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## **VIEW FROM THE CAB**

As September comes upon us, we have several activities that are keeping the team busy. First, we are meeting Tuesday night, September 1st at the Train Club for our first regular meeting since March. Hopefully the weather will allow us to meet in the parking lot on the east side (opposite our club entry door) of the building, and you will need to bring a chair and wear your mask, and keep yourself spaced accordingly. I have a loudspeaker to help make each speaker heard.

The main topic at this meeting, beyond catching up on the state of the club and necessary reports, will be the decision to move forward to host a Train Show in Roxana on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

New donations coming in since my last update to you were a load of O gauge equipment left outside our club door early one Saturday morning. No name given for who left it, but included were several engines, loads of cars and track, and even a few accessory items, totally about 10 boxes or large totes!

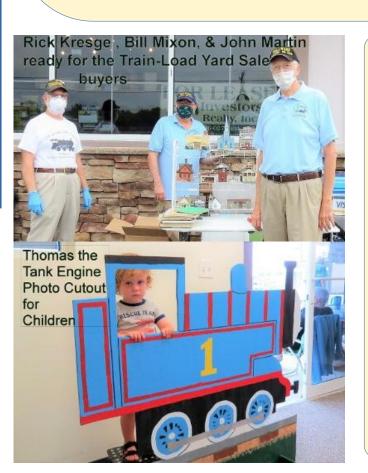
Then, just this past week, several members took part in disassembling a 24 ft by 12 foot 'L' shaped layout in 'N' gauge. The owner was donating the entire display, and all the rolling stock, to the club. The table system, built by Mianne Co., is a prefabricated system of precision cut legs and braces that fit together with quick-release barrel screws and pins. The entire layout was boxed and removed from an upper floor bonus room in about 2-1/2 hours. After sorting and packaging, this equipment will join our ample inventory of forsale merchandise, hopefully at our train show!

Thanks to all those who contacted me to offer help for the show (if we decide to host it). I will be contacting each of you by E-mail with times, etc. for the setup and other schedules. I believe we could use a few more, especially if you can work during the show itself. We are permitted 150 people minimum in the main hall and hallway, not including our volunteers, and masks and distancing protocols' will be in place.

Finally, the First Annual Yard Sale was a huge success for the club. Our receipts topped \$1800 for the day, and we had no overhead. Most vendors I spoke to would be glad to do it again sometime.

Be well and keep safe.

John Hodges



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## Plasticville Model Railroad Train Stations

Probably the most popular model train station is this one (Fig. 1A & 1B) from Plasticville. This classic depot design can be found along many railroads in the country. It is available in O,S,HO, and N gauges. This was basically used as a freight station, but many also served as a passenger station. Plasticville offered add-on kits complete with bench and sign. (Fig. 2) Actual stations varied in design as shown in Figures 3,4,5 6,7 and 8.



Figure 1A



Figure 3- Parry Sound



Figure 4 - Mt. Pleasant, MD



Figure 1B



Figure 5 - Loon Cove, VA



Figure 6 - Tuscarara, PA.



Figure 2



Figure 7 - Wyoming, DE



Figure 8 - Millsboro, DE.

Plasticville also made a fancy station modeled after Union Stations in Chicago, Denver, etc.



Plasticville Union Station



Denver, CO.



Witchita, KS.