

VIEW FROM THE CAB

We are ever so slowly crawling towards the end of 2020. I don't know about you, but I am tired of 2020! Let's get this year behind us, and pray for a much brighter 2021.

We had a excellent meeting on the 13th of October when we determined that financially we are in great shape. Thanks to a fantastic year of selling donated merchandise, mostly due to the hard work of Doc Dougherty, two very successful yard sales, and a great response to our challenge donations, we are well set up for the budget of next year. I must also mention the fact that our various committees have kept the lid on expenses amid the forecast of reduced income. A great job by everyone.

The nominations for the board of directors is likely closed as of November 1st, so the ballots will be sent out very soon. We only have a few members that receive information by the postal system, so those and the E-mail ballots will be on their way, and please get them back as soon as possible. (The suspense is killing me.....!). The ballots must be received by December 7th, so they can be tabulated on December 8th at a Board-only meeting.

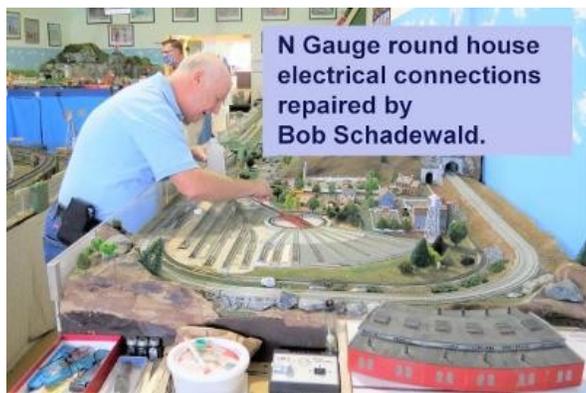
The meeting also resulted in a move to conduct another Sales Event in December. Official word on this is still open because we intend to use the extra space behind our new storage and shop area. The landlord has agreed, but they are also actively trying to rent that space, so we have to pause a bit before we confirm the plan. This will be an indoor sale, and we would have room foreight or nine vendors to sell their items, provided they bring a single table. Members will get first crack at the available slots.

Which brings me to the Holiday Train Display Season. We are awaiting decisions from the Georgetown Library board about their plans to hold our Ninth Annual Christmas Train Display in their meeting rooms. We will be driven by how big an event they want to allow, tempered by how many volunteers we can get to man the various displays and on those dates we would normally be running trains. Almost certain that we will not get the school trips or the Senior Center outings as we have in the past. The rest of the possibilities are too numerous to mention, so we should know something by November 4th or 5th and we'll send out the notices for volunteers when we know what our requirements are. I have decided to turn down any additional requests for displays this year. The area parades have been cancelled.

If you have not visited the club in a while, please try to stop in and see some of the changes made on all of the layouts. They look great. The guys are always adding features and new accessories.

Stay well, and always know that "...This too shall pass..."

John Hodges



N Gauge round house electrical connections repaired by Bob Schadewald.



John Hodges continues to do club train repairs.

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Earl Michael shows the way for new visitors to the club house.



Board Meetings continue during the Pandemic 10/13/2020

SIGN(S) OF THE TIMES

There was a popular song from the seventies by the "Five Man Electrical Band". It was titled "Sign", and the words go like this: "Sign, sign, everywhere a sign
Blockin' out the scenery, breakin' my mind
Do this, don't do that, can't you read the sign?"

There are far too many signs along the roads these days, especially with the upcoming election. That is why my wife, Gladys, and I were surprised and delighted to see some uplifting signs. Below are a few examples"



Seen at the intersection of Rts. 1 and 113 in Milford.



Along Route 1



One of dozens of HOPE signs in Milton.



On Route 9 near Harbeson



This LOVE sign is on Route 1 near Lewes

You might ask, "what has this to do with trains?" Roadside America is part of our train layouts. Most of you have already added stop signs, RR signs, etc.. One of the prominent group of signs on American highways were the Burma Shave signs. I know, as a young traveler, I always looked forward to seeing them. Walther's offers HO scale Burma Shaves signs in their catalog..You can always use Google to upload and print signs for your layout. As shown below, I already have a HOPE sign on mine.

Burma Shave signs from Walthers

