



**LEHIGH VALLEY S GAUGERS  
ANNUAL PICNIC  
AUGUST 27TH, 2006  
MIDDLETOWN & HUMMELSTOWN RAILROAD**



Barry Mertz, Bert Mahr, Steve Spence and Tom Maurer enjoying the Jefferson Central.



The Middletown and Hummelstown Railroad was selected for this years LVSG picnic because they run a Mogul. This locomotive is exactly the same as the kit S.S.L. & S sold several years ago.

However, the railroad incurred high maintenance costs this year and had to set the Mogul aside and run its 44 ton GE Diesel for its one and half hour excursions to keep the operating costs down. That being the case, the club still elected to go to Middletown, Pa.

The Jefferson Central was open to those who wanted to stop in Hershey first, go on to Middletown, have lunch at Hardees at Noon, then on to the M&H Railroad for our 1:30 PM excursion.

We really had a nice turnout and all who attended this meet seemed to really enjoy themselves. The day itself was sort of rainy, but it didn't deter the enthusiasm of our group. Especially on the return ride when the M & H accordion player, Rich Regnalina and the trains conductor, helped us sing the good old time tunes.

Our next LVSG meeting will be at the Central Jersey S Scalers 25th Get-Together on Saturday, September 23rd, 2006

The Middletown and Hummelstown Railroad excursion train traveling over the Swatara Creek bridge heading towards its destination of the Indian Echo Cavern Junction.





Left ... Rich and Mary Barth, Mary Fraley, Tom and Sue Maurer



Right ... Elaine , Steve Spence and Barry Mertz



Left ... Rich and Mary



Right ... Villie' and Bert Mahr



Left ... Stan and Linda Furmanak



Right ... Sue and Tom Maurer



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Top two images ... Lynn Barnhart and Matt Lacko.  
Left center ... Elaine and Steve Spence  
Lower Left .... Mary and Bill Fraley  
Lower right ... Jamie Bothwell, Barry Mertz and  
Matt Lacko

