



# DELAWARE SEASIDE RAILROAD CLUB

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

RAFFLE - The winners are:

1st Prize - Craig Thomas - \$800 cash

2nd Prize - Charles E. - \$400 cash

3rd Prize - Matthew Klapak - \$200 cash

The names were picked by a visitor to the clubhouse on December 19 at 11:00am. Final results will be announced at the January club meeting.

DUES - the dues increase which was passed at the December meeting will be open for new discussion at the January meeting. Please attend if you wish to be heard.

## DSRC ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Elected for a two year term are: John Martin - Ticketmaster ( treasurer), Joseph Dougherty - Fireman ( vice president ), and John Weisel - Dispatcher ( public relations ). Remaining on the Board for one more year are: John Hodges - Engineer ( president ), and Frank Mack - Conductor ( secretary).



## ENGINEER'S TWO CENTS Happy New Year



I hope by now everyone has had their fill of Holiday Cheer and is settling down for a 'Long Winter's Nap'! Well, maybe not. The days will already be getting longer, so cabin fever will be diminishing and there are always things to do during the cold winter months. If you are a train fan that only has space for a Train around the Christmas tree, getting the trains ready for storage is always a good idea. I suggest the wheels of the rolling stock should get a small drop of light lubricating oil ( 3-in-one will work) on each wheel, where the axle meets the wheel or/and where the axel seats into a truck frame or the truck side frame, is good preventive maintenance. If rolling stock has a center rail power pickup roller, also a small drop in those bearing points is useful.

Locomotives should receive the same sort of attention, but don't forget to put some smoke oil into the smoke units and give the oil time to absorb into the wicks inside so the oil won't drip back out while wrapping the piece in some paper product, like old newspaper. Paper tends to absorb any moisture that exists in your storage area, but keep in mind, placing trains in un-heated places is not a great idea. Most attics and crawlspaces are too susceptible to temperature and humidity extremes to be ideal for storing train items, especially engines and controllers. Anything that has electronics, such as the newer TMCC, DCS and Legacy equipped products, should be stored in climate controlled space.

Regarding club news, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jessie and John Pieplow for their help in putting together a great Christmas party for the club on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The facility at the Salt Pond Country Club was an ideal location and provided a wonderful setting for 40 members and guests. The food was great, including specialties brought in by everyone attending. The clubhouse even had decorations for the season, supplemented by Jessie and John in a very tasteful way, enhancing the warmth and charm of the space.



John Hodges

# COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

If you would like to join one of the standing committees, contact the chairperson:



O-gauge - and Train Show - Bill Ziegler



N - gauge - Bob Hodges



S - gauge - John Hodges



G-gauge - Nelson Davison



HO - gauge - Tom Bradley



House Committee - Dave Lawrence



Fundraising - Bill Mixon



## 2015 CHRISTMAS PARTY

