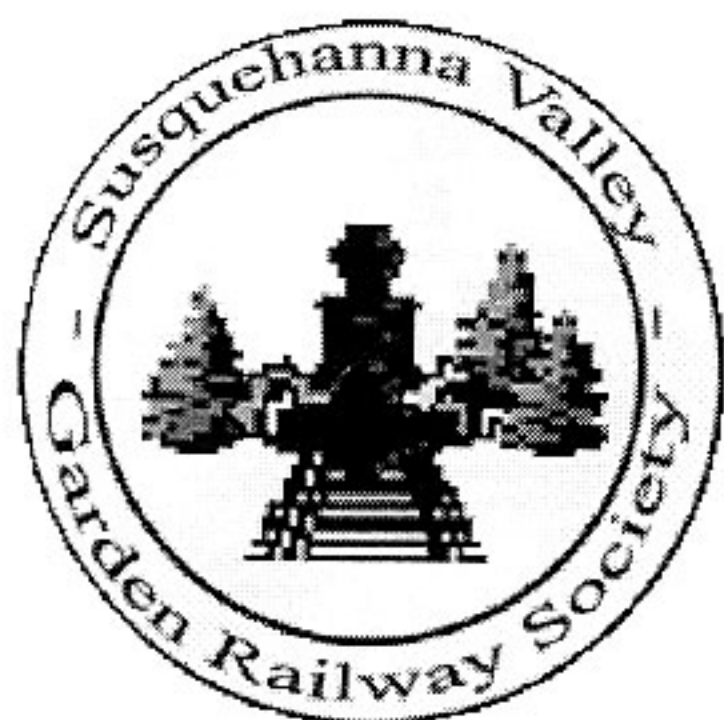


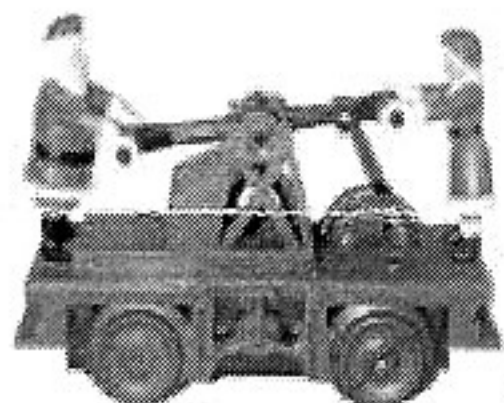
# SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY



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## Christmas Dinner

Now is the time to be sure your place has been reserved along with other club members for the festivities of our **Annual Christmas Dinner**. If you have not returned your reservation it is not too late—reservation **must** be received by **December 7, 2005**. The club will provide an immediate rebate to those members whose dues are currently paid. Late attendees without previous reservations will have to pay full freight.

Included with this newsletter will be a reservation form for those who have misplaced theirs or who now wish to attend this festive event.

Prepayment is required by the Country Fare Restaurant to assure sufficient food preparations. The menu will include two (2) meats, (3) vegetables and (1) dessert served buffet style. This event is our last opportunity in 2005 to meet and enjoy communication with fellow Garden Railroaders.

Please note there will be a short business meeting following the meal at which time members will be able to communicate with the Executive Committee expressing concerns as well as ideas for immediate club development. Consider this your club duty to participate in the future direction of the club. Plans will be finalized for monthly meetings during the winter season.

A 50-50 raffle will be held for members. Event activities will include door prizes, special contest awards and other gifts to those attending the dinner. Come join all in the holiday spirit

### Directions to Christmas Party

From Harrisburg—Route US 322/422 E. to Hershey route 322 becomes 422 E. to Palmyra

From York—Route 83 N. to Exit 46B take 322/422 E. to Hershey route 322 becomes 422 E. to Palmyra

From Lancaster—Route Pa 72 N. to US 322 W. to Pa-117 to US 422 E. to Palmyra

From Carlisle—Route I-81 to Pa-581 to US 322/422 E. to Hershey route 322 becomes 422 E. to Palmyra

From Gettysburg—Route US-15 to Hbg. To 581 E to Route US 322 E. to Hershey route 422. to Palmyra

