

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY GARDEN RAILWAY SOCI-



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Calendar of Events 2007

Feb 17

Strasburg RR opens

March 7-11

Pa Garden Expo
Farm Show Complex

March 30/31

East Coast Large
Scale Show
York Fairgrounds

April 15

The Great Lehigh Valley
Train Meet

www.lehighvalleytrainmeet.com

June 16-24

Day out with Thomas
(800) 872-0201

June 23-24

The Great Scale Model
Train Show Maryland
State Fairgrounds -
Timonium MD

<http://www.gsmts.com>

May 18 - 20

RAILFAN WEEKEND

Cass WV

2007 has arrived and it is time to reflect upon club activities completed in 2006 and prepare for the new year 2007.

The club meeting for January was held at the Cumberland County Historical Society. Members were able to view the replica of the Carlisle Depot created by club member Roberts McCrea. The replica was to scale and reflected many hours of research for exactness and many more hours hand crafting the 1000+ stones for the exterior of the building (Train depot). Prior to and following the club meeting members were encouraged to view the many projects available for observation and learn history of Carlisle as it represented the expansion of the railroad west of the Susquehanna River.

Over 20 members gathered at the Carlisle Diner prior to the meeting, enjoying a fine meal and social hour prior to the club meeting. At the Meeting over 30 members met for a brief business meeting. It was decided to meet again March 15th at the train station in New Oxford (**since changed to March 22nd**).

The meeting was chaired by the new SVGRS club president (Tom McCloud), who presented his view of future club direction. Under his leadership the club can anticipate increased emphasis upon education and content in club meetings. The need for individual club member participation was stressed.

A call to all members was issued for individuals to step forward and accept assignments of responsibility for club activity. A committee chaired by Bob Segessenman, was established to prepare for the East Coast Large Scale Show March 30-31 held at York Fairgrounds..

Layouts for 2007

Punxsutawney Phil says that spring is about upon us and it is time to start planning for our summer layout visits. This year instead of just having open house layout visits, we would like to have technical sessions presented at one members layout each month. At each session we plan to have presentations and discussion of various technical issues of interest to club members. Our plan is to schedule the presentations at specific times throughout an afternoon. We believe this will afford more members the opportunity to learn from the wealth of garden railroading experience resident in our club. This can be a good opportunity to learn what has worked and what hasn't from our members. You don't need to be a recognized expert in the hobby to share what you have learned just from trying different ways to build your railroad. Kirk Slenker will be organizing these sessions this year. So if there is a technical topic you would like to learn more about, or if you believe you have experience or knowledge that would be valuable to other members, or you would be willing to host one of these sessions at your layout, call or e-mail Kirk with your suggestions. You can reach him at 717-244-3522 or bslenker@comcast.net We would like to have the first session in April.

Information submitted by Kirk Slenker

Important Notice

The next SVGRS Club Meeting had been scheduled for March 15, 2007

Due to conflict with the Fireman's Auction, the meeting will be changed to:

Thursday MARCH 22, 2007 — 7:00 PM

A New Home for the LGB Family

First, we want to thank all of you for your patience as we work through the issues related to the problems at E.P. Lehmann in Germany. Because the situation is sensitive, we have been hesitant to make any public statement, but we know that you are more than just customers, you are members of the LGB family. So we are writing to keep you informed of the latest developments at E.P. Lehmann and here at LGB of America...

We learned today that Mr. Schöntag, the announced buyer of E.P. Lehmann, has been unable to secure bank financing to complete the purchase. Although we believe that another buyer or investor will be found, this is an extremely difficult situation for our many friends at Lehmann, and we wish them all the best.

However, LGB will live and thrive, with or without Lehmann. Here is the key: LGB of America owns the trademark and marketing rights for LGB for the entire world except Germany, and we are working hard to ensure that the production of LGB products -- with all the quality you expect from LGB -- continues long into the future.

There will be delays in announcing new products this year, but there will be new products ... including a new American-prototype loco that we believe you'll be very excited about. We do expect short-term shortages of some items, but we do expect to have ample supply of those items in the future. We'll continue to ship from our warehouse in New Jersey, and we'll continue to provide service from San Diego. In short, the LGB family has a new home ... at LGB of America.

