

# Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club

All Gauges

All Fun

Newsletter Issue # 71

John Hodges, editor/writer

P.O. Box 479, Ocean View, DE 19970 Phone 302-682-4652

July, 2010

Visit our web site at [www.delawareseasiderailroadclub.com](http://www.delawareseasiderailroadclub.com)

## DSCR HOSTS 7th ANNUAL SEASIDE SHOW

With the sun shining brightly, and the temperature in the low 80's, June 19th was what anyone would describe as an excellent beach day. Maybe not such a perfect weather performance to force Rehoboth Beach visitors to look for an indoor activity on such a beautiful day! Nonetheless, we saw 365 paying guests filing through the Rehoboth Beach convention center on that perfect Saturday, and an uncounted number of children of the younger ages were present to enjoy the exceptional display of model railroading and toy trains we made available. Our train show is different than most in as much as we particularly cater to families with younger children. This is our audience for much of what we do, as our mission to advance the hobby of toy train collecting and model railroading is focused on that generation. We might not attract the hard core, older collectors of toy trains who frequent other shows, but we do provide a wonderful community service, and we need to congratulate ourselves on doing that very, very well. Great show everyone!



These young visitors(above) are grandchildren of Jim Legates, who is also in picture next to Al Holliday. They had a great time exploring all the activities we had set up for the children. Jim and Al were among the large number of members and their families who helped run the show. Whether blowing up and tying balloons, minding the trains available to run in the conference center room, selling raffle tickets and accepting guests, or 'slaving over those spicy Sloppy Joes', our membership once again answered the call and put in many, many hours in support of their club. It is a pleasure to work with such great people.



## Club News

The club monthly meeting on June 8th was well attended by 4 board members and 18 members. John Hodges called the meeting to order at about 7:05 pm. John reported on the improvement on Jay Bestpitch's health concerns, while Bill Ziegler had been in touch with Don Murphy and also updated us on Don's status. Bill Mixon gave his Treasurer's report, including the current balance of \$3,771.07 in our checking account. Bill also introduced Lynne Hooker and Fran Corbin, who have volunteered to take over the Raffle Ticket coordination for this year. Lee Horn informed us of his continuing efforts in promoting the Train Show with ads going into many local newspapers and with Public Service announcements on local TV and radio web sites. The HO committee was continuing its effort to replace the corners of the HO modular layout and ready it for the June 19th show. The schedule for the June show was discussed in more detail, including the various teams who were transporting S gauge, HO gauge and O Gauge layouts and equipment on the Friday and after the show on Saturday. The club decided we would invite donations of door prizes from the dealers, and provide a jar with tickets for names and contact info at the raffle ticket sales table. This might give us a chance to add names to a future mailing list. We also had agreed to give away a set of trains at the show, which was made available after a generous donation by Conan Raffensburger. As change was difficult to come by last year, Bill Mixon agreed to provide substantial cash for making change at our various sales locations on the day. Doug Hornberger gave a report of 101 tables either prepaid or committed. He also is confirming a substantial donation from Pepsi Distributors of Salisbury, MD of soft drinks to sell at our concession. We are planning a work day in Georgetown at the Station on June 29th starting at 10 am. We will reinstall the O gauge layout and make the room presentable for our July 3rd Open House. The Annual Club Picnic, in lieu of a regular meeting, will be held on Tuesday, July 13th at 6 pm at the home of Kathy and Bob Hodges, 22628 Southern Pines Drive, Lewes, DE. 302-231-8722. Anyone attending please call Kathy to coordinate any item you are willing to share. Continued ----->

## Calendar of Events

June 26, TCA Members travel to Baltimore for TCA Convention  
June 29, 10 am. Work Day at Georgetown Train Station.  
July 4th, Happy Fourth of July  
July 13, Annual Club Picnic, 6 pm, @ home of Bob & Kathy Hodges -Brief Train Show Summation.No other Business  
July 3, 10 am to 2 pm, Open House at Georgetown Station  
July 17, 10 am to 2 pm, Open House at Georgetown Station  
July 18, 9am to 1 pm Model Train Flea Market, Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Grounds, PA. 717-766-4001  
July 27, 10 am to 12 pm. Special field trip for 3rd Graders from Selbyville area, Georgetown Train Station.

### Club News (continued)

As is our regular practice, there will be no regular club meeting in July, and no meeting at all in August. The club is looking for a volunteer to take over maintenance of the club's small HO display in the Selbyville Train Museum. This job would require just two or three visits to the museum per year to check the operation of the trains and insure the trains are running correctly. We would appreciate anyone stepping up to take over this small job. The meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 pm. We had a couple of brief show and tell items .

### Big Action in a Small Package

If you visited the train show on June 19th, perhaps the biggest surprise was the newest addition to the club's many portable layouts. About a year and a half ago, several of us members were attending an auction in Berlin, MD., and decided that an N gauge layout table with its folding design, kind of like the principle of a 'murphy bed', would be a nice addition to the club. So, for a winning bid of \$40, I took this thing home, and in my garage it sat for the better part of a year.

Well, in steps Bob Hodges, who with his wife Kathy, volunteered to complete the broken track pattern and decorate the display. Now I must admit, I wasn't totally in agreement with how we could use this piece. It weighed a ton, with a very heavy lid, and we could not mount it that way in Georgetown Train Station, as we have restrictions of not mounting anything to the walls. Well, Bob and I removed the lid, then he did all the rest, with a lot of help from Kathy who provided scenic effects that have to be seen to be appreciated. In a footprint of 5 feet by 3-1/2 feet, this layout was expertly done, and will be a great new feature to our displays in Georgetown. I must congratulate and thank Bob and Kathy for their efforts.