



March 2010 – Newsletter

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SVGRS Calendar of Events 2010

March 4 thru 7, 2010 – York Flower show (see details)

March 26 thru 28, 2010- ECLS train show (see details)

April 21, 2010 – General membership meeting

May 16, 2010 - Open House Barry Zigler (see details)

May 29??, 2010 Swap meet at Ma & Pa railroad plus rides.

June 23, 2010– General membership meeting.

September ?? 2010 - Club Picnic

September 25, 2010 – General membership meeting.

October 20, 2010 - General membership meeting.

Reminder 2010 SVGRS Club Dues are past due; Dues are \$20 per family. Send Payment to Jeff Shubert, 258 Chestnut Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257-9493. Unpaid members will be removed from the mailing list the end of March.



President's Message 02/2010

We have weathered the ravages of winter and are now preparing to open our Garden Railroads for the warmer temperatures of the summer season. Gone will be the snow, but now we will have to gather up all the debris of Winter. Now is the time for planning improving our individual displays as well as improving our club displays. Our Club needs to continue undertaking new projects as we endeavor to reach and involve more members in club undertakings.

Speaking of the ravages of Winter----the heavy snow load damaged a portion of the roof where we stored our new trailer. Fortunately damage was limited to a crease in the roof of the trailer and a small puncture hole. The recently installed shelving provided support for the trailer roof, affording protection. The trailer is being evaluated and necessary repairs are being implemented. Home owner insurance will cover repairs and parts have been ordered. Perhaps this is an indication we need to secure trailer and content insurance. The Club held a workshop at the Quincy Center where six (6) well presented demonstrations provided expert information and example of Garden Railroad-ing Principles. Based upon the success at the Quincy Center, with enthusiastic membership participation, we will continue to move in additional new directions to provide pertinent information to all SVGRS members. Someone has suggested we schedule a future workshop in the Lancaster/York Area----

(Suggest possible location and subjects)

We are scheduling a Swap-Meet to be held at the **Ma & Pa Railroad** in late May. Your support and involvement will assure success in this new undertaking.

We are hoping to develop a Directory of Members containing description of each member's layout together with vital statistics.

The success of this project will be dependent upon full membership participation.

The Executive Committee solicits member input so we can represent your wishes. Let us all resolve to reach out to fellow members sharing experience and examples. Fellow members can profit from history and proceed to greater perfection thru unselfish sharing. Let us continue to advance and together participate fully in all club activities for the betterment of Garden Railroad-ing.



Mid-Atlantic Garden Show * York, Pa. (fair grounds) Toyota building March 4 – 7

Committee Chair: Dave Watts

Committee members: Walter Plank, Bob Segessenman, Bob McCrea, Jake Middour, Scott Rosenbaum, Marlyn Geesey, Eric Spooner and Jeff Johnstonbaugh

Set-up date: 2 March set-up will start at 9am

Show Hours: 4th (Thursday) 5pm -9pm (not open to public)

5th (Friday) 10am – 9pm

6th (Saturday) 10am- 5pm

7th (Sunday) 11am -4pm

The club will be paid \$750 for the show, plus a donation box.

The lay-out will be a more traditional garden RR display (plants/scrubs with only a few flowers or no flowers) will have 5 active tracks (need people to volunteer engines/cars for show). The two outside tracks will have 5' curves and one track will have 4', one trolley line and the final track will be for little critter/Thomas type engines with only a 3' curve on one end.

The lunch (set-up day) will be provided by the club: Jean Plank has volunteered to take charge of this for the committee, if anyone would like to help her please contact her at 717-486-3489.

Tear-down will start immediate after closing of the show on the 7th at 4pm.

You may contact me at davetrainpappy@yahoo.com or 717-729-4194 for your questions, concerns, volunteering you services, volunteering equipment for use and etc.

Dave Watts



East Coast Large Scale Train Show * York, Pa. (fair grounds) Memorial Hall East, March 26 & 27

Committee Chair: Rob Segessenman Jr.

