



A VIEW FROM THE CAB

Well, someone obviously prayed for rain. The prayers were answered. We had what might normally be considered a total wash-out for our Train Load Yard Sale event on Saturday, May 23rd. Although our vendors could not set up, the intrepid Shore Boyz team did arrive early and set up their trailer-mounted train layout in such a way to best avoid the wind-driven rain. Hats-Off to those guys for sticking it out for most of the morning.

The rain did not discourage a large crowd from visiting our museum and took advantage of the great deals we had for the sale. I would say the numbers of visitors in our building from 9:30 am until 12 Noon were as good as any previous Yard Sale event. Our income was right up there with the top 3 or 4 Yard Sales we've had in Selbyville.

We can also announce that we have a signed lease agreement for 1-year, ending June 30th of 2027. This has been an ongoing effort for many months in trying to solidify our location, although not ideal in respect to the length of term. We will now intensify our efforts to find a situation that provides a longer term of stability.

As mentioned last month, a very large donation has been collected from a home in Rehoboth Beach. The team made two trips to secure the vast collection of O-gauge, some S-Gauge, some vintage Pre-war in O and Standard gauges, and some N and HO gauge. It is indeed a mixed bag, and will take some time to sort, but a nice variety of Williams Engines are already up for sale in a special area. We rented Storage Unit #5 again to help us with a temporary place to sort through these items.

Our second layout table is complete and ready to be delivered to the owner. We will begin work on a 4 ft. by 6 ft. S-gauge layout very soon. We have an HO table ready to sell that is 4 ft. by 8 ft., and an N-gauge layout that is also ready for a new owner that is also 4 ft. by 8 ft. Our space limitations are maxed out, but I did have another layout offered to us; we just have to get back in touch with the person who was donating it.

Our decision to close to the public on the second Wednesday each month, so we can enjoy a pizza dinner after our Monthly Members Meeting, seems to have been a very popular idea. We will continue these through the summer, and I will ask the board if a meeting is necessary in July. Things are going well, and we are doing well financially.

Have a safe summer everyone!

John Hodges

The Model Train Industry Celebrates America's 250th Birthday

It has been well publicized that the Union Pacific's No. 4014 Big Boy, an articulated 4-8-8-4 steam locomotive, the world's largest, has added an East Coast leg to its annual tour culminating in Philadelphia on July 4th. But what is the model train industry doing to commemorate this amazing achievement? Well, just about everything imaginable. From the Williams Egg Liner to gold plated models of the Big Boy by Marklin in HO and MTH in O-Gauge, all manufacturers are offering commemorative editions and special releases. Take your pick but order soon as several models are already sold out.



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It was Full Steam Ahead for the *INDOOR* Train-Load Yard Sale on Saturday, May 23rd

The 14th edition of the ever-popular Train-Load Yard Sale was moved indoors on Saturday, May 23rd. While it was disappointing that the independent vendors could not set up outdoors, we were not totally rained out as the Shore Boyz did operate "*Thundersteeler*", their awesome trailer mounted O-gauge display throughout the morning. A fun day for all and a great fundraising success for the DSRC.



Future Events of the DSRC

Old Timer's Day: Saturday, June 20th, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, West Church Street, Selbyville, DE

Train Load Yard Sale: Saturday, September 5th, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, Outdoors in the Clubhouse Parking Lot

Indian Summer Train & Toy Show: Saturday, October 3rd at the Hope Center in Ocen View, Delaware

Eastern Shore Train & Toy Show : Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 27th – 29th at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, Maryland

