

# DELAWARE SEASIDE RAILROAD CLUB

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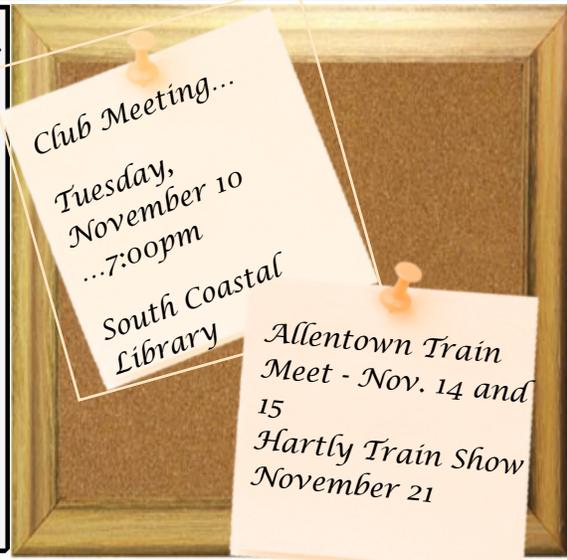
## .....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS.....

**CLUB SHIRTS** - Individual golf shirts can be ordered at a cost of \$36. If I get orders for 6 or more, the cost will be reduced to \$29.

**WINTER CLUB SHIRTS** - The official club shirt will be a blue denim. Go to Precision Sportswear, 10 Hickory Street, Frankford, DE, 19945 or call "Andy" at 302-732-6066. The logo will only be on the front of the shirt. The cost will be \$25 if we get more than 6 orders. Otherwise, the cost will be \$30.

**BUDGET** - Our 2016 Budget will be presented at the December meeting. If you have an idea which needs to be funded, present it to the appropriate committee for insertion into next year's budget.

**CLUBHOUSE** - the clubhouse will NOT be open on Wednesday, November 25.



## ENGINEER'S TWO CENTS



Well, it takes a lot to get me excited these days, but ..... HOOOOORRAAAAAY! Lionel finally released the American Flyer Polar Express Train Set. This S-gauge train has been in the American Flyer by Lionel catalog since 2012, and eventually they changed the set to include the "Flyer Chief" remote control system. The club's S-gauge committee has purchased a set and you can see it running at the club anytime. While the jury is still out on the Lion Chief and Flyer Chief concept, this train has some fine audio features to make the train more exciting.

Welcoming in November will also involve preparations for our holiday display programs to begin Thanksgiving weekend and every Saturday and Wednesday in December. As mentioned before, we'll have the large O-gauge layout in the Georgetown Library, along with the Thomas the Train layout. All the remaining displays will stay in the club house. We are well into building an O-gauge layout that will be ready for sale soon, and we plan to fill the space vacated by the O-gauge layout with some temporary layouts, including the Polar Express being completed by Bill Mixon, Don Dean and "Doc" Dougherty. Also, we'll put together a unique S gauge display featuring the 1960's American Flyer panelized layout called All-Aboard Railroad. These plastic 17 inch x 17 inch panels include scenery, track, wiring and in some cases buildings, which snap together to make any size layout you can imagine. I'm looking forward to working on it!

By now everyone should have received their raffle tickets. Selling 10 tickets (or buying the tickets for yourself) was agreed to at the meeting last spring when we decided to launch into the agreement to rent the club house, and this is just one of the many fundraising activities we have to undertake to make our rent payments. So please get the money and the filled out ticket stubs back to Bill Mixon as soon as possible. Another fundraiser is the Movie Night at our local Clayton Theater, December 8<sup>th</sup>, and we make \$6 on each \$10 ticket we sell. Tickets are available at the Clayton Theater box office, at the Club House, and by contacting Doug Hornberger at 302-539-4699.

So, we're coming up to one of our biggest times of the year for our club. Christmas was, at one time, always connected with Toy Trains; and, for many of us of a certain generation, it still is. We can help many people re-live that time with the great displays we have built, and we can influence a whole new generation of the values that come from doing things in the first dimension, with your hands, figuring out how things work by actually hooking up small motorized accessories to a switch through a dedicated power source. I have seen kids take on a whole new outlook on the world of things we live in, just by understanding a little bit about how things actually work. I hope we'll soon be able to start workshops in the club house to educate the youth of today on the value of a hobby, the practical advantage of understanding basic electricity, and the proper and safe use of simple tools.

We are working on the budget for 2016 and our hope is that with the success of our fundraising campaigns we will not need to raise the dues next year. We will need the 'Wish List' from all the train committees in time for the next monthly meeting, November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have input for one of these groups, please contact that committee chair soon. Bill Ziegler ( O-Gauge), John Hodges (S), Tom Bradley (HO), Bob Hodges (N), and Nelson Davison (G). The G-gauger's are planning to add on an elevated loop to their layout. O gauge is in planning for their permanent display at the club house. S Gauge will start re-laying the track for better performance in the New Year.

I hope you'll enjoy a Thanksgiving filled with peace and health...and maybe Turkey! Gobble, Gobble!

John Hodges

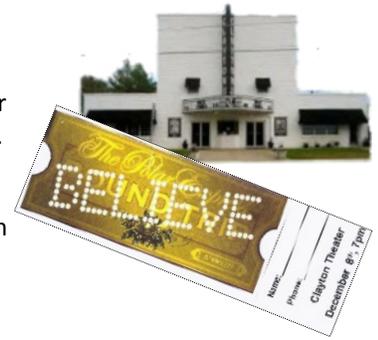
# FUND RAISING REPORT

Delaware Seaside Railroad Club  
 2015 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE  
 1st prize - \$1,000 Seaside Hobbies gift certificate  
 or \$800 cash  
 2nd prize - \$500 Seaside Hobbies gift certificate  
 or \$400 cash  
 3rd prize - \$250 Seaside Hobbies gift certificate  
 or \$200 cash

Drawing - December 19... Donation - \$5.00

**RAFFLE** - The good news - We have over 750 tickets in the hands of our members. The bad news - We have another 250 tickets to sell. If you can take another 4 or 5 tickets, it will be a big help towards reaching our goal. You will be under NO obligation for the extra tickets.

**MOVIE NIGHT** -The information about Movie Night is on our Facebook page. Become a "friend" of us on Facebook and share all the notices listed there.. Do this about once a week.



## Model Train Layouts

As you know, our club has been restoring and selling model train layouts that have been donated.. We will continue to do this. If you know of anyone who has a train layout that is no longer being used, see if they will donate it to the club.

We are also constructing NEW layouts for sale. One is in progress in the clubhouse now, under the direction of "Doc". The price will depend on what the customer wants on the layout.

## THE FUTURE OF OUR HOBBY

Excerpts from the TCA convention seminar

- Our kids touch everything - they run the trains and operate all railway activities
- We cater to the kids: start with lower level stuff and progress year by year through all basic phases.
- Kids are big Rail Fans
- Club does short trips
- Clubs conduct home layout visits and holds seminars
- Concept: show off your work
- Go to schools to talk
- Run trains with iPod
- Offer Scout Railroad Merit badges
- Include the Dads of kids interested in trains
- We need to change as the hobby changes

Photos by D. A. Lawrence



A not-so-quiet dinner after the exhausting York experience.



Operating the HO layout.



Operating the S-gauge layout



Working on a layout for sale.



Excited about his new shirt.