

SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY GARDEN RAILWAY SOCI-



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Annual Christmas Dinner

Hosted by Bob & Harriet Segessenman

The dinner will be held at **The Brethren Home Community** 2990 Carlisle Pike, New Oxford, Pa. 17350 in the Campus Inn and Community Center.

Members (with currently paid dues) will be eligible for a 4.95 club-paid participation thereby resulting in a net cost for the dinner of \$16.00 per person. Wives or (significant others) will qualify for the club participation.

The gala event will include a 50-50 drawing, favors and door prizes. There will be a special drawing for a valuable TRAIN Engine or cars. If you care to contribute to the door prizes, bring something train related, food, gift certificates, etc. \$3.00 to \$5.00. you don't even have to wrap it.

During the program the Nominating Committee will reveal names of candidates for the election of officers. Nominations from the floor will be taken at that time.

Make this the best attended Annual Christmas Party to date. Let us show our appreciation for the labors of Bob and Harriet Segessenman as they have planned this event and assured its success.

Directions to **The Brethren Home Community** and the **Christmas Dinner form** are included on page 2.

Calendar of Events 2006

Dec 1-2-3

Day out with Thomas

Strasburg, Pa.

(717) 687-7522

Dec - 2

(5:30 p.m.)

Annual Christmas
Dinner

Cross Keys, Pa

Dec 8, 9 15

Polar Bear Express

Middletown & Hummels-
town Railroad

(717) 944-4435

Dec 11-12

Polar Express

Williamsport, PA 17701

1-800-358-9900

Rocky Ridge Layout

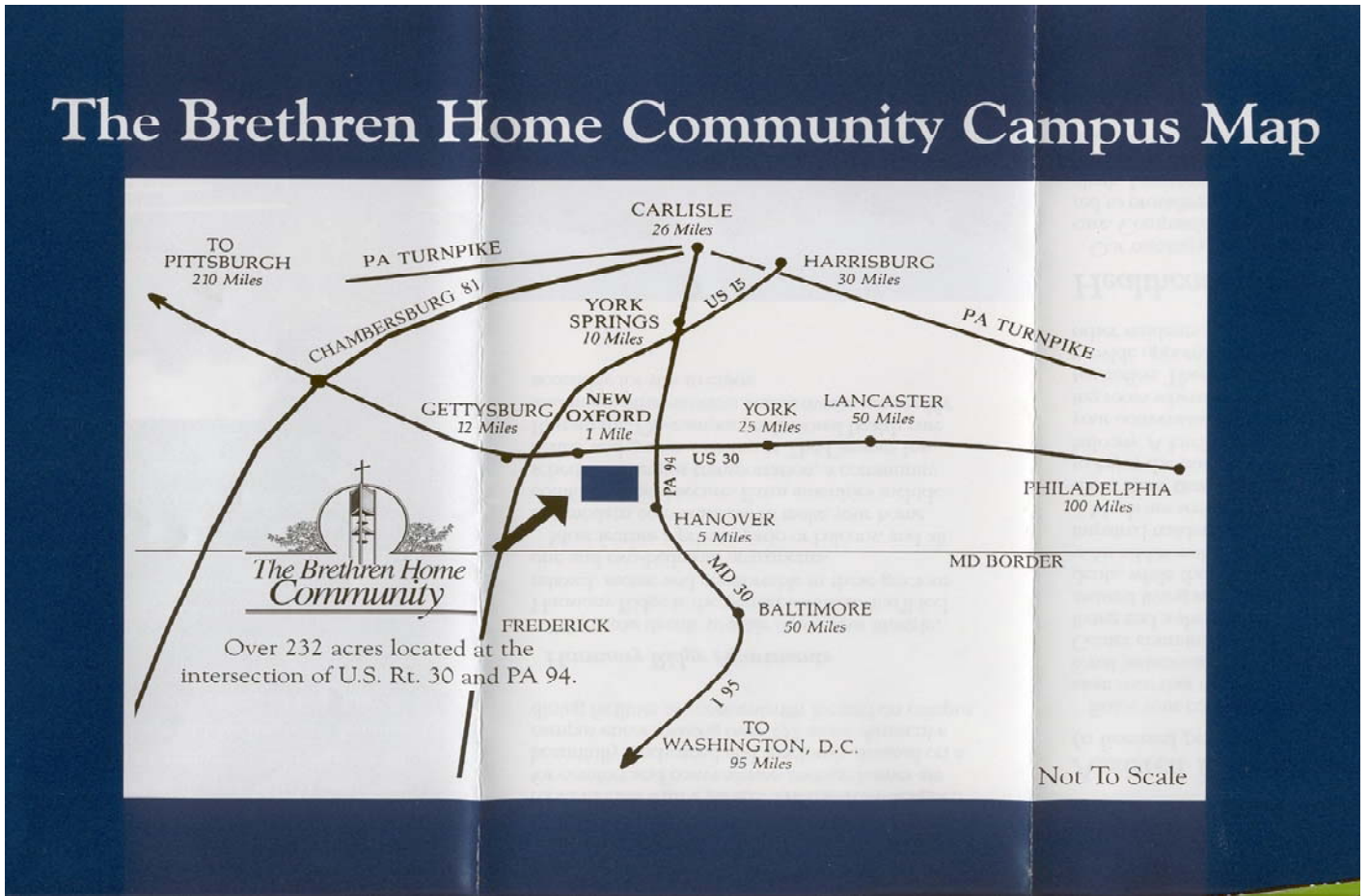
SVGRS Display

Nov 28-Jan1

Call Lisa to add your
name to list of

Volunteer Monitors

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Christmas Dinner Form

Clip and mail to: **Bill Bowers-**

NAME: _____

Total number attending: _____

Members @ \$16.00__Children @ \$8.00 ___Guests @ \$20.95__

If no form or payment is received no reservation can be made
Please send form to Bill Bowers by November 27, 2006

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Directions to Annual Christmas Party

