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...NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS....NEWS.....NEWS...NEWS....NEWS....NEWS....NEWS....NEW

.....2016 SPONSORS - We still need 31 more to meet our obligation. Brochures are available in the clubhouse. The 2016 sponsors are shown on the right.

....HEALTH REPORT - Bob Hodges is home He would love to hear from you. Lynn Hooker is undergoing several surgeries, keep her in your prayers.

...RALPH UMSTEAD - we are sad to report that Ralph Umstead passed away on September 22. Ralph has been a club member since 2013.



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ENGINEER'S TWO CENTS



Wow, who left the door open! Coming back to this weather makes me appreciate two things: Changing seasons are nice, but ENOUGH ALREADY! Maybe I am getting older, but just a few years ago the weather was easier to handle right? Can't we blame someone for this?

Anyway, we did have a great meeting on February 9th and we were able to pass a compromise to the dues increase allowing those that wish to commit to our raffle ticket sales in the later part of the year just pay the initial installment of \$25 on renewal or for a new membership, and they have the responsibility to buy or sell \$50 minimum of raffle tickets. Of course, those who wish to can pay their entire membership of \$75 and then have no raffle ticket commitment. We hope everyone will find this is a fair solution.

If you haven't visited the club recently, the O gauge crew has constructed their platform and will soon be layout out the track and wiring the system. Two complete main lines, one of which passes under/over itself, a turntable, several sidings, and several other eye-catching features are included in the plan. This will be a high-rail layout, with some scenery planned and with long runs for sizeable train consist.

The G team have also been very busy. They have nearly finished with an impressive new route on the layout that climbs to a large platform along the back wall. This will certainly become an eye-catching feature, and there are other plans in place for sidings on the platform and below it.

We have seen a significant drop in visitor attendance, especially in the Wednesday evenings, but a bus load of 30 senior citizens recently on a Saturday made it clear that word of our location and opening times has gotten out. We are planning to reach out to other such groups so other outings can be expected. This surprise visit also makes it clear that unless there is a declared emergency, we need to stay open on our advertised days.



John Hodges

Now, Bring on the Spring!

