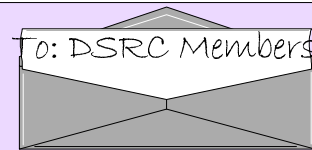


DSRC President's Letter



On March 13 the Board of Directors met at the South Coastal Library, 43 Kent Avenue, Bethany Beach, and DE 19930. There were 23 members plus 2 guests present. We discussed the current auto policy and the club liability insurance policy which are in effect currently. We are still looking for better liability insurance for the club shows, property insurance for our equipment, and umbrella insurance to cover any officer liability. If members can give any leads for new insurance companies, please contact Bill Fagan. Bill Ziegler asked for volunteers to help set up, run trains, and take down at the Hartly train Show on March 25. There were 10 people who helped with the setup and take down at the successful Seaford Show on February 25. Bob Hodges sold \$400.00 worth of excess club supplies at Seaford. Bill Ziegler also reported that we would use the original O gauge modular layout with new dioramas at the York TCA Train Show from October 18th thru 20th, 2012. We have been invited to use the theme of post-war model train manufacturers for the dioramas. John Hodges announced that a work day for building the S Gauge modular layout would be at his garage on March 21st. This year we will display our modular layouts at the Georgetown Library on November 17th and 24th, and December 1st, 8th, and 15th. At the end of the meeting, Thomas Bradley presented photo slides depicting the now closed Bethlehem Steel Plant in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. It was well received and requests were made for Thomas to present more slide programs in the future.

At the Hartly Train Show on Saturday, March 24, we received \$40.00 in visitor free will donations, \$150.00 from the fire station, and \$600.00 from the sale of surplus club equipment by Bob Hodges. Bob has given many hours to sorting, pricing, packing, displaying, and selling donated surplus equipment at each of the train shows. The twelve by twenty eight foot O gauge modular layout delighted many children and lots of adults young and old. Volunteers included Bill Ziegler, Bob Hodges, Steve Cawunder, Jim LeGates, Nelson Davison, David Lawrence, and Miles Potter for the modular layout setup and take down. We were joined by our newest club member, Brett Wyatt, who brought some of his modern trains to run after helping us set up and later take down the layout. John Hodges and Bill Ziegler checked the accessories that were broken and need repairs on the O gauge modular layout.

Miles Potter has requested to be relieved of his position as Secretary due to personal reasons and family health problems. On behalf of the club I want to thank him for his many hours of service and his support of our programs especially at the Georgetown Train Station. We hope he will continue to be active and enthusiastic in the club activities for many years to come.

At the Executive Committee on March 27, I introduced Jim LeGates as the newly appointed Secretary to complete Miles' term of office. Jim has been with the club since the early years of its formation. Not only is he interested in our club, but he was seen at Hartly buying some of our excess equipment for his grand children's train layout.

On March 27 the executive committee met at Bill Mixon's home in Milton. We agreed on a cleanup day at Jean's garage where we store most of the club's equipment including the club van. We will work from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on April 12. Projects will include the following: clean out the garage; sort scrap lumber; build new shelves; put a combination lock on the door; remove broken branches from the roof and cut low hanging tree branches; bleach and clean the overhead garage door; repair the HO gauge layouts stored in the garage by the HO gauge committee; and complete the inventory and sorting of equipment by the O, G, and HO gauge committees.

Other business at the meeting included the purchase of John Hodges' 5 foot by 6 foot S gauge layout with rolling stock for \$50.00. This means that we have single board layouts for HO, N, and S gauges to use at various displays. We voted to decide on how to prioritize future show or display activities by keeping to our mission first, availability of our equipment second, and income or donation potential third.

We look forward to Bill Mixon's presentation on using E-Bay for selling and buying model trains at our next club meeting on April 10. I hope to see all of you, then.

David Lawrence, Engineer



We would really like to "put all our eggs in one basket". So, if you know some former members, try to get them to come back and join us again. We need everyone's input to enable us to "break out of our shell" and pursue new endeavors.