



TRAINS IN THE GARDEN

June 2008 Newsletter

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June 7: (Saturday) APPALACHIAN NURSERIES '3-1' Event
(PUTTING THE 'GREEN' INTO YOUR GARDEN RAILROAD)
TOURS ~ PLANT TECH SESSION ~ OPEN HOUSE

(Reservations required by June 1 for lunch purposes 717-762-9508 or 597-8456)

11 AM – 11:45 AM Tour the layout of:

Wayne Warren 319 Ronald Dr., Greencastle 717-597-8847

(The Warrens have to leave at noon, so try to be prompt so we don't delay them!)

Directions: I-81 South to Exit 5 at Greencastle; Turn right and go through Greencastle to Rt. 11 (Sheetz on right). Turn LEFT for about a quarter mile; turn RIGHT, beside Antrim Honda; go to Ronald Dr. and turn LEFT. House will be on RIGHT

Leave for Appalachian Nurseries, which is approximately 5 miles, for lunch, learning and plant shopping **until 1:30 PM**

Directions: From I-81, head East on PA Rt 16; turn LEFT onto Grindstone Hill Rd (light after passing McDonald's). Stay on this road for about 3 ½ miles; you will come to a "Y", turn RIGHT on Clay Hill Rd. towards Five Forks. After rounding a bend, you will see the nursery on the RIGHT.

1:45 PM – 2:30 PM: A visit to the Waynesboro Model Railroad Club

(Approximately half-way between the nursery and the McCloud residence)

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM A visit to the McCloud's layout, which features mature Plant material

3:30 PM - A stop at Turk Russell's layout in the front yard! Turk may not be home but trains will be running.

4:00 PM - A visit to Rosie Beaver's small layout, which features a large assortment of dwarf plants

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June 28 (Saturday): Walter Plank and Joe Mower open house. The two residences are only 9 miles apart with driving time under 15 minutes following directions of Map Quest

Walter Plank's home is located at 11 White Oak Drive, Carlisle, PA. Phone No. is 717-486-3489. There will be two tech. Sessions at Walters. Don Sweet will demonstrate rail bending at 1 PM. Turk will be doing a session at 11:00 AM on Electronics and Garden Railroads. Walter Plank will be unveiling his new train, the "Orange Blossom Special" on June 28th at the Plank's open house. With Don Sweet's help, Jean had an engine painted in the "Orange Blossom Special" colors plus battery and sound for him for Christmas. It's possibly one of a kind.

Walter has always said when he was a boy he saw the train when it stopped where he lived. He said the whole town came out to see it, it was a big event. His new train should bring back fond memories.

The Planks open house will be 9:30 AM until dark. The Planks will be serving bar-b-que, drinks, chips and dessert from noon on.

Directions turn onto Pine Road off Route 34, follow Pine Road 2.8 mile, turn left onto Cold Spring Road go 0.7 mile to White Oak Drive to no.10. Look for Superman in the Phone Booth.

Joe Mower's home is located at 39 Pennway Drive, Carlisle, PA. 17015. Phone No. 717-241-6483. The outdoor layout has approximately 300 feet of track running 3 trains. There is also a new indoor layout built in 2008 with a Circus theme running two trains. The Mowers open house will be 1PM till 5 PM.

(Directions, Exit I-81 at the Plainfield Exit toward Rt. 11. Turn left onto Rt. 11 toward Shippensburg go about 4 miles. Penway drive will be on the right shortly after you pass Rows Auction barn on the right and New Holland on the left. Follow Pennway Drive to no. 39.

Directions from Walter Planks to Joe Mower: From White Oak Drive go back to Cold Spring Road. Follow Cold Spring Road for 0.7 mile and turn right onto Pine Road, go 1.3 mile to Burnt House Road. Turn left onto Burnt House go 5.0 mile to Rout 11. Turn left on Rout 11 and go 1.1 mile and turn right on Pennway Drive to No. 39 approx 0.6 mile. Watch for the train flag.

August 16 (Saturday): Bob McCrea Open House in Carlisle (Details Later)

September 20 (Saturday): Club Picnic at Bob Segessenmans home. Don Sweet is the chair of the picnic. Details will be in the August Newsletter.

We are still looking for Open House host for the months of July and October; also we are

always looking for club members willing to conduct technical sessions to share your garden railroading knowledge and experience with other club members, especially the newer members. You do not have to host a layout open house to do that. If you don't want to host, we will schedule you to share your insight at another open house. Please contact Kirk Slenker at 717-244-3522 or slenke@aaicorp.com.



