



A VIEW FROM THE CAB

SNOW STORMS.... Enough said.

I am sad to report on the passing of Walt Dennison, formerly of Dennison Hobbies in Berlin, MD. Walt was a great influence and his involvement with several clubs through his time in the hobby shop business created many lasting friendships.

The 6' x 16' HO layout we had used for the first two years at the Eastern Shore Toy and Train Show in Ocean City has been picked up by the new owner who came up from South Carolina. That connection and sale was through [ebay](#). The original buyer for the John Deere Farm Themed layout never got back us, so we put it back on the market, along with the smaller 5' x 8' HO layout. Both of these layouts along with the switching game layout were sold on March 8th.

The Seaford show went off without a hitch. We took the John Deere and the traveling Thomas layouts, both of which were busy all day with young and old alike using the LionChief remotes to operate the trains. This is a big hit, and I think we will continue to produce these types of layouts as they encourage visitor involvement. The team sold about \$250 worth of merchandise at the show.

The [ebay](#) project has also been going very well, with February net income over \$5,400 posted to our special account. The team has a great system for packing and shipping, and we have a 100% satisfaction rating on that auction site.

This month we are trying to have a Members Only night on Wednesday night, March 11th. We will be open at 4 pm, the monthly meeting will be from 5 until 6 pm, and we will have a gathering after that from about 6 with a pizza dinner. If this works, we will make the 2nd Wednesday every month a Members Only arrangement and change our advertising accordingly.

We continue to wait to hear from our new landlord what our lease will look like going forward. His crew have been very busy clearing out the large yellow building for another prospective tenant. The fencing he has started to install is not yet complete, and the gate remains open until further notice.

John Hodges



30th Annual Seaford Volunteer Fire Department Train Show, February 28, 2026

Supporting Sussex County civic organizations is core to our Mission and the DSRC has provided support for the Seaford VFD by setting up operating layouts for visitor entertainment for many years. This year was no exception, and the kids had a great time operating the Thomas and John Deere layouts using the Lion Chief remotes. Thanks to John Harrigan, Frank, Dan, Bob Z., Steve, Terry, Ray, Mike K., and others who helped pack at the Club for making this event a success.



Layout Lollapalooza

As John mentioned, last Saturday was an outstanding sales day for our club with three operating layouts sold. The day started early with the delivery of the John Deere farm themed layout to Mike and Colton B. in Hurlock, MD. Later in the morning Mercedes, Robert, and Peter W. arrived from Annandale, VA with a trailer to pick up the 5' x 8' HO layout and the HO Switching Game layout. This followed the pickup of the 6' x 16' HO layout by Don C. of Columbia, SC two weeks ago. Thanks to John Harrigan and Terry for making the delivery to Hurlock and to all Club Members present who helped pack, dismantle, and load up these three layouts.



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Net Sales:
\$13,862