

DELAWARE SEASIDE RAILROAD CLUB

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..NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....

O-GAUGE - Construction is about to begin on the new O-gauge layout for the club's home. If you are interested in helping, contact Bill Ziegler at 302-537-0964.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - you can sign up to volunteer to help at the club's home. No experience needed. Visit the website: www.delawareseasiderailroadclub.com to sign on.

MEMBERSHIP - the new membership form will be on the website after the February meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -

Feb. 9 - club meeting - 7:00 pm- South Coastal Library

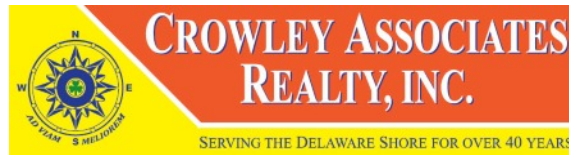
Feb. 26 - set up O-gauge layout - Seaford Train Show - 1:00pm - SVFD

Feb. 27 Seaford Train Show - 9 to 3

2016 SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

February marks the start of our 2016 Sponsorship Program. Every member is encouraged to reach out to a local business for a \$100 sponsorship. Forms will be available at the February meeting and in the "home". Last year we signed 47 sponsors and we are looking for a similar number this year, but we need your help. Our 47 sponsors were signed by only 13 members. I'm sure every one of you have a doctor, lawyer, bank, business, barber, etc. who would be proud to sponsor our non-profit organization.

Thank you to our first two sponsors for 2016: **Crowley Associates Realty and Creative Concepts, Bethany.**



ENGINEER'S TWO CENTS



I am writing this from Naples, Florida. I am happy to have missed the Winter Storm Jonas drama, but understand that Slower/Lower once again dodged the bullet and did not get too much snow. I hope all of you have not suffered terribly from the ravages of wind and flooding that beset so much of our community.

I hope that when I return for the meeting on February 9th, we can resolve the outstanding issue over the question of dues. Speaking for those who are living on modest income, I can see the idea to allow a fundraising commitment that would take place later in the calendar year is still consistent with out total income requirements, but gives those that want to sell raffle tickets a chance to do that, and not have the larger burden early in the year. Several of the members I have spoken to recently about this are folks who have been with us since the first months of the club's existence, and allowing this option will keep them in the club.

We're all excited about the coming O Gauge layout to be built in the clubhouse. I know the committee has a plan in place and should start construction in February. We are also approaching the kick-off for our Sponsorship program for 2016. So if you have a small business you would like to promote, or have a friend or neighbor who you can approach about sponsoring our club, get with Bill Mixon or Doug Hornberger soon and get some materials about this fundraising project. Last year we had 45 sponsors, so let's do what we can to help the club reach their sponsors goal for 2016.

If you need to get out of the house and stretch your legs, come visit us at the clubhouse on a Wednesday afternoon or Saturday and bring a train to test out on our various layouts. See how the O gauge layout build is progressing, or help out a bit on it yourself. We'll also be modifying the S gauge display with so changes to trackage during the later part of February, and I believe the G gauge layout is undergoing a modification to elevate one of the main lines. Always something to see at the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club!



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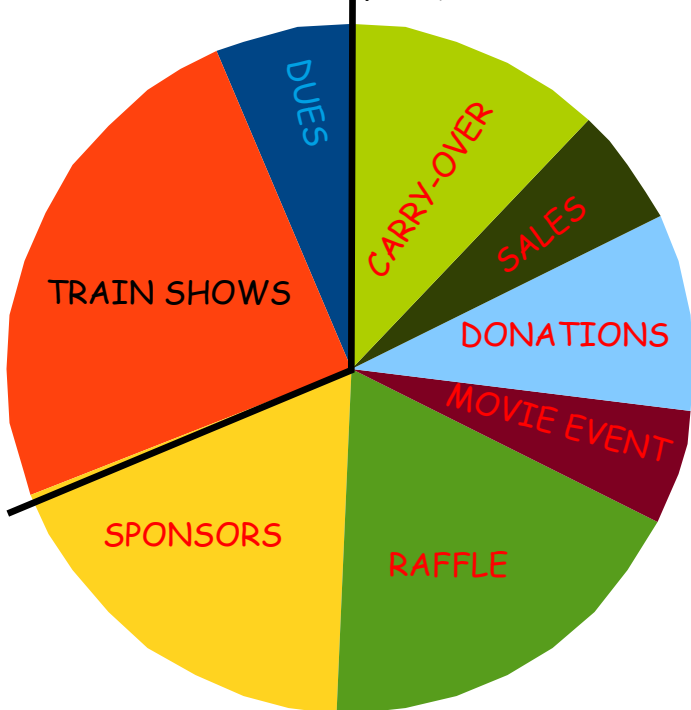
*IT'S WHAT WE DO

There has been much discussion about our dues which were increased to \$75.00 at the December meeting. There will be a vote in the February meeting to offer members the choice to pay in one of two ways:

1. - Pay \$75 up front with no further obligation for fundraising, or
2. - Pay \$25 now and agree to sell or purchase 10 raffle tickets.

As you can see by the diagram, fundraising (items in RED) accounts for about 70% of our budget.

INCOME - \$27,350



EXPENSES - \$27,350

