

Please do not disclose this information to anyone who has not paid to participate in these photo specials.

Information for the February 17 and 18 Strasburg Rail Road Photo Specials:

Lodging in Strasburg: a selection of hotels in the Strasburg and Lancaster areas can be found at:

<http://www.padutch.com/mem-hotels.shtml>

John and Danah are staying at the Best Western Revere Inn, 3063 U.S. 30, Paradise, 717-687-7683 (800-429-7383).

DEPARTURE ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17: VERY IMPORTANT: WE HAVE THREE OPTIONS!

We have developed three different schedules, and will choose one based on weather conditions. The option we choose will be available Wednesday afternoon. Call me on 404-909-2026 or see me along the railroad.

OPTION ONE: we will choose this option if the day is forecast to be sunny, and there is snow to plow on the tracks. If we choose this option, the train will depart at 7:30am from East Strasburg station. Boarding begins at 7:15am. We will depart with the Russell plow and a short consist, and pick up more freight cars mid-morning.

OPTION TWO: we will choose this option if the day is forecast to be sunny, but there is no snow to plow on the tracks. If we choose this option, the train will depart at 6:45am from East Strasburg station. Boarding begins at 6:30am. We will depart with a full freight consist.

If we choose option 2, please read the accompanying description of the first runby carefully, and choose your first photo location from the four options. You will NOT have an opportunity to view the locations and choose on Thursday: we recommend that you arrive in Strasburg on Wednesday afternoon and visit all four locations, so that you know which location you prefer prior to departure on Thursday.

Description of Option 2: <http://steamspecials.com/files/documents/optiontwo.pdf>

OPTION THREE: we will choose this option if the day is forecast to be cloudy. If we choose this option, the train will depart at 8:00am. If there is snow to plow on the tracks, we will depart with the Russell plow and a short consist. If there is no snow to plow on the tracks, we will depart with a full freight consist.

We will have coffee, liquid refreshment, and light snacks available during the day. For a big breakfast, Jennie's Diner on US 30 east of PA 896 is the place. Box lunches will be available approximately 11:00am.

We will break for lunch at approximately 12:30, then continue our photo runbys. If the weather cooperates, we'll finish the day doing glint shots. The trip will end at East Strasburg at approximately 6:00pm. (Official sunset time is 5:43pm.)

DEPARTURE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18: VERY IMPORTANT: WE HAVE THREE OPTIONS!

We have developed three different schedules, and will choose one based on weather conditions. The option we choose will be available Friday afternoon. Call me on 404-909-2026 if you are not attending the first day.

OPTION ONE: we will choose this option only if the forecast is for a sunny morning, it snows heavily overnight, and the railroad must be plowed. If we choose this option, the train will depart at 7:30am from East Strasburg station. Boarding begins at 7:15am. We will depart with the Russell plow and a short consist, and pick up more freight cars mid-morning.

OPTION TWO: we will choose this option if the day is forecast to be sunny, and there is no snow to plow on the tracks. If we choose this option, the train will depart at 6:45am from East Strasburg station. Boarding begins at 6:30am. We will depart with a full freight consist.

If we choose option 2, please read the accompanying description of the first runby carefully, and choose your first photo location from the four options.

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Traveling from Strasburg to New Hope:

Strasburg to New Hope is 83 miles. The most direct route is US 30 from Strasburg to PA 113 (near Downingtown); PA 113 to PA 100 to the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-76) exit 312, Downingtown; Turnpike I-76 to Exit 343 PA 611 / Willow Grove; PA 611 to Doylestown; US 202 to New Hope. Do NOT follow US 202 from ** to Doylestown – it is much slower.

Lodging in New Hope: Best Western (6426 Lower York Road (US 202), 215-862-5221) is the only national chain hotel in town. There are "mom-and-pop" hotels, and lots of B&Bs. A directory can be found here:

<http://www.newhopepennsylvania.com/lodging.html>

John and Danah are staying at the New Hope Motel in the Woods (400 West Bridge Street, 215-862-2800).

Information for the Oct. 21 New Hope & Ivyland Photo Special:

Departure time is 8:00am. Boarding begins at 7:45am. We will have coffee, liquid refreshment, and light snacks available during the day. Box lunches will be available on the train.

We plan to be out on the railroad all day. We'll take a lunch break and one or two water stops. The trip will end at New Hope at approximately 6:00pm. (Official sunset time is 5:40pm.)

See you in Pennsylvania!