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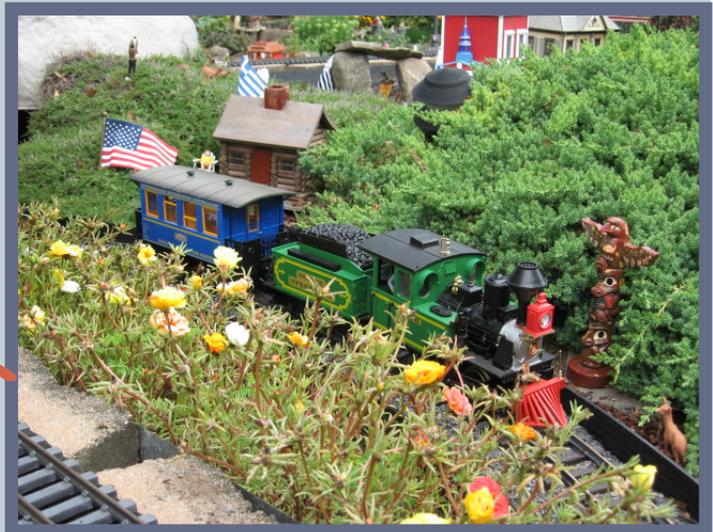
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Here are a couple of pictures of Bruce Haney's layout provided by Jim Leach and Thelma Cramer from his recent Open House.



# Bruce Haney's Garden Railway

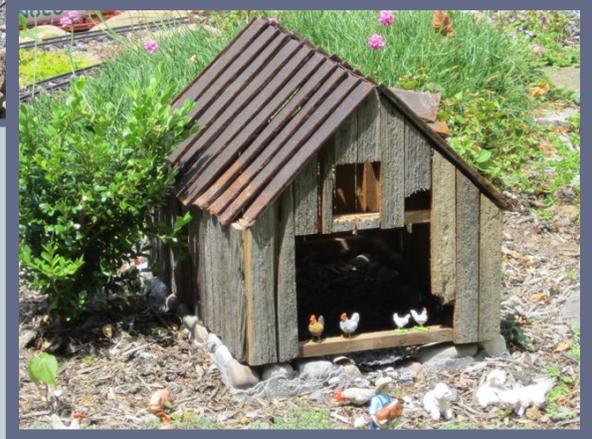
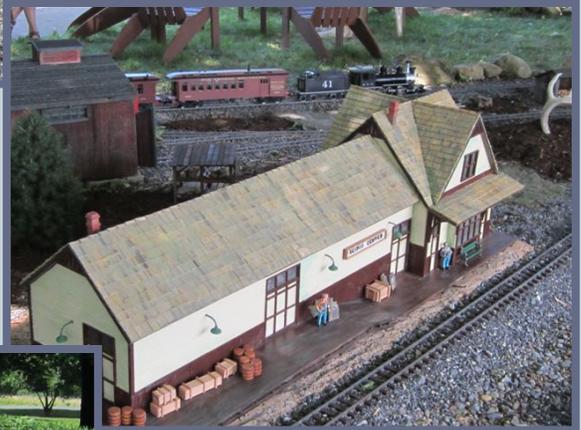
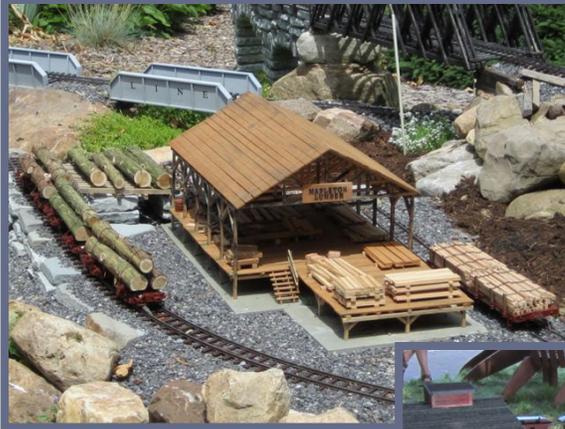
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# Guy Garnsey's

## *Garden Railway*

We're featuring Garden Railways of the Month!

