

# Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club

All Gauges

All Fun

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## Railroad Club Prepares For Holiday Display Season

Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club historically has provided many public display opportunities during the late fall, and this year will be no exception. Along with our normal open house date on November 6th, we will also be open for Return Day on Thursday, November 4th. I think we will cancel the November 20th open house, because we will be taking the O gauge layout display to the Hartly Train Show on that date. During the week of November 19th, we will also set up a small O gauge display at the Seaford Museum, which will be open from Nov. 20th until the New Year.

We will also be hosting three Open House dates in December on the 4th, 11th and 18th of that month. The December 11th date will be the annual Railroad Christmas event at the station hosted by the Historic Georgetown Association.

Earlier contacts regarding a move of the S gauge layout into the Georgetown Library in early January have been placed on hold due to a problem with water damage to the new building. More news on this at the next meeting, which will NOT be at the Bethany Beach South Coastal Library. Instead, the meeting will be at the home of Bill and Diana Ziegler, 849 Glen Court, (Bethany Glen subdivision is located off Rt 26, the second road east of the canal bridge). If you need directions, call Bill at 537-0964 or John Hodges at 945-1627. There is ample street parking in the court near Bill's home.



Thanks to Dave Lawrence, I have a large selection of pictures to show from the June train show. The layout above is the School Kids layout from last spring. Below on the left is a nice shot of three big black steamers rounding the new curve on the HO modular display. The shot below right might be the best crowd shot we had showing a nice activity in the aisles, and the foreground shows how the team added an industrial back drop on the five-track section of the O gauge layout. We are always looking for pictures of club activities and I welcome e-mail at [jchodges46@verizon.net](mailto:jchodges46@verizon.net).



## Club News

A large turnout was present on October 12th for our regular meeting at 7 pm. Bill Mixon, during his Treasurer's report, made another plea for getting raffle tickets money turned in as soon as possible, Lynne Hooker reported that she had more tickets coming back unsold (returned) than usual. This being our remaining fund raiser for this year does not bode well for our 2011 budget.

The members agreed that the HO bench work will not be ready in time to use it as a platform for a Christmas Winter Display as we usually provide in Georgetown. Therefore, we will use the S gauge modules as the table base for this layout, where we will install an O gauge trolley and decorate as usual with the Dept. 56 buildings.

We did cancel our club's involvement in the Dover Downs Chocolate Festival. The 1st State L gaugers (Lego) will provide something.

We have made good progress on the inventory of club assets. We have been able to confirm the date of June 18th with the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center for our Train Show next year.

The plans for the Layout Tour are proceeding, and Mike Dorothy and Dave Lawrence are working on the final draft for the handouts.

We are still signing up helpers for Hartly pack up on November 18th, and the Show on Nov. 20th.

The Christmas Party will be help on Dec. 14th, and will be at the home of Bill and Diana Ziegler.

The club has been accepting members who wish to ride on the bus going to the Baltimore Railroad Museum on Dec. 3rd, as part of our Osher Lifelong Learning at Lewes class. Please let John Hodges (945-1627) or Dave Lawrence (537-9114) know as soon as possible if you want to make that trip. The trip will be all day, and will depart and return at the Lowes parking lot in Lewes. There is a cost for the Bus and entry to museum. During the past several weeks, all the dioramas on the O gauge display were rewired to provide better connections via banana plugs. Dave Lawrence ended the meeting with a detailed report on the Lifelong Learning in Lewes class on How to build your own model railroad. There were a few show and tell items presented also.

## Calendar of Events

Nov. 4, Return Day, Georgetown, 9 am - 4 pm  
Nov. 6, Open House, Georgetown Station 10 am  
Nov. 9, Club meeting Note:Location Change (Ziegler's) 7pm  
Nov. 13, First Frost Train Meet, Allentown, PA  
Nov. 18, Work Day Georgetown Station, 10 am  
Nov. 19, Seaford Museum Layout set up 10 am  
Nov. 20, Hartly Show. 6 am setup, 3 pm close.  
Dec. 4, Open House Georgetown Station 10 am - 2 pm.

## S-Scale

## Railroading

By

Bill Mixon

## *WHISTLE STOP*

If a waiting person at a station hears the train, he moves out of the station, nearer the tracks, and waves to the engineer. When the engineer noted the waving hankie, he would signal his acknowledgement and blow the train's whistle, after which he would stop the train and pick up the passenger.

If the approaching train was to discharge a passenger, he would blow the whistle, signaling the waiting passenger that he would not have to wave, but just wait to board the train.

Thus... a whistle stop.



Elections are coming up in January for club board positions. If interested in serving, and you haven't already notified someone, please contact Miles Potter, Nominations Committee at(302)854-0279.