



A View from the Cab

Okay, I am back in Delaware.

So, my wife Jean and I both tested positive for Covid after we had been home about 2 days. I checked in with my Doctor and got some prescribed medicine to help me through. 10 days later and I have another bout of congestion and feeling lousy, but both of us are on the mend... I think!

The club is now committed to display the S Gauge modular layout at the Preston Fire Co. Train Show on Feb. 11. I hope all goes well, and thanks in advance to Chris Karr and several others who are volunteering to work that show. We will then take the O Gauge layout to the Seaford Toy and Train show on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. That will take a bigger volunteer effort but we know The show is always well attended.

You will hear more about the new Fundraising idea that the team has arranged for March, the "Quarter Auction". This project deserves our complete support as it could develop into a very helpful fundraiser.

When I left for Florida, I had about 9 train repair items in my repair room that were left knowing I could not work on them until the end of January. With my stop at the club house on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January, before I came down with Covid symptoms, I picked up another ten items from the club and others. I have since chewed through about half of these, fixed about 8 and the rest are awaiting parts; so I haven't been completely idle for two weeks.

I was remiss in my last report at not mentioning the Christmas Dinner we held on December 15<sup>th</sup>. I was pleased that we had about 40 people attend, right on my initial estimate I placed with the American Legion Caterers. We all had a good time I think, and thanks to Bill Mixon for bringing the music and leading us in a few carols.

Glad to see the mild weather we are blessed with currently.

*John Hodges*

## DSRC TO HOST QUARTER AUCTION



Another fundraiser has been added to our roster: a QUARTER AUCTION. The DSRC will host a Quarter Auction on March 21, to be held in the Millsboro Firehouse. QUARTER AUCTIONS are a common event in Sussex County. At a recent QUARTER AUCTION held by the Greater Millsboro Kiwanis Club, they netted over \$3,000. We can do the same with a little help from our membership. More information will be presented at our February meeting.

1. Members are asked to sell about 100 tickets which includes one paddle to be used for bidding. Every person must have a ticket and their own paddle. Tickets are usually \$10.00 each. Call Mike Bonczewski at 443-930-2480 for tickets. Additional paddles can be purchased at \$3.00 each at the door.

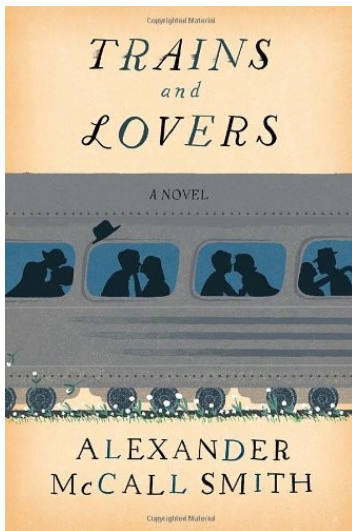
2. All members are asked to obtain donations to be auctioned. Items can include: gift cards, gift boxes, new items from stores, wine, event tickets, collectibles, etc.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW.

Bring items to the clubhouse by March 8. They have to be cataloged for the auction.

3. Member participation is needed to set-up and tear down tables, collect tickets, clean up after, collect money after each auction, kitchen help.

## For Valentines Day



The rocking motion of the train as it speeds along, the sound of its wheels on the rails . . . There's something special about this form of travel that makes for easy conversation, which is just what happens to the four strangers who meet in Trains and Lovers.

As they journey by rail from Edinburgh to London, the four travelers pass the time by sharing tales of trains that have changed their lives. A young, keen-eyed Scotsman recounts how he turned a friendship with a female coworker into a romance by spotting an anachronistic train in an eighteenth-century painting. An Australian woman shares how her parents fell in love and spent their life together running a railroad siding in the remote Australian Outback. A middle-aged American patron of the arts sees two young men saying goodbye in a train station and recalls his own youthful crush on another man. And a young Englishman describes how exiting his train at the wrong station allowed him to meet an intriguing woman whom he impulsively invited to dinner—and into his life.

### Ideas for possible future activities:

#### TOYS AND TOTS

Jackson Street Roundhouse, 193 Pennsylvania Ave, St. Paul, MN, 55130

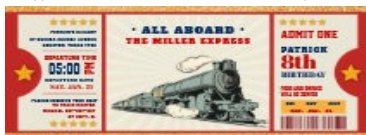
Held the first and third Wednesday of each month and geared towards preschoolers, kids can enjoy the museum, play with the train tables and interactive activities, make a craft, hear a story while parents enjoy coffee and treats. \$30/family. or \$11/adult & \$7-\$9/child. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Book your tickets here.

#### BIRTHDAY GO FUND ME

For my 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday this year, I started a GO FUND ME on Facebook with a goal of \$200. I asked my friends to donate to the DSRC. I made my goal. You could do this for your birthday or anniversary.

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Hold a child's birthday party at the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club- \$100.00. Bring your own refreshments and decorations.



#### FACEBOOK GIVEAWAY

Make the goal of your Facebook contest to get people to sign up for your business's email marketing blast or newsletter. Structure your giveaway so that people must provide an email address to enter. Email address collection is at the core of just about any lead generation strategy.

Find and capture new customers with a Facebook contest by offering a new customer discount or promotion to new customers who enter the contest. You can also have your existing customers tag their friends and family (AKA new customers) as part of their entry to attract a new crop of customers.

The following information should be included:

What you can win

How to enter the contest (most important!)

Who can participate

Duration of the contest/entry deadlines

Method of winner selection

Date and method of winner announcement

DSRC will be setting up our S-gauge layout. Join us.

#### QUARTER AUCTION

Save your quarters..



#### TOM CHEEZUM MEMORIAL TOY & TRAIN SHOW

Saturday, February 11, 2023  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Firehouse, Preston, Maryland

Featuring Lionel, Plasticville, Ertl, Lego, Action Figures, Farm Toys, and Much More!



- \$4 Adults, \$3 Spouse, Kids Under 12 Free With Adult
- Free Parking in Rear of Firehouse
- Breakfast and Lunch Items for Sale All Day

Questions? Want to Rent a Table? Get In Touch!  
Toy Show@prestonbethesdaumc.org • 410-673-7538

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Tell us where you found them.
4. All correct entries will be entered in a drawing for prizes.