



SVGRS Newsletter October 2022

2022 Calendar of Events

Oct-23	3:00 pm – Repack and Maintenance (National Apple Museum)
Nov-8	10:00 am – Rocky Ridge Pre-Setup (Track & Platforms)
Nov-12	10:00 am - Rocky Ridge Complete Setup
Nov-25	5:00 pm - Christmas Magic Opening Day
Dec-4	4:30 pm - General Meeting /Christmas Party (National Apple Museum)
Dec-30	Rocky Ridge Christmas Magic Ends

Please print or cut out and put on your refrigerator for reference



2022 SVGRS Annual Picnic

Submitted by Turk

With no East Coast display this year, and just one open house, it's been a while since many of us had seen each other, so sunny skies and very comfortable temps brought a nice crowd to the Apple Harvest Museum outdoor pavilion in Biglerville PA on Sunday September 18th. Festivities kicked off at 1pm, but many showed up early for extra time to socialize. While the venue was new, the catering was provided by an offshoot of Crider meats whom we used many times when the picnic was in Shippensburg. They didn't disappoint and brought great food. Mel Shubert added bringing her signature (at least to us) macaroni and cheese casserole. Our blessing was provided by Keann Russell and then all 37 members and families tucked in for a great meal. Dessert was a sheet cake decorated with a Climax loco print from one of Turk and Jeff's visits to the Durbin and Greenbrier Valley Railroad.

The obligatory story and or joke was provided by Penny Segessenman and the officers held a relatively short business meeting focused primarily on Rocky Ridge. We did a 50/50 raffle which netted Bob Wenger \$48. The club also provided a range of prizes given out by random drawing ranging from gift cards, to live mums to a small selection of G-scale cars. Tim Kinard's father won the final drawing for a rare East Coast club car.

Turk Russell displayed a 3-D Printed and custom painted log loader created by Randy Mower. Rob Segessenman showed off some 3-D printed custom locomotive and car mounts for Kadees created by CamPac. If you've not noticed, 3-D printing is the future of the hobby with so many manufacturers out of business and those still around producing little or no new offerings.

We ended our day with a drone photo of our group provided by Jeff Shubert. Unfortunately, a few members had already left, but it was still a great way to commemorate the event. A good meal and a good time were had by all. It was great to "see" everyone in person after another long gap.





2022 Industry News

Submitted by Turk

Bachmann Dash-9 Diesels are finally in production and hoping for Christmas delivery.

Accucraft AML GP-60 will be starting to arrive at dealers in November.

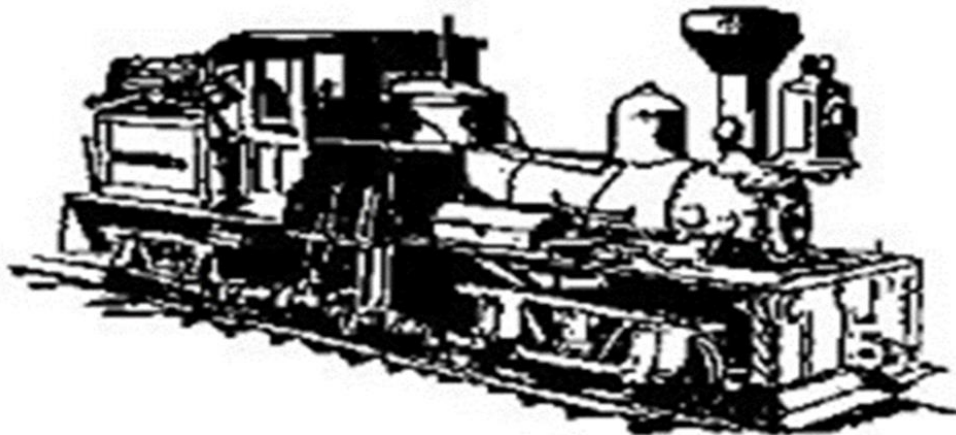
Piko announced new Autumn and Christmas items for North America. If you would like to see the new items, the links are below.

