



October 2011 – Newsletter

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SVGRS Calendar of Events 2011

Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic 2011

Setup time is Saturday Nov 12 at 9:00 am. The Park opens this event from Nov 25-Dec. 30. This is now the clubs only source of income and in the past 3 years we have really put a lot more effort in to making this layout more realistic. A lot of this can be attributed to the lady volunteers. The park service has asked us to keep up the same theme which is easy to do since we are now pros at it.

This year we have decided that trying to get the layout completely built by lunch when everyone starts to leave is unreasonable; since all of the other setups are just as involved. Thus, we will provide members with lunch. Everyone always tries to leave by 12:00 and it leaves a lot of cleanup work for others. Now you can eat and socialize take your time and then help us all finish up.

Please come out and lend a hand. All family and friends are welcome. Dress Warm!

We also will have a signup sheet for monitoring the layout. We have to cover 31 days. This is vital to the success of the park and us. 2 people and evening is required.

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Layouts monitor scheduling Walter Plank

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We will need a head count on how many are coming for food preparation.

Thanks for your participation: Turk Russell VP/coordinator.

Rocky Ridge Park is located In Springettsbury Township on Deininger Road,. No street number available to set your GPS. From route 30 take Route 24 North approx. 1.7 mile turn Right onto Deininger Road 1.2 mile to Park.

Hope to see you there

2011 SVGRS Christmas Party

The 2011 Christmas Party will be Dec 3, 2011 at 4:30 – 7:30pm. It will be at the Golden Corral in Waynesboro Pa. We will start early so that it will not be late evening.

No gift exchanges this year. We will have a 50/50 drawing and a few prizes. A short meeting and will conclude with a pictorial of Railroads presentation. The Golden Corral is a train friendly place it has a 2 loop overhead G scale train running throughout the restaurant.

This is a Free event to all members, spouses, kids, significant others

The club will be covering all food and expenses

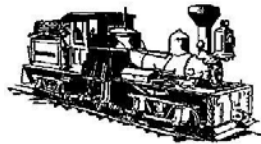
We need your response by Nov 26 for seating

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Presidents Message

Greeting,

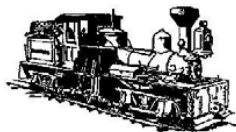
It's that time of the year when we are starting to think about Christmas. Are you thinking about that brand new engine for your layout? Or, are you thinking about how you are going to decorate the house for Christmas with your G-Scale train under the Christmas tree or just running around on the floor like some of the old pictures you see with track going everywhere in the living room floor. Some may even opt to have the train running around the perimeter of the room just inches from the ceiling. Christmas would be a good time to run your engines outside since we all have friends over the holidays. Anyway that

you do it, it would not be Christmas without a train engine and cars running somewhere in the house.

To help everybody to get into the spirit of Christmas the club has several things to help. First, will be the Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic setup on Saturday 12th of November. A new twist this year, lunch will be served so no one has to leave early and let the few members left to do all the clean-up. Second, is the Christmas banquet at the Golden Corral in Waynesboro, PA. You cannot beat the price. FREE! Third, is the really big booster, monitoring the layout at Rocky Ridge in November or December and watching the smiles and joy the kids have on their faces as they see the trains running around the tracks.

So the point I am trying to make would be to enjoy your holiday this year with your club members and try to promote the G-Scale Club to some of your friends so we can increase our membership.

Barry McNew



Oct 19 SVGRS Membership Meeting Notes...

General SVGRS Meeting called to order 7:12, 12-October at the Brethren Home in New Oxford

Officers Present: Barry McNew, Turk Russell, Jeff Shubert, Joe Mower & Rob Segesenman Jr.

Member Present: Eleven (11) including Officers

** President welcomed everyone, passed out an agenda and thanked folks for coming especially since the weather was cool & rainy.

** Secretary read the previous meeting minutes from June 9th.

** Treasurer provided a financial report and discussed current balances. As per the previous meeting where a motion was presented and passed, this report also included simple inflows and outflows as denoted below.

As of 18-October: Checking: \$1,689.44 / Savings: \$3845.00

The Treasurer also provided a new Membership form from Donald Savage - Welcome Don!!!

Since June 1st, Expenses: \$284.10 Income: \$395.00

** ECLSTS Fall Chairman Rob Segessenman Jr. gave a quick rundown of the show and thanked those tha participated in setup, monitoring and tear down. It was a simpler setup than most, but the whole show was scaled back. It was noted that feedback was given (during the show) that was both positive and negative. It was noted that our youngest member participated in monitoring the layout Saturday and lent a hand in helping with tear down afterwards! Thanks!

** Vice President then reported in depth on the rocks the club has purchased, the USA GP-38 diesel purchased at ECLSTS for \$125 and reconditioned for \$35. It should prove to be a great runner for the club. The club was then offered first option on an older Phoenix based sound system (steam) car. Discussion ensued, Marilyn G. made a motion for the club to purchase, Joe seconded and the motion carried by a vote. The club will purchase this capacitor based system for \$200.00

** Walter, as co-chairman of the Rocky Ridge show, urged everyone to step up and sign up for monitoring slots for the show because our club really does depend on this income since the ECLSTS is usually a break even event these days. If anyone, at the meeting or not, would like to help out with Rocky Ridge, please contact Walter ASAP. Turk also discussed the option of another train set raffle since this was a big part of why the club did so well last year. Discussion ensued. Walter made a motion to spend no more than \$150 on a set, Bill B, seconded and the motion carried by a vote.

** The President then discussed Christmas dinner to be held December 3rd at the Golden Coral in Waynesboro.

Due to a number of factors, including the fact that the normal club picnic was cancelled, this event will be free to member's and their families to start at 5:00pm.

