

Lehigh Valley S Gaugers July 23rd, 2006 Meeting At Marty Lukatch's Hazelton, Pa.

The Lehigh Valley Gang met at the Wendy's on Route 309 in Hazelton, Pa. around 1:00 pm as directed.

After socializing and munching on some burger's, we went to the guest layout of Jim Pugliese, in Hazelton, Pa.

Bob seems to be a collector of early Americana of all sorts and we found his eclectic collections to be of much value. LVSG member Mike Pragheimer in particular asked many questions of Bob's collections. Mike seemed to be very knowledgeable in this area.

Bob then took us into his train room and ran his Lionel trains. Bob's layout was a seven page feature in February 2002 Classic Toy Trains. *Not a little achievement in itself!*

The trains ran well, Bob running two and three at a time. Bob also has a very large collection of Lionel Standard gauge trains. Many to be envied as a collector.

After, leaving the Pugliese home we went to Marty's home and held our business meeting.

Overall, the club gave consent to run a flyer on our Frank Titman Hoppers in the NASG Dispatch and to have the annual picnic at the M&H Railroad in Middletown, Pa.



Above ..
A model of Bob's completely rebuilt
1953 Chevrolet BelAire convertible

Marty had a marvelous array of food available, including a very large tray of Marty's handmade "Wraps."

Marty is also a collector of Plasticville model railroad offerings. Also, Marty invests in interiors for his Plasticville buildings, making them complete in every detail.

The gang left for home around 4:30 PM. Many thanks to Marty and his son Ritchie for hosting this meet and for a great meeting.





Left—Some pic's of the action in of Bob Pugliese's train room.

Above—Young Ritchie says' "Trains isn't everything!"

Lower left . Marty showing the ready to be inserted interior of a Plasticville house.

