

SVGRS NEWSLETTER – June 2007



TRAINS IN THE GARDEN

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June 23-24 The Great Scale Model Train Show, Maryland State Fairground, Timonium, MD

June 16-24 Day out with Thomas
800-872-0201

June 27-30 The Las Vegas Garden Railway Society, formed in 1991, is pleased to host the 23rd National Garden Railway Convention to be held June 27-30, 2007. For details go to the following link: <http://www.2007ngrc.com/>

July 7 Open House will be held at Marlyn Geesey's layout near Dallastown (See details)

September 15, 2007 Club picnic will be at the Akron Pavilion. More details on this event in future newsletters.

Sincerely, FRED WHITLEY 717-859-2679

December 8 Christmas Party at Brethren Home, Cross Keys

Layout tours - If you would like to host an open house layout visit please contact Kirk Slenker (717) 244-3522 or e-mail slenke@aaicorp.com .

Membership cards - were mailed to all members who could not pick up their membership cards at the East Coast show. Please inform me at suern@innernet.net or ph. 717-264-8187 if you have not received your card.

Thanks
Dave Watts

The club now has official pamphlets. Designed by Turk Russell and Dave Watts they will be available to any club member as well as for events. The literature includes a little history on who we are and what are all the club benefits. It also has a mini membership application as well as information on contacting all officers. If you have comments let us know. To view the new brochure online, go to the following link. http://www.svgrrs.net/images/newsletters/SVGRS_Brochure.pdf

The story of the Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad.

Turk, thought everyone might enjoy this long overdue story of his friends John and Kathy Smith and how they built 3 railroads in a couple of years and now own a 4th. There are plenty of trains to ride in West Virginia besides the Cass Scenic. Take a trip and visit. If you need more info feel free to contact Turk

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http://www.svgrs.net/images/newsletters/Mountain_Rail.pdf

JUNE LAYOUT OPEN HOUSE (Details)

The June layout open house will be at Robert McCrea's layout on Saturday, June 23, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at his home in Carlisle. At 11:00 and 2:00 Bob will give a technical presentation on designing and building trestles. There will also be a covered dish lunch from Noon until 1:30. Bob will provide beverages and the ham for sandwiches. We encourage you to bring a covered dish for lunch. Call Bob at 717-258-8566 to coordinate what you will bring.

Directions to Robert McCrea

550 Summit Drive

Carlisle, PA

717-258-8566

Arriving in Carlisle on I-81 from the South

North on I-81 to College Street exit

Turn left at end of exit onto Walnut Bottom Road

Go through stop light for 1 block

Turn left onto Wilson Street

Go to 3rd street to the right and turn 45 degree right onto Noble Boulevard
Immediately look straight ahead and see driveway with two brick pillars with lights on top. This is Bob's driveway.
There will also be a garden railway sign

Arriving in Carlisle on I-81 from the North

South on I-81 to College Street exit
Turn right at end of exit onto Walnut Bottom Road

Go through stop light for 1 block

Turn left onto Wilson Street

Go to 3rd street to the right and turn 45

degree right onto Noble Boulevard

Immediately look straight ahead and see driveway with two brick pillars with lights on top. This is Bob's driveway.

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From downtown Carlisle

Take Hanover Street South (Route 34)

At 2d light turn right onto Willow which become Walnut bottom Road

Turn Right onto Noble Boulevard (has median)

2nd street is Summit and Bob's on the corner of Noble and Summit

There will be a garden railway sign.

July Layout Open House

The July Open House will be held at Marlyn Geesey's layout near Dallastown on Saturday, July 7 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Marlyn has a large layout in his back yard. In addition, he has a very unique HO layout that will be available for viewing in his basement. The HO layout features live catenary and lots of GG-1's. Marlyn will give a technical presentation on Kadee couplers. We will send out a separate e-mail with more information and directions closer to July 7.

Summer Layout Viewing and Tech Sessions

We have not finalized the schedule yet for the rest of the summer. We plan to have layouts open for viewing along with technical sessions every month through October. There are still several openings for hosting these sessions and we are still looking to find some additional members willing to share their experience and knowledge during the technical sessions. Please contact Kirk Slenker at 717-244-3522 or slenke@aaicorp.com if you can either host a layout open house or present at one of the technical sessions.

Railfan Weekend at Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad and Cass Scenic Railroad. This was the opening runs for the year and was hosted by the Chesapeake and Allegheny Live Steamers.

Photos taken by Turk Russell , Jake Middour

Following are pictures taken by at Cass.



The following pictures were taken at Durbin.



Add salt and water to egg whites and beat until stiff, but not dry. Add pepper to yolks and beat until thick and lemon colored. Fold yolks through egg whites, gently but thoroughly. Meantime heat butter in a heavy 10-inch skillet and distribute over entire bottom surface. Gently pour in egg mixture, reduce the heat and cook slowly for 5 minutes. Then bake in a 325-degree F. oven for about 15 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from heat, cut almost through in the center on line with handle of pan loosen edges and gently fold in half. Slip onto a warm platter and served at once.

Makes 2 servings

Variations:

1. Any of the fillers or sauces suggested for use in making French omelet may be used for fluffy omelet.

Recipes:

Early days of train travel offered luxury food to the travelers. The Pennsylvania Railroad was known for its **fluffy omelets**. Here is the recipe for making one at home.

Fluffy Omelet

Ingredients:

4 eggs whites
4 egg yolks
1/4 cup water
dash of pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 tablespoons butter, margarine or drippings

Directions:

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Items for the newsletter can be submitted to jhmower@aol.com. Please indicate SVGRS in the subject so it does not get deleted with spam.

Notice

The next issue of the newsletter will be out approximately August 5.

Please have any information for the newsletter to me by August 1.

If you have items for sale you would like posted please send me a list before August 1.

We are always looking for articles to publish. If you have an article you think would be of interest to other club members please let me know.

Joe Mower

Related Garden Railroad Businesses

Russell Stereo Repair – 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.

RCS of New England – Specializing in battery control throttles for G scale trains. They also provide sound systems and special lighting effects. 717-259-9523 Don & Donna Sweet

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.

Summer Special 10% off on all Garden Railroad Plants June thru August.

Website. www.smallplants4bigtrains.com

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

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.

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