



VIEW FROM THE CAB

Looking Back.

Last year at this time we were only a few short months into our new home and my concerns, and those of many of us involved with the club's financial future, were mostly summed up by"How are we ever going to pay for all this.....?"

But many small things began to develop. First, a re-energized team on the Fundraising Committee, under the leadership of Bill Mixon, came up with new or trusted but revised plans for raising new revenue. We restructured our membership dues to allow extended incentives for members to engage local business to sponsor us. We polished off the old Raffle for the Christmas Holidays and the results have been very promising. And we've benefited from some extraordinary donations of train equipment that, with the help and knowledge of our growing membership, have really improved our merchandise sales program.

During all of this activity that admittedly no one really wants to spend a lot of time doing,. We all joined the club for the same reason, to be able to spend time with others who love working and playing with model and toy trains. Yet, we have also conducted two popular workshops with elementary aged children who built their own small railroads with unique themes. And others turned their talents to building 4' by 8' layouts to sell, and we have sold 4 layouts this year.

Not to say that is all. We once again hosted two train shows at Roxana, and even if the fall show fell short of expectations in admissions, both events were still very successful. All the while we have been open nearly every single Wednesday and Saturday this past year, and continuing the 12 year tradition of displaying operating layouts for the Georgetown Public Library during the Thanksgiving to Christmas holiday seasons. Oh, and lets not forget the Yard Sales.....

So, how do I feel about our position after a very busy 2022? I am much more confident in our ability to manage our resources and find new ones to help our club to grow and continue the services we've been striving to provide since 2004. There are very few clubs that can provide the public with so much knowledge and advice on their family Toy Train heirlooms and keepsakes, and we are positioned to continue that service with a comfortable and attractive venue as a base that we all feel has very much felt like HOME to so many of us.

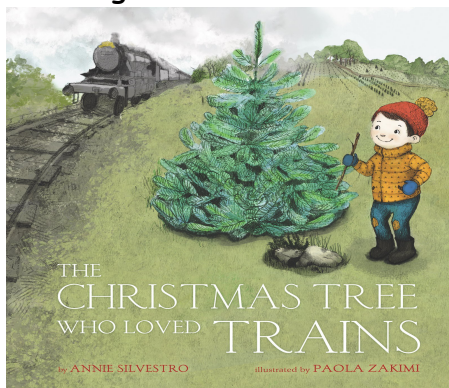
I thank you all for your support and to all those volunteers putting in countless hours to work on displays, greet the public and walk in Parades, Thanks Very Much. You are appreciated!

Merry Christmas

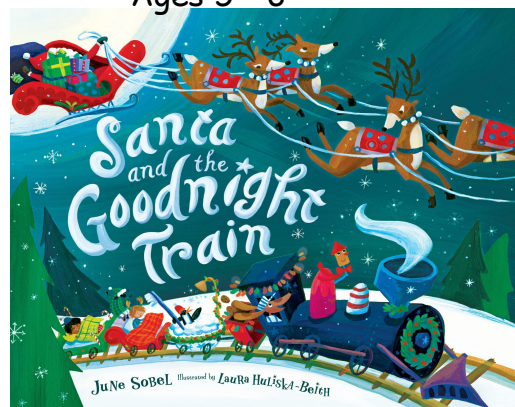
John Hodges

Christmas Train Books from Amazon

Ages 4 - 8



Ages 5 - 6



Ages 2 - 4



DECEMBER 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | ★ Holiday Raffle Drawing | | | ★ | Selbyville Christmas Parade ★ | Open house 10 - 3 Club Open house G-town 9:30-2 ★ |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| ★ | Rehoboth Christmas Parade ★ | ★ | Open house Club 5 - 8 G-town 9:30-3 ★ | G-town 9:30-3 ★ | ★ | Open house 10-3 Club Open house G-town 9:30 - 2 ★ |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| ★ | ★ | G-town 9:30 - 2 | Open house 5 - 8 Club Club Meeting 6:30 | Club Christmas Party | ★ | Open house 10-3 Club Open house G-town 9:30 - 2 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | G-town tear down 9:30-1 | | Open house Club 5-8 | | | Open house Club 10 - 3 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | | | Open house Club 5 - 8 | | | Open house Club 10 - 3 |



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of All Ages

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November 17 through December 31
Wednesday - Sunday
5:30pm - 9:00pm

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Saturday
November 26th
December 17th
11am-3pm

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