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VIEW FROM THE CAB

Hope this finds you all well and handling the latest heat wave.

We will meet at the club on August 10th to plan the next Yard Sale and start on the preparations for the Indian Summer Train Show at Roxana on September 24th. The crowds at the club house have been very good at times, especially the Saturday after July 4th's Parade. Many of you may not know that we received an award for our "Float" in the Bethany Beach parade this time. Nice to get the recognition and our thanks go to Doc and his crew, who are always working to improve on the float trailer.

We will also discuss the request to conduct a workshop this fall at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach. This will be a 6 session project with a layout build, and there will be discussion on what train equipment we should use this time.

Ticket sales for the Christmas Raffle are going well, and I believe Earl Michael has sold over 80 tickets to visitors of the club house since we started the raffle. If you have not yet done so, please be sure to return the ticket stubs and your payment for the raffle tickets that were mailed to you. We need the tickets back if you cannot or will not support the program.

I recently opened the NASG Dispatch, a magazine format newsletter for the National Association of "S" Gaugers. In this issue it becomes clear that some of the management (officers) of the organization are stepping down, and a comment from a frequent contributor was lamenting as to the need for separation of the "Scale Products" from the "Flyer" or Hi-Rail products in the association. Now, since it's inception I have noted that a large portion of the articles are written about SCALE modeling, and that a good number of the driving influence of the membership are more into Scale operations and modeling than they are about interest in Lionel or any other manufacturer that produces trains with wheels and couplers that are too large. I suspect this type of 'separation' talk will only worsen the already falling member rolls, and I suspect that I will be among the most recent to cancel their membership.

There are now 4 small layouts, or parts of layouts, available for sale at the club. Some are only tracks on a board, one is a finely crafted model railroads on 32 square feet of table, and another is in between these extremes. They offer a variety in size, price and creativeness. If you know someone interested in turn-key setup to run their trains, bring 'em down to the club for a look! Our team can build anything they need if these options aren't quite the answer.

John Hodges

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS



Iron Hill Brewery in Rehoboth will donate 20% of your food bill to the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club every Tuesday in October. So, meet your friends and relatives for good food and good times, and help our club. Details will follow.



Next sale: September 3. Call 302-945-1627 for table space (free).





Our club has been invited to take part in the Lewes Historical Society's Coastal Collectibles Show to be held on their campus at 110 Shipcarpenter Street, Lewes on August 20 from 9 - 4. We will display information about our club and activities. We will also sell chances, distribute Sile/Amazon cards, and promote the Iron Hill dinner nights. Admission is \$5.00 Plan to spend the day, and enjoy the festive atmosphere of the main campus whose historic buildings will be open to the public. The complex is surrounded by shade trees and gardens, providing a beautiful backdrop for your visit. Enjoy live music and delicious food throughout the day. Don't miss this once-a-year event!













