



## A VIEW FROM THE CAB

We are now one-third of the way through the summer, and the traffic. Can't wait for the Millsboro bypass....

As many of you who read my E-mails sent to the membership will already know, we are calling a special meeting for August 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss a problem we see as we look forward to the coming years. Our club is running well, mostly due to the efforts of 6 or 7 key people. We maintain a "Living Museum" operation opening to the public 2 days a week. We offer assistance in disposing of layouts no longer needed in a residence. We accept and restore old trains and set them up for sale in our facility or at our shows. We give advice when someone is looking to sell their train equipment, and none of these services are ever charged a fee. We depend solely on volunteers to accomplish all these things and more. We are lucky to have had a great core of active members that give so much of their time to this endeavor.

But we cannot sustain this level of activity without more help from our membership. We need people to walk in on Wednesday evenings and look for what needs to be done to tidy the place, empty trash cans, and check bathroom for cleaning issues or missing/low supplies. We need to offer to help anyone in their activity, be it painting a landscape on a layout or helping to find a wiring issue. So our meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> will be to lay out the needs and get buy-in from our members, or, failing this, decide how best to begin closing down the club.

I truly hope it does not come to closing the club. I really believe we provide an excellent service to this community. We are a great source of information. We conduct workshops, and educate the public on many things associated with model railroading. But we cannot continue to do it with 6 or 7 people.

I hope the rest of the summer goes as well as the first two months, as we have been escaping the really hot weather so far.

*John Hodges*

### In Memory of Tom Mahler



Club Activities Through the Years



First general meeting - Feb.2004



First Train Show - 2005



Candyland layout N.Georgetown Elementary School - 2009



Wild West Layout



Seaford Show - 2010



DE State Archives - 2011



Georgetown Train Station Fire - 2012



Christmas Party 2013



Returning from the York Show - 2014



Moving into Dagsboro - 2015



Roxana Train Show - 2019



2024



A.K.A. Seaside Model Railroad Museum - 2023