Guy lives out in Scipio Center and has a fantastic garden railway. He's held a couple of open houses this summer and if you've not had a chance to enjoy his craftsmanship firsthand, we've listed some pictures for your viewing pleasure.



# Stacey Hedden

*in her own words.....*

When I bought this house, there was nothing but grass in my back yard. In the past 13 years, I built my garden and always added something each year from patio to pond to arbor to pergola to sitting areas, etc. I did it all on my own. I was ready to just relax and enjoy the garden and just maintain.....so I thought!!! The transition of losing my vision and my independence got me so frustrated that having to change my hobby was hard. I couldn't find a hobby that interested me to keep me occupied at home since I have no transportation other than to rely on friends who work.

When my father and his girlfriend visited me from Florida, they loved my garden and asked me if I ever thought about having a train through my garden. I said not really. My father's girlfriend who is a widow had a husband who was into trains. She still had lots of them put away for several years. A couple months later my dad asked again if I wanted any of her trains. I said probably not but he reassured me that I will change my mind when I see what they had. So I took a trip down to Florida to visit him and out he comes with a bunch of trains that were set up in a spare room for me to see. Needless to say, my eyes lit up and I felt like a teenager again.

After 2 years of frustration of not finding a new hobby and adjusting to transitional changes, I must say that working with the garden railway hobby has been a good thing to happen to me since my vision loss. Lots of frustration during this process of building a train layout but I'm not one to give up and I did it. I built the bridge, the tunnel, the barn, and the trestle. It keeps me going with ideas and decision making of how I want to decorate my train garden. In a winter, I can refinish or build. Now it is the final finish of how I want my garden to look. I wanted something simple but different than others so I decided to go with the aquarium style by using the aquarium gravel and gem stones instead of stone dust.



# Jim Exner

Here are various pictures of my first attempt at building an outdoor G Gage layout. I decided to utilize the space around my pool and under our deck. I had filled the area around the pool with sand many years ago and decided to trench around the pool 5 feet out to make a nice 17 ft radius by digging the sand out and filling in the trench with fine driveway crusher run.

**Note:** Sand is one of the most dense elements...as long as you can confine it. It has great drainage properties. By digging out the sand to just below ground level, the trench will confine the sand and make a good base for the crusher run.

Once the Limestone product was laid, I soaked it with a hose on shower spray to settle and harden the bed. I had leveled the bed before soaking. Then I bought enough paver blocks (see pictures) to create a solid granite-like front. Once the blocks were placed back to back it created a nice surface to lay the bed on. I then filled in the centers of the block roadbed with more of the fine crusher run. After final soaking with water and a couple of rains the whole thing was rock solid.

I put a layer of the stone dust over the block base and leveled and created a slight "super elevation" all around the pool. Then I began to lay track and ballast with the stone dust. By using a brush used for wall papering, which worked extremely well for keeping the area level and smooth. Also I used a regular broom to clean in between the tracks to save on bending over for long periods of time.

Once I had laid approximately 130 ft of track and got it in place, I wet it down with a hose with a shower spray and drenched it. Now it is like concrete as once the limestone in the crusher run and stone dust dries it is extremely hard and durable yet has the stone ballast properties. There are a couple of pictures showing a new USA Trains NYC Early Bird Special box car and one of my USA streamlined passenger cars to make sure the car passes by the places on the curves that are close to posts etc, I need approximately 40 more feet to complete one run around the layout. All in all, I will have 160 ft + of main line to start with. Eventually there will be double track line around the layout. Plans call for a staging track parallel to the straight on the shed side. Two # 6 switches are planned so long trains can be put on the track and/or pass in opposite directions.

You also can see where I have built a Viaduct type stretch from under the deck to the pool to keep a fairly level grade.

On August 2nd I picked up my new NYC J1e Hudson steam engine at Charlie Ro's (see pictures). I have run it at the club layout and on Bob Loran's layout August 11. She runs great! Recently I ran my RS3 and my E8's on my layout. Looks good and was fun. My wife Roseanne suggested I get more track to finish the loop. I was shocked. It will cost me big time (smile).



