



SVGRS Newsletter November 2016

2016 SVGRS Calendar of Event

- Nov-12** **10:00am - Rocky Ridge Setup**
(Rocky Ridge County Park, York PA)
- Nov-25** **6:00pm - Christmas Magic Opening Day**
- Dec-1** **Officer Voting Deadline**
(Ballots to Nominating Chairperson)
- Dec-4** **4:45pm - General Meeting #4/Christmas Party**

(Railside Banquet Center – Hanover PA)
- Dec-31** **Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic Ends**

Attention members: Setup time is near

We need your support for the 2016 edition of the SVGRS Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic show. This is now the club's only source of income. Please come out on Saturday and lend us a hand.

Setup date is November 12 around 9:00am... We will also be compiling a list of volunteers like in the past for watching and running the trains each evening. All volunteers get in to the show for free during its month long running and repeated support will be rewarded. Last year's setup had the best attention to details in years thanks to the girls adding their touch! So ladies come help with the decorating; we could really use your support too. (Continued)

We would appreciate a call or email beforehand that you will be participating so we can plan ahead for food and drinks.

Hope to see you there!

Turk Russell

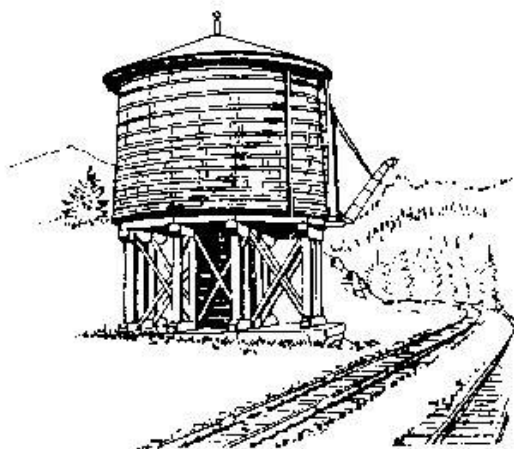
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Calling all SVGRS Members with colorful leaves!

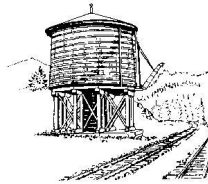
This week's weather has been our first real taste of Fall and driving around one can clearly see the colors. They might not be as bright and vivid as some years, but there is color! That's where we need your help. **We need a variety of leaves for ground cover at Rocky Ridge.** Even if you can't help with setup, if you have access to colorful or "different" leaves, please consider raking them up and donating them to the cause. Even one bag will help! We'll figure out some way to get them if you not coming on November 12th! Just let us know!



Mark your calendars!

This year's SVGRS Christmas party will once again be held at the Railside Diner/Banquet Facility in Hanover PA. The date is Sunday December 4th and we'll start at 4:45pm. Watch for a RSVP message next month which will have menu details, but our options should be very similar to last year. It was a good venue that everyone seemed to like so we booked it again. Member's cost will remain the same at \$9 per adult and \$6 per kid 13 and under. Hope to see everyone there!

-Penny Segessenman



Annual Trailer Clean Up

This year's trailer contents cleanup was held at Bob and Harriet Segessenman's house on Sunday Oct 16 from 2pm till 5pm. We appreciate Bob letting us set up a cleaning line at his house!

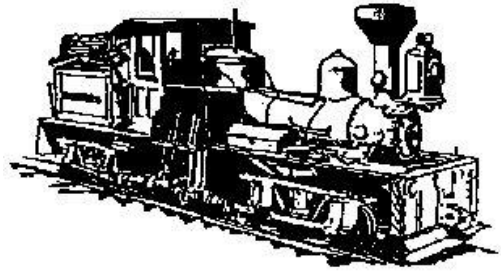
Unfortunately, only 10 folks showed up to help and that is very disappointing compared to past years. It's a lot of work for a set few to wash clean and reorganize all of our trains and buildings.

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We did get most items out of the trailer to be washed and cleaned. We also completed some maintenance for lubing cars / locos + gluing buildings back together.

On the positive note; we also completed most of the packing for Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic. So the trailer is almost ready to go.