York Fair – Dave Watts will chair the York Fair. The Fair will run from the 5th - 14th of September. Members of the committee are Walter Plank, Marlyn Geesey, Allan Bernard, Bob McCrea, Mike Oberdick, Bob Segessenman, and Joe Mower. The committee did meet with the York Fair management on the 7th of May to start working on the details for the show. The committee will meet again in mid-July to finalize plans, layout, etc. This event will require great support of the whole club because of the length of the fair. More details to follow after the July's meeting.



Mountain State Railroad & Logging Historical Association Weekend Organized by Turk Russell

“Garden Railroaders go to Cass “

Jean & Walter Plank, Turk Russell, Jeff Shubert, Harriet & Bob Segessenman, Dave Watts, Bary Zeigler & Friend Marc Bulmiller traveled to Elkins and Cass, West Virginia for the 2008 Cass Rail fan Weekend May 16, 17, and 18.

This year's trip included trains out of Elkins and Cass. Friday we all boarded the passenger cars at the beautifully restored Elkins station. A Western Maryland F7-A and B units pulled eight Pullman style coaches. The photo train that followed us featured a F7-A and the famous BL-2 diesels (double headed) in the full Western Maryland paint schemes. The consist was made up of 3 coal hoppers and 1 passenger car. Of course it rained on and off the whole day so the closed parlor cars were really appreciated. The photo buffs got soaked taking pictures of the many "runbys". The good news was we were able to roam through all 7 cars even the vestibules were open to hang out of the train. We had a delicious, all you can eat, buffet lunch on the train. Jeff and Turk spent a lot of time in the food car. Imagine that! We did get a good view of the Cheat River high falls. We drove to Cass that evening to get ready for the next day's events.

Saturday started out very early with breakfast at 6:15am at the Cass fire hall served by students from the Greenbank Middle school. We boarded the train at 7:40 and all 285 of us got situated. Doubled headed shays (numbers 2 and 5) with 7 cars and 2 cabooses took us up the mountain. Another shay #4 carried the log loader, 4 log cars and a caboose.

We headed up the mountain to Spruce and its long horseshoe curve to meet the WM diesel photo train. The idea was to have the WM train passing through; just like in 1950 and meeting up with the Mower Lumber logging train. Over 200 photographers and railfans got off the train and lined the hillside for 6

photo runbys. The weather held out and lots of video and pictures were taken. There were lots of whistles blowing and plenty of smoke. This was the first time this sequence of trains had been duplicated since 1955. The crew provided us with a boxed lunch and hot soup. At last the sun came out, but it was still cold and windy. It was reminiscent of the old days gone by. We then proceeded to 4 other photo locations and did some more runbys.

Arriving back at Cass around 5:15pm; we enjoyed a Loggers home cooked dinner at the Cass Community Center. Following dinner, it was off to the annual Whistle Blow held at the shops. Folks from all over the country brought over 30 whistles and for over an hour the mountains roared and echoed. . You can bring your own whistle and have it connected to a homemade steam pipe table and take your turn at making some railroad music. Anyone can join in, and this year Jeff took a stab at it on a 4 chime Lukenhimer. After that, we all were gathered at the Cass station for the annual night photo session. This year's set up included strategically placed people dressed in the proper attire for the 1950's era. The idea was to have 2 shays parked at the station with 2 crewmen servicing an engine and at the other end of the station was a 1939 pickup parked with a worker unloading produce. This was a real wide-angle shot and it was tough. Special lighting was provided and they gave us an hour to shoot many different variations.

Sunday morning started at 8:00am with the 3-train shay race. Due to rainy weather and getting home late we decided not to ride the half day train to Whittaker. Turk and Jeff took Dave on a winding ride up the back way of the mountain to see the shays at several different crossings and hear some more whistles; while the others departed for home. Other than the unpredictable weather it was an enjoyable trip.

This year's trip would not be possible without the perseverance of John and Kathy Smith; owners of the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad as well as Cass. Now that the tracks are connected; the Shays will finally be able to leave their home of 11 miles of track and travel a lot further for special trips. They already have special planned trip on July 10. For the first time in over 50 years; a Steam powered trip from Cass to Elkins . Western Md shay (known as Big 6) will take a passenger train the whole way, lead by engineer Danny Seldomridge; Turks friend and super whistle blower. If you ever want to see some shays in action this is fantastic place to visit!

Written by Turk Russell & Jean Plank (See Photos)





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The next issue of the newsletter will be out approximately August 5, 2008. Please have any information for the newsletter to me by June 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 send it to me.

Joe Mower

Related Garden Railroad Businesses

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www.smallplants4bigtrains.com

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