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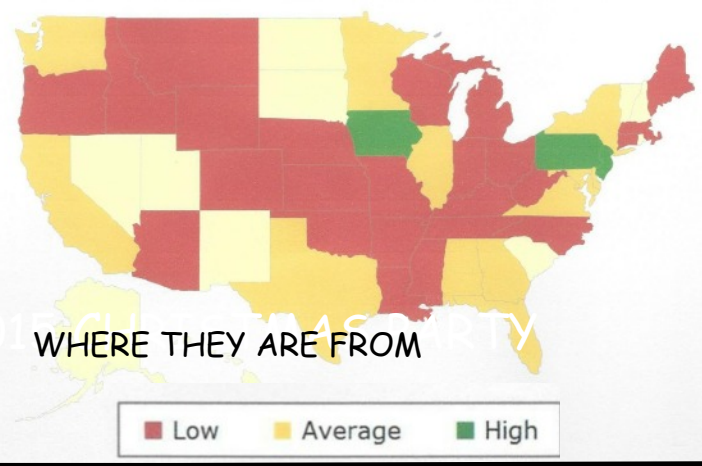
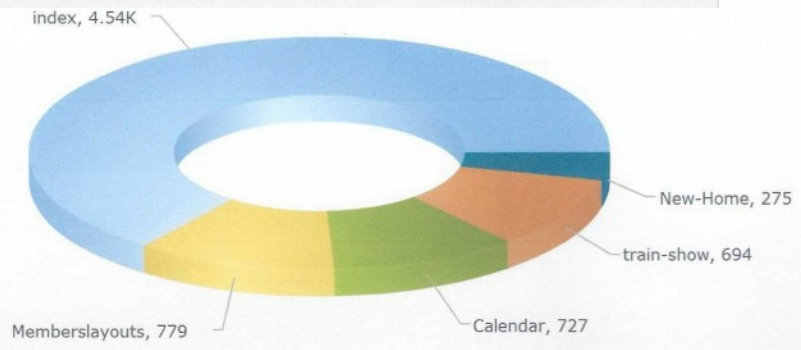
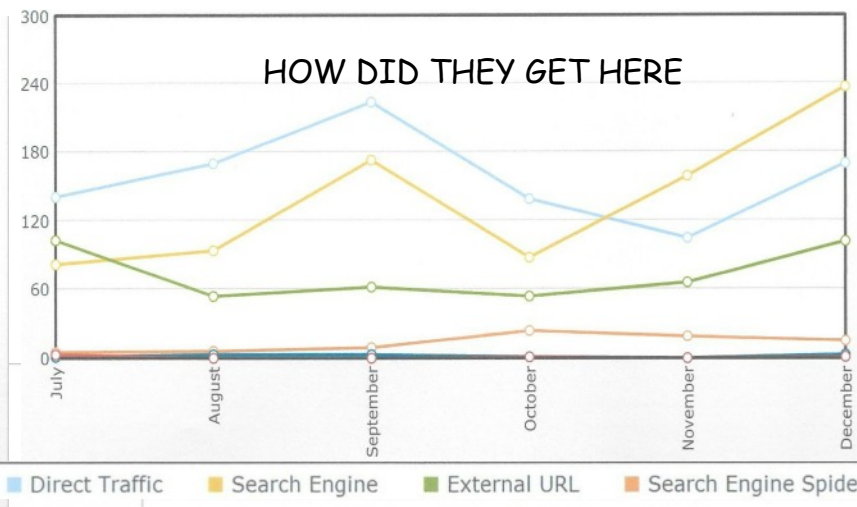
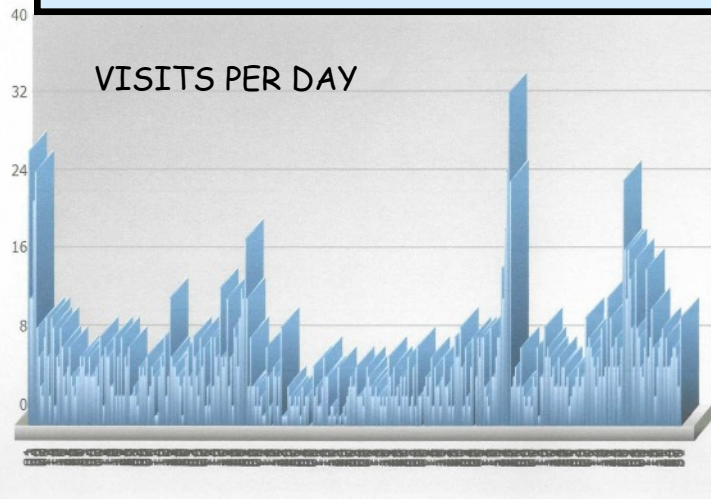
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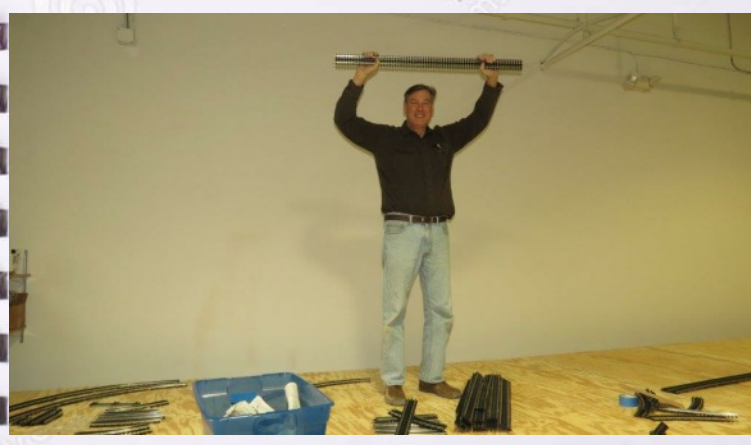
WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING AT

DAVE'S PHOTO ALBUM

A not-so-quiet dinner after the



Working on the new O-gauge layout.



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