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## VIEW FROM THE CAB

I know the weather has not been very 'Spring-Like' so far, but as is usually the case, we'll likely be sweating buckets by mid-May, so who knows?

We watched the kick-off of our new Fundraising Team, headed by our Emeritus member Bill Mixon. They have already come up with a great track plan that will become obvious very soon, starting with a new twist on our old "Twelve Trains of Christmas" raffle of years ago. Bill will be putting out the details real soon, and raffle tickets will go on sale at our Spring Fling Train Show on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of the Train Show, our vendors tables are sold out once again, and we expect a great show as there are so few opportunities to shop for trains here on the Eastern Shore these days. We will start setup at about 12 noon on Friday, and if you did not sign up, just E-mail me ([jchodges46@verizon.net](mailto:jchodges46@verizon.net)) or Bill Ziegler ([wjziegler1@verizon.net](mailto:wjziegler1@verizon.net)). We have 70 tables to set up, and the O gauge modular display to set up and operate.

Our workshop hosted at the Selbyville Library is going well, we have 5 youngsters involved and they are very enthusiastic. The theme will be "interesting" as we wait to see how they execute on their vision of a Theme Park with two major "Worlds" on open spaces afforded by a Figure 8 track plan,, surrounded by Ocean and with seashore beaches edging the sides of the rail line.

We have two recently completed train layouts for sale for this show. A great looking HO display that uses a figure eight over/under "double track" plan and sidings, and plenty of detail to enjoy. The O Gauge offering this a basic oval with passing siding using traditional tubular track, from a recently donated layout and with some easy-to run Lionel rolling stock. Both are mounted on 4 x 8 ft tables, and are turn-key ready to run with trains provided.

Another Fundraising Team idea is having our members and other friends consider using "Amazon Smile" when making their online purchasing through Amazon.com. Amazon Smile is Amazon's 'giving' channel and the way it works is the company will contribute 0.5% of each purchase on the Amazon Smile website to the charity you designate at the top left hand section of the screen. This costs nothing from the buyer. You must check and change to charity to receive the gifting for your own Sign-on by clicking on the "Supporting:" box and type in Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, and the club should come up. The site you want to shop at is [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Your regular Amazon ID and password will still work on this site, and your Prime subscription (if applicable) will still be accepted also. Please extend this invitation to others in your family or friends as an easy way to earn extra money for our train club.

Incidentally, the final total for monies the club received from the DoMore24 campaign was \$1,800!

I hope to see many of you at the show.

*John Hodges*

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I recently had lunch with a member and his wife. During the conversation, I asked if she shopped on Amazon. She replied that she did. So, I asked if she used Amazon Smile to help our club. She replied that she didn't know that the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club could receive a percentage of her purchases. **THAT IS THE PROBLEM.** Members are not sharing information with their partners.

The solution: talk to your spouse, brother, sister, friends, neighbors, children, etc. and let them know that the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club can get 0.05% of each purchase from Amazon.

Simply go to: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to place your order. **YOU WILL STILL GET THE SAME PRICE AND SHIPPING.** If you are already registered at Amazon on your phone or computer, that link will take you to YOUR Amazon account where you can select the charity you want to support.

This small action could result in a large contribution to our club.

**[smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)**

The saga of my 72-year old train table,  
by Steve Callahan

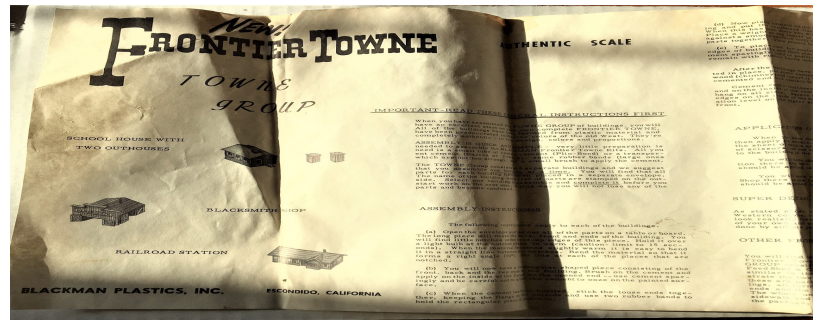
In the early 1950s the Callanen family lived in an old farm house on Cream Street in Hyde Park, NY. My mechanical engineer father, Oliver E. Callanen, constructed a 4-ft. by 8-ft. train table, covered with green roofing paper, on which a simple O-27 layout was configured using two pairs of Lionel switches.

The table was located in a small room on the back side of the house adjacent to the family dining room. Not surprising, my smart Mom soon identified a much better use for this valuable first floor area. Therefore, Dad moved the train table into the basement and extended it with an old door at the end of the original table, as shown in the following photo of 13-year old me running trains in 1954.

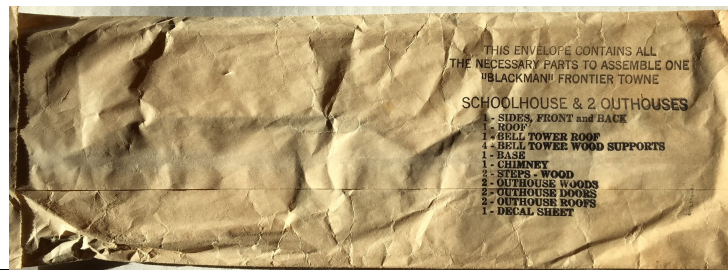


You can see the complete story of Steve's trains on our website:  
[www.delawareseasiderailroadclub.com](http://www.delawareseasiderailroadclub.com)

**YARD SALE FIND** - A couple of weeks ago, I went to a local yard sale. I found this interesting box of HO scale house. When I looked it up on ebay, I saw that they are selling for about \$36.00. I purchased it for \$1.00 You never know what you'll find at a yard sale.



Everything needed to construct a blacksmith, a schoolhouse, and a railroad station.



THIS ENVELOPE CONTAINS ALL THE NECESSARY PARTS TO ASSEMBLE ONE "BLACKMAN" FRONTIER TOWNE

**SCHOOLHOUSE & 2 OUTHOUSES**

- SIDES, FRONT and BACK
- ROOF
- 1- BELL TOWER ROOF
- 1- BELL TOWER WOOD SUPPORTS
- 1- BASE
- 1- CHIMNEY
- 2- STEPS - WOOD
- 2- OUTHOUSE WOODS
- 2- OUTHOUSE DOORS
- 2- OUTHOUSE ROOFS
- 1- DECAL SHEET

**Live on WRDE**

This is a screenshot taken from WRDE broadcast last Tuesday. If you missed it, go to: [WRDE.com](http://WRDE.com); click on the search button on the right of the screen ( it looks like a magnifying glass); type in "Delaware Seaside Railroad Club and you will see the video. Click on the picture and begin.

