



October 2009 – Newsletter

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SVGRS Calendar of Events 2009

October 17 , Saturday - Bill and Marilyn Bowers are having a Garden Railroad open house Saturday Oct 17 'th, 2009. The open house will be from 12 to 4. They will be serving light fall refreshments. The address is 201 Longstreet Drive, Gettysburg, PA. Phone # is 717-337-2245. The location is 4 miles south of Gettysburg downtown. A Great Opportunity for a Fall Foliage Trip.

October 21, 2009 Wednesday. The meeting will be at the Brethren Home, Cross Keys. Those wishing to have a meal at Cross Keys should arrive by 5:30 PM, the membership meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

The meeting agenda includes: Rocky Ridge, Christmas Party, Harrisburg Flower Show, York Flower Show, New Club By-laws. Please plan to attend.

Nov 11 – SVGRS Club Officers Meeting

November 14 – Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic Set-up Starting time 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM. If you can help with set-up notify either Turk Russell at 717-762-8873 or Walter Plank at 717-486-3489. A count is needed to provide drinks and snack. Event Co chaired by Turk Russell and Walter Plank.

November 28 - till???? Running trains at Rocky Ridge

December 5 – SVGRS Christmas Party Co-chaired by Myra Gamble and Colleen Miodour, Myra stated the party will be held at the Brethren Home in New Oxford (Cross Keys) starting at 4:30pm and lasting until 10pm. **Important!- See the final page (10) of the newsletter for details and registration details.**

January 23, 2010 - SVGRS Workshop. This is the first event of this type. We plan to have work stations set-up to discuss wiring, trestles building, engine maintenance, basic layout and landscaping. More details will be announced as we approach the schedule date.



President's Message

Our annual picnic was blessed with a break in the clouds for the majority of the day. Member's brought their favorite dishes to share with fellow members. It was indeed a very successful day enabling new members to mingle with the established members. Train stories were exchanged; experiences recounted and new ideas will now be instituted in the member's home garden railroad. The program of events included the multi-faceted meal which included fried chicken, hot dogs, and hamburgers provided by the club. Tents secured by Bob and Harriet Segessenman provided protection from the elements and provided an atmosphere of hominess. Bingo entertained many for the most of the afternoon. The scavenger hunt was overwhelmingly successful and involved the majority of members present. All agree that the buffet style meal increases camaraderie and promotes a relaxed atmosphere where all feel immediately included in the club activity.

It is impossible to thank all specific members for their individual contribution, therefore we will thank all. Bob and Harriet Segessenman hosted the picnic on their front yard, transported chairs and tents. Myra Gamble and Scott Rosenbaum chaired the picnic committee insuring its success. Scott Rosenbaum provided the printed program that made knowing what to do and when easier. Myra "manned" the barbecue grill preparing the hot dogs and hamburgers. Many members remained and assisted in the cleanup to assure the club left the grounds in pristine condition.

Now is the time to step forward and indicate willingness to chair next year's picnic committee or provide the site for the picnic.

Eric Spooner and Bob Segessenman chaired the Fall ECLSTS layout display at York Fairgrounds. The show was a success with many photographs taken to preserve the beauty of the masterful display created thru combined club effort. 5 trains ran simultaneously and effortlessly. Water activity added to the effect. The logging display (Jake Middour) demonstrated how logs were drawn from the holding pond to the sawing center for processing into lumber. The water wheel (Bob Segessenman) added action and displayed harnessing of water power for industrial use (grinding of grain). Trains traversed the area between the industrial centers providing necessary transportation of materials. Flowers and shrubs (Tom McCloud) complimented the display adding depth and color. Thanks to Lewis Polk (Aristocraft) for the loan of a C-16 engine, 4 cars and a caboose.

Again, no one man does it all but the combined efforts of individual members produces a work of art demonstrating that SVGRS is to be recognized for quality of its product. Public appreciation of the display resulted in many accolades of appreciation for a job well done.

How can we enumerate all individuals for thanks? If we miss anyone please forgive the oversight. Eric and Bob spent many hours in preparation. Bob McCrea provided track layout designs. Jeffrey Johnstonbaugh and Scott Rosenbaum provided creative plant design. The women of the club provided lunch, thus better enabling the men to remain on the job. Volunteers provided total and complete monitoring of the layout during show hours. Thanks to the entire club for its involvement and support.