**Final directions.** Proceed east on US 422—pass United Rentals on **LEFT**—then Lebanon Valley Homes on **LEFT**—turn **LEFT** at traffic light into Londonderry Square Shopping Center—restaurant is on **LEFT**

### Calendar of Events

**Dec. 17 6:00 Pm**

#### Annual Christmas Dinner

1 Londonderry Square  
Palmyra, Pa.  
(Country Fare Restaurant)

**DEC. 3, 9, 16**

North Pole Express 6:00 pm

**DEC. 3-17**

Santa Express 11:30 am

3 1/2 Hr. Ride

Western Maryland. Railroad

13 Canal Street  
Cumberland MD 21502  
1-800 872-4650

**DEC. 9,10,16,17,23**

Polar Bear Express 6:30 pm

**DEC. 10,11,17,18,24**

Santa Surprise

10:30 am & 1:00 pm

1 1/2 Hr. Ride

Middletown & Hummelstown  
Railroad

136 Brown Street  
Middletown, PA 17057  
(717) 944-4435, Ext. 0.



## Harrisburg Flower Show (Garden Railroad Display maintained by SVGRS)

This will be an opportunity to achieve publicity for the Susquehanna Valley Garden Railway Society in addition it serves as a means of acquiring funds to enrich our treasury. It will be imperative that we have a large show of members on site to construct and maintain a professional display of this proportion as it will be necessary for the club to monitor the display from Wednesday thru and including Sunday. Do not feel that **others** will fill this need for **man or woman power**. For this event to be successful we will have to offer our services to assure fulfillment of our responsibility for maintaining the display in return for the \$1500.00 to be added to our treasury. Turk Russell has agreed to manage this complex project. Jeffrey Johnstonbaugh has offered to participate in the extensive landscaping required. Your responsibility as a club member will be to assure success thru active participation. Planning for this event began in October involving planning meetings with the Farm Show Committee together with constant phone communication addressing various layout details. We will need members to address the following construction details:

1. Track construction and elevation development
2. Transportation of trailer and supplies to Farm Show Complex
3. Unloading of trailer and transporting contents to area of development
4. Distribution of mulch and placement of plant material
5. Distribution of buildings and accessories
6. Cleanup and teardown
7. Formulation of a firm schedule of members available to monitor the layout during **all** hours show is open to the Public.

If you wish to participate in this club project please commit as early as possible to permit development of a comprehensive plan of development. Remember it is thru club projects like this that we enjoy club financial participation in various events for the benefit of all members.



Contact Turk Russell for details

(717) 762-8873  
1turk@earthlink.net



## Special Thanks

### Strasburg setup

Dick Bleiler	Mel Pankuch
Marlyn Geesey	Lisa Boll
Mike Oberdick	Donna Oberdick
Jim Herman	

### Rocky Ridge setup

Lisa Boll	Mary Boll
Mike Oberdick	Donna Oberdick
Lou Stahl	Rich Reese
Scott Pittman	Walter Plank
Randy Mower	Sharon Mower
Joey Mower	

Going out  
of Business

J&B Hobbies  
30 West Allen Street  
Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055

Retirement  
Sale

This might be the opportunity to get Christmas gifts at a discounted rate. A furniture and fixture listing will be presented to those interested. Hours will be Mon-Fri 10-6, Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4

### Interesting survey of couplers used with G-Scale

Aristo-craft	(15.9 %)	58 votes
Bachmann	(11.3 %)	41 votes
Hook and Loop	(9.9 %)	36 votes
Kadee	(38.5 %)	140 votes
USA Trains	(4.7 %)	17 votes
LGB Knuckle	(7.4 %)	27 votes
Accucraft	(6.0 %)	22 votes
Other	(6.3 %)	23 votes

Total votes: 364



## Presidents Message

### Letter from President

Happy holidays to everyone, this is a train time of year.

There are many places that set-up and maintain train displays in all gauges so get out there and check them out. Most of these displays are listed in your local paper or you can ask around.

