The grand prize was a USA trains locomotive won by Tom Mcloud. Prizes included plants, trains, and gift cards.

Thanks to Penny Segessenman and Turk Russell for MC'ing the event.

Members Phillip Shoop gave a small presentation of his modular HO Railroad, Turk Russell displayed a custom painted Brill motor car and Rob Segessenman showed off his custom locomotive Storage box with Rio Grande color schemes.

We also had a short meeting to discuss future events, Rocky Ridge Christmas magic and moving the clubs' items to its new storage location at the Apple Museum located in Biglerville Pa. We ended our day with a Drone photo of our group provided by Jeff Shubert. Unfortunately, some members left, and we did not have everyone in the group picture. A good meal and a good time was had by all. It was great to "see" everyone in person again.





Turks Trip to Florida

I was fortunate to be offered a free trip to Destin Florida recently, so Keann and I took advantage of traveling to a new destination where it's always warmer. The one thing that I recommend to any large-scale railroader is to check and see if there is a nearby club or display to visit. Most of our hobby still has an abundance of clubs around even if they are not listed in a directory. I made contact with their secretary Peggy, and she informed me they were having an open house on our day of arrival. The Emerald Coast Garden RR club was less than an hour's drive from our resort located in Milton Fl. The club is combined with the West Florida RR museum which provides a tourist attraction that includes a restored station, freight building and some other smaller buildings with an array of memorabilia as well.

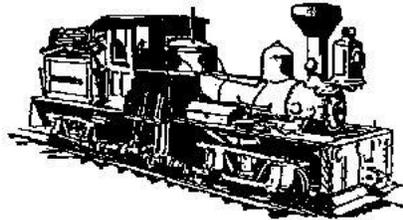
Lots of photos and restored train related items are on display. The Santa Rosa historical society owns the site, and the trains are based on the L&N RR. With around 35 members; they have a large raised permanent outdoor display sized at 45 x 90 ft that can run up to 4 trains at once. They have their meetings in nicely restored L&N Diner car. Members work on the display in the cooler mornings and then run trains in the afternoon. They also have a 7/8 scale ride along train that circles the perimeter. The day of our visit, we met 5 members and they gave us the low down on the display and their current club. Like us, have members who are getting up in age and its harder to attract new members. They had a variety of steam and diesel trains running from 10am-4pm. They also have an indoor HO display that is run by the museum. Like a lot of clubs, they rely on donations, and with a complete Railroad site, there is fun for all ages. I recommend if you are ever in the area to stop by for a visit.

by Turk Russell

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Industry News: By Turk Russell

The old split jaw company is gone and done. So is the name patent. Therefore, this is a new company and they were able to grab the Splitjaw name and re use it without legal issues.

There are now producing lots of new products and improvements on the old. They are also selling Bridgework's aluminum bridges visit them at.

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