At the junction of Routes 94 and 30 (also known as Cross Keys) you will see **Getty Gas Station** on one corner of (Routes 30 and 94 N), **Cross Keys Diner** on opposite side of (Routes 94 N and 30) Turkey **Hill Gas Station** on the South corner of (30 and Route 94); proceed **south** ¼ mile on Route 94 (toward Hanover) to the second Brethren Home Entrance. (**between the PNC Bank and Primary Care Building**) turn off Route 94 South on to **Village Drive**; continue on Village Drive to the junction of Village Drive and Harmony Drive. Turn left on to **Harmony Drive** go about 200 yards to the site of the dinner. You will see the roof extension at the front door where passengers are discharged. There is ample parking space available.

Campus Inn and Community Center

624-5656



Have you seen these Engines?



News from Bachmann Submitted by Turk Russell

It appears that Bachmann will be offering the new shays with sierra sound systems installed This is a first for Bachmann to offer an outside source for sound. Aristocraft tried this same deal with the now defunct PH Hobbies sound. This lasted for about 3 years, due to problems with installs and reliability . Lets hope that this duo can work together and build on this so more engines will be offered with sound in the future.

Delivery dates are for late this month. I have included some street prices to wet your appetite

No. 81196 **Pardee & Curtin** Original-new boxed . . . **\$799.97. These units will include a Sierra Sound system including installation.**

No. 81197 (**Pardee&Curtin**) **Unlettered Shay** . . .New boxed . . .**\$799.97. These units will include a Sierra Sound system including installation.**

No. 81198 **ELY-THOMAS SHAY** Original New-boxed **\$799.97 These units will include a Sierrs Sound system including installation.**

No. 81199 (**Ely-Thomas**), **Unlettered Shay**...**\$799.97 These units wll include a Sierra Sound system including installation.**

UNION PACIFIC REVOKES LICENSING FEE FOR 2007! with Aristocraft

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Industry Gossip & Concerns

Welllllll.....LGB/EPL has had \$\$\$ trouble for quite some time. A week ago they announced that LGBa was sold to a company called G-45 whose president is David Buffington. (The banks are investigating the legality of this and were not happy with it as the filings/sale took place secretly back in April.)

