

DELAWARE SEASIDE RAILROAD CLUB

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February 12 - 7:00pm - Club meeting-South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach February 22 - Set-up 0-gauge layout at Seaford Firehouse February 23 - 9::-34:00 - Seaford Train Show, Seaford VFC

DSRC President's Notes

The budget was adopted for the year. It is conservative based on the dropping i ncome from donations, and the cancellation of fund raising this year. We will continue to have our two train shows at Roxana, but they have a limited source of funds. Rather than increase the dues, it was decided to reduce the budgeted expenses to meet the lower income. A summary of the budget distributed at the meeting showed an income of \$9,450.00 and expenses of \$9,450.00. To change the \$1,000.00 designated for improving the train displays, it will require a vote to amend the budget later this year. Funds for increased insurance, rental of property for club functions, enlarging the club layouts, or ever a new home for the club activities can be addressed by a future budget vote. The income from our two train shows and the basket bingo dropped this last year, and this convinced the board that we need to be cautious.

The club is ten years old, and we have tried different fund raising projects over that period. However, the membership has given very poor support to any of them. We will honor the members' wishes by not planning any major income producing projects. We will not raise membership dues at this time.

On January 21 the "Fabulous Fifties" O gauge layout was dismantled at the Seaford Museum for the last time. Next year the layout from the club at the museum will be a Christmas theme. Bill Ziegler is considering revising the dioramas on the traveling O gauge modular layout with more modern manufacturer's products such as K-Line, MTH, Atlas, etc. along with equipment from the old stand by companies such as Mark, American Flyer, and Lionel. More information will follow.

The next club meeting will be, February 12, 2013, at 7:00 P.M., in the South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach, DE. Come at 6:30 P.M. to trade or sell any excess train equipment you might want to share with fellow members. There will be a new series of programs. A few of our members have well designed layouts in their homes, but many people have a partially completed layout, or they only have their trains in storage. Bill Mixon and John Hodges are starting an interactive layout building project at each meeting. In February they are doing the bench work for a module for our O gauge layout. At the second meeting they will attach track and do wiring. Next they will build a diorama, and finally they will complete the ballast of the track and add scenery. Be sure to come, participate, and learn new tricks for completing a layout.

On Friday, February 22, the club will set up the O gauge modular layout at the Seaford Volunteer Fire Company for the Toy and Train Show on Saturday, February 23. Bob Hodges will be selling excess club equipment at one of the vendor tables. Volunteers are needed to help set up, operate the display, and take down the layout.

David Lawrence, Engineer

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ELECTION RESULTS: see photo Engineer(president)-Dave Lawrence Fireman (vice president)- Bob Hodges Ticketmaster (treasurer) Lynn Hooker Conductor (secretary)-Frank Mack Dispatcher(public relations)Bill Ziegler

2013 BUDGET

....The club unanimously approved the 2013 budget as presented by John Martin, club treasurer. Key items in the budget:

Income

Spring Train Show - \$2,500 Fall Train Show - \$2,500

Donations - \$1,500

Memberships - \$1,700

Sales - \$1,000

Misc. - \$250

Total Income - \$9,450

Expenses

Administrative - \$1,300

Club Van - \$600

Insurance - \$2,150

Newsletter - \$1,200

Spring Train Show - \$1,600

Fall Train Show - \$1,600

Train Displays (all gauges)\$1,000

Total Expenses - \$9.450

Note - for the first time in several years, no additional fund-raisers are included in the budget or activities of the club. As a result, we are limited on the amount of money to be spent on the train displays, which is about \$2,400 less than we spent last year.

BUILDING AN O-GAUGE MODULE FEBRUARY Constructing the module **MARCH** Lay track Wire track APRIL Ballast track Begin diorama MAY Wire diorama Finish Beginning at the February meeting and continuing through the May meeting, Bill Mixon and John Hodges will demonstrate "How to Build an O-gauge Module" The same process can be used for other gauges.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Dave Flickinger, Bill Ziegler, Don Leavel, and John Hodges discussing the O-gauge modular trains. February - 2006



TRAINS OF DEL-MAR-VA

Part One of a series of articles on the trains of Del-Mar-Va



BAY COAST RAILROAD





Bay Coast's Delmarva operations are based out of Cape Charles, Va. Beginning at the Norfolk-Southern interchange in Pocomoke City, Md, the line quickly crosses into the state of Virginia and contines south through the stations of New Church, Oak Hall, Hallwood, Bloxom, Hopeton, Parksley, Onley, Melfa, Painter, Exmore, Nassawadox, Cheriton and Cape Charles. At Cape Charles, the BCRR has a rare carfloat operation that acts as a 26-mile land/sea bridge of the Chesapeake Bay. The float docks in Little Creek, Va, to the south, allowing the BCRR to quickly access NS, CSX and the Norfolk and Portsmouth Belt Line in Norfolk. Active customers on the line include a tank car and rip rap rock transload at New Church, Pep-Up in Oak Hall, Associated Farms in Parksley, Helena in Tasley, Sharp Energy in Exmore, a stone shipper in Nassawadox, T&F Grain in Eastville and Bayshore in Cape Charles. BCRR has runaround tracks at Pocomoke, Parksley, Exmore, Nassawadox and Cape Charles to help facilitate operations.