Club by-laws are being reviewed and revised to be presented to the membership at large for final review and approval.

Rocky Ridge display time is fast approaching; the club will require the combined efforts of all members to participate in the creation and monitoring during the month of December. This display is a large portion of the club income therefore we need to provide maximum member support.

Turk and Walter will be meeting with Rocky Ridge officials to finalize plans for the layout. We will be contacting all members for a pledge of time to monitor the layout during open hours of display. New members will be teamed with established members to provide opportunity for the new members to participate. Do not feel you are not qualified to participate. This will be a golden opportunity to meet fellow members and provide maximum club support.

Please call Turk or Walter to indicate willingness to participate in the setup of the display on November 21, 2009 (717) 762-8873 or (717) 486-3489 Show that you are a team player by volunteering your support. The club benefits greatly not only financially but this is an opportunity to increase public awareness of SVGRS and its creative activities.

No message is complete without a concluding statement. We, as a club, are growing and increasing our message to the public, but we must remember that the established members have a responsibility to reach out to new members to make them a part of the club and assure them they are welcomed into our close knit unity.



Photos from September 2009 ECLS Train Show



Pictures from Marlyn Geesey golden spike even



Photos From Joe Cavazos Open Houss October 10'th



I am seeking pictures from the various folks open houses this year as well as the two ECLSTS from spring and fall to use for the website! Send to rob@robtronics.com

THANKS! – Robert Segessenman Jr.



Recipe For Pumpkin Bars By Dianne Spooner. (These are the ones we enjoyed at the ECLS set-up)

2 Cups Sugar

2 Cups Flour

2 Cups Pumpkin

1 cup vegetable oil

4 Eggs

2 Teaspoons Baking Powder

1 Teaspoon Baking Soda

1 Teaspoon Cinnamon

½ Teaspoon Salt

Beat together all indegredients untill smooth, Pour into Pam sprayed Jelly Roll pan (15.5 x 10.5) Bake at 350 Degrees for 30 Minutes, allow to cool completely, frost with 1 container of Betty Crocker Cream Cheese Icing.



SVGRS General Membership Meeting 8 Jul 09

President called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Officers Present: Walter Plank and Dave Watts

Officers Not Present: Joe Mower, Turk Russell and Jeff Shurbert

Membership Present: 28 (note 20 members attended dinner)

The secretary read the minutes from the 13 May 09 meeting and no corrections or comments were made and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: None – membership requested treasurer's report at subsequent meetings.

Old Business:

Northern Layout: Chair Jeffrey Johnstonbaugh presented an overview along with a hand-out which included directions and other pertinent details for the display. The club will receive \$500.00 for this event.

Fall ECLSTS: Chairs Eric Spooner and Bob Seggessenman gave an overview of the committee's work to date and stated everything is on track for the show. Set-up will be the 24th of Sep., show days are the 25th and 26th with tear down on the 26th following the closing of the show. More details will follow in the coming months on this event.

Christmas Party: Chair Myra Gamble stated everything is processing in a good status and hopes to see a large turn-out for this event. The party is the 5th of December at the Brethren Home, New Oxford starting at 4:30pm.

Member Helping Members Committee: Chair Marlyn Geesey gave an update about the three events the committee has done and how well those events went. The three people who the committee has helped so far thanked them for the great assistance and said they hope other new members seek this committee assistance. Marlyn then stated that he needs to resign from the chair for awhile and has asked someone else take the chair.

Walter took the action to find a new chairman for this committee.

Picnic: Chair Dave Watts stated that the picnic will be held at the Segessenman's on Sep 12th. He then announced that due to personal conflict with his schedule he would not to be able to attend and felt that someone else should chair this committee and ask the membership if someone would chair in his place. Two members accepted the chairmanship with those being Scott Rosenbaum and Loretta Wending (Fred's wife). The membership voted again for a covered dish picnic on a motion made by Bob McCrea and seconded by Bill Bowers for the picnic to be a covered dish with club providing meats , drinks, and place-setting (paper products). Vote was 100 % yea.

