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...CLUB MEETINGS - there will not be a club meeting in July and August. The next club meeting is Tuesday, September 13.

...WELLNESS - if you know of a club member or a family member who is ill , contact Frank Mack @ 539-5752.

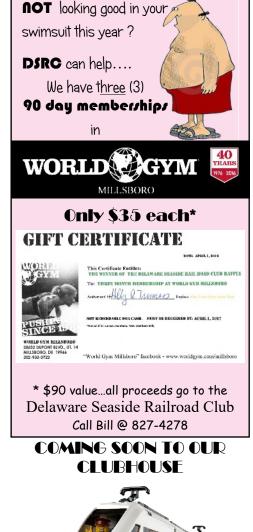
...O-GAUGE MODULAR LAYOUT - the O-gauge committee is in the process of building new dioramas for the modular layout. This year's theme is " RAILS ACROSS AMERICA". If you would like to build a diorama , or help others, contact Bill Ziegler @ 537-0964. ...ANNIVERSARY - July 18 marks the one-year anniversary of our clubhouse in Dagsboro..

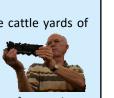
Dave Lawrence reported that through May, we had 1,323 visitors and \$2,160 in donations.





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It is fun to see how the past 6 months of activity has changed the look of things at the Club's home in Dagsboro. With the G Gauge display nearing completion with the upper level sidings taking shape, we can now see how the alterations will enhance the operations of that layout.

We've tested the twin main lines on the O gauge railroad and the team is finished ballast applications to the yards and yards of trackage. We will soon have the turntable and roundhouse set up for operation as well.

Visitor turnout in the clubhouse has continued to be very light compared to last year, but perhaps this is to be our new 'normal'. I am not discouraged, but as I mentioned in a recent E-blast, I am disappointed in the volunteer hours we are seeing for many of our Saturday openings. This I hope will change, but I must also remind everyone, especially our 'locals', that this facility is "open to the Public", and we need volunteers to support that, lest we run the risk or 'burning-out' those we have come to depend so heavily on to man the store.

Our Dispatcher, John Weisel, has resigned for personal reasons. The dispatcher's main responsibility on the board is Communications, meaning use of local media to announce our Open House dates at the club house, and assist where needed in advertising the Roxana Train Shows twice a year. This job is mostly done by computer, and E-mails can be a very easy way to make sure our information stays out there in the public view. If you or someone you know would be interested in taking over this role, the board can make a 'mid-term' appointment to fill that vacancy, which has another 18 months to run before re-election. It would not be absolutely necessary to attend the board meetings if that is an inconvenience.

Among the things we'll be looking at for the rest of the summer, is getting new dioramas built for the O Gauge modular layout in time for the September Roxana Train Show. We always are looking for someone who wants to try their hand a creating an interesting scene, this time of Famous American Landmarks, and with two operating things that operate from the buttons we provide on the layout. If interested, contact Bill Ziegler or Bill Mixon.

So, think of Mt. Rushmore, The St. Louis Arch, Seattle's Space Needle, the cattle yards of Omaha, and even the White House, as possible scenarios for a new diorama.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE S-GAUGE LAYOUT DIORAMAS REPRESENT PLACES AND EVENTS IN SUSSEX COUNTY?

