



A VIEW FROM THE CAB

Well, the weather has been a lot cooler than recent years for spring, but the traffic to the beach will start picking up, making longer lines at the traffic lights up and down Rt 113.

We have just completed a very successful Train Load Yard Sale. There were about 6 vendors present besides the large outdoor table arrangement from our club. I sent out a note to members to let everyone know what a great result the day was financially, and I feel we will continue to do well with the sales of all our inventory, especially the recently donated diecast vehicles.

We finished the Z-Scale Coffee Table Project some weeks ago and it was picked up on the Yard Sale day. We also sold another one of the Z scale company-built portable layouts and that was picked up on May 31st. Our ability to produce quality Turn-key layouts in any gauge is a great asset, and I hope that kind of business continues, as our members get a lot of satisfaction from creating them.

Last month I mentioned that the Selbyville Old-Timers Day was June 14th. Did you know that event draws a large number of vintage cars and trucks? Our team will be there with a sales table offering diecast products and will also be operating the HO layout inside the old station building. Stop in and say hello!

Our landlord is allowing us to use some space in the adjacent building until the final settlement of the property is completed. The new owner has stopped in and talked to our guys on his plans for the yellow building, and I think we can get a lease extension with him before our current lease expires in June of 2026. We plan to make major improvements to the O - Gauge Traveling Layout and being able to set it up and work on it over several weeks will be a big benefit. Having access to the rear section of that building will be very helpful. Wiring changes and track repairs are the major objectives.

You may notice Chris Karr has become our newsletter editor. We thank Chris for taking on this task along with all the other things he does for the club. We send out our best wishes and our sincere thanks to Bill Mixon, the editor for so many years I cannot count. We appreciate it Bill, Thank You very much.

John Hodges



Celebrating our Nation's Independence

Train-Load Yard Sale, Saturday, May 24th



Thanks to everyone who attended the 12th Edition of our Train-Load Yard Sale! It was an outstanding fundraising success for the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club and Museum and a great day of fun for all.



See Us Around Town at These Upcoming Events

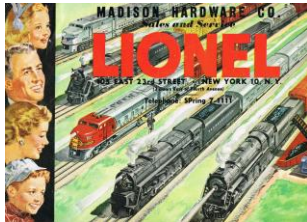
Selbyville Old Timers Day, Saturday June 14, 2025
Classic Car Show & Family Festival



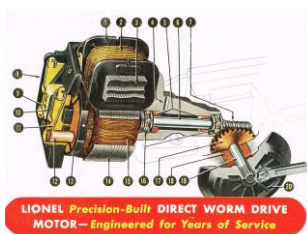
Bethany Beach July 4th Parade, Steps Off at 12:00 Noon
Thomas the Tank Engine Float!



Collectors Corner: Lionel 75 Years Ago



The Post War Era, especially during the 1946 to 1957 period, is considered by many to be the Golden Years of the Lionel Corporation. I recently found a 1950 Lionel Catalog overprinted by the Madison Hardware Co., Lionel's largest and most famous Sales and Service Center. I read it cover to cover just as I did as a young boy each year when a new catalog was released. This was the year that Magne-Traction was introduced, and Lionel re-released their famous PRR S-2 Steam Turbine and the 2-8-4 Berkshire Steam Locomotives with that feature and gave them new road numbers. Lionel promoted its models as being "Blueprint Correct", and their quality and durability was "Engineered for Years of Service". Attesting to their marketing claims, I have a 681 Steam Turbine still running on my layout. *Chris Karr*



Future Events of the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club

Train Load Yard Sale, Saturday, August 30, 2025
At the DSRC Clubhouse and Museum

Model Train & Toy Show, Saturday, September 27, 2025
Hope Center, Ocean View, Delaware