And meanwhile, we're adding new rooms to that home. When LGB of America gained its independence in August, we said we would look for other quality products for our customers. For example, we are already shipping the new PIKO "Taurus" G-scale loco, and you can be sure there will be more announcements of new lines in the coming days and months.

I know the road has been and will be bumpy, but the support we have received from you has given us the strength to overcome all kinds of obstacles. Together, we are family, and together, we are LGB.

Happy LGBing!

Tony Castellano

President, LGB of America

Information submitted by Turk Russell

Dear Don: (Sweet)

WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON AT LGB?

It is your chance to ask the questions (see official announcement below)

Over the last few months there have been wild rumors and posts all over the Internet as to the future of LGB. Well now you can find out the real story and ask your own questions. The folks at LSOL.com and GardenTrainsRadio.com will be having an exclusive audio interview with the head of LGB of America and they are looking for your questions. Click the link below to submit what you want to know and look for their upcoming Internet broadcast. Get them in NOW!

<http://www.lsol.com/asklgb>

All the best,
Jo Anne

Information submitted by Don Sweet

SHOWS:

March 7-11

PA Garden Expo

PA Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA

Turk Russell will be exhibiting at this show with an operating layout. Any club members who would like to help, contact Turk: 717-762-6873

THIS IS NOT A CLUB PROJECT.

March 30-31 (Friday, Saturday) East Coast Large Scale York Fair grounds York, PA

Setup March 29 9:00 AM

Club participating with an operating layout. The only one featuring live plants. Set-up day: Thursday, March 29

Contact: Bob Segessenman 717-677-9770

NEW!!!

York, PA

York Fair

Lisa Boll is talking with the fair officials about a display to be operated during this year's fair in September. More later!

NEW!!!

Strasburg, PA

TCA Museum Display

Oct 13-14 (setup Oct 12)

This is a new opportunity for October. We are still getting details about this. More later. Clair Dice will be heading up this display

EVENTS:

June 2 9-3 2ND ANNUAL GARDEN RAILROAD SEMINAR

APPALACHIAN NURSERIES Chambersburg, PA

Prizes, food, fun!!! Save the date!!!

Information submitted by President Tom McCloud

TECH SESSIONS:

Show and Tell, Seek and Share, ‘Do ask’ and ‘Do Tell’; Questions and Answer – Call it what you want; but we will be including time at each meeting to do all of the above. Volunteer your knowledge and bring your questions. We’ll have one or two topics planned for each meeting. (See March meeting info) Call Kirk Slenker 717-244-3522

NEWSLETTER OPPORTUNITY

Walter Plank would like to step out of his club newsletter responsibilities. Anyone out there, who can and would like to take this on, call Walter or Tom and for the details. We have software available to make the job easier.

NEW CLUB TREASURER

Jeff Shubert is our new club treasurer. Dues should be sent to Jeff at 322 East Garfield St., Shippensburg, PA 17257. Also, any bills for club activities should be directed to Jeff. Thanks for stepping up, Jeff! We look forward to working with you. **DUES DEADLINE – APRIL 1 – DON’T BE A FOOL! SEND YOUR DUES TODAY!**

OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES

Summer is a great time for open houses and showing off layouts. If you would like to schedule a time for the club to visit your layout, call Marlyn Geesey 717-741-1050 to set a date. Then we will get the word out to members.

Information submitted by President Tom McCloud





Rocky Ridge Club Layout



Carlisle Train Depot Replica (Roberts McCrea—SVGRS Member) Display Cumberland County Historical Society



Elizabethtown Library Display (Timothy Keinard SVGRS Member)

SVGRR CLUB SURVEY

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

I CAN HELP WITH:

I NEED HELP:

- _____ **Track Laying** _____
- _____ **Layouts** _____
- _____ **Electrical** _____
- _____ **Battery Packs and Operation** _____
- _____ **Remote Controls** _____
- _____ **Scaling** _____
- _____ **Buildings** _____
- _____ **Plants** _____
- _____ **Live Steam** _____
- _____ **Kit Bashing** _____
- _____ **Engine/Rolling Stock Repair** _____
- _____ **Other** _____

I Am Willing to:

- _____ **Host an Open House**
- _____ **Host a Meeting**
- _____ **Share My Knowledge with others**
- _____ **Be an Officer**
- _____ **Chair a Committee**
- _____ **Publish the Newsletter**
- _____ **Other**

