

VIEW FROM THE CAB

After two very long years, we finally have been able to host another Train Show at Roxana Fire Company. The event was well attended, and the hall was full of vendors and visitors most of the day. Many positive comments were given and the dealers were all happy with the way the day went. Since this is an integral part of our fulfilling our mission, it is rewarding to know that the event is appreciated. From what I can tell, there has not been another Train Show on the Delmarva Peninsula since February of 2020.

Our regular monthly meetings are now being held at the club house in Selbyville. We had a good showing of about 20 members on September 8th, and we voted to continue the meetings in this venue until the situation for using the Library in Bethany improves. Having the meetings on the second Wednesday at 6:30 pm adds to the convenience since many members are there on a Wednesday evening anyway. Next meeting is October 13th at 6:30 pm at the club.

Our new signage package has been installed and looks great. Along with our club name spelled out over the front façade, we have our logo on the door, and a lighted panel on the large sign that can be seen from further away, saying " → MODEL TRAINS >> ". Our Bill Haughey has secured \$1600 in two grants to cover the cost of the entire sign package. Nice work Bill.

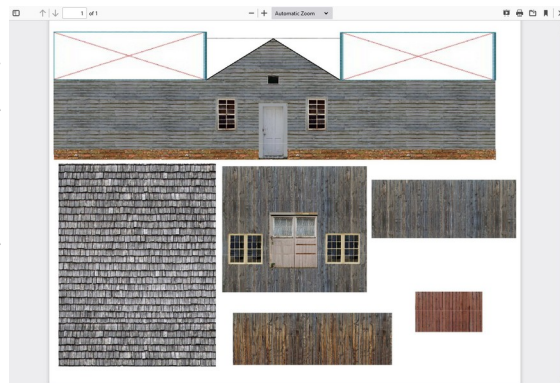
We recently enacted a new membership dues schedule. Dues for existing members have gone up to \$125 per year. This can be discounted at the time of your renewal starting this January by securing a sponsor or patrons, and the discount is \$25 for the first \$100 secured, and \$25 for the second \$100 secured. This means that if you can develop sponsorships or patrons that equal a total of \$200, you can reduce your dues to \$75. Sponsors submitted for dues reduction must be secured between Oct. 1st and Dec. 31st. Dues become due January 1st of each membership year. New members will submit \$100 for their first year, and will be eligible for the dues discount during the following Fall Sponsorship Drive. If you need a list of eligible sponsors that you might want to recruit, contact Bob Schadewald at bob_schadewald@msn.com.

Finally, I want to share something that I have felt for the past few weeks. Whenever I enter the new club house, it feels like home to me. I never felt that attachment at Clayton Crossing. The space is roomy, the members seem to have a sense of taking care to make it feel inviting and presentable, and the atmosphere is more like it should be..... A celebration of model railroading and toy trains. Come see it. I think you will like it too....

John Hodges

MODEL BUILDING

Building your own models is one of the joys of model railroading. I found a website which will help you. This site has software for many applications. Just visit the site and you can download a model in your scale for FREE. Go to: www.evandesigns.com.





Traveling O gauge layout setup on Friday, September 24, 2021 by Steve Callanen, Harry Witmer, John Raleigh, Paul Moore, Chris Karr, & John Hodges.



Kitchen crew at the Indian Summer Train Show on 09/25/2021 with John Harrigan, John Raleigh, Betty Moffett, Steve Cawunder, Jessie Pieplow, & Beverly Brady.

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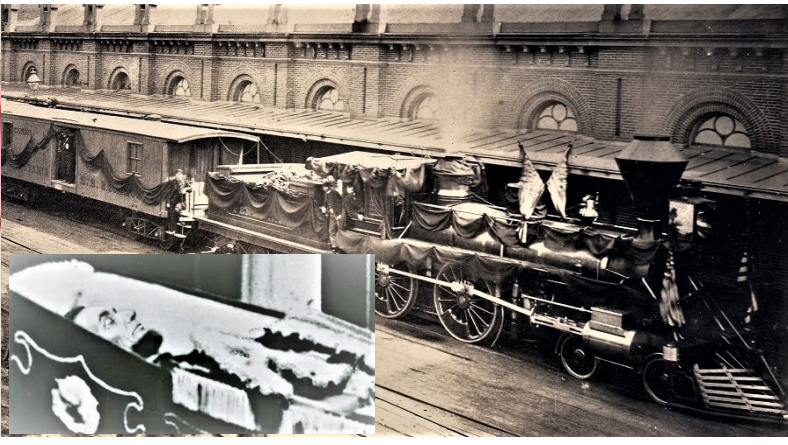
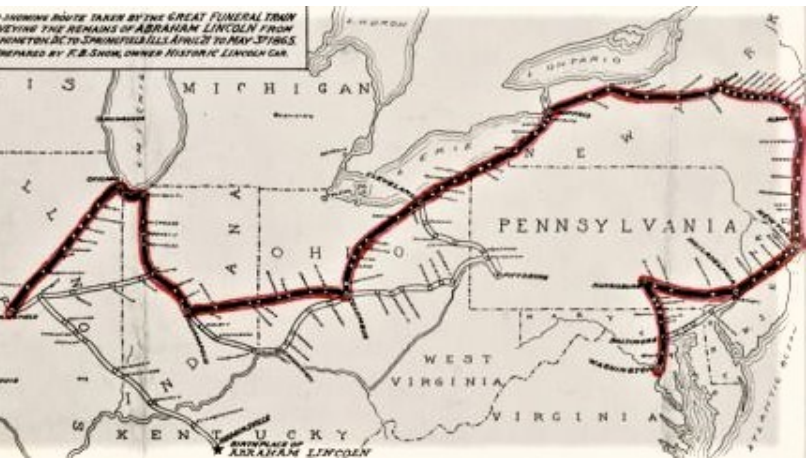
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"Oh, so many choices!" Customers are at the Indian Summer Train Show on 09/25/2021.



Marilyn & John Martin check in the many visitors at the Indian Summer Train Show on 09/25/2021.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S GHOST TRAIN



On a particularly melancholy morning of April 19, 1865, Abraham Lincoln's funeral train drifted out of a Washington, DC depot to visit hundreds of thousands of grief-stricken citizens in four hundred communities, who had lined up to pay tribute to the assassinated Great Emancipator. Legend has it, though, that just because you were born more than a century too late for the spectacle of Abraham Lincoln's funeral train, you aren't too late for its specter. The ghost of this funeral train is said to retrace its route annually, on the anniversary of its inaugural trip. Some say that if you're out along the rail lines that were once part of the funeral train's itinerary, which meandered through several mid-Atlantic and Midwestern states, you might see a black steam engine with fire belching from its smokestack glide eerily down the line. In case there is any doubt that what you are witnessing is an actual supernatural sight and not being fooled by some type of historical reenactment, witnesses say if you look through the window you can see that the president's coffin is laid out and an ever-vigilant group of Union soldiers—which some describe as ghosts and others as skeletons—keep watch over the coffin. Note: Abraham Lincoln's coffin has been opened 17 times and moved 5 times.