

Public Displays

In keeping with our responsibility to serve the public we participate in public displays throughout the Delaware Valley and New Jersey with both our floor layout and our modular display. The Floor Layout creates a large, expansive layout with bridges, trolley lines, and freight yards at floor level. Our Modular Display, with a mix of club-owned modules and member modules, is built and operated on portable tables, which, when assembled, creates a layout whose size depends on the number of modules used. Members bring their trains, buildings, and people to make the displays come alive.



Society Organization

The Society is registered as a Non-Profit Organization with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The club officers meet throughout the year to plan club activities. The Society receives income from membership dues, fees earned at train shows, and from raffles. This money is spent in the following ways:

- reproduction and mailing costs for Society newsletters;
- admission fees at railroad outings sponsored by the Society; and,
- the cost of equipment owned by the Society used in train shows (including trailers used for transport and storage).

We are very informal and get together mainly to talk about and to run trains and to learn from each other. All family members are welcome to participate in Society activities.

Family Membership Application

Annual Membership dues are \$20.00 for you and your family. To apply for membership, simply complete the form below, and mail it, along with your check made out to SEPGRS to:

SEPGRS Membership Coordinator
1572 Edgewood Road
Yardley, Pennsylvania 19067-4406

NAME _____

SPOUSE'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Method of Payment

- Check Cash

How would you like your Newsletter delivered?

- Electronic download from the web
 U.S. Postal Delivery

Do you have a layout?

- Yes No

If yes: Indoors Outdoors
 Scale or Gauge _____

How did you hear about us? _____

E-mail:
www.sepgrs.com



South Eastern Pennsylvania Garden Railway Society

*Society Information
 &
 Membership Application*



Where Good Friends & Trains Meet



S.E.P.G.R.S.

What is a Garden Railway Society?

Garden railroads are model train layouts in an outdoor setting. A garden railway society is a group of people who enjoy watching, building, discussing, and operating model trains – usually in an outdoor environment. There are approximately 120 garden railway societies and the number is increasing as more people discover this fascinating hobby.



We grow trains in our gardens.

What is the SEPGRS?

The **South Eastern Pennsylvania Garden Railway Society** is a group of people from around the greater Philadelphia region who enjoy information sharing and fellowship from watching and operating outdoor model trains. Our members live in the area extending from Kutztown, Pennsylvania to Newark, Delaware, and from Lancaster, Pennsylvania to central New Jersey.

SEPGRS was formed in December 1989 by John Derr, Steve Wolfhope, and Tom Gibbons. Since then, it has grown to become one of the largest clubs of its type with over 150 members.

Anyone with an interest in model railroading, from Z gauge to 1" scale is welcome to join. You can learn more about the club activities by visiting our website at www.SEPGRS.com.

More About Trains

Our trains run on G gauge track, which has a distance between the rails of 1.75 inches. The track is made of brass, aluminum, or stainless steel and is thereby unaffected by weather. It can be placed on a deck or patio, on the ground, in a garden, elevated on bench work, or, if you have room, in the house too.

The trains come in a variety of scales depending on the manufacturer and time period. Standard gauge trains are made to either 1:29 or 1:32 scales. Narrow gauge trains are made to either 1:20 or 1:24 scales and European trains are made to 1:22 scale. These are big trains – about twice as big as O gauge and about three times as big as HO gauge. Despite the differences in sizes and scales, they all run on the same G gauge track using either electricity, battery, or live steam for power.



Society Activities

Open Houses

During warm weather, we schedule get-togethers at member's houses to see their operating layouts. These events are voluntary and very informal. People come and go at various times during the time scheduled. Refreshments are usually provided by the host.

Social Gatherings

As a Club we get together to celebrate our friendships in a more social setting. We have a family summer picnic that is railroad-theme related and a Holiday Dinner held in November.

Train Shows

Several times a year the club assembles a layout at a train show for the benefit of the public. This is a fun experience and an opportunity to run trains all weekend and to show the public what G-gauge trains are all about.

Clinics

Sometimes we conduct clinics to share knowledge and hands-on experience about a product or a process. Examples include painting and decaling, making turnouts, building bridges, etc.

Newsletter & Forum

The Society issues a periodic newsletter which informs members of upcoming activities. We also have an online forum to share projects and ask questions of other club members.

Society Contact Information

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