

DELAWARE SEASIDE RAILROAD CLUB

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View from the Cab

Actually, not really at the throttle right now, as I have made the annual pilgrimage to Naples, Florida to spend the holidays and most of January with our daughter and her family, including our Junior Club Member, Jamie.

From things I observed before I left on December 19th, visitors at the clubhouse were picking up, and the Georgetown Library activity showed a fairly good attendance also. I hope the final numbers bear this out: but even if the showing is lower than previous, we still need to recognize the many, many hours of volunteer work done at both locations, and once again thank Dave Lawrence for his work in organizing and staffing the Library Display this season.

Winter will no doubt bring a slow down of activities at the club. I caution our members to use good judgment on opening the facility when the weather is bad. We typically follow state DOT warnings and close the shop when Snow Emergency warnings are posted on the radio and TV. Getting the parking areas and front door access cleared of snow is required if we are going to open, so be sensitive to that and don't open up unless you are prepared to clear away snow that the plows cannot reach.

If we are deciding to close, please call me at 302-448-5654 because I get most of the calls when visitors search the web and see our site. I can ask Bill Mixon to place a CLOSED notice on the web site if we have ample time to do so.

I suspect Doc Dougherty will be chairing the next club meeting on January the 14th, and he will have an agenda from me for that. If you have something to add to the club's order of business, please e-mail me at jhodes46@verizon.net and we will consider it and place it on the agenda. We are still looking to form a committee to help promote the club house as an attraction. Mark Fisher will likely be the chair of this group.

See you again in February.

John Hodges

Editors note:

My computer crashed last week , so I am building this newsletter from scratch. I apologize for the unusual format. I am hoping to have it corrected by next month.

Bill Mixon



School Kids Enjoy the Annual Library Display



School Children Walk to the Library Train Display

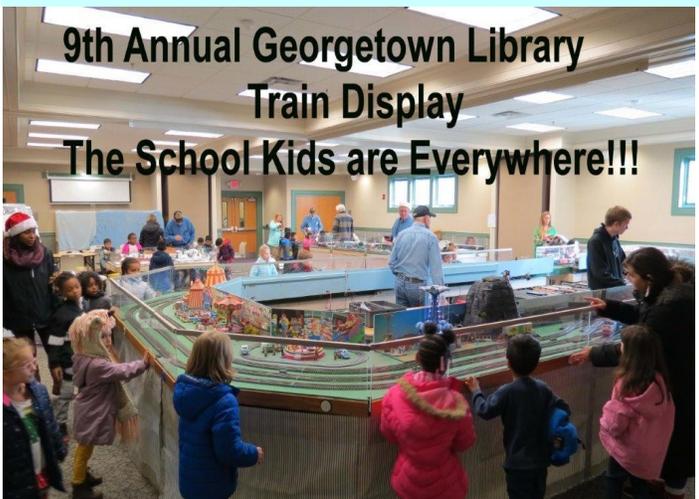


The Annual Club Xmas Party Feast



Drawing the Winning Club Lottery Tickets

Many thanks to Dr. David Lawrence for providing great club pictures through the years



**9th Annual Georgetown Library Train Display
The School Kids are Everywhere!!!**



Donated Trains with Original Lionel Boxes