



## **May 2010 – Newsletter**

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### **SVGRS Calendar of Events 2010**

**May 2, 2010** – Open House Ken Murry (see details)

**May 15, 2010** - Open House Barry Zigler (see details) Note date change.

**June 5, 2010** - Swap meet at Ma & Pa railroad plus rides.

**June 19, 2010** Open House Bill Bowers

**June 23, 2010**– General membership meeting.

**June 27, 2010** Workshop Cleaning Equipment at Bob Segessmans

**July 11, 2010** – Open House Phillip Shoop

**August 22, 2010** Open House Bob McCrea

**September 11, 2010** - Club Picnic

**September 23, 24 & 25 2010** Fall ECLS Train Show, Set up is the 23'rd.  
Show is open 24 & 25

**September 26, 2010** – Open House Tom Brown Fairfield, Pa.

**October 20, 2010** - General membership meeting.

**December 4, 2010** – Christmas Party at Cross Keys.

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**Open House for May 2, 2010** will be held at Ken Murry’s rain or shine (layout will also be open May 6) Open 1 PM till 5 PM, Ken layout is mostly PRR running on a single track, it is elevated 6” on plywood base and includes a truss bridge and a passing siding. The trains run on track power. The train layout is in a interesting topiary garden setting. The train run around a 50foot Holly tree.. Kens address is 209 East New Street, Mountville, PA 17554. Driving from York take rout 30 East to Prospect Road Exit, turn left onto Columbia Ave go 1.8 Mile, turn Right onto S Walnut Street, turn Right onto E New Street to no. 209 on the right. Ken’s cell phone is 717-201-3941.

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**Open house for May 15, 2010 Open 1 PM till 5 PM ( Note date changed)** will be 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. Barrys home is locater 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.

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**June 5 Swap Meet will be held at Ma and Pa railroad museum. This is a first time endeavor and will require member support to be a success. Spaces 5’ X 10’ are available for \$10.00 each for selling Train related items only. Non members are encouraged to participate. Other clubs are being invited. You can bring your own table or sell off the ground. Time is from 10 AM till 3 PM. Bring a picnic lunch and spend the day. Food and drink is not available. Train rides will be available.**

From the city of York

We are located in the town of Muddy Creek Forks in Southern York County, Pennsylvania. From the city of York, Pennsylvania take Route 74 south, off of Interstate 83. Continue on Route 74 south until you reach the town of Brogue. At Brogue turn right on to Muddy Creek Forks Road just before Brogue General Store. Follow Muddy Creek Forks Road about five miles to the town of Muddy Creek Forks.

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**June 19 - 2010 Open 1 PM till 5 PM Open House Layout visit, Bill and Marilyn Bowers, 201 Longstreet Drive, Gettysburg, PA 17325-8921. Layout open 1 Pm till 5 PM**

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**June 27 Workshop. We will be doing clean up of all the club equipment. Bring a pail, soap such as dishdetergent and a soft brush (a 1 to 2 inch paintbrush should work good) If you have a small low pressure air compressor it can be used for drying. We will be cleaning train cars, buildings, figureens and track. Everyone can help. We plan to start at 1 PM till 4 PM or untill finished.**

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**Open House for July 11, 2010** will be held at Phillip Shoop's 1918 Lyndon Ave, Lancaster, PA 17602 ( telephone 717-390-0406. Phillip is running PRR Steam Trains, track powered, patterned for the 1910 era the layout has about 800 feet of track with 2 bridges.



## **President's Message for May 2010**

Now that winter is over and spring is well on the way, thoughts of outdoor operations take precedence. Litter is being removed from the outdoor display area and cleaning in general begins to reveal the existence of our favorite train tracks upon which we can now operate the locomotives and cares we spent the winter lubricating and repairing.

Many members have indicated specific dates they will be opening their display for the enjoyment of the general membership. Much hard work goes into preparation for these public displays. Let's show our support by attending as many as possible. Much is to be learned from these layouts and personal interaction among attendees exchanges many fine tips and tricks to be used in our individual layouts.

