



July 2010 – Newsletter

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SVGRS Calendar of Events 2010

July 11, 2010 – Open House Phillip Shoop

July 16, 2010 Workshop Cleaning Equipment at Bob Segessmans

July 24, 2010 – Open House Bob Segessmans

August 22, 2010 Open House Bob McCrea, Walter Plank & Joe Mower

September 18, 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.

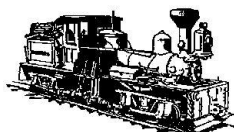
Open House for Sunday July 11, 2010 will be held at Phillip Shoop's 1918 Lyndon Ave, Lancaster, PA 17602 (telephone 717-390-0406. Phillip is running PRR Steam Trains, track powered, patterned for the 1910 era the layout has about 800 feet of track with 2 bridges.

July 16, 2010 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.

Open House for Saturday July 24, 2010 will be held at Bob Segessemann,s , 1466 Russell Tavern Road, Gettysburg, PA17325. Phone 717-677-9770. Bob has over 1000 feet of track with 90 buildings running thru a wooded area.

Open House's for Sunday August 22, 2010 includes 3 layouts. Open Housed include Bob McCrea's 550 Summit Drive Carlisle, PA 17013 Phone 717-258-8566 Bob will be running live steam. Walter Plank, 11 White Oak Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015 Phone 717-486-3489 and Joe Mower's 39 Pennway Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015 Phone 717-241-6483 will be open. The three layouts are less than 10 miles apart.

The SVGRS Club Picnic will be held September 18, 2010 at the Camp Myers Retreat located near Pinchot State Park at Mockingbird Lane, Rossville, PA. The club will provide meat and drinks, members are ask to bring a covered dish to share. The picnic will be indoors and bathrooms are available. Facilities provide for horshoes volleyball and have a Jungle Jim for the children. Tables will be available for selling your excess items.



President's Message

First I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and operating their Garden Railroads. The club has had several member open house and we thank them for their willingness to invite us to see their fine layouts.

I would like to especially thank Terry Smith for his efforts with MA & PA railroad for the club to hold the first ever Swap Meet. We were impressed by the visit to the MA & PA Store and the Ride on the Train. We were disappointed with the number of members and customers that showed up. The weather was great and the MA & PA site was perfect for the event. We will have to decide at the next meeting if we should plan further swap meets.

Thanks to Marlyn Geesey we now have a site for the **September 18'th 2010** club picnic. The Camp Myers Retreat located near Pinchot State Park at Mockingbird Lane, Ross-ville, PA. Appears to have a great facility to accommodate our club picnic. The club will provide meat and drinks, members are ask to bring a covered dish to share. The picnic will be indoors and bathrooms are available. Facilities provide for horsheoes volleyball and have a Jungle Jim for the children. Tables will be available for selling your excess items. We are still looking for a chairperson to step up and coordinate the event.

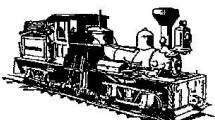
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The committee has been working on the club directory. We now have the requested information from 50 of the 66 members. We are hoping to have the directory completed to distribute at the club picnic. If you have not filled out a form and sent a photo I request that you do so by the end of July.

The present club director's terms end in December. We are seeking club members to head up a nominating committee. If you would like to serve on the committee or if you would like to have your name on the voting ballot please let me know.

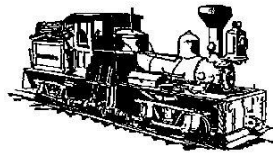
The next general membership meeting is planned for **October 20, 2010**. Following the regular meeting we are planning to feature a demonstration of "Car Weathering" which will include members practicing on a car they bring with them.

Walter Plank
President



The club is planning to make a members directory. Al Benard, Jeff Shubert, Walter Plank and Joe Mower are 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 by July 20 to be included in the directory. The information can either be E-Mailed to jhmower@aol.com or US postal mail to Joe Mower, 39 Pennway Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015.



Photos from Ma & Pa Railroad Day and Yard Sale





Photos from Ken Murrays Open House Submitted by Keinard, Timothy

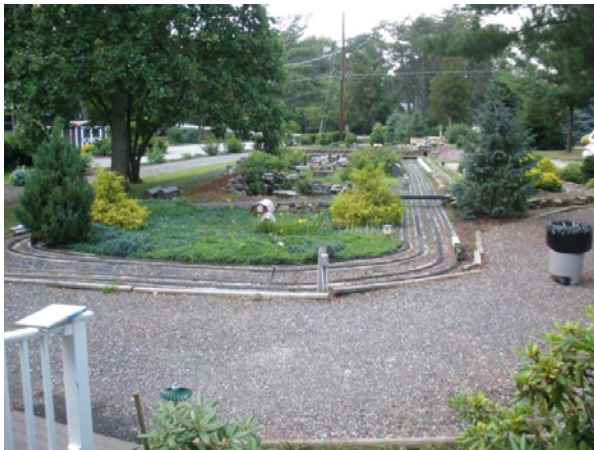


Photos from Berry Ziglers Open House by Allan Bernard





Photos from Bill Bowers Open House



Helpful Information Tips;

Do you know that Aristo-Craft offers replacement track ties? They are available in both the Euro and USA design. The 12” Straight USA ties are Aristo ART-30033 and the Curve USA is Aristo ART 30103. The Curve ties are the 4 foot Diameter, by cutting every other connection on one side only they work perfect for the 5 foot diameter. I did not try to use them on any larger diameter track. This is a lot cheaper than replacing the track and it is easy to replace.

Joe



Items for sale: Joe Mower call 717-241-6483 or e-mail jhmower@aol.com.

Note: many of the track has new replacement ties, track connectors have been removed for use with Split Jaw or similar connectors.

5 pieces used 2 foot straight Aristo track \$8.00 each

4 pieces used 3 foot straight Aristo track \$12.00 each

8 foot Diameter Aristo track (16 pcs complete circle) \$100.00

5 foot diameter Aristo track (12 pcs complete circle) \$60.00

2 LGB electric switches 1600 (one right and one left) \$100 for the pair.

2 LGB electric switches 1200 (one right and one left) \$ 65.00 for the pair.



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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

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

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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 if possible.