



## A VIEW FROM THE CAB

Several items of interest came up at our meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The need for more storage space has required the renting of an additional locker from the Self-Storage facility behind our building. This will allow us room for the very large G gauge donation we recently collected from Ambler, PA.

The plans for the Spring Fling Train Show are running well and our tables are again 100% sold out. All hands will be needed for Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> and you may contact Bill Ziegler (302-537-0964) or Skip Lee ([chessitrain@comcast.net](mailto:chessitrain@comcast.net)) to add your name to the schedule.

Our Finances have been examined by Ted Ibex and deemed to be accurate as presented and well managed and maintained in practice. Ted has also taken on the job of completing our tax return, which for the first time requires a more complex form submission since our 2023 income exceeded the amount the IRS allows for sending in the very brief report. Thanks went out to Ted and Bob for keeping us in the black and out of IRS jail!

Once again, with the Quarter Auction coming up also in May, Bill Mixon put out the request for more help in acquiring the gifts for auctioning from local businesses. Other efforts in fundraising are ongoing, but Chris Karr had to report that the grant request from the Freedom Foundation was not granted.

We are investigating the ordering of hats to acknowledge the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our clubs' founding. A sample has been ordered and I will have it in hand in a week or so to show the board members for their decision, with a sample of the Logo (like that on our club shirts), and the text "20 YEARS" below on the front of the cap. The cap will be an Off-White or Light Kakhi color.

That's all we have for now. This newsletter was delayed as our intrepid editor was moving his house and so we extend our apologies.

*John Hodges*



### QUARTER AUCTION - May 23, 6:00 pm, Millsboro Fire Hall

Every member has received a donation sheet for collecting items to be auctioned off. If you need more, they are in the clubhouse. We need 100 items for our auction to be successful. You can bring them to the next club meeting or give them to Mike Bonczewski or Bill Mixon any time before then. There are no tickets for this event, just show up at the door. Please invite your friends and neighbors. We need volunteers: kitchen, door, collectors, set-up and clean-up. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next club meeting.

# FUNDRAISING

This seems to be a fundraising issue of our newsletter, so here are a couple more.

**Spring Fling**

**you are invited to the ...**

## **DELAWARE SEASIDE TRAIN SHOW**

**Saturday, May 4, 2024 9 am - 2 pm**  
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## HOLIDAY RAFFLE

Our annual Holiday Raffle has begun. Each member will receive 10 tickets to purchase or sell. They will be available at the May club meeting. If you don't pick them up there, you will receive yours in the mail. We would prefer that you sell them to friends, relatives, and neighbors to help share the income that we need to keep our club and museum going.. **IMPORTANT** - if you cannot sell the tickets, please return them a.s.a.p. so other members can sell them for you. You would be surprised at how easy it is to sell the tickets. I have never been turned down by anyone I asked.

	<b>Holiday Raffle</b> <b>\$ 5.00</b>		
999	December 1 thru 11-----\$100 cash		
	December 12 - Lionel Train Set		
	Benefits		
	Delaware Seaside Railroad Club, Inc*.		
	Seaside Model Railroad Museum		
	*a 501(c)(3) non-profit		
	*The winning number as drawn by Delaware. State Evening Lottery		
		Name _____	Phone _____

## CLUB SPONSORS

In the past, many of you have solicited SPONSORS of the club at \$100 each While each SPONSOR has received letters reminding them of their gifts,as well as a donation form, it is up to the member who initiated the SPONSOR to follow up each year. We need the SPONSORS to keep up their donations. If you need new forms, they are available in the clubhouse.