Recently LGBa let go of at least two more employees along with others that have left recently. During this past week several suppliers pulled their inventory for non payment: Sound systems, packaging and extruded brass rail to name a few. The factory had only been working till noon daily for quite some time and then in the past two weeks not at all. There are other shady things/moves that have happened recently which I won't share right now. Thursday several upstairs execs were let go in Nuremberg. On Friday the factory was closed. This coming Monday the bankruptcy court proceedings begin.

German banks don't generally close down something like EPL...they probably will try to revive it and make it "pretty" for a buyer. The company can be and has been profitable, just not under the current upper management. (For a long time I have hoped for a ROLFEC-TOMY...soon enough.) Rolf and David Buffington are still portraying that all-is-well. NOT! Just like a rising tide raises all ships....the fall of this tide will hurt the Large Scale industry/hobby which needs all the help and promotion it can et.

Look what Turk found from an anonymous source

Timothy Allen Keinard (club member) invites all members to visit this display at
The Elizabethtown Library



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SVGRS Club Member in action—————Roberts McCrea

The Cumberland Valley Passenger Depot, located on the corner of West Pitt streets, opened in 1891 was closed in 1936 and demolished in 1942. The 10 ft. by 6 ft. layout created by Mr. McCrea is 1:24 scale. The model was made with commercial materials, although Mr. McCrea carved and dyed close to 3000 simulated stones for the exterior. The interior was modeled after the train station in Harrisburg, which according to newspaper reports, was very similar. The roof is cutaway to view the interior. The interior includes the ticket booth, waiting room, men's and women's restrooms, men's smoking lounge, baggage area and express office. The interior is finished with two large fire places, simulated tile and hardwood flooring and paneling, benches and working light fixtures. Mr. McCrea spent 600 hours researching and building the model. He also conducted interviews with people who remembered the interior of the station. Mr. Richard Tritt located photographs and postcards of the train station in the photo archives that were used by McCrea to recreate the exterior. Mr. McCrea lives in Carlisle and enjoys building model airplanes, boats, and miniature houses. The train station model will be part of the Cumberland County Historical Society exhibit on display from December 1, 2006 – January 31, 2007. Museum hours 3-9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday-Friday



Patronize club members maintaining Garden Railroading Business

Appalachian Gardens. Specializing in miniature plants and trees for garden railroads they also offer full range of nursery products. The Nursery provides plant material for club "Exhibits and Displays"
Catalog: (717) 762-9508
Tom & Fern McCloud

Russell Stereo Repair offers repairs to garden railroad engines. (Aristocraft, Bachmann, and LGB specializing in Bachmann). He maintains a supply of parts for most manufacturers offering same day service for many repairs. Moderate pricing of garden railroad equipment, technical advice, rail mechanics, maintenance problems call evenings.
Phone: (717) 762-8873
Turk & Renee Russell

Victoria's Timeless Treasures & Dale's Garden Railway Depot
Provides full range of Garden Railroading equipment, accessories and supplies.
Phone: (610) 589-9000
Dale & Victoria Bricker

RCS of New England specializing in battery radio control throttles for G-scale trains. They also provide sound systems and special lighting effects.
Phone: (717) 259-9523
Don & Donna Sweet

CoolTrains Hobbies General train supplies and merchandise specializing in G-scale trains.
Phone: (717-898-7119)
Ted & Kim Symonds

Club Officers

Club President.....Lisa Boll
Club Coordinator VP.....Turk Russell
Club Treasurer.....Bill Bowers
Club Secretary / Membership.....Walter Plank
Editor of News Letter (Temp).....Walter Plank
Show / Layout Manager.....Jim Herman
Landscape/plant Chairman.....Melody Shubert
Maintenance Chairman.....Mike Oberdick

Comments from the Peanut Gallery

Our train club is comprised of a cross section of our area's population. We must be sure that the club addresses the needs and desires of all individual club members.

