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Bob & Patti Moffit, & Al Schmidt**

**We had a great time getting together and
working to remove Alice's Elevated
Track.**



Our thanks to all who were able to bring their tools to gather for a lunch and work party to take down Alice's elevated railway as she prepares to move out of her house and be closer to her family.

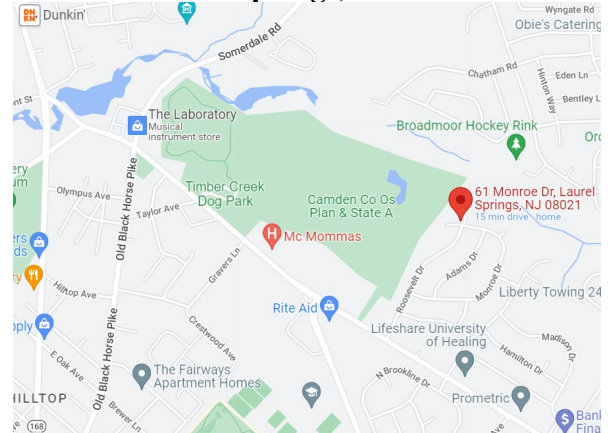
We had a great lunch of sausage and meatball sandwiches. The potato salad fit in nicely.



Following the work, we relaxed with a nice set of desserts, homemade Strawberry Ice Cream and Chocolate Chip cookies.

Next Meeting **September TBD - "Golden Spike" BBQ Party**

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**If you plan on going,
please let Donna or Larry know:
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And if you will be bringing something to share.

Attending were Larry & Donna Grady, Alice Irizarry, Lou Ricciardi, Phil Hatrak, and Bobbie and Al Schmidt.

Business Meeting

President **Lou Ricciardi** opened our business meeting with the pledge of allegiance, a welcome to everyone and a thank you to Alice for hosting our gathering.

Treasurer's report was given by **Donna Grady**. Our bills are paid and we are 2 years from 30th anniversary of our club.

Web Site report by Al Schmidt, it is continuing to operate. But he needs to make time to get together with Jim's friend to upgrade to a newer and easier to maintain design.

Sunshine, Al reported that **Patti and Bob Moffat** could not make the meeting due to a lack of coverage for Bob's Mom.

Future Activities:

Ocean City Show- Al reported that they are still planning on having their annual train

show the first weekend in December. They would love to have us in the show again this year and asked us to hold the date.

As the show date approaches, they will be in touch again. So, we are OK for O.C.

Battleship New Jersey- Al reported that he sent out a query but has not received a reply. He will have to send a follow-up.

National Garden Railway Convention

2024- Al raised the question of our hosting or co-hosting the convention for 2024. Our group responded that while we have many locations in our area from Delaware through North Jersey and Eastern PA, we do not have the bandwidth of people and time to host a national convention.

There was a question of how the Father's Day Open house went that was held by Joe and Thora Fromal. Here is their response:
Joe & Thora Fromal in Egg Harbor Township, NJ had a Father's Day weekend train show. We had a great turn out and the weather could not have been better, in the 70's and a nice breeze. It was fun meeting new people and seeing children so excited watching the trains as well as looking at our Koi Pond. It has been 3 years since our last show, and we really missed seeing the children's smiles and asking good questions. Lots of pictures were taken by some guests. We had ice cold bottles of water for our guests and Thora gave out stuffed animals, engineer hats, wooden train whistles, pins, and coloring pictures of trains and fish. On the downside we had a lot of no shows due to Father's Day plans. We will try to remember not to have a show on special days.

Here is the link to some photos of the open house:

<https://sjgrsmemberlayouts.blogspot.com/2022/07/photos-from-fathers-day-open-house-joe.html>

Some other thoughts from the meeting"

- 1) Possible gathering with a workshop
- 2) Open House / Tour with a free will offering for a charity
- 3) Trip to Greenberg Train Shows
 - a. Oaks – July 16th
 - b. Edison – August 5th

Alice donated to the club – a picture, Project Styrofoam board, Juice Glasses, Fun Car, Train Flags, and a glass train. Plus, some clothing (shirts hats and a jacket).

News you need to know

Alice is looking to swap some 4ft. straight track for a complete set of 1100 curved track.

[Photos of Train Lanterns Alice has for sale:](#)
[Click here to View](#)

If you want to order a club shirt or hat, please contact Donna Grady (856-745-5438) deegee53@comcast.net

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2022

Mark Your Calendars

January	Open for Mtg
February	Open for Mtg
March 19	Annual Lunch, 1 PM
April 23	Cancelled
May 14	Mtg @ the Schmidt's
June 25	Mtg @ the Alice's
July	No Meeting
August	No Meeting
September	TBD Mtg @ Grady's
October	Open for Mtg
November	Open for Mtg Nominations
December 3-4	OC Train Show, Setup Fri.
December 10-27	Battleship NJ Show, TBD

If you can host a 2022 meeting or have ideas for excursions, please contact Al Schmidt –856-672-0172 at al.schmidt@verizon.net