



VIEW FROM THE CAB

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2020.

On Saturday, December 5th, we will host an additional Yard Sale at the club. This one will be held inside, so obviously our number of vendors will be reduced. The club has a sizable inventory with new trains being brought in every week. There are 4 additional members who will each have a table of goods to offer. We have sent out advertising as we have for the past two yard sale events this year.

Since these sales have been so successful, look for us to hold more of them in the spring, especially if there continue to be restrictions on large gatherings indoors. It makes so little sense to rent the fire hall and its kitchen and do all the other work required by our usual Train Shows if the restrictions will limit the numbers of people permitted in the hall at one time.

The board has a meeting set for December 8th. Results of the election will be announced, but I do not see any surprises waiting for us in those results. I will put out an E-Mail on the following day or so to inform you all of the ballot results.

The club has been moving along with normal business at the club house, and we recently added a branch electrical circuit from our main panel into the workshop so we can provide additional lighting and access to power points in several places. The back room, being loaned to us for the one-day event on December 5th by the landlord, has been tidied up and swept to reduce the dust.

For the first time in nine years, we will not be displaying trains at the Georgetown Library. The Board of Trustees voted to close the library on Saturdays for the remainder of 2020, and other restrictions in place for the schools and senior centers meant all of our primary targets for attracting visitors were erased. So, this year will have no parades and no Georgetown Library events, so our volunteers can concentrate their efforts at the Club House.

As likely mentioned before, we will not be able to organize a Christmas Party this year. I will really miss that opportunity to see so many of my friends and their families.

Finally, I hope each of you have an opportunity to see your families this Christmas, even if only by Video Chat, but preferable in person. We are still planning our annual trip to Florida as long as the Auto-Train will still operate. After spending the most quiet Thanksgiving Day in 50 years, I very much want to see our daughters and their families.

John Hodges

DAVES



Engineers, John, Dan, Bob, John, & Larry, discuss "Train" business.



Joel adjusts new S Gauge Union Terminal lighting



Earl assembles a searchlight train consist



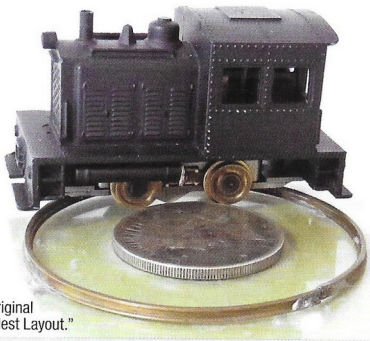
Families are mesmerized watching Tomas the Train!

PHOTOS

ONLY HAVE ROOM FOR A SMALL LAYOUT ?

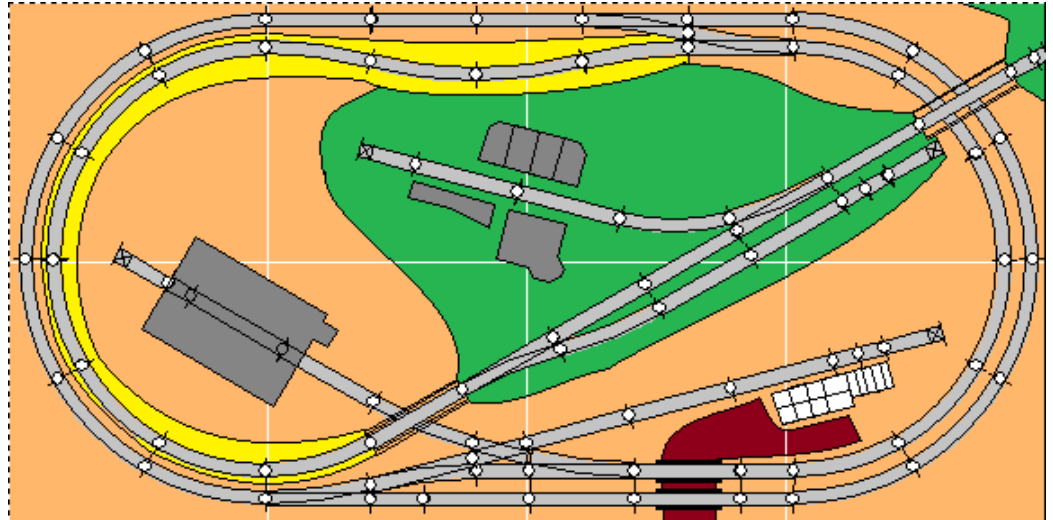
How many times have I heard from collectors: " I don't have room for a layout".

Here are a couple of suggestions that would enable you to become an operator as well as a collector:



The Original "Smallest Layout."

The "world's smallest layout" is featured in the latest issue of Train Collector's Quarterly. It uses the rim of a silver dollar as the inside rail for the train to operate.



This HO layout fits on a 2' X 4' board.



3' X 5' O-gauge layout.



Corner layout for S or O gauge



A small N-gauge layout



A small Christmas Tree Layout

For those of you who would like a larger layout, here is an excellent Christmas layout.

