



# September 2008 Newsletter

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## **York Fair Layout –**

The indoor lay-out will cover an area 40' x 50' consisting of two levels plus the elevated figure-eight platform sitting on the top level which will give the lay-out the appearance of having three levels. The first level will have a Thomas track area with a wishing well, a logging mill with pond, a train station display, a village area, a working coal yard and TV monitors. The second level will have a circus theme area, a farm area, a pond, a long tunnel as well as the figure-eight.

With that said now it's time for the membership to start thinking how much they can volunteer or what they can provide for this display.

The theme for the fair: "GO HOG WILD"

Set-up days:

Sept 2 (track set-up and test track),

Sept 3 (landscaping, placing of buildings, etc.)

Sept 4 (final touch-up if required). Start time for each set-up day will be 9:00 am.

Fair days: 5<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. The display will be open from 12 Noon to 10pm on the week days and 10am to 10pm on the weekends.

Teardown: Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> (start time around 9am)

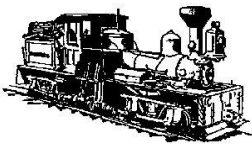
The committee members are: Dave Watts, Walter Plank, Mike Oberdick, Marlyn Geesey, Allan Bernard, Bob McCrea, Bob Segessenman, and Joe Mower.

The Club will receive \$1,500.00 from the fair. This money helps pay for the club Picnic, Christmas Dinner and Equipment.

To sign-up or if you have any questions please contact Dave Watts 717-264-8187 or Walter Plank 717-486-3489.

**Help is mostly needed for weekends. We suggest bringing a lawn chair when you are scheduled to run trains.**

Article submitted by  
Dave Watts



## **September 20 (Saturday): Club Picnic at Bob Segessenmans home.**

The picnic will be at 11:30 AM till 5:00 PM, with the food served at 12:00. The Meal and Drinks will be provided by the club. Food will be catered by Betty Warner's Catering. Please bring a dessert to share.

A tent will be provided for an eating area. **Please bring your own lawn chair.**

There will be a train pulling contest and other train running events. **If you would be willing to lead these events please contact Tom McCloud.**

There will be an auction selling some of the club items no longer used. Members can also bring items they would like to have auctioned. These items will be auctioned to the highest bidder and the club will retain 20% of the sell price. Barry McNew will be the Auctioneer for this event.

Bob Segessenmans outdoor layout has about 900 feet of stainless steel track in two loops, running trains from the 1950's. The layout is in a wooded setting covering a large area. Bob runs large trains usually with about 30 cars. The layout has about 80 buildings.

Directions: Address 1466 Russell Tavern Road, Gettysburg, PA.

From Gettysburg follow Route 34 and turn Left onto Goldenville Road go 0.3 mile and Right on Russell Tavern Road approx 0.9 mile to No. 1466.

From Carlisle direction follow Route 34 turn Right onto Ziegler Mill Road go 1.2 mile and turn Left onto Russell Tavern Road approx 0.3 mile to No. 1466.

**Important!** If you plan to attend please contact Walter Plank at 717-486-3489 so we can get an accurate count for the catering service.



## **October 11, Open House at Joe Cavasos**

The layout name is Pleasant Valley Scenic Railroad. It consists of 1100 feet of brass track all custom bent for realistic curves. It has a double track main and a double track elevated. Over 90 feet of trestles and 11 different scratch built bridges. One of the bridges is called the Canyon and is 20 feet long and 5 ½ feet off the ground. Landscaping will not be started until next year but 4 trains are running with track power. Time period is 1970 to present. A lot of work has gone into this project. The entire family has had a hand in it.

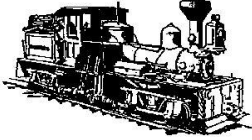
The layout is also in the Strasburg Railroad Museum garden tour on October 12.

PS. My son Damian will be doing a tech talk during the open house. He is the bridge builder and designer.

Location: 249 Pleasant Valley Road, East Earl, PA 17519.

Any questions, please call @ 1-888-773-1645

Joe Cavasos



## East Broad Top Trip October 11, 2008

After past suggestions by members; the club has decided to take its first day trip to visit a local railroad. We will be traveling to the East Broad Top Railroad located in Orbisonia, Pa. The date is Saturday, Oct 11 2008.

The fall is a great time of year to visit. Everything that the EBT Railroad and the Trolley museum have will be open to the public.

There are tours of the railroad and the trolley facility throughout the day. This railroad still has it all; Roundhouse, manually operated Turntable, and Coaling facility as well as all of its buildings. Trains and trolleys will run every hour so there is lots of action. Plenty of food vendors will be there as well.

For more information about the EBT Railroad itself; visit their website at [www.ebtrr.com](http://www.ebtrr.com)

Hope to see you there.

Turk Russell

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**The next issue of the newsletter will be out approximately November 5, 2008. Please have any information for the newsletter to me by November 1.**

**We are always looking for articles to publish. If you have an article that would be of interest to other club members please send it to me.**

**Joe Mower**