



A VIEW FROM THE CAB

Welcome to Fall 2025!

Our Indian Summer Train and Toy Show is in the books. We did quite well financially from the total income perspective, but even with 289 paid attendance and 33 kids under 10, frankly, we had expected a better showing. Given all the other factors that we consider regarding the reasons why we fail to consistently attract over 300 adults to a show, we are looking at a change of dates to make this show a little closer to the holiday period, and in the Spring a bit earlier before the weather turns nice. From the report we received from Skip Lee, vendors did not fair all that well, and we will find it difficult to attract vendors if we cannot improve on the buying public coming through the door.

On a more positive note, our **e**bay store is up and running. We have 80 active listings, and so far, we have sold over \$2,600 worth of product during the 5 weeks since we got rolling. Samantha Bianca has been a great help with her listings of the products, and we are moving Diecast, G-scale, and Z-scale items.

With one HO layout completed by Doc and a “John Deer” farming layout in progress in O-gauge with two “Deere” themed LionChief trains as the power, we will be ready for our “Black Friday” Eastern Show Train, Toy and Hobby Show at the OC Convention Center November 28-30, 2025.

Our G-scale team is getting their benchwork built as we write this and they have established their track plan and will begin laying track very soon. We had a very effective Clean-out Workday on the 15th with a lot of unneeded or non-salable items being carted off for recycling.

The Winter Festival of Lights in Ocean City’s Northlands Park will include Skip Lee’s O-Scale “Winter Extravaganza of Trains” and two of our portable layouts that we used last year for display. The layouts will be housed in two wooded “sheds” which will be heated to protect the equipment. Sign-ups for the OC Displays and for those at the Georgetown Public Library are now being collected, so please let a board member know if you can help as a volunteer at these events.

Last year, the Georgetown Public Library Display event was enjoyed by over 700 people and the OC Show had paid attendance of 2,100 adults plus a large number of children that were free. The train displays that stayed open 5 nights per week through the end of December saw hundreds more, but the Winter Festival of Lights attracted more than 100,000 visitors, and we hope that turns into a lot of donations for the OC Beach Patrol.

John Hodges



Happy Halloween!



Fall Events of The Delaware Seaside Railroad Club

Indian Summer Train & Toy Show

On Saturday September 27th over 300 adults and children converged on the Hope Center in Ocen View Delaware for our Indian Summer Train & Toy Show. The show was certainly a fun event for all and a wonderful gathering of old friends and new hobbyists. Most importantly it was a great fundraising success for the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club. The proceeds of our shows help defray the expenses of keeping our Model Railroad Museum in Selbyville open to the public, free of charge, two days per week year-round. Your support of the DSRC and the many independent vendors at the show is greatly appreciated.



Eastern Shore Train, Toy & Hobby Show



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& HOBBY
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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE OCEAN CITY TOURISM DEPARTMENT

Save the dates for the largest Train Show on Delmarva's Eastern Shore!

The Delaware Seaside Railroad Club is proud to announce the 2nd Annual Edition of the Eastern Shore Train, Toy and Hobby Show. This exciting three-day show and sale will be held at The Ocean City Convention Centre on November 28-30, 2025. This show is brought to you in conjunction with Ocean City, Maryland's Holiday Shoppers Fair, and in collaboration with the Ocean City Beach Patrol.

Thanks to all Club Members who have been involved in building layouts for this show and for the Winterfest of Lights Display and to those who will be involved in staffing the exhibits and operating the trains. For more information, or to volunteer to help, please contact Skip Lee, Show Manager.

Georgetown Public Library Holiday Train Display



The 14th Annual Georgetown Public Library Model Train Display opens to the public on Saturday, November 29th for a run of four consecutive Saturdays, concluding on December 20th. In addition, on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the Holiday season, the displays are operated for prearranged tour groups of elementary school children and senior citizen organizations. To volunteer to help setup, operate, and take down the displays, please contact Craig Stephen or Frank Parrino, Co-Show Managers.