The Reasons You Belong To SVGRR

Please rank (1) most important (5) Least Important

_____ Learn more about GRR Hobby

_____ Help with Public Displays

_____ Visit other Layouts

_____ Fellowship / Socialize

_____ Meet other GRR Hobbyists

Other _____

Return Completed Form to (by March 31, 2007)

Kirk Slenker
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Dallastown, Pa. 17313-9704
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(717) 244-3522

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

EMAIL _____

SVGRS Officers

President	Tom McCloud	(717) 762-9508
V. Pres.	Turk Russell	(717) 762-8873
Treasurer	Jeff Shubert	(717) 530-0561
Secretary/Membership	Open	Contact President if interested
Editor of Newsletter (Temp)	Walter Plank	(717) 486-3489

Support Member Owned Train Related Enterprises

Russell Stereo Repair offers repairs to garden railroad equipment. (Aristocraft, Bachmann & LGB—specializing in Bachmann. Moderate pricing for Garden Railroad Equipment, technical advice, rail mechanics, maintenance problems call evenings.

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

RCS of New England

Specializing in battery radio control throttles for G-Scale trains. They also provide sound systems and special lighting effects.

Phone: (717) 259-9523
Don & Donna Sweet



Appalachian Gardens Specializing in miniature plants and trees for Garden Railroads they also offer full range of nursery products. The Nursery provides plant material for club Exhibits and Displays.

Phone: (717) 762-9508
Tom & Fern McCloud

Victoria's Timeless Treasurers & Dale's Garden Railway Depot

Provides full range of Garden Railroading equipment, accessories and supplies. They invite members to view their extensive multiple track layout.

Phone: (610) 589-9000
Dale & Victoria Bricker

Cool Trains Hobbies

General train supplies and merchandise specializing in G-Scale trains.

Phone: (717) 898-7119
Ted & Kim Symonds

Recipes submitted by club members

Someone suggested we include recipes for the use of all members. The ladies of our club are an integral part of the organization, therefore, we will now include recipes submitted.

There are no requirements, limitations or procedures to limit your submission of that favorite recipe. There may be some of you men wishing to participate. Do not feel that recipes have any gender limitation. If there is sufficient response to this assembly of recipes they can be put into a formal booklet form.

The way to a man's heart is thru his stomach to get his attention, then the addition of a new "Train Engine" will cement the future.

South Mountain R.R. POTATO SOUP

From the kitchen of: Jean Plank serves: 6-8

2-3 Cups Water
3-4 Stalks Celery (chopped-leaves also)
1 Very Large Onion (chopped)
8-10 Medium-Large Potatoes (white)
1-2 sticks Oleo or Butter
Salt to taste
Milk

Put Water in large non-stick pan with chopped Celery and Onions. Cook until tender. Peel and cut Potatoes any size you like, I run them through my food processor with the French-Fry Blade. (I do not see it matters about the shape). Add some salt, you can add more later but cannot take it out. Cook on low heat, stirring often. If there is not enough Water, add a little more, but only enough to cook Potatoes, not floating in it. You want them to use up a lot of the Water so the broth thickens. When Potatoes are soft, add enough Milk to make a consistency you desire, add Butter or Oleo. Keep heating on low until Butter melts. *** DO NOT BOIL *** It gets an odd flavor. Taste and add Salt as needed.



24 HOUR FRUIT SALAD (Dessert)

From the Kitchen of Doris Geesey

4 eggs
4 Tbsp. vinegar
4 Tbsp. sugar

Beat eggs and sugar. Add vinegar. Beat continually while heating over lower heat. Keep moving beater. This will thicken. Set aside to cool.

2 c. Royal Anne cherries (regular size can)
2 c. marshmallows (large ones cut into fourths (the little ones get too mushy)
2 large juice oranges (I have started to use canned mandarin oranges) 2 regular size cans
2 c. pineapple chunks (regular size can) I cut the chunks in half.

Pit cherries if not already pitted; cut oranges into bite-size pieces. (To peel oranges more easily, bring a pan of water almost to a boil; place oranges in the hot water. Peeling will be very easy.)

Put fruit together and drain very well. Add cooled dressing to fruit and then marshmallows.

You will need 1/2 pint whipping cream; use heavy cream. Chill bowl and beaters approximately 1 hour before whipping. Fold in whipped cream.

Secret: Let stand 24 hours so flavors mingle and mature.