



A VIEW FROM THE CAB

We no sooner returned to Delaware and Jean took a fall and broke her right femur near the hip joint. She was operated on about 30 hours later and then was eventually sent to Harbor Healthcare for Rehab. She is doing better with the pain, and is coming home Thursday the 8th to continue her rehab with in-home therapy. Anyway, WE'RE HOME!

There are a few things going on during what would normally be quiet months for our club. Many members are working hard to change the dioramas on the O gauge traveling layout to a new theme. We do this every 4 or 5 years. The show at Seaford Fire Hall on February 24th will be the first viewing of the new scenery. Also, we are changing the section of the layout from the old 5 track arrangement down to 4 tracks, and simplifying the switching so only track 3 will have a siding. This and trying to fix a short in the wiring were a primary concern for operations.

We continue to get contacts on donations of trains. Some are a bit too far to travel, but we attempt to take advantage of all offers.

Having finished the year in such a strong fashion financially, I want to encourage all our members to continue to recruit Sponsors and Patrons. This is a bread and butter income stream which we depend on greatly every year. Our raffle was a great success this past year, in fact one of our best.

I found a Lionel KW transformer in my Repairs Drawer at the club house. There was a replacement power cord and two new throttle handles on it, but no name as to whom it belongs. It is repaired and works great, and whoever placed it there might want to call me, but it will be at the club again in time for our Saturday, February 10th regular open house. The repair bill is \$25.

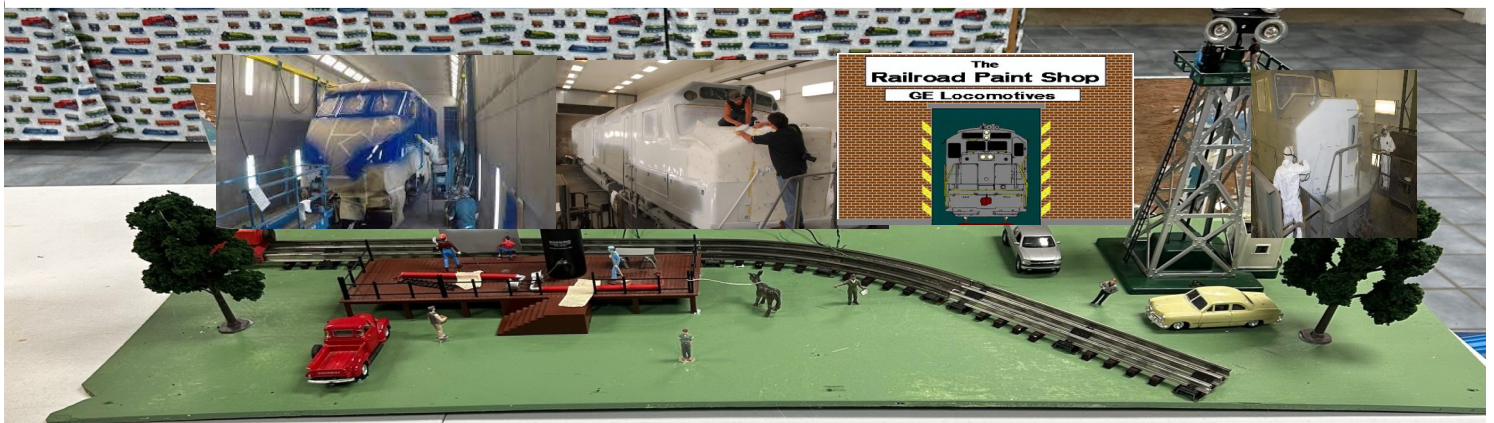
John Hodges

SEAFORD DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 28th ANNUAL TOY & TRAIN SHOW

On Saturday, February 24, 2024 the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club will operate our ever-popular modular O-Gauge interactive model train layout in support of the Seaford Volunteer Fire Department's 28th Annual Toy and Train Show. The show is open from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.



