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July 9 - picnic at Bob Hodges' home.  
July 20 - Open House at Nelson Davidson's - 11-4

**..NEWS..NEWS..NEWS..NEWS...**

...OPEN HOUSE - Nelson Davison will host an open house on July 20. See the club's new G-gauge layout, and Nelson's personal G-gauge layout. Dioramas are being planned for the G-gauge modular layout. The theme will be "circus" If you are interested in helping to build a diorama, or have some circus related items, contact Nelson at 302-284-9368.

...TRAIN TRIP - there are just two seats left on the Fall Foliage Train Trip for October 12, 2013. Call Bill at 302-827-4278 for tickets.

...TRAIN SHOW - the club has decided to rent the engine room for the Indian Summer Train Show. With this additional space, we will be able to rent 12 more dealer tables, and set up two layouts inside.

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...O=-GAUGE LAYOUT - Changes are being planned for the club's O-gauge layout. Each diorama will represent a manufacturer such as: Lionel, MTH, American Flyer, Colbert, Junior Bridge, Plasticville, etc. This is different from the "Historic Layout" the club det up in York and Seaford. Modern manufacturers are included. Contact Bill Ziegler at 302-537-0964



# DSRC Engineer's Report



The double header Shorebirds Ball Game Trip on Wednesday, June 12, proved to be a great social time with sunny weather. The buffet dinner was much better this year. We appreciate the efforts of Bill Fagan to arrange this relaxing excursion. See the photos on the next page of the newsletter.

Members and their partners are invited to the annual club picnic. Kathy and Bob Hodges will be our hosts on July 9 at their home, 22628 Southern Pines Drive, Lewes, DE 19958, 302-231-8722, and njhodgesrv@aol.com. Starting at 2:00 P.M., swimming and cool beverages will be available. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be served at 5:00 P.M. If you can, bring a covered dish and call

Kathy with your choice of food. The salt water pool is a soothing relief on a hot day. If you enjoyed the delicious margaritas last year, Bill Mixon is back by popular demand with his famous mixing machine.

The train activity for July will be an open house at Nelson Davison's home at 163 Woodfield Parkway, Magnolia, DE 19962, 302-284-9368, [nelsond4920@comcast.net](mailto:nelsond4920@comcast.net). On Saturday, July 20, from 11:00 A. M. to 4:00 P.M., he and Steve Cawunder will display the club's G gauge modular layout and operate Nelson's own large G gauge layout from his garage to the back yard. Bring your family and your neighbors to see the "big" trains.

The club plans to present a model train course for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Lewes from September 12 to October 31, 2013. Compared to previous train courses at Osher, we will introduce a "hands on" project of constructing an interactive layout for children. Using the new Lionel LionChief Remote Control train sets, the layout will be used for our club displays and train meets in the future. Lectures will be given on the basics of the hobby of model trains as well as the practical project.

During the summer please consider new programs for our club meetings. If you or someone else can give a presentation about real trains or model trains, please let me know. In your neighborhood there may be someone who works for the railroad, or who has a craft skill that can be applied to building a layout. It can be a part of a "show and tell" only lasting ten or fifteen minutes. There are many talents that our members have in building their own train empire that could help others with their creative layouts.

The next club meeting will be at the **South Coastal Public Library**, 43 Kent Avenue, Bethany Beach, DE 19930, 302-539-5231, on **September 10, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.**



## back to basics



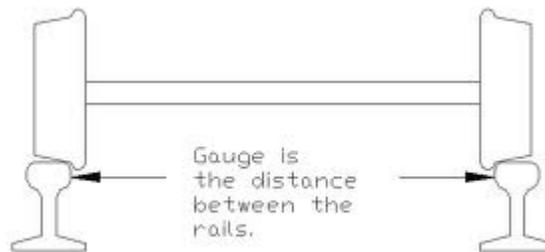
What is the difference between "scale" and "gauge"?

### GAUGE



IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND. It is simply the distance between the outside rails.

- Standard = 2 1/4"
- G = 1 3/4"
- O = 1 1/4"
- S = 7/8"
- OO = 3/4"
- HO = 5/8"
- N = 3/8"
- Z = 1/4"



Did you know that "HO" means "Half O"?

$$1 \frac{1}{4}'' \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{8}''$$

### SCALE

is more complicated. For example my American Flyer trains are both 1:64 and 3/16" scale. How

can that be? First of all, SCALE is the size of the object in proportion to the prototype(actual item.)

The symbol  $\cdot$  means "is equal to". So, for AF trains, 1" is equal to 64". When expressed as a fraction, 3/16 scale means that every 3/16" is equal to 12" or 1 foot. They are both the SAME.

- G = 1:20 or 1:32 depending on manufacturer
- O = 1:48 or 1/4"
- O-27 = somewhere between 1:48 and 1:64
- S = 1:64 or 3/16"
- HO = 1:87 or 1/8" depending on manufacturer
- N = 1:140
- Z = 1:220