Thanks to the following: Rob & Penny Segessenman, Turk & Renee Russell, Jason & Deb Scott. Phillip Shoop, Rich & Fran Reese



Message from the Club President

Richard Reese

PA-RR Museum-2016 Tour

Imagine the delight of opening up your local *Community Courier* and finding an article on a garden railroad. That is what I found in the September 21 issue when I finally opened it a few days later. I contemplated



calling and asking for permission to reprint until I reached the third paragraph which revealed the point of the article, not that garden railway itself, but the annual tour sponsored by The PA Railroad Museum. It was held from 1 to 5 PM on Sunday, October 2. The cost was \$10 with tickets sold at Stauffers of Kissel Hill locations. The tour featured 10 locations. Two of these were in retirement communities, another two were in Chester County at Coatesville, so they were

not visited. My wife and I made it to five of the remaining locations, the last after the tour had officially ended. Location number 3 belonged to club member Phil Shoop and could be visited another time. The featured tour stop in the article entitled "Model Railroading In The Great Outdoors" was located in Wrightsville. It was the first stop on our tour. Although a Wrightsville postal address, it is actually just outside of East Prospect facing east towards Long Level.

1. Tom Ohlhaber – 117 Livia Lane, Wrightsville

There was a good size crowd when we arrived, walked down the steps to the rear of the house where the layout was located. This is an awesome view of the hills along the west side of the Susquehanna River. This a well built layout with lighted buildings and running water perched at the top of a very steep slope. It is about 60 foot long and 35 foot deep. Tom tells us that the layout is four years old, and his biggest challenge is keeping the clover out. Motive power is a Bachmann Mogul, letter C&S, and a n RS3 diesel switcher. We dallied for about 20 minutes before driving to the next stop on the far east side of Lancaster, from

where would work our way west, then north before heading homeward, visiting tour stops 4, 2, 7 and 9. It's a whirlwind event and you do not have a lot of time to soak in these enjoyable gardens or inspect the detail that has gone into their building.

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4. Fay and Judd Hall – 2479 Creek View Dr., Lancaster

Nestled in a small development on the north side of Route 30 across from the Tanger Outlets is a sprawling two section garden railway belong to Judd Hall. The section pictured above is the newest portion and features several back and forth tracks. The automation makes the layout alive with motion and gives it a very busy feel. Judd started with a relatively flat back yard, and built a small dogbone with a water feature around a gazebo from which he can sit and watch (and run) his trains. There are two footbridges through the center of each section for pedestrian access. He also had a table set up with construction photographs. This is a very attractive and well-functioning railway.

2. Mark and Mary Beth Oles – 2808 Long Farm Lane, Lancaster

Working our way back west, we took the Oregon Pike north and turned left at the Landis Valley Historical Museum, arriving at the site of our third target. Again we encountered a large number of visitors. Mark and his wife have named their railway, the Millersvillanova. It features a turntable and a multitude of locomotives ranging from New Haven F's and RS 3, NYC steam, and a modern SD70M. Four of the steam units have been lettered for his home road, 3 Pacifics and a Mikado. He uses an upside down NYO&W decal. This layout was easy to inspect as they are on a corner lot and it extends towards the side street from behind the garage.



7. Jane and Frank Stellar – 351 Lakeview Drive, Manheim

Leaving there, we went further west to the north side of Manheim, for tour listing number 7.

Carefully concealed behind a normal looking house on a normal street was this magnificently

Constructed gem featuring double tracked mains and folded dogbones. You can literally spend hours watching these trains run

though this layout just because of the track-work's direction changes, and there are two or three benches on which to sit and watch. Frank indicates that he had only one regret and that was the use of under his back porch for storage as it is crawl space and very difficult to get into to re-rail a car or train.



9. Larry and Barbara Imhoff – 418 Southview Dr., Lititz

Our last stop on the self-guided tour was at former club member Larry Imhoff's in Brickerville. It was 5:30 when we arrived and parked in his driveway. No other guests were present. As we reached the rear corner of his layout, Barbara greeted us, and we reintroduced ourselves. Larry and the museum volunteer were busy inside taking care of the days statistics, but came out before we left. We reminisced about days gone by and about his children now grown to adults. Larry's effective track plan and simple landscaping were a sharp contrast to the others seen on the tour. They informed us that 260 visitors had stopped before we arrived. A very good day for garden railways.

- Rich

Barry Zeiglers new projects.

Built from scratch. We'll show the finished products in the next issue



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SVGRS Annual Members Picnic

Many thanks to Jeff and Melody Shubert who once again hosted this year's SVGRS picnic at their home just outside Shippensburg PA. Approx. 45 people showed up for our favorite club event. Since our previous roast pig caterer has gone out of business, Turk found us a new one (Sunnyway Diner) that provided a huge meal featuring roast beef and chicken with all the fixings. We hope everyone enjoyed the larger selection and variety.

