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DSRC Engineer's Report

Many of you may have seen the e-mail from TCA listing the reasons for increasing the national TCA dues from \$35.00 to \$50.00 annually. We have had increased costs for our local club, but never to this magnitude. Some members of TCA feel they will stay with the organization, but other members do not plan to renew their membership. Think about it and we will discuss both sides of the issue at the September club meeting.

Thanks to hosts:

Bob and Kathy Hodges for the annual picnic at their home.
Nelson and Steve Cawunder did a great job. Nelson Davison proudly showed off his G gauge layout on July 20 display the club's G gauge modular layout and operate Nelson's own large G gauge layout from his garage to the back yard.

The club plans to present a model train course for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Lewes from September 12 to October 31, 2013. Compared to previous train courses at Osher, we will introduce a "hands on" project of constructing an interactive layout for children. Using the new Lionel LionChief Remote Control train sets, the layout will be used for our club displays and train meets in the future. Lectures will be given on the basics of the hobby of model trains as well as the practical project.

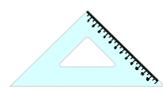
The Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club is in receipt of a donation of the following N gauge magazines:

1. N-Scale Magazine, six issues per year starting with 1996 thru 2012. (142 magazines)
2. Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette, six issues per year starting with 1996 thru 2012 (144 magazines)
3. SN3 Modeler, two issues per year starting with 1996 thru 2013 (30 magazines)
4. Model Railroader Magazine, many of the issues between 1996 and 2012 (over 100 magazines)

We are offering these magazines at \$1.00 per magazine. We would prefer to sell a specific magazine as one year together, if possible since the first three magazines have been stacked chronologically by years. The Model Railroader Magazines have not been sorted. Please let me know if you are interested. I will try to arrange a time and place convenient to you for delivery from our storage area.



back to basics



What is the secret CODE ?

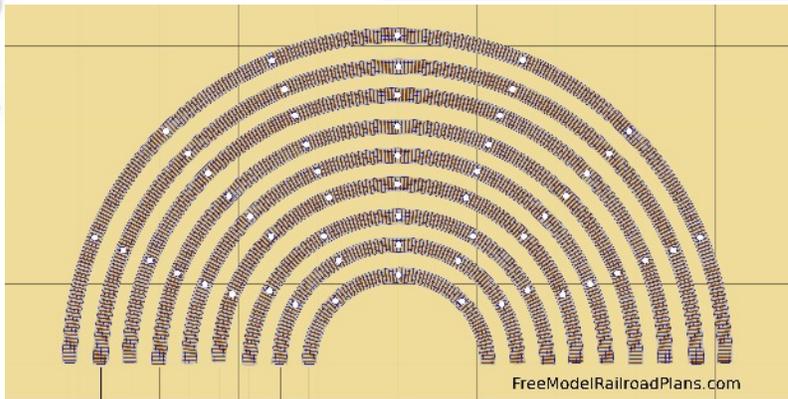


CODE - refers to the height of model railroad track in thousandths of an inch. For example:

O-gauge code 125 track is .125 or 1/8 high

HO-gauge code 100 is .100 high or 1/10 high

I'm more interested in CURVES !



Atlas 21st Century O Gauge Track Available Curve Diameters

Min. Curve*	Radius		Diameter**		Reference Brand
	Inches	Millimeters	Inches	Millimeters	
O	15.5	393.7	31	787.4	Lionel
O27	13.5	342.9	27	685.8	Lionel
S	20	508	40	1,016	Show Case Line
OO	14.6	371	29.2	742	Hornby
HO	15	381	30	762	Atlas Code 83
TT	10.5	267	21	534	Tillig TT Bahn
N	8.5	216	17	432	Kato Unitrack
Z	5.7	145	11.4	290	Marklin

*Larger locomotives in any given scale may not navigate the minimum curve track for that scale. The packaging for these locomotives usually indicates their minimum curve. Most scales give minimum curve values in radius, except O and O27 scale where curve values are normally given in diameter.

**Measurements are from the track center to center. To calculate the space required to reverse a train's direction add the width of the track being used, including ties and roadbed, to the diameter.



Curved track is measured by the distance from center rail to center rail. For example: O-31 track measures 31" in diameter from center rail to center rail.