Autumn 2022 items:

<https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/1960/4221/files/99820-Autumn-GNI-2022.pdf?v=1659707458>

Christmas 2022 items:

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Open House 2022

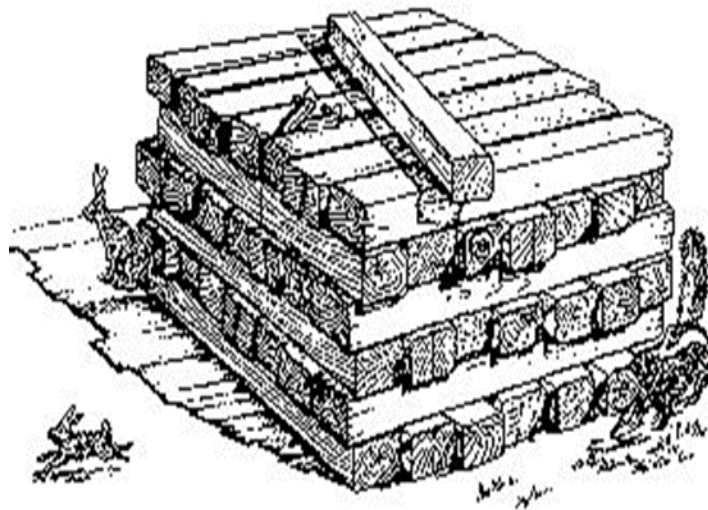
Submitted by Rob Segessenman

Going into 2022 we had two of our newer members graciously offer to open their homes and layouts for SVGRS open houses. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate on our Aug/Sep dates for Bill and Dee Simmons, but Bob Hyatt had wonderful weather for his Jun 19th date. About a dozen SVGRS members and spouses traveled to Upper Strasburg to enjoy a nice afternoon together and got the chance to see a wonderful layout.

Bob used the natural grade of his property to his advantage with several overlapping loops. This is a fine example of garden railroading! Thanks for having us Bob and we'll look to put Bill and Dee's layout back on the calendar for 2023!









Interesting Videos and Websites

This column is dedicated to sharing some interesting items that I have found on the Internet and thought I would share with club members. Please send me any interesting videos and websites you have found so that I can share them in future newsletters.

Enjoy!

Bob Wenger

First is a YouTube video explaining the immense undertaking needed to regauge America's railroads to a common standard.

The Day the Gauge Changed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4v81Gwu6BTE>

Next is a video showing the decade-by-decade expansion of the railroads in the United States.

US Railroad History Map

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8lX5A2q-Eo>

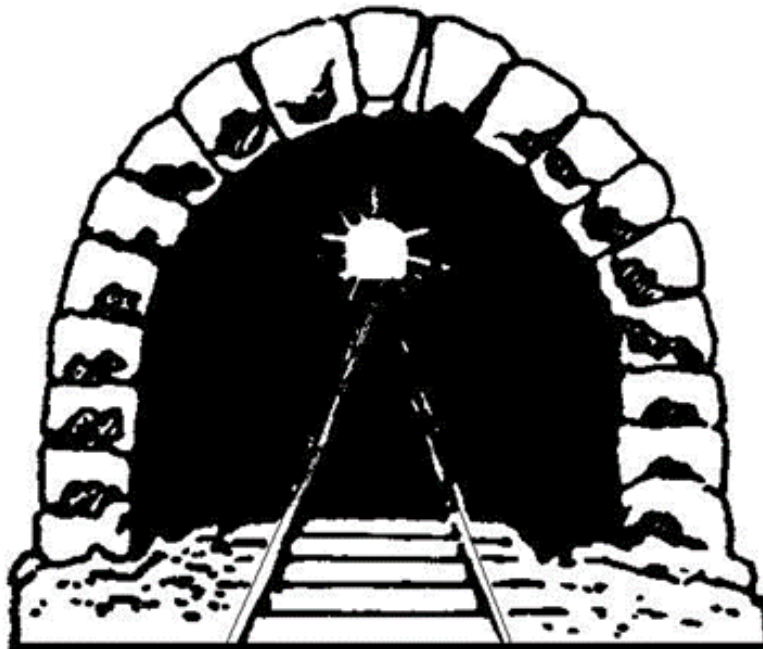
Last is a website with a lot of information about the railroads that have been abandoned or merged with other railroads.

<https://www.american-rails.com/fallen-flags.html>

In Memoriam

Sharon "Sheri" (Boyd) Forry, 76, formerly of Dauphin, PA, passed away, Wednesday, August 31, 2022. For 55 years, Sheri had been united in marriage to her beloved Husband John and together they raised three strong, proud, and independent children.

Francine 'Fran' Reese, 68, passed away on Sunday, October 2, 2022. Fran participated with Rick in many activities such as amateur radio via the Keystone VHF Club, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Northern Central Railcar Association, and the Susquehanna Valley Garden Railway Society.



2022 Layout Tours – Volunteers Needed

If you have a garden Railroad layout we would appreciate if you would consider having an open house in 2022. This is a good way for members to get ideas and provides good comradery among our members. If interested contact Robert Wenger, weng308@yahoo.com to set up a date. Sunday afternoons seem to work best for most members.

A special Thank You to all who have contributed to this edition of the newsletter. If you have information that may be of interest to the club members feel free to forward it to me and I will include it in our next edition.

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