Be sure to come to our club Christmas dinner. I hope we have a good turn out for the Christmas dinner. I know it's a busy time of the year. I heard the food is really good, since we have no time limit so it should be a nice relaxing time. Bring more ideas with you, we have been getting some good ideas for club direction, meetings and money earning events.

Thanks to all who helped with Strasburg and Rocky Ridge (they both look great); if you need more info on these displays give me a call.

Now that we are moving through the holidays our next push will be the Harrisburg Garden Show, it's just around the corner.

If you want to work a day at Rocky Ridge cleaning track (approx ½ hour) or get involved with the Harrisburg Show again give me a call, I can let you know who needs help with what and schedule your services.

Lisa (717)-741-3266  
obackdes@aol.com

submitted by Lisa

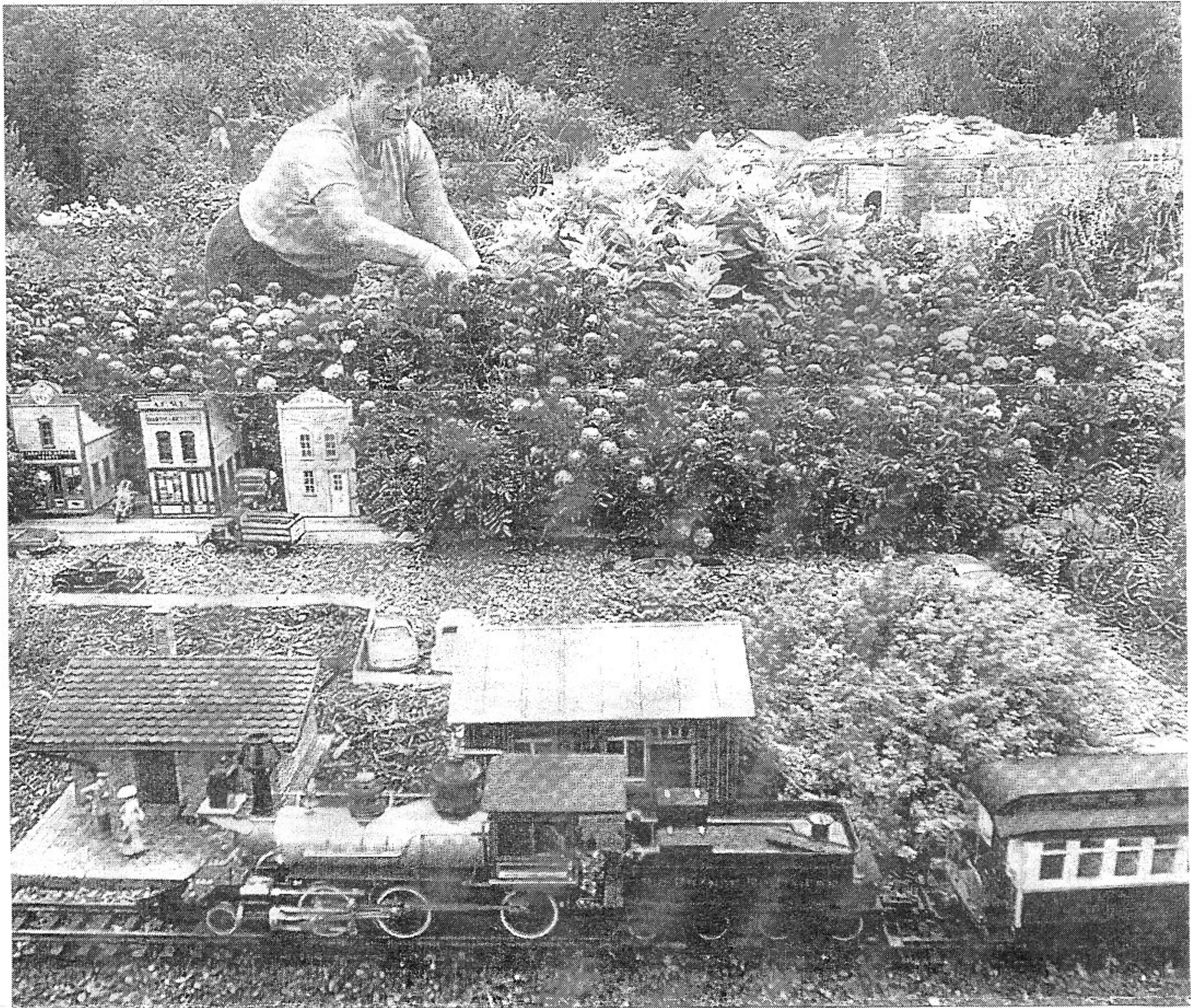


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## Railroad Inventions Created by Women Inventors