With the forthcoming election of officers comes a responsibility for all members to vote!! Remember that the health of the club is determined by the combined actions of all members. If we as members, fail to take part in the election, we can only expect that future direction of the club will not reflect views of all club members..

At the Annual Christmas Party, the nominating committee will publish the results of their search for qualified interested members to serve in leadership for the next 2 years. If you feel strongly about your club and wish to promote an individual for candidacy, **make known your choice** !!!, so the name can be included on the list of candidates for consideration. Your ballots will arrive by mail and each family will have one (1) vote. A stamped "return envelope" will be included for your convenience. We anticipate that all members will exercise their duty and right to vote for leaders of the club.

If you do not participate in the selection of officers you will stall the growth of the club and contribute to an attitude of indifference instead of demonstrating the tightly knit fabric of performance and achievement reflecting club success and public appreciation of **SVGRS** Be a "Contributor" not a "By-stander"

Engine company 45 (this is an interesting one that we forgot to mention before)

Mountain Washington Fire Station

It is one of the oldest Christmas train gardens in the nation, each year firefighters build a fresh and new layout. Nov-28 Jan 8 **410-396-0171**

Strasburg railroad

DEC 1-3 Thomas the tank comes to town

Western MD scenic railroad daytime runs -Santa express 11/24 - 12/17

Santa Clause rides on the train handing out candy. Evening runs 6 p.m. train departs **1-800-872-4650** North Pole Express 11/25 - 12/15

Families will be taken to the North Pole by Mountain Thunder #734 Santa will be at the station and will provided Hot chocolate and cookies **1-800 -train-50**

WASH /VA/ MD Garden Railroad Society **301- 962 -1453** Dec 14 Jan 12

Colors of the season garden railways at the Brookside Gardens ; custom built from scratch G scale train layout featuring LGB trains (indoors)

Ellicott City B & O Railroad station 4 layouts will be open for Holidays

including one O' scale that has over 300 Feet of track. **410-461-1944**

Waynesboro model railroad club 3 layouts including a huge custom built

HO layout Open weekends Nov 25 thru the end of Jan Waynecastle road; Zullinger Pa. **717-597-0334**

National Christmas Tree Washington DC Temporary G scale train layout

set up directly across from the White House in front of the Washington Monument
Dec 3 - Jan 1 10am -10pm

The All Aboard Railroad 800 sq ft layout with up to 20 trains running,

American Flyer open Nov 25 Dec 31 weekends 1952 Landis Valley Road Lancaster Pa **717-392-1568**

Glen Rock Fire Dept Holiday train display 4 operating layouts of various

gauges **717- 235 -2654** Glen rock Pa (Sorry ,I had limited info on this display)

And last but the most important Christmas Magic at Rocky Ridge State Park York ,Pa

Over 300,000 lights set up on trails to walk thought out the park SVGRS builds the 3 trains running Christmas theme layout RT 30 to Mt Zion road exit, 1 mile north turn RT on Deininger road and follow to the Park — Opens thanksgiving weekend till Dec 31

DUES for Year
2007 must be
paid by
December 31
2006

Remit check payable to SVGRS
Send to Bill Bowers

Many thanks to Bob and Harriet Segessenman for the Annual Christmas Party .

Thanks also to Mel and Ruth Pankuch for the Annual Picnic.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and expertise for SVGRS Projects.

Thanks to all those who support the combined efforts of SVGRS.

For truly it is the season for all to be thankful for the accomplishments of the year 2006.
Let us all prepare for an even better 2007—when the Club and community unite in the demonstration of our spirit of oneness in propagation of Garden Railroading