

**Lehigh Valley S Gaugers
July 2005
meeting at
John Foley's
Pottsville, Pa.**

The LVSG had a pretty nice meeting at John Foley's in Pottsville, Pa.

We grouped up at a Burger King [Where Else?] and waited for everyone to get there. John had a visit at home of John DiCello's, in Cleona, Pa. [a short distance away] planned.

We were really surprised when we went to the basement of DiCellos Ranch Style home, as it contained a 23 x 14 foot multi-level Lionel layout that can actually run 8 trains at one time.

The layout was started in 1998 and John just keeps adding on to it.

John DiCello also had an open bar, loads of sandwiches and various snack trays. Unfortunately, most of the gang snacked at the Burger King, so, our host had a lot of food left over, but was a very good sport about it.

Looking at all the Trophies and photographs on the wall, John was quite an athlete in his younger days. He presently works for the U.S. Postal service and plans to retire in 2006.

It was also very obvious that John DiCello loves children as he spent all of his time letting them run the trains and operating the accessories.

Looking at what he has accomplished to date, just wait until he can get at that railroad full time.

What I remember most is when John was asked how his wife felt about all this? He said, [Joking?] **"She didn't, so I got a new wife, she loves it!"**

Here is hoping for a return invite! You just have to love this guy and his trains!

Pictured to the right is John DiCello running the trains with an enthusiastic group of Lehigh Valley S Gaugers looking on.



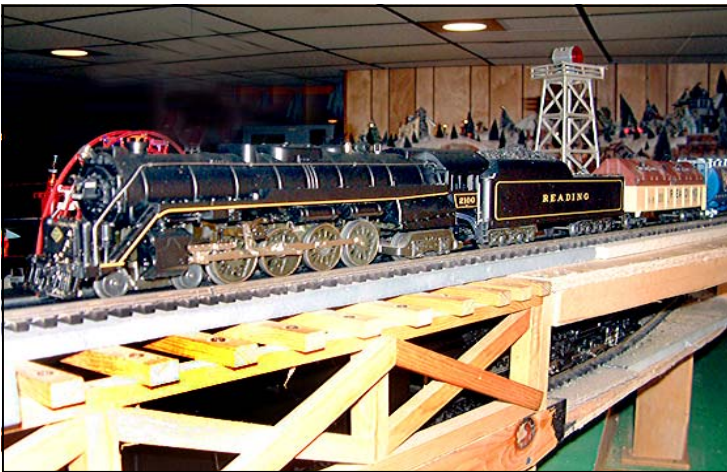
Grand Father Foley, holding his new Grandson, Derick. John said this is the newest S Gauger in his family.



The Mickey and Minnie Mouse Lionel Handcar pictured above is just one of many of John's Lionel collectables

Pictured below is John DiCello's large Multi-Level Lionel layout. John can run 8 trains at one time.





Minutes of July 2005 meeting July 12 @ John Foley's

Present: Jamie Bothwell, Dave Heine, Marty Lukatch, John Foley, Bill Fraley, Frank Titman , Matt Lacko, Bert Mahr, Stan Furmanak. Meeting brought to order @ 3:27 Bill 1st, Bert 2nd

Stan read the minutes from the last meeting. Motion to accept. Bill & Bert. Treasurer's report. Balance \$xxxxxx
Motion to accept Bill & Bert. Secretary's report. Jamie had newsletters from Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Assn. Also a PDF from a Philly group but it couldn't be opened.

Old Business: Jamie discussed the Spiral Hill hopper. Christmas delivery date. When to advertise? Where? Dispatch and other mags? Suggested that Oct 1 should be the date to start ads. Price? \$42.95.

New Business- Bill mentioned that the LVSG website was not being used to get club news into the Dispatch. He said he will make a printed copy of the club newsletter to send to the Dispatch.

Bert mentioned that Fred Rouse was selling SSLs locos again. There are 3 PRS LV 40' box cars left in the club inventory.

Jamie suggest the August club picnic at Phillipsburg or Jim Thorpe.

Motion made by Jamie to go with Phillipsburg. Bert 2nd. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn @ 4:11 Bill & Bert