Committee members: Walter Plank, Bob Segessenman, Bob McCrea, Jake Middour and Jeff Johnstonbaugh

Set-up date: 25 March set-up will start at 8am

Show Hours: 26th (Friday) 9am -4pm

6th (Saturday) 10am- 5pm

7th (Sunday) 11am -4pm.

We will be using yet another new track plan for the RR display which focuses on the layers like we used at the last ESLSTS. We plan to have 4 active tracks (need people to volunteer engines/cars for show). The mainline outside track will have 10' diameter curves and the logging track will have 8' diameter curves. We plan on a point-to-point trolley line and the final track will be for little critter or small type engines with only a 5' diameter curve on each end. I'd like to use equipment other than Thomas at this show.

The lunch (set-up day) will be provided by the club: Jean Plank has volunteered to take charge of this for the committee, if anyone would like to help her please contact her at 717-486-3489.

Tear-down will start immediate after closing of the show on the 26th at 4pm.

You may contact me at rob@robtronics.com or 717-359-8515 for your questions, concerns, volunteering your services, volunteering equipment for use and etc. If you don't get to Walter (717-486-3489) to volunteer to "watch" the display for a time on Friday and Saturday, please plan on him contacting you to arrange a slot.

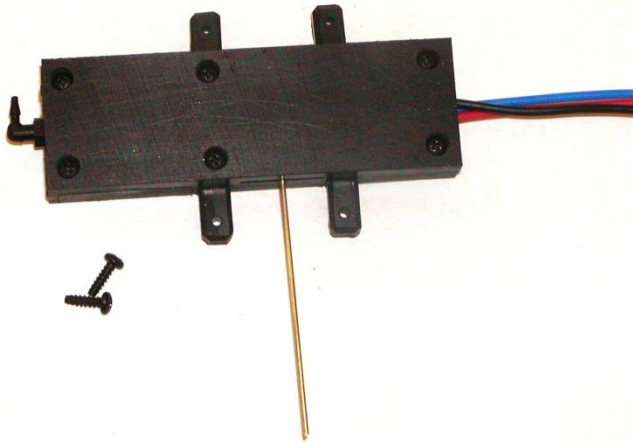
Rob Segessenman Jr.



The January 23 workshop was held in Quincy. The comments were favorable and many members have requested more workshops in the future. We had 24 members present and there were 5 presentations including building trestles, Landscaping, engine maintenance, sound systems, Kadee couplers and general wiring. Thanks to all whom helped make this a success. Thanks Dave Watts for obtaining the use of the Quincy Community Center, We were able to use the hall without charge to the club.
Joe Mower



Barry Zigler did a presentation on air switches following the General SVGRS meeting February 17th. The air motors Barry uses are made by California & Oregon Coast Railway or website www.cocry.com. Their website shows they are temporarily not accepting orders due to restructuring. Barry does not know what is happening you will just have to keep checking the website.



We have added a new style of actuator for LGB, Aristo-Craft, U.S.A. Trains (including the new #6), Bachmann and PECO turnouts. The illustration above shows this actuator. It mounts alongside the turnout points, against the tie ends, allowing close parallel tracks and compact switchwork. It can be configured eight ways: four mounting positions with points position either way for each mounting position. It is 1 1/4" wide (not including mounting tabs), 3 3/4" long and 9/16" thick. Unused mounting tabs may be cut off in very tight situations. There is an optional internal 3A waterproof SPDT microswitch that can be used for frog polarity control or signaling. These actuators are the EZ580 - EZ585 series.



The first open house for 2010 will be held May 16 at Barry Ziglers. Barry has about 800 feet of track including about 300 feet of indoor storage. The layout is completely battery operation and uses air operated switches. The theme is "Pennsy" with both steam and diesel based on a 1950's setting. Barry's home is located at 16 Howard Drive, East Berlin, PA 17316. This is a gated community so tell the security you are visiting Barry Ziglers layout. When entering the community past the gate turn right onto Lake Mead Road and follow Lake Mead past the Dam and past a couple of S curves and to Howard Drive on the left no. 16 Howard Drive.



