



A VIEW FROM THE CAB

Tis the Season!

Local Parades. Decorating at the Club for Christmas. Colder weather. People rushing to get their trains ready for the Holidays.

It's all very familiar and also to me very reassuring. There is plenty of negativity going around these days, politically, socially, and ethnically. You name it. But the Thanksgiving to New Years seasons put us in a more comfortable and certainly peaceful frame of mind.... I hope!

As far as the Train Club goes, we are busy with all this mentioned above, and lots more as our 12th Annual Georgetown Library Train Displays is officially in progress. One thing that becomes obvious to me is that we really are spending a lot of time fixing the traveling O gauge layout after setting it up due to problems that occur with moving the modules in and out of their carrying carts. Track is getting damaged with increasing frequency, and every switch on the layout has suffered some damage. Add to this the need to renew the theme with new dioramas, and we are thinking about setting it up in the club a few sections at a time will be necessary this winter in preparation for the Seaford show. More about this will be discussed at the meeting on December 13th.

Our club is also reaching out for volunteers to help Skip Lee operate the trains at the Ocean City Convention Center on every Thursday through Sunday evening between now and January 1st. A schedule is available upon request so if you want to run some O gauge trains, maybe with a fellow member, get in touch with Skip Lee at chessitrain@comcast.net and he will give you the details and sign you up.

We are gathering together at Bill and Gladys Mixon's on December 18th for a Holiday Party, covered dish to be brought along to share, and the time and further details will be shown in this newsletter. Jean and I will be heading to Florida for our annual gathering with our girls and their families so we will miss being there with you.

I am especially pleased with the financial picture we are in as 2023 comes to an end. We have handled our resources very well, and been fortunate with several very helpful donations. I need to congratulate the board and all the various committee chairs and members who have collectively offered great leadership and productivity.

Merry Christmas Everyone, and a Happy New Year!

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 13th at 6:30 pm at the club house..

John Hodges



Annual Holiday Party

This year the annual Holiday Party will be held on Monday, December 18, hosted by Bill and Gladys Mixon. from 5:00 to 7:00. We are located at 16720 Flatstone Circle, Milton. Parking is sparse, so it would be good if you can share rides.

We don't think the club should pay for the party so we are asking for \$5 per person to cover the main food and drinks. Appetizers and desserts are welcome. We need an accurate count for the food order. Call or e-mail Mike Bonczewski at mbonczewski@verizon.net or 443-930-2480 by December 12.

Attire is casual. Hope to see you there.

Georgetown Library, 2023...Photos from Dave Lawrence

