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VIEW FROM THE CAB

I wish this Newsletter could contain better News!

I am sorry to report suspension of our Monthly Membership Meetings through the summer months. It is my hope we can continue to meet as a group starting again in September.

We are hearing that certain municipalities are canceling all city or town sponsored events, and public access to boardwalks, etc., up to and including July 4th celebrations. That is amazing to me. I wonder what will happen to so many small businesses in the area that thrive on the summer tourism to make their income for a year.

The board will likely meet in June to put our contingency plans together for the rest of 2020. This will only include the board and Committee chairs from Fundraising and Club House Committees. If things stay as they are, we are not sure the September show is going to be possible either.

On a happier note, as you likely recall I issued an "Engineers Challenge" to the members to match me Dollar for Dollar on any donation of at least \$25, up to my maximum of \$1,200. I am delighted to report that as of April 27th, less that one week into the challenge, members have donated \$1,000. This is a great response, and I am very pleased by this outpouring of support. This campaign will raise about as much as we might have expected as profit from hosting the Spring Toy and Train Show in Roxana, one of our principal fundraisers we had to cancel.

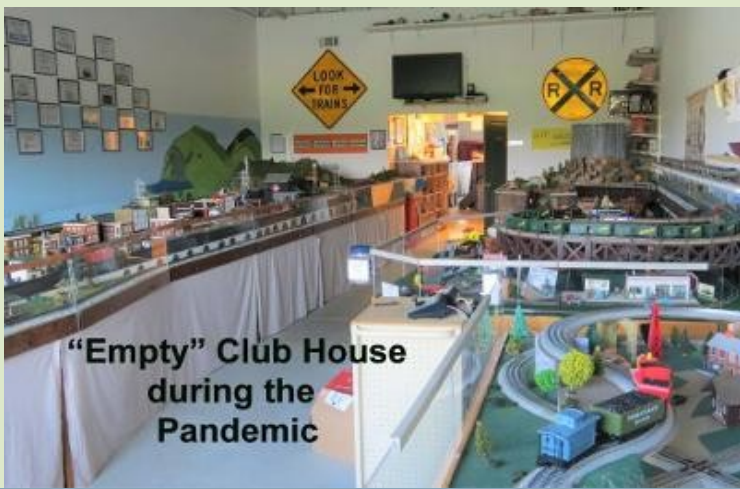
We are also in the process of listing some items for sale on E-Bay. The O gauge crew has determined that our Amtrak Acela Set should be sold, as it is not actually in keeping with their theme. So, if you are interested, this very impressive train set is currently listed (just search for Amtrak Acela on E-Bay) and bids are up to \$545.

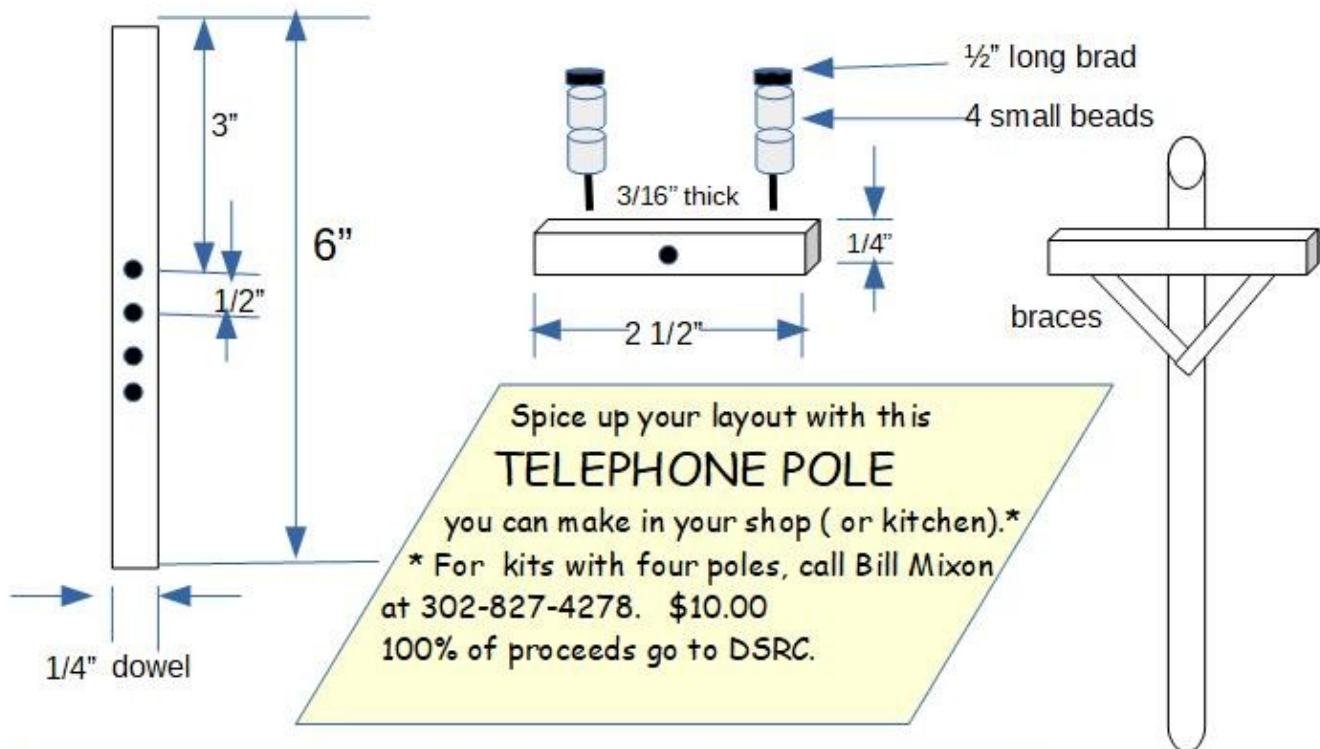
Doc Dougherty also has numerous excess club items on sale on E-Bay, and if you search for HO Marklin you should find the items.

I certainly hope everyone has been keeping safe and hopefully we will see the outlook for the rest of the year improve as we near the summer months ahead.

John Hodges

Dave's Photo Album





DIRECTIONS FOR "O/S" GAUGE

1. Cut 1/4" dowel – six inches long
2. Drill four holes on each side 1/2" apart, about half way through the dowel. Start on one side 3" down from the top and start the other side 3/14" down from top. If you don't have a small drill bit, cut the head off one of the brads and use it as a drill bit.
3. Cut a piece of wood for the cross piece - 3/16" X 1/4" X 2 1/2"
4. Cut two pieces of wood for the braces – 3/32" X 3/16" X 1". Cut a 45 degree angle on the ends of each piece.
5. Stain the cross piece, braces, and pole and let dry.
6. Cut 8 pieces of 19 ga wire – 3/8" long. Bend one end to a 90 degree angle. Insert them into the pole. You may need glue.
7. Feed two beads onto a brad and nail it to the end of the cross piece. Repeat on other end. Be sure to leave a small space between the beads.
8. Center the cross piece and nail it 1" from the top of the pole.
9. Glue the two small pieces to the pole and cross piece as shown.
10. Cut a 1/4" dowel, one inch long and drill a 1/16" hole about 1/4" from top. Paint the dowel gray. When dry, glue it to the pole below and on the opposite side of the cross piece
11. Cut a 4" piece of thin brass wire. Push it through the hole in the transformer (gray dowel) and wrap it around the nails in the cross piece between the beads. Cut off excess wire.
12. Drill 1/4" hole in platform and glue in place. Place poles about 12" apart