Jeff had his trains running for the day and apparently also contracted with Norfolk Southern to have a "real" train pass by the picnic as well. We had a short meeting after the meal to discuss new and old business in addition to our upcoming event; Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic. Also discussed was a new nominating committee for next year's upcoming officer elections.

Later after desert, Jeff used his drone to take photos of our members standing in his layout. It was neat to see ourselves from an aerial view.

Special thanks to Water Plank, Turk Russell and Rob Segessenman for providing plants, trains and pictures. Over 20 door prizes were given out. Stephanie Gonos won our 50/50 drawling/.



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Open houses -- Giving Thanks!

Next month is November, and that means Thanksgiving is nearly here ready! Christmas and the final days of 2016 will not be far behind. It's hard to believe, but that's another story. I'd like to give a SVGRS shout out of Thanksgiving for those who spent time and energy getting ready and opened their property and layouts for our membership to enjoy. Our layout tours give us all a much needed chance to get together in a relaxed setting where we're not rushing to build a display. I don't know about everyone else, but I find these open houses inspirational and motivational in that I am often much more engaged with my own trains after seeing what others have done. If you've not had an open house, or not had one recently, please consider sharing with our club family next year. We'll even arrange to have folks come help you get ready if you need a subtle hand.

This year we had open houses provided by Walter Plank in June, Barry Ziegler and Bob Segessenman in July and Randy Mower in September. Each of these layouts are pretty large and rather mature, but if you look closely enough, all are a work in progress and new things can be found. I've included pictures of each where I could to remind those who were able attend just how great each of these layouts are and just enough that I hope to entice a few more of you to attend our open houses next year.

Please join myself and the entire Executive Board in thanking our four 2016 open house hosts and their partners! Well done! Who's next for 2017? [\(Continued\)](#)



Barrys Zeigler Layout



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Bob Segessenmans Layout



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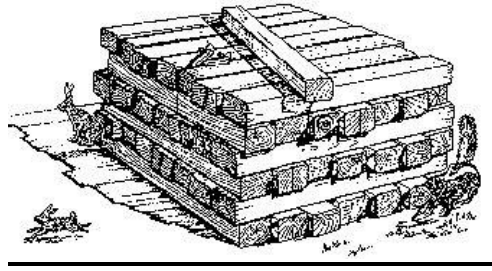
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Randy Mower Layout



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Industry News: By Turk Russell

Bachmann trains

The long awaited defunct Eggliners are finally making a comeback under Bachmann . I verified that with the sales manager they are in production. As of now their will be 5 different offerings hopefully to be in by Late January 2017

Congrats Doris - you are getting your wish damit!

Bachmann Speeders are coming !!!!

This little gem has a story behind it. its been in and out of production by several companys. K-line was the first to introduce them in 2006 in a much limited G scale offering . Then they wound up in O scale under the RMT Arist-O line. Same body with O scale wheels. 1 year before the Aristocraft trains closure ; USA trains offered them in the catalog 2014 (G scale) and still shows them offered . Now Bachmann is taking over the molds. I personally saw 3 of the finished models and they look good . They are die cast and all have a beacon on the roof . Should be a nice addition to any layout .

SPEEDER

Suggested price: \$139.00 each
SHIPPING DECEMBER 2016



Flashing strobe light and operating headlight. Includes two detailed figures.



UNION PACIFIC®
(silver; illustration shown)
Item No. 96250



PRR MAINTENANCE OF WAY
(yellow; illustration shown)
Item No. 96251



(Engineering sample shown)

Massoth Sound for LGB Gang Car

Massoth released a new sound project to go with LGB's new gang car. The new soundproject is available under article number #8220006 (XLS) or #8221006 (LS) via the Massoth Service Tool (MST).

Posted on 20 October 2016. Category: Electronics, News, Rolling Stock.

Tagged: LGB, Massoth.