Old Business:

** Gilberts Nursery had expressed an interest in having us put up another layout next summer, but it was noted with the recent flooding in that area, that we better check if the business is still viable.

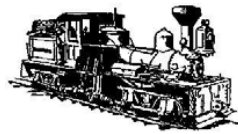
New Business:

** Marilyn G. brought up the topic of open house visitation and how to improve this for club members who put forth a lot of effort and don't get very good attendance. Many fac-

tors were mentioned as impacting this, but Marilyn wanted to pursue it and offered to chair a small team to brain storm the ideas. A motion was made by Turk to officially sanction this effort. It was seconded by Joe and carried by vote.

** Barry mentioned the coming train show being held 22-October in Charlestown WV. This is the BunkerHill Train show/swap. Bob and Rob Segessenman attended and it was pretty impressive given the location, the economy and what we'd seen at the ECLSTS.

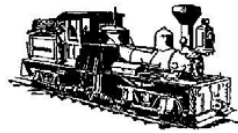
Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm with the President encouraging everyone to consider viewing and purchasing from the selection of items brought by various members and being offered for sale.



From: [Robert F. Segessenman Jr.](#)

Here are a couple shots from the fall ECLS show I got this afternoon before tear down. As in the Spring, Saturday saw a few more kids enjoying the trains. Speaking of kids, our youngest member was there for most of the afternoon and was quite helpful watching the trains and during tear down. Great to see.

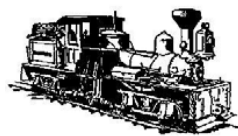




Here are some shots from the 2011 EBT Fall Spectacular.

We rode the 10:30am train which was not too crowded and we managed to get spots in the caboose. It was a touch early for peak color on October 10th, but the next weekend we had heavy rains that pulled many of the leaves off the trees anyway. The weather was great! Wish more of you could have joined us! Next year!





Jim Ingram

The **2 attached photos** show the new static "outdoor railroad" in front of my house.



Photo 1

These cement trestles are on long term loan from a nearby garden railway. I attached the track to the trestles with bailing wire in several places, and then used more bailing wire attach an axle of each car to the track.

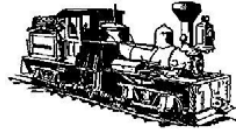
The locomotive is one of those early Bachman battery-powered "Big Haulers"

Photo 2

This is the view from the street. The locomotive mounted on the mailbox is an American Flyer S-gauge Atlantic 4-4-2.



It's been sitting outside on the mailbox, since about March 2010. The track and tender are getting a bit rusty, but the engine itself is holding up pretty well -- for an "indoor" engine, that's now living outdoors.



Volunteers and Helpers needed!

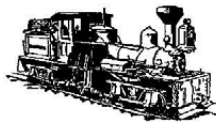
As the economy continues to put a Hurt on our hobby and our wallets, we must try and compensate for losses and move forward.

Due to the lack of members and a ton of conflicts; the picnic was cancelled this year for the first time ever. We did not have a chairperson to volunteer. The same has happened with the Christmas party. Walter and I have run this event and helped out with others forever! . With no one to step forward, I offered to set up one nearby where it is convenient for me to plan things. This may not suit all but; this will accommodate the majority of members this time around. Next year can be in a different area if members choose to step forward We have downsized due to funding and this year's party is moved. As your Vice Pres; I work 55hrs a week and I still manage to volunteer my time. We need more folks to step up even if its for simple things. York is still our central location. I would like to see our events moved each year to a different area; but that takes leaders and volunteers.

If you would like to help out or volunteer for any event; please call me or one of our officers anytime. We have most itineraries already made up so it's not too hard.

Any Club is only as strong as its Members and their contribution with time and effort!

Vice Pres/ Coordinator Turk Russell



New News

ARISTOCRAFT TRAINS finally releases their PCC trolleys .

They have also released their Sales promos early. Here they are as follows

2010/2011 Annual Sales Promotions



LARGE SCALE OPEN STREETCAR IN MAROON & BEIGE

NOW BOARDING!

Featuring motorman and conductor figures, interior lighting, diode directional headlights, and flip-over seats, this Large Scale Streetcar with a new maroon and beige color scheme is now open to board riders at your favorite hobby dealer. Shipping now! MSRP \$165.00 Street price should be around \$89.00 [Item No. 93937](#) Open Streetcar - Maroon & Beige #2259

USA TRAINS Is shipping new body mount couplers that will work with Kadee's. Oh no another Large scale train coupler! They are also releasing a center coupola caboose See their website for more info

ACCUCRAFT TRAINS The long awaited East Broad Top mikado is finally available. Until now, only RY models produced this fine 2-8-2 loco It is available in live steam as well the following website by Kevin Strong provides lots of info and test runs

<http://tuscarorarailroad.blogspot.com/>

News from the big guys:

The Cumbres and Toltec Railroad will now have new operators soon, this state owned railroad has been looking for for someone to take over since the previous management has decided not to renew their contract.

Durango and Silverton Railroad (American Heritage Railways) will now take over operations for the next 5 years. This is a logical choice since both railroads were part of the Ri O Grande and have similar engines and equipment. Rumors have it that there will be new events like in Durango and maybe some combination trips.

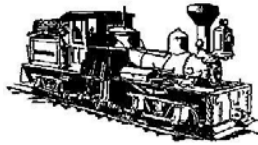
Lets up that they will continue the open door operation like in the past . Most Railroads that are state run and operated under the new owners have much more strict rules. Although , we should be thankful that this beautiful 64 mile run is still going strong consi-

dering last year's fire of their main trestle bridge. The railroad and the town had some huge losses

The following article gives more information

<http://durangoherald.com/article/20111013/NEWS01/710139933/-1/s>

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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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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.

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