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## VIEW FROM THE CAB

So, I asked Bill Mixon if he was intentionally making the months shorter just to keep me off guard concerning when I need to create my next newsletter installment. But we are still 31 days in March, so here goes.

Our heating plants are both back in good shape, thanks to so very hard work by Doc Dougherty and Steve Cawunder, John Harrigan Richard Lyons and Mike Karras, and of course Ernie Hyett.

We have kicked off the workshop with children at the Selbyville Library with the second class to be this coming Wednesday the 30th of March. The kids should start to get their track plan sorted and lay down the track, and should be starting to work on a theme for what the railroad should try to accomplish.

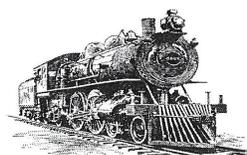
Our new Treasurer was appointed by the board at the March 9th meeting, so Bob Schadewald has taken over that position and John Martin will continue to offer guidance as needed. With that change, the Chair for the Fundraising Committee was open, and Bill Mixon, our founding member and newsletter editor, is stepping up to chair that committee. Thanks Bill and Bob both for helping us to fill these important positions.

Folks that read this message may not have the time or ability to visit our club house. I am there nearly every day we are open, and each time I see something new has been added. We have an abundance of talent in this club: some are true artist like Richard Lyons, some are master modelers like Doc Dougherty or our two "N Gauge Bobs", and some are fixers like Joel Kaplan, who is constantly looking at ways to change the scenes or accessories on the S gauge display. Some guys are there every week to run trains and greet visitors, Like Earl Michael, and some bring several engines to run on their favorite railroad. And we have so many "Regulars", volunteer members, that our parking lot looks full every time!

All of that tells me there is a really good reason that we go to all the trouble to have a club house. It costs us a lot of time and money, effort spent raising funds, arranging workshops and hosting shows and Yard Sales, and planning for and attending monthly meetings to insure we all know what's going on, and when. The reason, beyond trying to fulfill our mission statement, is that these "Regulars" get a lot out of this club, and especially because we have a club house, a home to do these things we enjoy so much.

Somehow, visiting the clubhouse twice a week makes me realize all the work we do is worth it. It really is worth it!

*John Hodges*



## SPRING FLING TRAIN & TOY SHOW

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**ROXANA FIREHOUSE**

ROUTE 20, BETWEEN MILLSBORO AND FENWICK ISLAND, DE

**ADMISSION - \$6.00**

CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER FREE

**OPERATING TRAIN LAYOUTS!**

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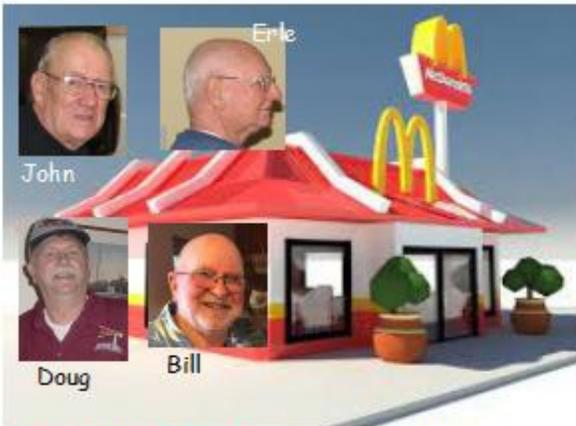
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SPRING SHOW SAT., MAY 7, 2022

ROXANA FIREHOUSE, 35943 ZION CHURCH RD, FRANKFORD, DE 19945

Don and Coty Leavel will be at our train show selling parts for Lionel trains.

# A BRIEF HISTORY OF DELAWARE SEASIDE RAILROAD CLUB



**SEPTEMBER 2003**, John Beck, Erle Dobson, Doug Hornberger and Bill Mixon met at Bethany McDonalds and formed the Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club.



**FIRST FORMAL MEETING, February 2004** - at Ocean View Town Hall, 20 new members joined. In 2005 the meetings were moved to Bethany Beach Town Hall. In 2010, the meetings were moved to the South Coastal Library.



**CLUB LAYOUTS** - To fulfill our mission, the club started building layouts. The first modular layout was started in 2004. By 2010, the club had two modular layouts: "S" Gauge and "O" Gauge. Later, they added a "G" Gauge layout as well as a moving layout on a trailer. The layouts continue to be exhibited in train shows and special events .

**INCORPORATION - JULY 2006.** Club By-Laws were approved in October. ... On March 29, 2007, the club became a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization.



**HISTORIC GEORGETOWN TRAIN STATION** - The club opened it's first "home" in the Historic Georgetown Train Station. Our first teaching sessions took place here with the children from Georgetown Elementary School. The kids designed and built several layouts over the years. We had permanent layouts there including "S" Gauge, "O" Gauge and "HO" Gauge. During the May 7, 2011 Open House, a fire of unknown cause destroyed the second floor. All but the club's off-site layouts was destroyed.



**NEW HOME** - In July, 2021, the club moved from Clayton's Crossing to it's new home located on Route 113, north of Selbyville. The club is open to the public every Wednesday from 5 - 8 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Club meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.