



## VIEW FROM THE CAB

For the first time that I can recall, we had to close our planned Open House on this past Saturday, because of the weather. Boy did it snow, and I guess you had nearly this much back on the 3rd of January also. We have been lucky with weather through the last 7 years we've been able to enjoy the convenience of a permanent club house.

This time of year I sometimes talk about train repairs, so a few quick tips to those of you that have not yet packed your Christmas Trains away until next Thanksgiving.

### PREPARATION:

- Lubricating your rolling stock BEFORE storing them is a good idea.
- Wrapping the trains in newspaper is a sound method, unless you still have the original packaging. Using old clothes also works. Absorbing moisture is key to protecting the trains.

### STORAGE:

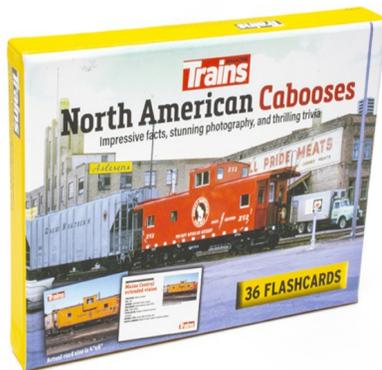
-Whether modern or classic trains, it is not a good idea to store trains in an un-conditioned space. Attics and unheated basements can cause plastic to warp on old classics, and extreme heat is not a friend to modern electronics found in newer train equipment. Even Lionel's Ready-to-Run sets now incorporate micro-electronics for Bluetooth wireless control and those great sound systems.

At the Club house Doc has been able to get our furnace running better in the north display room, thanks to Ernie Hyett who has an HVAC business locally, and recently became a member. We have another issue to solve with the South Room heating unit, with some duct work that needs to be corrected.

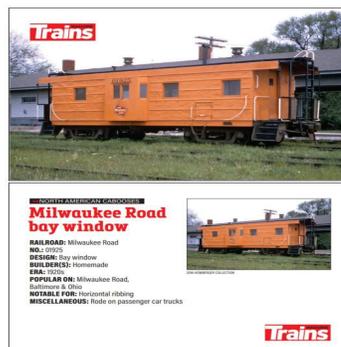
Our new Fundraising team will include Bill Mixon, Mark Fisher, Frank Parrino, and Bob Schadewald. They will meet in February and we wish them the best in their endeavor to help us generate the income needed to stay up with our expenses.

Our next scheduled meeting is February 9th at 6:30 at the club house. Please remember to bring a chair if you are coming.

*John Hodges*



KALMBACH hobby store is offering a set of flash cards showcasing North American railroad cabooses (or is it cabese). Each card has beautiful photographs and facts about the caboose. They will be available in February at [www.kalmbachhobbystore.com](http://www.kalmbachhobbystore.com)



You can add a snow scene to your model railroad, after all, we do get a little snow in Sussex County.



## FUNDRAISING

As you know by now, our clubhouse rent is about \$2,500 per month/ \$30,000 per year. That does not include utilities. We need to do some major fundraising to meet our budget. As John said in his report, a special fundraising committee has been appointed to develop plans and activities to raise the necessary funds to continue to operate in the black.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT.**

If you have any ideas, no matter how big or small, contact one of the committee members: Bill Mixon, Frank Parino, Mark Fisher, or Bob Schadewald. You can email us at: [dsrc@delawareseasiderailroadclub.com](mailto:dsrc@delawareseasiderailroadclub.com)

# SPRING FLING MODEL TRAIN SHOW



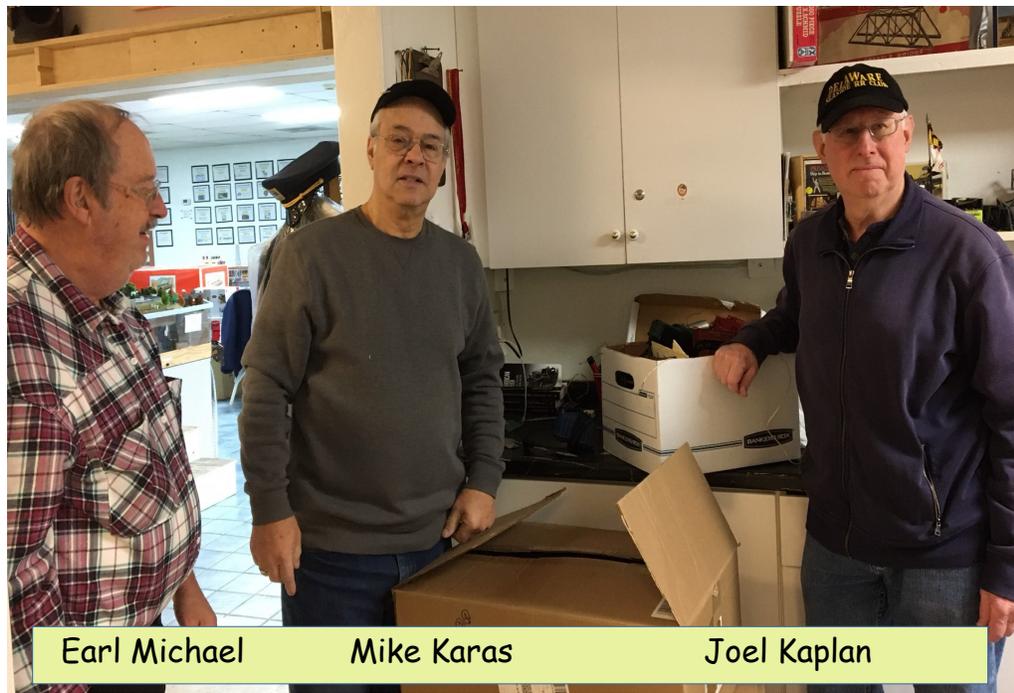
**SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022...9am - 3pm**

**Roxana Fire House  
35943 Zion Church Road, Roxana, DE**

**Admission - \$6.00...children under 10 free  
Call Bill at 302-537-0964 for information**



Steve  
Cawunder



Earl Michael

Mike Karas

Joel Kaplan

The club received a huge ( 7 large boxes ) donation of mostly L.G.B. trains from David L. Tappan of Rehoboth. Here are four of our clubhouse regulars opening the boxes.

## NEW TRAIN CAR

Parallel, an L.A. Based start-up company, is developing a new patent-pending vehicle to increase utilization of today's rail network. The autonomous battery-electric rail vehicles transport standard shipping containers as a single or double stacked load. The vehicles can self-assemble en route as platoons on the nation's existing rail infrastructure. More flexible than traditional trains, the rail vehicles enable more responsive service and a wider range of routes.