The show season slows in the summer, thank goodness; this gives us the opportunity to enjoy the varied layouts of the membership. It also offers the opportunity to lend a hand to others as they struggle to complete or initiate a plan for their individual layout. A word of encouragement from an established member to a new member often is the spark necessary to initiate the beginning of construction. A club's purpose is to better enable all members to fully participate in the hobby of Garden Railroading.

A club is only as strong as the individual members. Club activities require dedication and participation of **ALL**. It is great to say "***Our club has accomplished many great things***" but, how often have **YOU** contributed to a club project? It is very convenient to sit by and let others assume the responsibilities. I know my e-mail will overflow following these comments, but we as a club, cannot expect only the few dedicated souls to continue to bear the burden of club activities such as Picnic, Christmas Party, Show Chairman, etc. Review your experience with other clubs to which you belong, and determine if this is

how a vibrant club operates. I am sure I will hear that many do not feel qualified. Every effort will be made to pair those with less experience with other members who have been around a while. There is no one who cannot contribute time or effort toward club projects. Failure to contribute will only result in reduction of club activities.

Do not wait for someone of the executive committee to contact you for your fair share, but take the initiative and volunteer for services to enhance club activities.

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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 Railroading.



I'd like to extend my thanks to those that helped setup and those who really played a big role behind the scenes like my Dad, Bob McCray and Walter. Jake should also be directly thanks for transporting and setting up his expanding mill operations. Tom and Scott should be thanked for loaning plants and rock, respectively to both spring shows.

I took pictures myself, but I didn't get the setup or tear down, so if others in the club have any of those, I'd love to see them. LSOL has a pretty good collection and did another time-lapse video I hope to put on the club website as soon as Jon releases it.

-RFSJr.

PS> This first picture shows the "pre-setup" trial run of the elevated section in my Dad's car barn.





**The SVGRS has purchased the following equipment for use in the club shows.**

- 2-6-0 LGB mogul with sound
- LGB New Orleans Trolley
- 50 Railclamps
- 100 Replacement screws for rail clamps
- 5 Bachmann cars

The club is also planning to install a sound system in the club F-3 diesels

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**Industry news: by Turk Russell**

We have a new Large scale manufacturer

The Great American Locomotion Company. Nicknamed the GAL Lines they are just getting into some projects which you can view at the following web site

<http://www.thegalline.com/index.html>. They are currently offering a 1:20.3 box cab diesel and working on a Camel back loco



The West Virginia 2010 Rail Festival in Petersburg West Virginia is scheduled for June 25 – 27. The event is celebrating 100 Years of Railroading; See the following website for a list of events.

<http://www.wvrails2010.com/attractions.php>

Turk



The following photos are from the 2010 York Flower show. Dave Watts chaired the layout committee for this show.



The following Photos (next page) are from The Chambersburg Builders show and was built by Rosenbaum with help from some club members. Scott Posebaum is a Club Member and made the large artificial rocks the club used at the York Flower Show.



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](mailto: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** Contact Phil Sadtler Ph 301-253-2037 for details and pricing., Items priced 20 to 25% below St Aubin & Trainworld prices.( this is a friend of Tom McCloud)

Aristocraft

Santa Fe F3A Loco Silver Chief War Bonnet

Santa Fe E8 Loco

Santa Fe Streamliner cars

B&O Royal Blue Sierra Class Cars

Extra Observation Car

Little Critter Customized Mother Goose Train

Transformer MRC 6200 w/ piggyback electronics

Bachmann

Boxed set Liberty Bell LTD Passenger train with track and transformer

Boxed set B&O Royal Blue



Old Time Open-Air Street Car  
Assorted other Bachmann Rolling Stock

LGB

Staing 040 Small Loco

A scratch built and kit bashed story-book village collection, includes buildings, Cinderella Castle, 3 pigs house, Humpty dumpty, Old womans shoe and a scratch built Old Mother Goose train.

### **SVGRS Club Officers**

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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](http://www.smallplants4bigtrains.com)

#### **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](mailto: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

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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

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Other Hobbies

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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.