



A VIEW FROM THE CAB

As I write this I am steeling myself against the looming dread of having countless witches and goblins storming my front stoop in search of edible treats! Not really. We usually only have 8 to 12 kids show up for Halloween, and it is fun to see the little ones when they are so small they have no idea what it's all about.

The Roxana Show is now in the rear-view mirror. And it was a great show indeed both in numbers of attendees and the number of satisfied vendors. Our wrap-up on the following Wednesday told us that it was also a good show for us financially. Thus marks the end of our relationship with the Fire Department at Roxana, as they have indicated they can no longer have us to host train shows in their facility. The staff was apparently bothered by phone calls and questions regarding the event, and this irritation grew over time to the point that they just did not want to hold the event again. So our team is looking for a new venue, or possibly returning to Rehoboth Beach in 2024. So many thanks go out to the team that has made 10 years of shows at Roxana a great event for our club. Our Show Boss, Bill Ziegler, is stepping back from those responsibilities and has passed that torch to Skip Lee, who has helped Bill with the past several shows.

Train donations seem to continue at a good pace. We have even had a couple of nice American Flyer donations recently to help build our inventory in S gauge.

We finished our Project of packing-up Tom Mahler's collection for transit to the Stout Auctions facility in Indiana. Our remaining task is to dismantle the layout, salvaging what we can, and if possible selling parts of it to model railroaders looking for a small diorama to place along a wall or a 12 by 14 foot layout that is almost ready-to-run. We have corner sections with Mountain scenery and tunnels with the 3 Rail Gargraves track and end sections providing a two level return loop. We received a very nice check from Roberta Mahler for our work on this project. We will alert the membership when we know the date(s) for the auction.

Our collaboration with Skip Lee, and his association with the Ocean City Convention Center, has lead to another opportunity. They will take the HO 16 ft by 6 ft layout that we have for sale and display it there over the holidays to help us sell it. They will also be building their annual O gauge display and encourage our members to come and volunteer a few hours to man the layout this year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 8th at 6:30 pm.

John Hodges



Christmas Raffle

We sold 83 raffle tickets at the train show, all we had, and many more at the clubhouse, but, there are 26 members who haven't sent in their money or tickets. That amounts to 260 X \$5, or \$1,300 of profit. Please help to bring this fundraiser to a great ending. Tickets must be sold before December 1.



SAVE THE DATE

This year the annual Holiday Party will be held on December 18 by Bill and Gladys Mixon. More details will be published in the December newsletter. Hope you can make it



Indian Summer Train Show, 2023....Photos from Dave Lawrence