In 1870, Eliza Murfey patented 16 devices for improving the packing of journals and bearings for railroad-car axles. These packings were used to lubricate the axles with oil which reduced derailments caused by seized axles and bearings. In 1879, Mary Walton developed a method of deflecting smoke stack emissions through water tanks and later adapted the system for use on locomotives. In the 1880s, many cities developed a mass transit system using noisy elevated trains. To reduce the noise, Walton invented a sound-dampening system that cradled the track in a wooden box lined with cotton and then filled with sand. She received a patent for the system on February 8, 1881, and later sold the rights to the Metropolitan Railroad of New York City. Other inventions by women included a railway crossing gate by Mary I. Riffin and several patents for the construction of railway tracks by Catherine L. Gibbon.





Kate Latt Lanzio—The York Dispatch

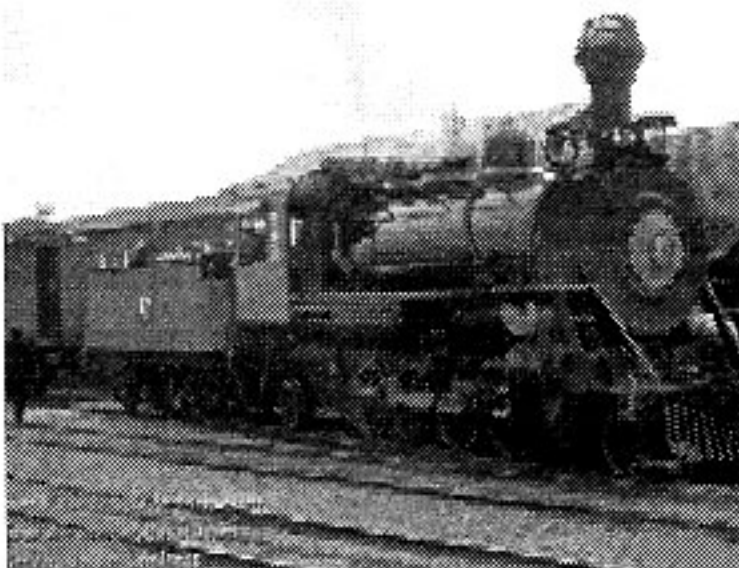
Nancy Huber of Springettsbury Township tends flowers in her backyard garden, which has a model train running through it. She and her husband, Richard Huber started the garden railroad three years ago as a hobby. The couple have expanded it since then. "It's an ongoing project, but it's not work; it's play," Nancy says "We have really enjoyed it." The Hubers designed the garden and village and built the tunnels themselves, with some help from their grandchildren. They hope to expand the tracks next summer so that the train can travel to the upper level of the garden. The Hubers are members of the Susquehanna Valley Garden Railway Society.

## Notice

### **Dues will remain \$20.00 per family**

If you have not forwarded payment to the treasurer (Bill Bowers), for the dues year 2006, please do so prior to January 1, 2006

Bill Bowers 201 Longstreet Drive  
Gettysburg, Pa. 17325-8921  
(717) 337-2245



Can anyone identify this engine ?

