



ENGINEER'S TWO CENTS

I'll start sounding like the proverbial 'Broken Record' when I say once again what a great job our team of trusty volunteers did during set-up and operations at the Hartly Train Show on the last Saturday in March. The snow was blowing and the weather was cold, but the turnout was good and as always our train display received many nice comments. We added a little money to our donations collection for the year, and sold a few shirts I think. Our take-down time was about 50 minutes!

As most everyone knows, we have been conducting a referendum by E-mail and US mail regarding the decision to rent a space in Dagsboro that will be our new permanent home. As of this writing, I have received 39 votes out of a possible 60 members receiving ballots. The tally

Is <u>33</u> yes, <u>4</u> no, and <u>2</u> abstentions. While we hope to receive a completed ballot from everyone, we have achieved a simple majority, and the board is directing our Building Committee to proceed with final arrangements, accepting the terms, and getting them on paper. There is every

likelihood we will move in sometime this summer and we will keep everyone up to date for our Grand Opening party.

I see the club moving to a permanent location not so much as a change in the way we operate, but as an opportunity to increase our visibility to more of the public. A major thoroughfare such as Rt. 113 will provide easy access and a comfortable setting, and enable us to showcase our activities and also provide a genuine membership benefit we have lacked for so long. No stairs!

Our own bathroom! A good work area with heat and AC! Central storage for our operating inventory!

With this we also must come up with a name for our home. I will begin accepting ideas with the release of this newsletter. The winning name, as selected by the Executive Board, will receive a

\$25 voucher for repairs from John's Train Repair, the repair service I run as a hobby.

John Hodges



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