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A VIEW FROM THE CAB

As most of you know, we are in the middle of one of our busiest seasons, second only to the lead up to Thanksgiving and Christmas. In that respect, we have recently concluded a very successful Spring Train and Toy Show in the Hope Center in Ocean View, Delaware. While we were hosting this show in competition with a major show in Timonium, MD, and our paid attendance was way less than our last few events, our sales of merchandise was very robust and from a net income perspective, our best show in 3 years, not counting Ócean City last November.

Of equal importance to the good news referring to Train Show income, we were fortunate that Terry Wildermuth had made a contact with a dealer of Diecast models in Pennsylvania, and that Deal netted \$1,000 for the club. The items sold there made little dent in the total inventory, so those items were also responsible for a large share of sales at the Show. In addition, arrangements are underway for the dealer from Pennsy to visit us later this month, with an eye to buying more.

We are making arrangements to open an Online Store with E-bay. Doc, Bob and I are working on the paperwork and logistics to make this happen. More news on this should be available at our meeting on the 14th, but we will keep everyone informed of our store info once it becomes available.

Per my last newsletter article, we will deliver a Thomas the Train O-gauge Layout to the Children's Reading room at the South Coastal Library on May 9th. It will stay in place until the week of June 2-6, when it will be moved to the Millsboro Library for the remainder of June.

Last, but not least, this Saturday the 10th we will have a small contingent from a British MG Motor Car Club from the DC area to visit us as a part of their Eastern Shore cruise event, ending in Lewes later that evening. The target time for their arrival is 2:00-2:30 pm, and we plan to stay open for an extra hour or so until they are ready to move off to their next stop. Oh, and if you are a fan of British buses, we have a ton of them in lots of sizes. Come check it out.

We will have a table for sales of Diecast vehicles at the Old-Timers Day in Selbyville, which includes a very popular Car Show, on June 14th. Their train Depot has a nice HO layout inside that Doc and our team have been maintaining for a number of vears.

Hang-on, and try to keep up!!

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Model Train & Toy Show, May 3, 2025 Hope Center, Ocean View, Delaware



Good Trains, Good Times, and Great Friends!

DSRC Supports Local Libraries

Delaware's local libraries are an outstanding community resource and their programs and events serve as a foundation of learning for the youth of the Delaware Beach Region. The DSRC supports local libraries throughout the year with Holiday Displays, after school layout building programs, and hands on fun for children attending library events. Our Thoms the Tank Engine layout is now running at the South Coastal Library in Bethany Beach and will move on to the Millsboro Public Library in June. The kids operate these layouts themselves with remote controls. Great fun for all.



Washington, DC MG Car Club

Great Day at the Museum!



The DSRC welcomed the MG Car Club of Washington, DC to the museum on May 10th. The group stopped in on their way to Lewes, DE as part of their Spring Overnight Event. They toured the Museum an told us all about their very exciting cars, models that we rarely see on the road today as British sports cars were last imported into the US in 1980.



Train-Load Yard Sale



The 12th Edition of the ever-popular Train-Load Yard Sale will occur on Saturday, May 24th from 8 am to 1 pm indoor and outdoor at the DSRC clubhouse. This event has everything for the model railroader and will feature our large inventory of Z and G scale trains and Diecast Cars and Trucks. Vendors wishing to participate in this no-cost event should contact Skip Lee at 443-618-6866 to register.