"Warehouse" by Terry Wildemuth



"Paint Shop" by John Burik



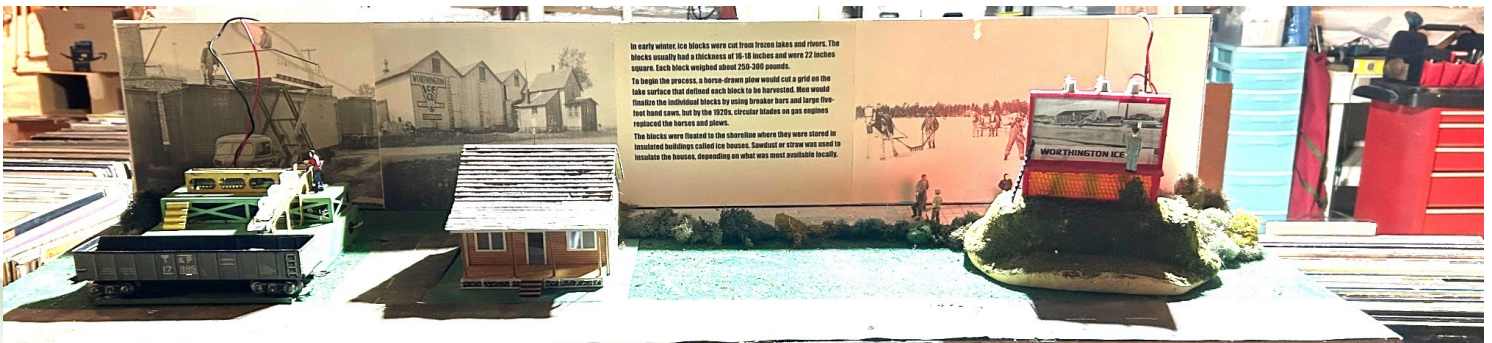
Mike B's diorama - "Red Caboose Hotel"



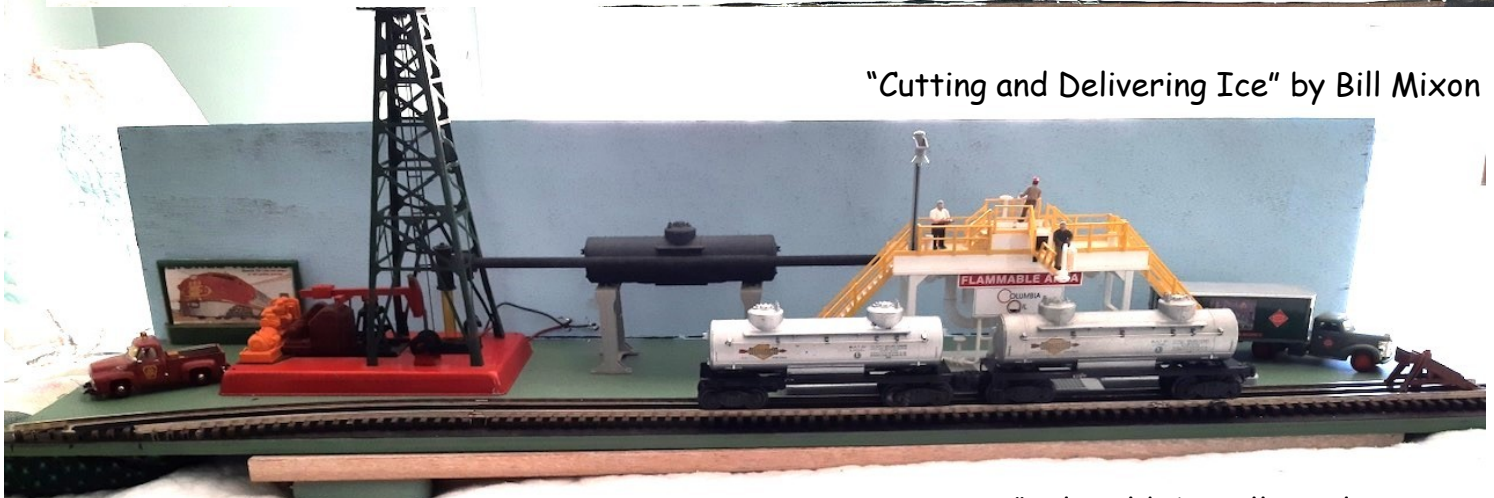
Mike Bonczewski working on his diorama for the "O" gauge traveling layout



Corner layout - Passenger Station by Bill Mixon



"Cutting and Delivering Ice" by Bill Mixon



"Oil Field" by Bill Ziegler