



DELAWARE SEASIDE RAILROAD CLUB

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

The next club meeting will be at the South Coastal Public Library, 43 Kent Avenue, Bethany Beach, DE 19930, 302-539-5231, on September 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. We will discuss the pros and cons of the TCA dues increase. Hopefully both sides of the issue will be expressed by those present since some members may not renew their membership due to the \$50.00 charge. Bill Ziegler will go over all of his fine work for the Roxanna train show on September 28. The program will include Bill Mixon and Tom Mahler. Bill will review the club web site and the information. The program will include Bill Mixon and Tom Mahler. Bill will review the club web site and the information you can obtain quickly, especially under the "for Members Only" section. Tom will show with slides how he constructed his home train layout and the display area for his large collection of Standard and O gauge engines and train sets.

Tom and Roberta Mahler have volunteered to hold our Christmas party at their home in Bethany on Saturday, December 14, 2013.

Mike Dorothy, 301-919-7694 (cell) or 302-539-3699 (home), has agreed to be the point person again this year for the Christmas Train Tour sponsored by the SeaSide Hobby Shop. In the next few days Mike will be calling previous participants to see if they be involved this holiday season. The tour will be held on December 7th - 8th, & 14th - 15th, 2013, & January 4th - 5th, & 11th - 12th, 2014.

The model train course for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Lewes had to be cancelled due to inadequate student interest. The committee will continue to build the interactive children's layout using two new two new Lionel Thomas the Train LionChief Remote Control train sets.

A basic model railroad course is being offered in Dover on Thursday evenings 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. September 26th thru November 14th or Saturday 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, October 5th thru December 7th. Each student is to construct a diorama in class. The fee is \$56.00 with a lab fee of \$7.00 for materials. For information contact Kurt V. Schwaninger at 302-270-4786 or kurts22@gmail.com

Amtrack Fall Follage Trip

Hop aboard this one day only special train departing from and returning to Philadelphia 30th Street Station on Saturday, November 2. See key landmarks and other significant sites along the route, such as Rockville Bridge, Shocks Mill Bridge and Enola Yard. The train departs Philadelphia at 9 am and returns at 4:30 pm. Tickets are \$89 for adults on line and include a boxed lunch and souvenir tote bag.

<http://www.amtrak.com/fall-foliage-aboard-the-autumn-express>

The Laurel Lions Club is sponsoring their Train Show at the Laurel, Delaware, Fire Department on November 23rd, 2013 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Future Events:

- Club meeting on September 10th, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.
- TCA Philadelphia Train Meet on September 22nd, 2013
- The DSRC Roxana Train Show on September 28th, 2013
- Club meeting on October 8th, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.
- TCA York Train Meet on October 17th to 19th, 2013
- Allentown First Frost Train Show on November 9th and 10th, 2013
- Club meeting on November 12th, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.
- DSRC Display at the Hartly Train Show on November 16th, 2013
- DSRC Display at the Georgetown Public Library on November 23rd, and 30th, and December 7th, and 14th, 2013
- DSRC Display at the Seaford Museum November 23, 2013 until January, 2014
- Xmas Train Tours December 7th - 8th, & 14th - 15th, 2013, & January 4th - 5th, & 11th - 12th, 2014.
- Club Xmas Party Saturday, December 14, 2013.

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Sept. 10 - Club Meeting, South Coastal Library, Bethany Beach

Sept 27 - Set up train show - Roxanna Firehouse - 1:00pm

Sept. 28 - Indian Summer Train Show , 9 - 3

NEWS..NEWS..NEWS..NEWS..NEWS..

...OSHER CLASS CANCELLED - The Model railroading Class which was being planned for the Fall has been cancelled. Only 6 persons signed up for the course.

...CRAFTSMAN AWARDS - Bill Mixon received a First Place and a Second Place award in the Crafttaman Division of S-gauge modeling at the 2013 Convention



1st Place



2nd Place

...OCTOBER TRAIN TRIP - there is one ticket available for the Fall Foliage trip on October 12. Call Bill Mixon for info:302-827-4278

...THOMAS THE TRAIN LAYOUT -Construction has begun on the Thomas O-gauge Layout. If you would like to help, contact John Hodges:302-945-1627. We would like to have this finished by November for use at the Georgetown Library.

Editor - Bill Mixon

Nelson Davison's Open House



Nelson and Steve



Frank, Nelson, and Bill Z.



back to basics



What gauge trains are they?

They are "G" gauge. I think the "G" stands for Garden RR.



Actually, the "G" came from Marklin. After WWII, Marklin started a new line of large trains which they called: Gauge One, Gauge Two, and Gauge Three. LGB (Lehman Gross Bahn) began producing large trains in 1968. They called their track: "G" gauge because it was the same size as Marklin's Gauge One: 45mm. The scale of these trains vary from 1/22.5 to 1/32. LGB uses 1/22.5. Since most of these trains are made to operate outside, they are often referred to as Garden trains.



N.A.S.G. Convention Report

The 2013 NASG Convention was held in Scranton this year. If you haven't visited Steamtown lately, you should. The trains there are fantastic. They have a BigBoy which they are working on to have it operational. Admission is free if you have a Golden Eagle pass.

I attended several clinics. The best of those was the clinic on making backgrounds using foam insulation board. I will share some of his techniques with you at a future meeting.

Another interesting clinic was on using the S-CAB system: running trains using a remote control and LiPo (lithium/polymer) batteries. That's right! No track wiring, no switch problems, no concern about dirty track. The train engine which was demonstrated can pull a ten car consist for 6 - 8 hours without a recharge, and it can be recharged sitting on the track. Very interesting. It is currently being used in both S-scale and HO-scale trains. It is relatively expensive now, about \$189 per engine without sound, \$249 per engine with sound. Could this be the wave of the future?

