



## A VIEW FROM THE CAB

We are certainly ready for spring, and just around the corner will be our Spring Fling Train & Toy Show at the Hope Center in Ocen View on April 18th. The team is working hard getting everything ready. Crag Stephen has completed a number of repairs on the modular layout. We will be taking sign-ups at our Wednesday meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, which will also be Pizza Night. This meeting will again start at 5 pm, so that we may have the pizza at 6 pm.

We sold two of our HO displays last month, the 5 ft by 8 ft HO built just this past fall by Doc Dougherty, and the Switching layout we had on the wall for years, also built by Doc. The buyer also wants an S-Gauge American Flyer style layout, so that project will be in the pipeline. We are just finishing up the wiring on a Multi-Gauge table with track for another client, and one of our members needs a 4' by 6' table (no trains, just the table).

We had another successful month with E-Bay sales, and our extended packing team is doing a great job getting the shipments out on time. We have gross sales of over \$20,000 for the 90 days ending March 31<sup>st</sup>. We have received information from our new owner of the property regarding the rent and other considerations for our new lease. Bob Schadewald will be meeting with him soon to ask a few important questions and clarify some other points.

We need help placing our yard signs announcing the Train Show on April 18<sup>th</sup>. They can be prominently placed on street corners in the areas of Selbyville, Frankford, Millsboro, and surrounding towns. We know Ocean View does not permit these type signs. Also, Sussex County requires that the signs be placed at least 10 feet away from the side of county roads. Otherwise, they will confiscate them and fine us for the signs. The signs also need to be collected within a day or two of the end of the show. If you can help, signs will be handed out each day we are open from the 8<sup>th</sup> until the 15<sup>th</sup>. The signs should be placed starting on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

This show will be the first time we arranged for workshops to take place during the show. I will be holding a 30-minute demonstration of maintaining typical classic toy trains, and an explanation of which parts of the modern train engines need lubrication. Frank Dueter from Snow Hill, MD will be covering Command Control Systems offered through MTH and Lionel.

*John Hodges*



## The Big Boy is Coming East!



Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest steam locomotive, will be coming East this year as part of Union Pacific's Coast to Coast Tour in celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This locomotive was built in 1941 by the American Locomotive Co. in Schenectady, NY and this tour will be the first time the engine will be in the Eastern US since it left the factory 85 years ago. The East Coast Tour begins in Chicago on May 25<sup>th</sup> and its premier station stop will be in Philadelphia on Independence Day. The Tour extends until July 29<sup>th</sup> with many other station stops in NY and PA. More details will follow when the Official Schedule is released.



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## Spring Fling Train & Toy Show Rolls into Ocean View on Saturday, April 18th



This year's edition of the Spring Fling Train & Toy Show takes place on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at the Hope Center in Ocean View, Delaware and runs from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The show was moved up two weeks to encourage more family attendance by avoiding the distraction of the beach just in case there were to be a really hot day in early May. New this year is the addition of Model Train Workshops. John Hodges will present MAINTAINING CLASSIC TOY TRAINS where you will learn how to keep those keepsake treasures in good working order. Frank Deuter will explain all of the different systems of digital train control in his presentation DCC & DCS 101: WHAT IS COMMAND CONTROL? In addition to these Classroom Workshops John Gladmon will be demonstrating the BLUNAMI DECODER SYSTEM BY SOUNDTRAXX hourly at his sales table #9. To make our O-gauge travelling display more exciting for children, Craig Stephen has added another Lionel CAB -1 hand-held remote controller which will allow the kids to operate Thomas the Tank Engine themselves on one of the main lines. Thomas will also make an appearance outside as we plan to have our trailer mounted G-scale display set up near the hall entrance and operating throughout the show. On the sales floor, the DSRC will expand their product offering with several additional tables devoted to diecast cars and trucks

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### From the Archives, April 2008

This month, 18 years ago, Club Members were very busy putting the finishing touches on the dioramas for their O-gauge modular layout in preparation for their 5<sup>th</sup> Train Show which would be held on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center. This was the largest train show hosted thus far and a quite successful one with over 100 vendor tables sold. The DSRC set up four operating layouts in N, S, O, and G-gauges and there was face painting and free balloons for the kids. If you are interested in reading about the history of your Club, binders of Newsletter Archives have been assembled and are stored in the cabinet above the ebay computer in our multi-function room at the Clubhouse.



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### Future Events of the DSRC

#### ***Cub Scout Pack #89 Visit to the Clubhouse***

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

#### ***Train Load Yard Sale***

Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Outdoors in the Clubhouse Parking Lot

#### ***Train Load Yard Sale***

Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, Outdoors in the Clubhouse Parking Lot

#### ***Indian Summer Train & Toy Show***

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hope Center in Ocean View, Delaware

#### ***Eastern Shore Train & Toy Show***

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, Maryland