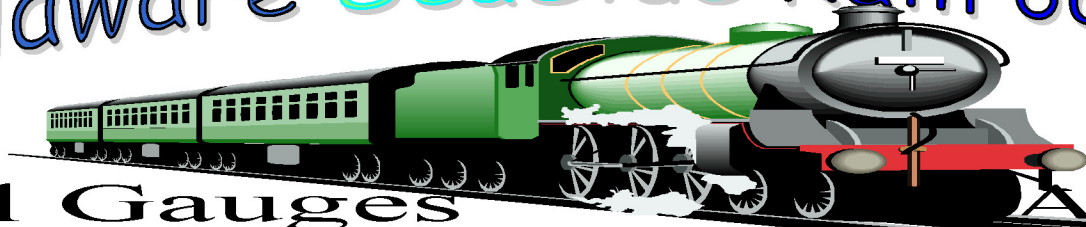


# Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club



All Gauges

All Fun

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## Gearing Up For A Full Fall Of Fun?

Sorry, but that was the best that I could come up with!

Our schedule in the fall is usually very busy. There are several major items we as a club should decide on very soon.

1. Do we try one more year of hosting a Train Show in the Summer and if so, should it be at Rehoboth Convention Center?
2. Do we decide to support the Dover Down Chocolate Festival?  
The O gauge layout is being used for the Hartly Show the week before, and so half the work of getting the layout to Dover is already done. The Choc. Festival is a Friday and Saturday thing so, volunteers would be needed Wednesday for Set-up, running trains Friday and Saturday, and take down and bring back on Saturday after closing at about 6 pm. Do we do this or not?

Last year, we sold \$565 worth of raffle tickets here.

3. Our board of directors is re-elected every year. We have also appointed a chairperson for several committees, such as Miles Potter for the HO committee and Lynne Hooker and Fran Corbin for the Train Raffle. These individuals will be invited to attend any Executive board meetings so they may learn first hand how the board conducts its business. Candidates for any position on the board may notify Dave Lawrence 302-537-9114 or [dalawrencemd@lawrence.cc](mailto:dalawrencemd@lawrence.cc).



Above, is an original A.C. Gilbert American Flyer Talking Station # 755A. Cataloged from 1948 through 1953, this accessory utilized a miniature record player to reproduce station announcements. This example was photographed by John Hodges on Vernon Huber's O gauge train layout, and long ago Vernon had recorded the sounds on a tape player so he could save the sounds for years to come. On left, Vernon discusses his O gauge layout with Dr. David Lawrence, our esteemed Conductor. John Hodges and Dave were demonstrating the Digital Command System from MTH. Vernon has several MTH engines of various vintage. Note also the airplanes Vernon built flying overhead.



## Get on Board the

### Annual Christmas Train Tour

Our vast volunteer staff will soon be calling those who have graciously opened their homes in the past to allow the public to see their trains. While we will discuss the implications and our legal liabilities with our insurers, we are proceeding with planning and are also welcoming new members to join the tour.

There is no need to feel like your model railroad is not ready for outsiders. Everyone starts somewhere. My layout is very small by many standards, but I have seen some on this tour that are smaller but just as interesting and creative. I continue to tweak my display, add a little detail, alter the rolling stock, etc., but in reality I really don't run my trains that often except for getting ready for the tour, and during the tour days itself. If you are volunteering for helping at the train station and that is a conflict, you can always limit opening times to Sundays only.

Why not contact one of the guys on the Tour Committee, Mike Dorothy, Miles Potter or Dave Lawrence, and get on the list? Remember, the membership list is available online at [www.delawareseasiderailroadclub.com](http://www.delawareseasiderailroadclub.com), and you can see the names, E-Mail and phone contact information there for every member.

#### In Search Of.....

Accessories. I would like to build upon the films I took last year of some of the classic and newer accessories available, to improve my presentation for this fall's Oshere Learning Center classes. I can come to your home to take the films with my digital camera, which works quite well if I can get within two feet of the item being filmed. It records the sounds also, which is a great extra. Call me at 302-945-1627 or e-mail at [jchodges46@verizon.net](mailto:jchodges46@verizon.net) if you can help.

## Calendar of Events

Sep. 4 10am to 2 pm Open House at Georgetown Station  
Sept. 14 7 PM. Meeting, South Coastal Library, B. Beach  
Sep. 18 10am to 2 pm Open House at Georgetown Station  
Oct. 2, 10am to 2 pm Open House at Georgetown Station  
Oct. 14-16 TCA-York Train Meet. Get adv. Registrations in.

## Facebook!

If you are not already hooked up with Facebook, then you need to get with it! All your Grandkids will be on it already, and now so is the Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club, Inc. All you need to do is add the club to your friends list, and send us to your friends as well. You will be surprised that some of your friends will be impressed with our club and its many activities.

#### Thinking of Trains Around the Tree?

With September here and the beginning of fall, I like to begin checking out the condition of the trains I plan to run over Christmas on my small track plan under our annual Christmas Tree. Here are a few things you should check when you remove the trains from storage.

1. Start early. If a train needs repair, don't take it in around Thanksgiving. Do it now!
2. Clean the tops of the track using denatured alcohol.
3. Check wheels for dirt build up and clean with denatured alcohol, or use a dremel tool and wire brush attachment. Take care when cleaning plastic wheels with a dremel, as it can burn the plastic.
4. Lubricate wheels, axles and motor shafts. Check motor armature for free movement by turning by hand.
5. Check transformer cord for nicks or cracks. Replace cord or have transformer serviced.
6. Test run the trains on the track.