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VIEW FROM THE CAB

We are Re-Opening Soon!

The Board of Directors has unanimously agreed to open our club house starting on June 3rd under Phase 1 Guidelines established by the Delaware Department of Health. The club has agreed that during Phase 1, we will permit Members Only on Wednesday Evenings, and restrict the numbers of members to 11, including family members. This constitutes 30% of our capacity of 33 persons under normal occupancy, a state restriction.

The restrictions require the use of face coverings (masks) and social distancing when possible. Due to our restricted aisles in the club, I suspect visitors and members will be wearing masks.

On Saturday, June 6th we will open to the public for the first time. Door signs will indicate that capacity is limited and masks must be worn.

The board will meet on June 9th, but this meeting will only involve the board and several key committee chairpersons, and will take place in the club house shop area.

We have had further outstanding response from our Members Challenge, and the second Challenge of \$1,200 has been met and exceeded. John Martin, our esteemed Ticket Master, has reported a total result of \$4,825 received from the combined challenges. This certainly more than doubled my hopes for this fundraising idea, and I think we all deserve a pat-on-the-back for the outcome. Our 2020 financial picture looks a great deal brighter.

In continuing with the good news, we've netted over \$675 for the Acela train sale, and items donated by Rick Kresge have thus far netted a further \$348 for the club's portion of those sales. Thanks go out to Rick. I've also heard that Doc's E-bay sales are continuing, so we've been busy despite the shut-down.

I was remiss in not informing the membership of the move by Lee and Bea Horn back to New York. We learned about this suddenly at the March (our last) meeting. With the way this virus has struck so many in New York, we hope they are well. With a membership number of 13, Lee has been a contributing member since the club's inception, and I believe was our first Conductor. We'll miss both Lee and Bea.

John Hodges



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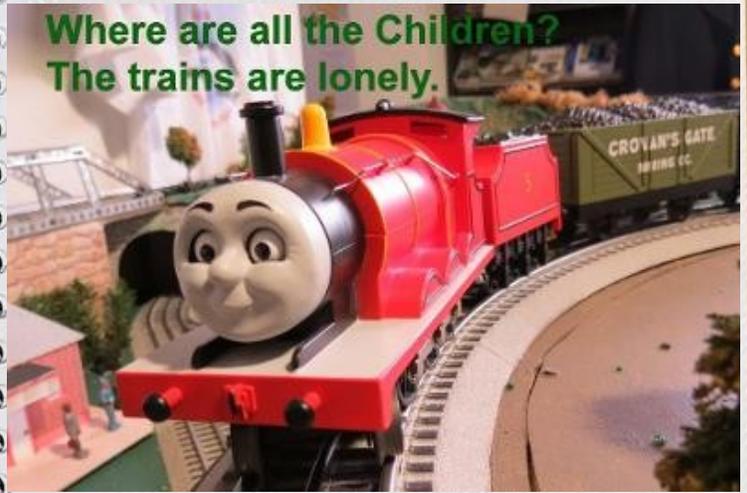
Dave's Photos



DSRC Train Waiting for the Pandemic to End!



During the Pandemic Cab Controllers waiting for Young Engineers!



Where are all the Children?
The trains are lonely.



Opening June 6

The Great Train Story is a 3,500-square-foot (330 m²) HO scale model railroad display located in the Transportation Zone of Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. It explains the story of modern-day rail transportation in a 2,206-mile (3,550 km) journey from Seattle, Washington, through several plains states en route to Chicago, Illinois.

The layout features 192 custom models of buildings and landmarks including the Willis Tower, Chicago Board of Trade Building, and Union Station in Chicago; and Seattle's Space Needle, Experience Music Project and King Street Station. The landscape between the two cities includes several natural features such as the Cascade range, Rocky Mountains, waterfalls and forests. Man-made highlights include small towns, tunnels, truss arch and truss bridges, a lumber mill, farms, grain silos, a fruit packing house, a coal mine, and a steel mill.

In the exhibit, BNSF Railway freight trains move raw materials with centerbeam lumber cars while hopper cars carry grain and coal. Intermodal cars laden with shipping containers, and car carriers also transport finished products on freight train consists. Passenger operations include Amtrak, Metra, the Chicago Transit Authority's 'L' and Chicago's South Shore Line trains.

