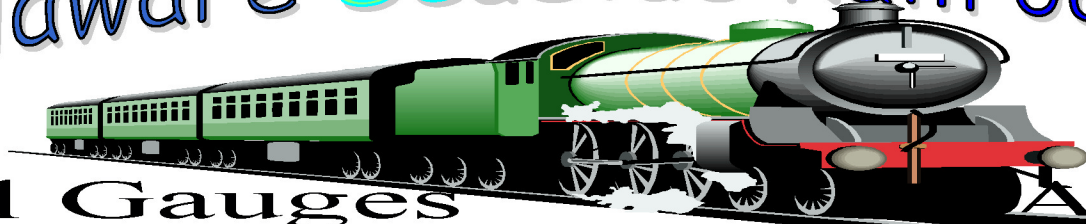


Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club



All Gauges

All Fun

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Sun, Fun, Family and Toy Trains?

Wow! 72 Issues of Newsletters? I think I am out of breath! No, you won't get me to quit now! I can hardly believe we have been actively producing a club newsletter for 6 years. Anyway, we hope to continue to provide meaningful topics and keep you up to date on the various activities of the club. Bill Mixon started writing our newsletter soon after the forming of the club in 2004, and produced 5 newsletters that first year. In February of 2005, I began to write the newsletter, with helpful input from several contributors over the months to come.

With the summer in full swing, my activities have been divided between trips to New York to visit our first grandchild, Jamie Thomas VanCise, and also this time of year is busy for Jean and me as we prepare to direct the annual AAU Jump Rope Championships, this year in Hampton, VA. This brings to light the fact that the trains sit around a bit at this time of year, although my repair activities seemed to be about as busy as any time. Well, we just keep plugging and try to keep all the balls in the air. Remember, there is no meeting in August. See you in Bethany Beach at the Library on September 14th, 7 PM.



Ms. Mary O'Neill (above right) of the Seaford Central Elementary School, was welcomed at the Station on July 27th with her small group of youngsters to learn a little about model railroading and watch the trains run. They were a very attentive group, with lots of questions and plenty of enthusiasm, and they seemed to know quite a bit about railroads. Below, Payton and Eric both enjoyed activating the various accessories on the club's modular O gauge layout.

Below left, "Mr. Tom" Mahler was one of our presenters, who has a great personality with the kids and really gets them thinking!



Club News

We had our annual club picnic at the home of Bob and Kathy Hodges, and it was a very nice evening, with plenty of food and great company. Our thanks go out to Bob and Kathy once again for hosting our picnic.

With no club meeting in July, we are posting here the final accounting of the Train Show for each member to review.

2010 Train Show - Final Report

Income

Dealers - \$1,570.

Admissions - 366 - \$1,830

Kitchen - \$592.70

Total Receipts = \$3,992.70

Expenses

Advertising - \$1,238.40

CTT - \$28.22 1/8 page

TCA HdQtrs News \$100 1/4 page

Millville VFD Prgram \$50 1/4 page

DE State News \$186.50

Coastal Point \$168.

Gannett (Wave, Coast Press, OC, Etc) \$530.28

Printing flyers \$78.50

Hall Rental \$950

Concession Food \$149.88

Balloons - \$43.98

Kids Train Parts \$120.70 (batteries)

Misc. \$34.30

Total Expenses \$2,537.26

Total Profit \$1,455.44

Additional Notes: We added 1 new member at the show. We sold 5 hats and 7 shirts, ordered through the vendor, and we sold 46 raffle tickets for our 12 Twelve Trains of Christmas Raffle.

The club will be holding discussions on the topic of train shows we will host in the future, including location, time of year, entry fees, advertising emphasis and other items regarding the show.

Calendar of Events

Aug. 7 10am to 2 pm Open House at Georgetown Station

Aug. 21 8:30am Meeting for Adult Ed. Class at Station.

Aug. 21 10am to 2 pm Open House at Georgetown Station

August 29-Sept 6. Williams Grove Steam Engine Show.

Williams Grove, PA info:(wghsea@yahoo.com)

Sept. 4 10am to 2 pm Open House at Georgetown Station

Sept. 14 7 PM. Meeting, South Coastal Library, B. Beach

Sept. 18 10am to 2 pm Open House at Georgetown Station

Additional Club News Items

With the summer keeping many of us busy with family visiting us and our own vacation trips, I must send out a Special Thanks to Bill Mixon and Tom Mahler for helping me on July 27th with the presentation for the Seaford Elementary children and Ms. O'Neill. These children are enrolled in a special summer program for kids with behavior or family issues that make learning a challenge, and I think this field trip was a very successful one for them, even though it was a very small group.

On another note, please remember to visit our web site at www.delawareseasiderailroadclub.com for the posting of club meeting minutes, pictures of layouts and club events, and many other interesting items.

Committee Starts on Fall Adult Ed. Class

The committee formerly know as the SDALL committee has begun it's planning for the course that will begin in mid-September, which will be a follow-on class to the first offering last winter. The 10 week schedule will allow the committee to offer a much more detailed presentation of the topics found most useful during the first class.

The theme of this course is to inspire those attendees to get out the old trains of their youth and get them in running order, and perhaps venture into building a small train layout of their own. Topics regarding track plans, construction of table or bench work, roadbed and balasting options, wiring and operational ideas, and scenic enhancement.

The surveys completed by the first class were used to guide the decisions behind these topics, The written comments were very helpful in understanding the various interests that are out there concerning model trains and toy trains. In fact, the surveys provided the feedback that we needed to provide a follow-on class.

We are also planning a field trip by motor coach, arranged through the Univ. of Del., to the Baltimore & Ohio Museum in Baltimore on or around the first week in December. We hope some seats might remain for club members.