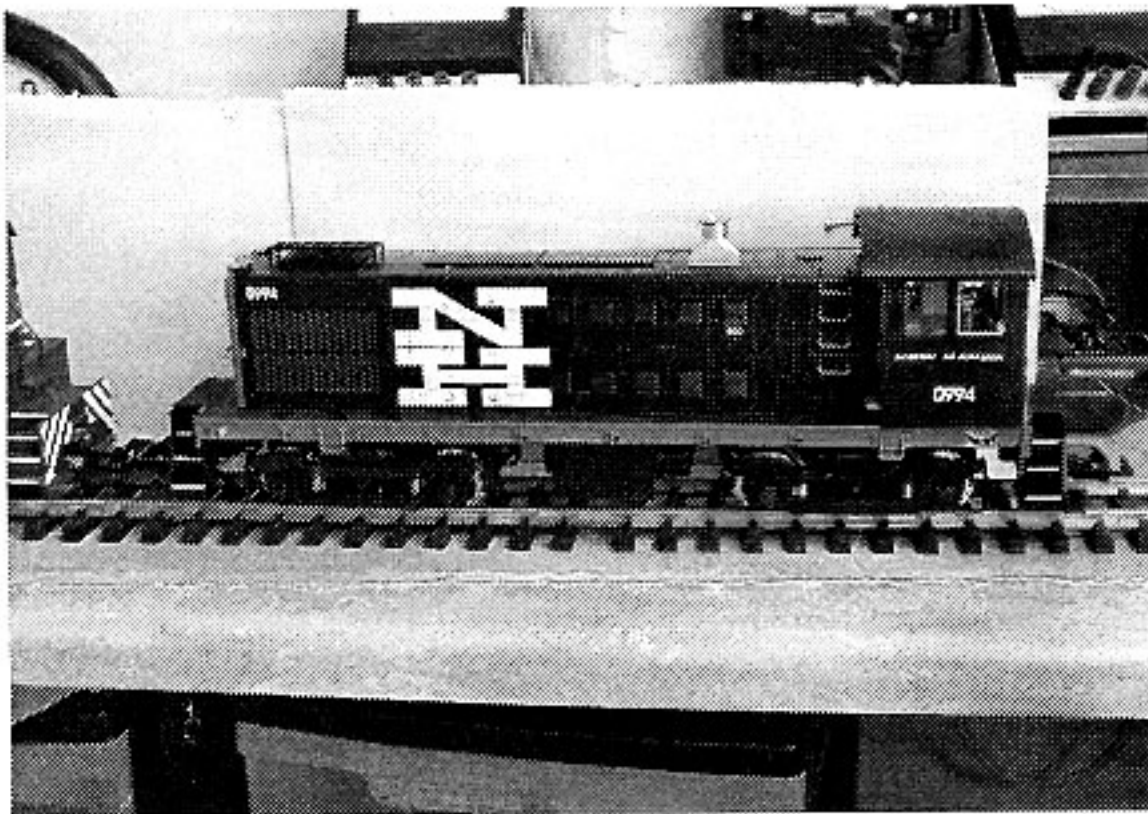
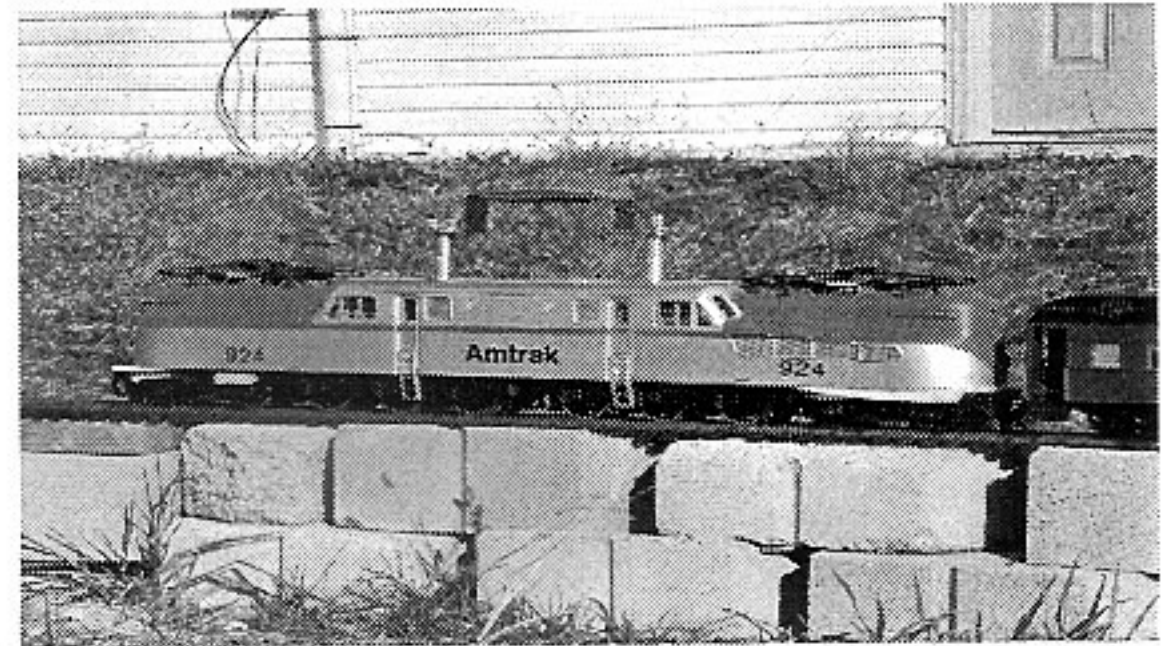
Bring your answer to Christmas Party—Put entry into the hat—prize drawing will be made—winner will take home an appropriate prize.



