

Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club



All Gauges

All Fun

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Lumber, Screws, Foam, Roadbed, Track

Every week on Tuesday, a group of 6 to 10 members gather at the Georgetown Train Station to continue the work on our two new projects: The O gauge permanent layout and the new HO display. Each team is making great progress, and things are really starting to come together. Already, the various elevations of the HO track plan are evident with the risers and sub roadbed in place. The track plan for the two main lines on the O gauge layout are in place with the actual track, and the roadbed will be arriving soon.

There has been a lot of interest in our activities by the local community, with attention being drawn through a recent newspaper article which has been distributed through the internet. We have seen several occasions where folks have dropped in at the station to view the ongoing work, and also see the completed S gauge display.

The newest additions to our very popular Sussex County depictions on the S gauge layout are a newly completed Indian River Bridge element (finished on time and under budget!), and a "State Fair" presentation by Bill Mixon which occupies a showcase position as the first thing you see when you approach the layout.

With all this work under way, it is easy to see we are a very active club. One thing that makes our club great is the relaxed atmosphere and respect for each person's ideas. We also like to keep things fresh for the displays we present to the public, so we are once again looking at freshening the dioramas on the traveling O gauge layout. I for one want to change out the logging display I put together and try something new there. Although we don't need to change them all at once, and several should stay just because they are so good, anyone who wishes to change their diorama can do so. Just let us know and we will arrange to get the diorama back to you.

As a reminder, scheduled work days at Georgetown are being listed on the web site at www.delawareseasiderailroadclub.com.



Progress! S gauge now includes 'State Fair' and new Indian River Bridge. Below, O gauge layout track laying to test fit and function. Bottom, HO layout shows elevations as track plan is a folding oval design.



Club News

The meeting on March 8, 2011 was attended by approximately 24 members.

Miles Potter, Secretary, reported that we have 57 members with dues paid to date. He has mailed 28 newsletters, with the remaining going by E-mail.

Membership cards were mailed out with hard-copy newsletters, and some distributed at work sessions.

The club has a business account at Staples in Rehoboth Beach. We will be printing the card with the business ID on it for members to show when they buy things at Staples, and the club will receive credit towards future discounts, etc. You can also turn in used ink cartridges & ask that the club receive the credit.

The treasurer's report indicates checking balance of \$3,934 and Money Market of \$2,714.

Bob Hodges reported that we sold surplus train items at Seaford and generated \$324. At the show, the officers agreed to purchase a Lionel Legacy Control system for \$200 to upgrade our TMCC. To date, the O gauge project had spent \$315 on lumber for bench work, and \$600 on Atlas track purchased at the Allentown show.

The group will still need more track. Bob also added that he has bought \$215 worth of material to update the skirt for the S Gauge layout, and Kathy Hodges has been very busy sewing the panels for attachment to the S gauge layout.

Bill Mixon mentioned that an article should appear in the Coast Press about our efforts in Georgetown.

Bill Ziegler reported that the Seaford show went very well, with plenty of help on Friday and Saturday. Also, that the O gauge layout is progressing very well.

The Train Show at Roxanna in September is well into the planning stage, and Bill Mixon has already placed ads for the show. Doug Hornberger has already pre-sold some tables for that show as well. We will still be looking to borrow or rent tables for the Roxanna show. Let one of the officers know if you have a contact for this effort, maybe from your church.

Bill Mixon also reminded members to visit the web site regularly for updates to our schedules, etc.

We had an invitation to bring our O gauge layout to York, but we voted to decline the invitation due to lack of funds. An invitation by the Town of Bethany Beach may be forthcoming, and we will assess that request if it comes. We will defer purchase of a DVD player for the

Calendar of Events

- * Apr. 2, 10 am Work day at Georgetown *
 - Apr. 5, 10 am Work day at Georgetown (HO at 11:00)
 - Apr. 12, 10 am Work Day at Georgetown
 - Apr. 12 7 pm Meeting South Coastal Library.
 - Apr. 14, York Trip, Car pools leave Wal Mart at 8 am
 - * Apr. 16, 10 am Work Day at Georgetown *
 - Apr. 19, 10 am Work Day at Georgetown
 - Apr. 26, 10 am Work Day at Georgetown
 - * May. 7, 10 am Work Day at Georgetown *
- Note: Dates with * please call 302-945-1627 to confirm

S-Scale Railroading

By

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HOW MUCH ARE YOUR TRAINS WORTH?

If you are looking to buy or sell trains, you should have a good idea of their value. Of course, Greenberg's Pocket Value Guides are a good source, but not always accurate. For example: the #342AC NKP Switcher is listed as \$100.00 in good condition. You would have a hard time finding one for under \$250.00. On the other hand, the Lionel #2343 A-A Santa Fe engines are listed as \$250 for good, but they are usually at least \$325 at train shows.

I found a really good source to use for pricing the trains you wish to buy or sell: www.liveauctioneers.com.

1. Go to the liveauctioneers homepage.
2. Register (free)
3. Click on "sitemap"
4. Click on "search"
5. Type the train item you are looking for in the space.
6. If you click on the heading "LIVE" , it will show the on-going auctions for that item.
7. If you click on the heading "SOLD", it will list all the train items you are looking for and if you registered, it will show you the price paid for that item.

This site monitors many auctions including Stout Train Auctions .