If you would like to hold a open house in 2010 please contact Joe Mower to set up a date and time. E-mail jhmower@aol.com or call 717-241-6483.



The club is planning to make a members directory. Al Benard, Jeff Shubert, Walter Plank and Joe Mower will be on the committee with Joe Mower as Chairperson. The directory is intended to share member's interest in Garden Railroading. A form is attached to the last page of this newsletter requesting info about you and your layout. If you wish to not be included in the directory please contact Joe Mower at jhmower@aol.com or call 717-241-6483. Please provide the information promptly to allow us to start putting the information into a book.



Items For Sale By Randy Alleman Call 717-372-7298

- Aristo-Craft Trestle set \$25.00
- LGB Crossing Gate \$25.00
- Piko StGeorge Church New in box \$65.00
- Lionel NYC Caboose \$20.00
- Lgb 4191 Campbell soup box car \$45.00
- LGB Transcontinental Tank Car \$45.00
- Aristo Craft REA Piggy Back car in box \$40.00
- Aristo Craft PRR 100 Years box car in box \$40.00
- Aristo Craft REA Caboose in box \$40.00
- Aristo Craft EBT Caboose in box \$40.00
- LGB Rio Grande 4 wheel Caboose \$40.00
- USA Trains REA express wooden boxcar \$40.00
- O Scale MTH UP Passenger car set new in box \$150.00

Items for Sale (Friend of Dave Watts)

Since moving to our new house, I have a little less room to work with and have decided to sell a couple of my larger 1:29 scale locomotives. For sale are an Aristo Craft C44-9 (BNSF) and a USA Trains SD40-2 (BNSF). These are probably two of the nicest locomotives I have. Both are almost unused (I bought them just before we moved) and come with all of the original packaging. I am asking \$200 for the C44-9 and \$150 for the

SD40-2 which is over \$100 less for each than the best price I could find for them new (and that is without the shipping you would pay since the best price was mail order). If you know anybody that might be interested, pass this info along.

Thanks. Brad Bender bfbender@comcast.net 717.729.1765



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Related Garden Railroad Businesses

Appalachian Gardens- Specializing in miniature plants and trees for Garden Railroads. They also offer a full range of nursery products. Appalachian Gardens provides plant materials for club exhibits and displays. 717-597-8456 Tom & Fern McCloud Website, www.smallplants4bigtrains.com

Cool Train Hobbies – General train supplies and merchandise specializing in G scale trains. 717-898-7119 Ted & Kim Symonds.

Martins Greenhouse

It is a small greenhouse business specializing in perennials. This includes rock garden plants & miniature conifers, which fit in well with garden railways.

Noah & Marian Martin, 5489 Division Hwy., Narvon, Pa 17555, Ph. 717-354-7546

martinsghse@juno.com

Russell's Customizers – Repairs to garden railroad equipment. (Aristocraft, Bachmann & LGB. Moderate pricing for Garden Railroad equipment, technical advice, rail mechanics & maintenance problems. Call evenings 717-762-8873 Turk & Renee Russell.

Victoria's Timeless Treasures & Dale's Garden Railroad Depot – Provides a full range of Garden Railroad equipment, accessories and supplies. They invite members to view their extensive multi-track layout. 610-589-9000 Dale & Victoria Bricker

Information for Club Directory

Name _____

Spouse's name _____

Street address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip code _____

Telephone number _____

E-mail address _____

Description of your layout

Length of track _____

No of trains you can run _____

Do you have trestles? _____

Steam or Diesel _____

Track power or battery power _____

Time period _____

Your favorite railroad _____

Special railroad interest

Other Hobbies

We would also like to have picture of your layout, you and your spouse if possible. This will allow us to get to know each other better and recognize newcomers to the club.