## Don's Technical Corner

Submitted by Don Sweet

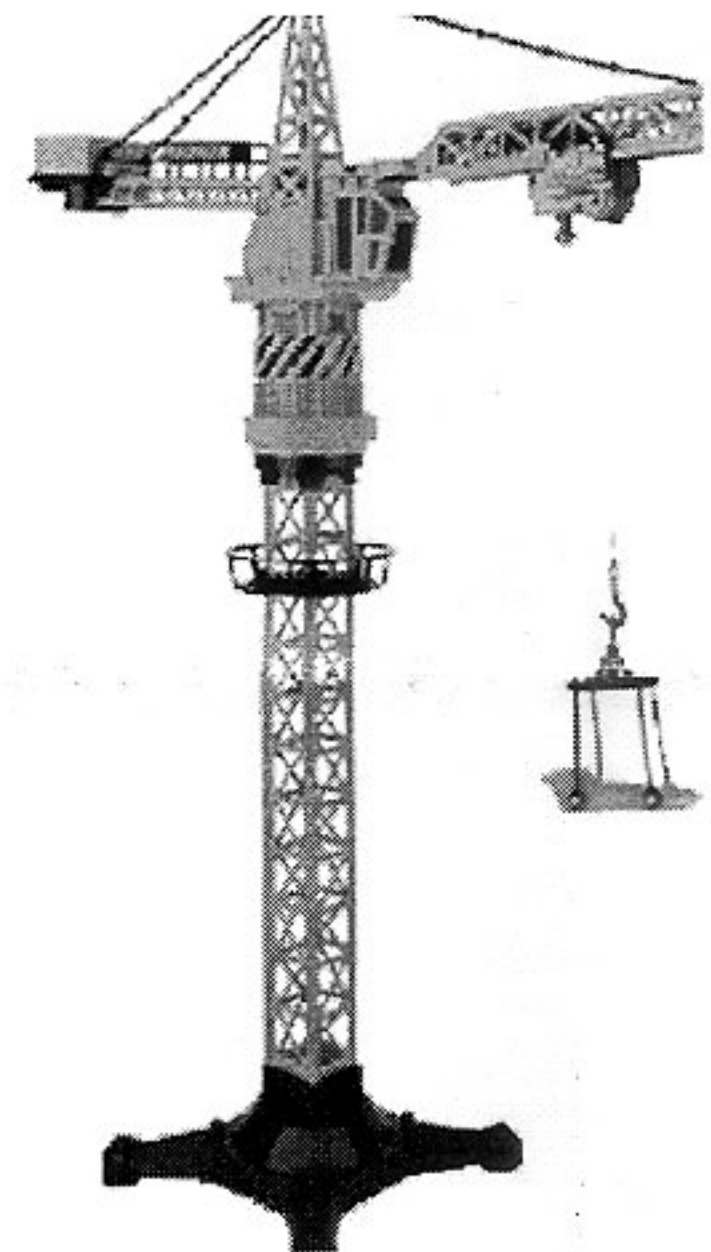
**USA Trains:** The new die cast GG1 debuted these past October at the York TCA Show. This is a scale model weighting 45 lbs. There is a carrying handle which is bolted to the top of the Loco to help in lifting. The model comes with the highest level of detail and a QSI sound system. The model is available in Amtrak, PC and various Pennys paint schemes. Pricing is around \$1,600.



