



# DELAWARE SEASIDE RAILROAD CLUB

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Club Meeting... Tuesday, Sept. 8... 7:00pm  
South Coastal Library

Train Show-set-up  
September 25  
Roxana Firehouse

Indian Summer  
Train show - Sept.  
26 - 9 to 3

## .....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....

O-GAUGE - the O-gauge modular layout will be removed from the clubhouse and set-up in Roxana Firehouse for the *Indian Summer Train Show*

POLAR EXPRESS - a new 4' X 8' Polar Express layout is being built in O-gauge to display in the clubhouse until after Christmas.

SPONSORS - the goal of the fundraising committee for this year was 30 sponsors @ @ \$100. We met that goal, and then some. We have 32 sponsors @ \$100 and 1 sponsor @ \$125. We also had 4 sponsors who donated \$250 each to pay for the signs. We will begin our next campaign in February with a goal of 40 sponsors.

SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS - I can't over emphasize the importance of supporting the sponsors. For example: take your friends out to the *Blue Water Grill*, *The Salted Rim* or *Smitty NcGees* for dinner. Let them know you appreciate their donation to the club. Just want Pizza? Get it from *Fox Pizza* in Millville.. Tell them you're a club member.

Don't forget to bring your family and friends in to enjoy the layouts.

# ENGINEER'S TWO CENTS



With about 6 six weeks of operations at our new club, there is plenty of reason to be pleased with the attendance and support we have received. The numbers of visitors has varied, but has been higher then our typical experience in Georgetown when we would open on 2 Saturdays a month. And donations have been quite good also.

Our volunteer sign-ups have remained at a high level, and those just dropping in have also added to the fun. We still do not have the numbers of members who bring in their own trains to run on the large layouts, save for a few regulars. We encourage all our members to take advantage of this opportunity to run their equipment.

We expect a very full agenda for our Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. We'll be getting things ready for the Roxana Train show at the end of the month, signing volunteers up for that activity, including the move of the layout(s) from the club to the fire house on the Friday. Our scope will be a little smaller this time, since we have the club open on the day of the show. We'll take the O gauge display and the Thomas-the-Train layout, and only use the meeting room for setup of the layouts. The truck bays will not be needed, as tables sales are down this year.

We are still looking into getting in some after school groups, boy and girl scouts troops, and any other youth organizations to come in during the school year for short visits or weekly programs. Merit badge projects are one topic we have never explored, but we welcome this and any other opportunities to use the club to its fullest potential.

I hope everyone has had a safe and healthy summer, and now we can relax as the traffic lessens and the cooler weather comes in.



*John Hodges*

