

## VIEW FROM THE CAB

As we look forward to spring just around the corner, the heaviest topic right now is the status of the two HVAC systems in the club house. The North room system is basically shot, and we have been warned it is unsafe to operate the oil burner due to the fire-box/heat exchanger is degraded.

So, we've negotiated with our new member and HVAC expert Ernie Hyett to order in a replacement furnace. Although most of us would have thought that type of expense should be the responsibility of the landlord/owner, but as we signed an As-Is condition lease, and we knew these units had not been serviced in a long time, we will either go without or replace/repair the systems ourselves. This is why we were able to get the building for below market rates. The deal we are making with Hyett Refrigeration is a very good deal, less than half the retail cost. The South room unit is also having issues, but this unit is 20 years younger and can be repaired, and this service is scheduled.

Aside from these issues with heating, my trips to the club over February have noted increased attendance by both members and visitors. And our rate of donations of train equipment has been picking up. Last Saturday, two new donations came forth, helping to build an inventory that has been looking very healthy.

We've undertaken to improve the look of things as you enter the club, moving the Thomas layout to center stage behind the HO layout we are selling. In doing so, we set the sales table where the Thomas layout was against the right wall as you walk in. We need to organize the shelves that hold books and magazines to make them easier to sell. Doc has built another shelf unit along the back side of the G Gauge display for handling additional sales items, continuing to shuffle things to make sure we present our displays and products to their best potential is key to providing an exciting place to visit as we work to make the best use of our space.

We will kick off a new After School Workshop in partnership with the Selbyville Library at the end of this month. The 8 week program, on Wednesday afternoons from 4 pm until 5 pm, will guide the youth participants ages 10-12 through the building of a 4 ft. by 8 ft. O gauge model train layout. We welcome instructors and monitors to assist with this program, Just let me know by E-mail if interested, and which dates work for you. Our three core instructors are Bill Mixon, Dave Lawrence, and Bill Ziegler. We will have a table ready for delivery before the March 23<sup>rd</sup> opening. Megan Bunting, Youth Program Director at the library, will be signing up the kids and will be the contact point for parents from the two schools we are drawing from.

*John Hodges*

## SCHOOL PROGRAM

Starting on March 23, the Delaware Seaside Railroad Club will be teaching 4th and 5th graders from Selbyville how to build a layout. The program will be held in the Selbyville Library every Wednesday from 4:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M..The program is expected to last for 7 or 8 weeks.

If you would like to help at the library, contact Bill Ziegler, Bill Mixon, or David Lawrence.

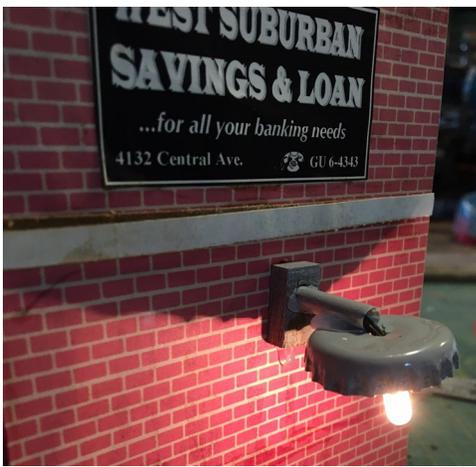
Topics to be presented include: Identification of Trains; Planning a Layout; Laying Track; Constructing Buildings, etc



Planning Committee

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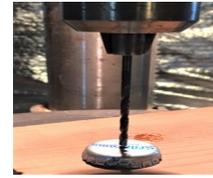
# AN OUTSIDE LIGHT FOR YOUR WAREHOUSE



Step 1 - Open a bottle of Yuengling Lager and drink it. **SAVE THE CAP.**



Step 2 - drill a small hole in the center of the cap.



Step 3 - Cut a small piece of wood (1/2" w X 3/4" l)

Step 4 - Cut a 1" piece of drinking straw. Drill a hole big enough for a straw near the top of the wood.

Step 5 - Glue the straw in the wood and then to the cap near the hole.



Step 7 - insert the lamp wire through the cap, straw, and wood.



Step 6 - paint the unit a light gray. You can "age" it with rust paint.



Step 8 - drill or poke a hole in your building, pass the wire through the hole, and glue the lamp to the building.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The Delaware Seaside Railroad Club will be participating in Delaware's Largest Day of Giving for non-profit organizations, Do More 24, on March 3-4, 2022. This is a statewide 24-hour day of giving and runs from 6PM on Thursday, March 3rd to 6PM on Friday, March 4th. The DSRC is one of 477 Delaware non-profit organizations that are participating in this year's event.

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We just received a large donation of trains from Eric Abel of Rehoboth. While I was picking them up, I visited his train room. As seen in the picture, he has three levels of HO trains running. Very impressive. He hopes to open his display to visitors in the coming months.