Next is the new Alco S4 available in many road names. This Loco is slightly larger than the NW-2 for a comparison. This loco has many detail upgrades and includes the new fan driven smoke unit. It is now available and sells for \$190. The new SD-70 should be available by the end of the year. The Pennys B6 Loco has been delayed for one year after the Big Boy is released.

this remote control 1:30 scale crane  
This is a wireless remote control device and runs on AA batteries for the crane and the remote control transmitter.

Aristo Craft has available, sells for \$90.



**ARISTO CRAFT TRAINS:** Live Steam Mikado will be available December 1 and more road names by December 15th.

Re-issue of first run cars with upgrades. In mid-December we are receiving a shipment of 16 different 46000 Series Steel Boxcars and 46200 Series Steel Reefers. We have lowered the floors on these cars to a scale height and added "see through" roof walks, we thought this would be a good time to re-issue some of our earlier versions of cars and bring some of the best sellers back to the marketplace.

## Tear-down for Strasburg and Rocky Ridge Displays

Exact dates have not been established but will be the week after Christmas (weather permitting) If you can assist in this activity please contact Lisa Boll (717) 741-3266 or obackdes@aol.com

These displays usually require 1 1/2 to 2 hours to disassemble and return props to the club trailer.



## Patronize club members maintaining Garden Railroading Business

**Appalachian Gardens.**  
Phone: (717) 762-9508  
**Tom & Fern McCloud**

**Russell Stereo Repair**  
Phone: (717) 762-8873  
**Turk & Renee Russell**



**Victoria's Timeless Treasures  
& Dale's Garden Railway Depot**  
Phone: (610) 589-9000  
**Dale & Victoria Bricker**

**RCS of New England**  
Phone: (717) 259-9523  
**Don & Donna Sweet**



### New Members

*Let us welcome our two newest members to  
our railroad family*

Robert & Harriet Segessnman  
1466 Russel Tavern Road, Gettysburg, Pa.  
Robert Segessnman Jr.  
521 South Queen Street, Littlestown, Pa.



### Members with items for sale

USA Trains A-B-A (Pennsy) Alco  
RCS systems control and batteries with Sierra  
Sound \$850.00  
**Barry Zeigler (717) 259-7176**

## Club Officers

Club President.....Lisa Boll  
Club Coordinator VP.....Turk Russell  
Club Treasurer.....Bill Bowers  
Club Secretary / Membership.....Walter Plank  
Editor of News Letter (Temp).....Walter Plank  
Show / Layout Manager.....Jim Hermn  
Landscape/plant Chairman.....Melody Shubert  
Maintenance Chairman.....Mike Oberdick

### Comments from the Peanut Gallery

Our club has experienced "growing pains" but continues to experience significant improvement in communication. We can point with pride to our accomplishments and plans for the future. With continued input from **all** club members we can anticipate the needs of the majority and tailor club development along those lines.

The present executive committee will continue their duties until the end of **year 2006**. Our president will be forming a nominating committee in the spring of 2006, which will be charged with the responsibility of presenting a listing of available candidates for member consideration (January 2007). Obviously this is early notification but it gives all members an opportunity to participate in the nominating process and indicate willingness to serve.

Club projects and outings are evidence of an active vibrant club membership. We need new ideas for club participation in community events which will reflect favorably on our club membership. Consider alternate forms of funding which will enable the club to continue to expand its public activities.

The holiday season presents additional opportunities to contact fellow members and establish the bond of camaraderie. We are in a specialized hobby but need to develop general interaction among our fellow members. Let us look forward to the year 2006 with anticipation and optimism.