# The Countdown!!

## *Top 10 Reasons to Come to Driver's Village on 9/8*

*Submitted by Jim Leach*

10. It's a great place to wear your "Still Play with Trains" t-shirt!
9. Currently, there is no world record for the longest G scale freight train.
8. It's a good place to work off your breakfast as usual.
7. The wife wants you out of the house!
6. You can run that new locomotive that you just bought.
5. You can justify buying the new locomotive that you really NEED!
4. Eli will be there.
3. We're going to Moe's afterwards.
2. It could be nice warm up for our fall season.

.....and the #1 reason to come to Driver's Village on 9/8 is:

If you get bored, (like that would happen) you could go upstairs to the Bounce House!

# 2012 Club Meeting Dates

(mark your calendars!)

All meetings will be held at 9:30 AM at the layout at Driver's Village. General meetings and Executive Committee meetings are open to members, spouses friends, etc.

## Executive Committee Meetings

**Saturday, 9/15**  
**Saturday, 11/17**

## General Membership Meetings

**Saturday, 10/20**  
**Saturday, 12/15**

All dates are tentative and may be changed with sufficient proper notice given to the membership.

## NEEDED....

### Articles and Pictures for the Newsletter

We are looking to the club members for future articles or pictures for the club's newsletter. Possible suggestions:

- Pictures of your garden layout. Improving your layout this spring? Provide us before and after pictures and we will feature them in a future newsletter.
- Do you have trains you want to sell? Provide a picture and a detailed write up and we will feature the sale in a future newsletter.
- Do you have an interesting topic that you would like to share with the club? We can add it in the newsletter.

In future newsletters, we would like to feature a club member and their garden railway. If you are interested in participating, please contact Paul Torrey. It's a great way to highlight your hard work on your garden railways!

Please provide pictures and articles by the **15th of each month** to Paul Torrey e-mail: [paultorrey@verizon.net](mailto:paultorrey@verizon.net)

# '12 Garden Railway Tours



The Central New York Large-Scale Railway Society invites you to visit their varied garden railways throughout this summer and early fall. We have spaced them throughout the season for your convenience. Garden railroading is a combination of gardening and model railroading. One may find model railroads operating in a shade garden, a miniature village, small layouts and large, a night operation...no two layouts are the same! For your convenience, you can obtain directions to each site by going to [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com). For further information, we have included the host's phone number.



**A few courtesies..** please don't block your host's or their neighbor's drive-ways, no pets, keep children under control, observe the open dates and times, and don't ask to use your host's bathroom. For those taking photos or videos, please do not obstruct their subject. Of course, Rule #1 is to have fun! Visit our web site at:

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## Saturday, August 11, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Loran, 102 Mohawk Ave, Central Square, NY 13036

(315-668-9582)

*A magnificent, large layout with distinctive water features and multiple operating trains.*

## Saturday, August 18, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM & Sunday, August 19, 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Haney, 430 Birchwood Blvd, Baldwinsville, NY 13027 (315-635-9669)

*This railroad is in its 12th year. The structures were selected as reminders of trips taken by the couple in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. They even have a replica of the Eiffel Tower. The Erie-Lackawanna locomotives and equipment remind them of Nancy's father who was a conductor on the D.L.&W. and the Erie Lackawanna.*

## Saturday, August 25, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald James, Rt 3, Hannibal, NY 13074 (315-598-3346)

*A large layout with hand-crafted structures in a spectacular garden setting.*

**Cancelled**

## Friday, September 7, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Davis, 315 Viking Place, Liverpool, NY 13088 (315-451-3199)

*A European themed layout with whimsical figures (Sesame Street, Pooh, and pirates, etc.).*

## Friday, Sept 7, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Mr. Roger Caiazza, 7679 Bay Circle, Liverpool, NY 13088 (315-622-3527)

*A transition era layout known as the Leatherstocking Line, featuring a large trestle and several period industries.*

## Saturday, September 8, 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM

(rain date 9/9, same time)

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne, Amalfi Drive, Clay, NY 13041 (315-699-56...)

*Two expressions in old and new style of a country railroad including bridges and tunnels with a small pond. A railroad for young and old!*

**Cancelled**

## Sunday, September 9, 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

Stacy Hedden—**Members Only**

## Saturday, September 15, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Dashnaw, 7700 Myers Rd, Kirkville, NY 13082 (315-424-8464)

*A revised layout resembling the Adirondack branch of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad.*