LGB Delivery Dates Update October 2016

LGB updated the list with planned delivery dates for their 2016 New Items: LGB New Items 2016 – Delivery Dates. This month, the following items should be available (*worldwide delivery may vary*):

- 20061 Gang Car WP&YR #2044, Era VI
- 33201 Passenger Car M.T.V. B34, Era VI
- 34553 Baggage Car Type D2, RhB III
- 36358 Passenger Car, DR IV
- 40077 Freight Car M.T.V. G 5665, Era VI
- 40808 Tank Car White Pass #52
- 40871 Tank Car DNAX 'Railcare' #123022
- 41032 Gondola DEV #114, Era VI
- 43411 Ballast Car #736, OEG III
- 43822 Center Flow Hopper Car "CP Rail" #120322

- 48570 RhB Sliding Wall Boxcar Type Haik-v, Era VI

Posted on 14 October 2016. Category: News, Rolling Stock. Tagged: CP Rail, DEV, DNAX, DR, LGB, M.T.V., OEG, RhB, WP&YR.

Accucraft 1:32 Scale October 2016 Arrivals

Accucraft announced several new 1:32 scale arrivals in October.

The first N&W J Class #611 locomotives were shipped last week, now more versions will arrive. The electric version will be delivered at a later date.

AL97-371 N&W 4-8-4 J-class #611, alcohol fired **(Continued)**

- AL97-372 N&W 4-8-4 J-class #611, butane fired

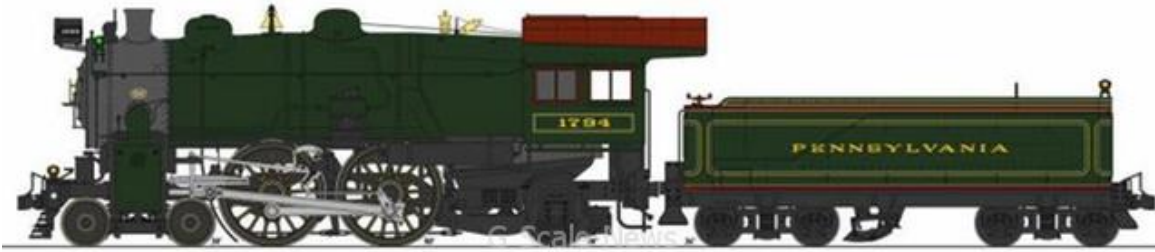
AL97-375 N&W 4-8-4 J-class #611, electric

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Another new arrival is the Pennsylvania Class E-6 4-4-2 steam locomotive, available in two paint schemes. Electric versions will be delivered at a later date.

- AL97-431 PRR E-6 class 4-4-2 #1974, Green Lined, alcohol fired
- AL97-432 PRR E-6 class 4-4-2 #460, Brunswick Green, alcohol fired
- AL97-435 PRR E-6 class 4-4-2 #1974, Green Lined, butane fired
- AL97-436 PRR E-6 class 4-4-2 #460, Brunswick Green, alcohol fired
- AL98-431 PRR E-6 class 4-4-2 #1974, Green Lined, electric
- AL98-432 PRR E-6 class 4-4-2 #460, Brunswick Green, electric



Arriving this month also are more electric versions of the Chesapeake & Ohio H-8 class 2-6-6-6 “Allegheny” steam locomotives.

- AL98-411 Chesapeake & Ohio H-8 class “Allegheny” #1601, early version, electric
- AL98-413 Chesapeake & Ohio H-8 class “Allegheny” #1647, late version, electric



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Back in stock are 40' steel reefers in a PFE paint scheme with the double SP & UP herald. The reefers feature new road numbers



Three AAR 40' boxcars are back in stock with new road numbers:

- AM32-553 AAR 40' Boxcar “Southern Pacific”
- AM32-554 AAR 40' Boxcar “Union Pacific”
- AM32-560 AAR 40' Boxcar “Nickel Plate Road” (NKP)



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New RhB De 2/2 from Ed's Garten Bahn

Ed's Garten Bahn announced their newest model at the beginning of September: the RhB De 2/2 #151.

We are proud to announce our newest model: RhB De 2/2 151.

This model will come with all the features that are so common on our models: Stainless steel wheelrims, strong Bühlermotor, servocontrolled pantograph, axles with ball-bearings, one axle movable, ESU decoder with powerpack (sound optional), Swiss front and rear lights, interior light, prepared to take automatic decouplers, prototypical correct wheels and of course 100% to scale. The first model will be ready in a few weeks, pictures will follow as soon as possible.

The first pictures of the production model were now posted on their Facebook

page: Facebook – Ed's Garten Bahn. **(Continued)**



Source: Ed's Garten Bahn

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