New Business:

Track Purchase, Walter assigned three members to purchase 2 boxes (up to 60ft) of 5' track for the club. Fred Wending will coordinate actions with Walter.

Membership Cards, Chair Al Bernard handed out cards to the members and will mail cards to the other members. Membership suggested that in the future that the significant other be added to the card. It was agreed by membership that the future cards will reflect those wishes.

Loose Ties RR Club Large Scale Displays/Layouts, Jeffrey Johnstonbaugh their club president has invited our club to visit a few of their members who have LARGE SCALE displays on 19 Sept more information to follow for the displays. An article will be written by Jeffrey for Joe to publish.

EnterTrainment Junction Large Scale Display: Bob Segessenman talked about his recent trip to this "in-door" display which is located 20 mile northeast (interstate 75) of Cincinnati, Oh. He handed out flyers and talked about the 25,000 sq. ft. display with 60 plus trains running at one time and in the future they will be adding 30 more. Bob's quote was "YOU HAVE TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT" he would like to see the club go there as a group in the future. Visit their web site for more information:

www.entertrainmentjunction.com

Rocky Ridge Display, Walter stated the set-up day will be 21st Nov and the park would like to add more track to area outside of the building. More news will follow on this event. Walter and Turk Russell will co-chair the display.

Club Event Calendar, Joe provided Walter with an up to date event calendar and Walter discussed the up-coming club events for him.

Bob McCrea 8 Aug 1-5pm, Eric Spooner 22 Aug 1-6pm, 12 Sep Club picnic, 19 Sep Jeffrey Johnstonbaugh Large Train displays, 24 Sept set-up day for ECLSTS, 25-26th Sep ECLSTS, Joe Cavasos 10 Oct and Bill Bowers 17 Oct.

Ladies Auxiliary, membership discussed if there is interest in establishing an auxiliary for the club. Nothing was decided at this time more discussion will follow on this subject at up-coming meetings.

"Hands on Day": Club is still thinking of having a hand's on day where various members help teach/show their skills in the hobby, sometime in Jan/Feb. If you're interested in having this day or willing to teach a skill or present a topic please contact Walter.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25pm

Dave Watts Secretary



For Sale- My entire basement train layout

Includes- LGB Circus train w/sound tender 3 cars and caboose, Hartland Forney engine with sound car and 2 passenger cars, Pola Merry go round, pola swing set, ball toss, shooting gallery, bell ringer, diner, 3 houses, freight station, general store, newsstand, fuel tank, water tower, 50+ figurines, 16 cars, track, 5 amp transformer + 3 Aristo-craft wireless transmitters and walk around control and more. Estimated value \$3,000 will sell for \$1,500. Joe Mower Call 717-241-6483 or e-mail jhmower@aol.com



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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

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.

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.

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

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

Christmas Party

I know it seems to early too think about a Christmas Party. But when you are planning the party time flies.

Where: Cross keys Village/ The Brethren Home Community

When: December 5, 2009

Time: 4:30pm. Dinning Room Opens, Dinner at 5:00pm.

What to bring: Exchange Gift for Lady or Gent, (suggested price between \$5 and \$10) money for 50/50 chance and Auction Items.

Child gift club will take care of.

Menu

Tossed Salad(cucumbers, grape tomatoes, sliced red onion, croutons, and ASST. dressings

Butter & rolls

Buffet: Roast Turkey (breast and thighs) Turkey gravy

Roast Beef, and Beef gravy

House made Filling

Fresh Mashed Potatoes

Baked Corn Pudding

Orange Glazed Carrots

Cut Green Beans with Ham Broth

Dessert Table

Carrot Cake, Triple Chocolate Cake, Lemon Sponge Pie

Cherry Pie Apple Pie

Beverage Table: Coffee Decaf and Regular, Hot Tea

Punch, Pepsi, diet Pepsi, Iced Tea, and Ice Water

Adult Cost - \$11.00 per person.

Age 13-100

Child Cost - \$8.00

Age 5-12

Child under 5 is free

Adult Meal_____

Child Meal_____

Child Meal under age 5_____

Age and sex of children attending._____

Money is due no later than November 21, 2009

Make check to: Myra Gamble mail to 486 Bentzel Road ShermansDale,Pa.17090
