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DSRC President's Notes

If you ever thought about building a modular layout, Bill Mixon entertained us with a demonstration at our February 12th meeting. He brought pre-cut lumber and assembled a 2 by 4 foot module which matched a section of our modular O gauge layout for train shows. A handout listing all the materials was provided. Hints for assembly, beveling, hardware, drilling, clamping, and lumber selection were offered during the presentation.

Please note that there is a temporary change in our meeting location. The next club meeting will be, **March 12th, 2013, at 7:00 P.M., in the Bethany Beach Municipal Building and Community Center, Bethany Beach, DE.** Because we cannot enter the meeting room early, we will not have the Swap and Sell program before and after the meeting. Bill Mixon and John Hodges will continue their interactive modular **layout building project**. In February they did the bench work for a module, and at the March meeting they will attach track and do the wiring.

Should we use solid versus tubular track? That is the question. Bill and John are using tubular GarGraves track which is flexible, has attached ties, and no plastic or molded ballast base attachment. What is your favorite track system? If you question their choice, come and ask them why they choose tubular track. How do we add ballast? If there is time, John may demonstrate how to use chicken grit and Elmer's glue to add ballast to the tracks.

To attach the electric feeder wires to the track, the wire will be soldered rather than use mechanical fasteners such as a lock-on. Banana plug connectors are used on our club dioramas to simplify the attachment of accessories for train shows. Trailer hitch plugs are used to join power wires between the modules.

Train related events in March include the Annapolis TCA Train Show on March 9th and the Hartly Train & Toy Show from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on March 23rd, 2013. The next big pilgrimage will be the TCA York Train Meet running from April 18th thru 20th, 2013.

Many of us like to **operate trains**. In May at the Roxana Spring Fling Toy and Train Show on May 4th, we will display our O gauge modular layout and possibly our G gauge modular layout if the weather is dry. We encourage members to bring their own trains to run on our layouts. Call Bill Ziegler, at 302-537-0964, about the O gauge layout and Nelson Davison, at 302-284-9368, or Steve Cawunder, at 443-955-1887, about the G gauge layout.

The sale of train equipment from several donations to our club help raise money for our programs. If you are interested in purchasing any of the club's excess inventories of G, HO, O, and S gauge equipment, call Bob Hodges at 302-231-8722. He will also have a club vender table at the Roxana Toy and Train Show.

David Lawrence, Engineer

March 9 - TCA train show in Annapolis
March 12- 7:00pm - Club meeting-Bethany Beach Town Hall, Bethany Beach
March 23 - Hartly Train Show

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... TRAIN SHOWS - This year we will hold two train shows:

SPRING FLING TRAIN SHOW
May 4, 9-3, Roxanna VFC
INDIAN SUMMER TRAIN

SHOW

September 28, 9-3, Roxanna VFC

... MEETINGS - the next two club meetings will be held in the Bethany Beach Town Hall, at the intersection of Rt.1 and Route 26, across from the totem pole.

... NEWSLETTERS - this will be last newsletter sent to members who have not yet sent in their 2013 dues. Send your application, which can be found on the website, along with your check in the amount of \$25.00 to Frank Mack, P.O.Box 470, Ocean View, DE, 19970.

Instead of an application, you can write your name and address on a piece of paper. If you wish to receive e-mail newsletters, include your e-mail address.



FROM THE ARCHIVES



Bill Mixon, demonstrating "How to Build an O-gauge Module"



Millville Train Show



TRAINS OF DEL-MAR-VA

Part Two of a series of articles on the trains of Del-Mar-Va

DELAWARE COAST LINE



The Delaware Coast Line Railroad (DCLR) is a shortline railroad operating approximately 25 miles of rail lines in Sussex County, Delaware. The DCLR operates two lines under contract with the State of Delaware: the Milton and Lewes branches.

Milton Branch operations are based out of Milton, De. The branch itself begins at the NS interchange in Ellendale and continues eastward 5 miles to the end of track located just west of Milton. The Milton branch has one customer, Baker Petroleum, who started rail service in 2010. DCLR has runaround tracks at Ellendale and the siding at Baker to help facilitate operations.

Lewes Branch operations are based out of Georgetown, De. The line begins at the NS interchange in Georgetown and continues eastward through the stations of Gravel Hill, Harbeson, Nassau and Lewes. Customers on the Lewes branch include Mountaire Farms and Schagrin Gas in Georgetown, as well as SPI Pharma in Lewes. Of note, the Lewes branch features a rare hand crank swing bridge at Lewes to access the trackage in town. DCLR has runaround tracks at Georgetown, Harbeson and Nassau to help facilitate operations.

You can see this train on Rt. 30 just south of Rt. 9, almost every morning. The DCL can also be seen running along Rt. 16 between Milton and Ellendale.