



A VIEW FROM THE CAB

Get ready for another Indian Summer Train Show in Roxana, Delaware

We are Busy, Busy, Busy!

Twice a year we put forth a tremendous effort to host a Train and Toy Show, and over the past 8 or 9 years that has been held at the Roxana Fire Station. We are once again gathering all the volunteers we can to install the several layouts, set-up tables and chairs, and prep the kitchen on Friday the 6th of October at 12 noon. Then on the morning of the 7th we will have staff needed to help vendors unload their vehicles, get the kitchen running, and prepare the operating layouts for the day's activities. If you have not yet signed up, please call or Email Dave Lawrence at 302-537-9114/davidalawrence@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing many of our current and former members at the show. These shows constitute a major portion of our community outreach commitment as laid out in our Bye-Laws.

Frank Parrino has stepped up to take temporary management of the Kitchen operation for this show, while we continue to look for a permanent replacement in that position. Thanks to Frank for helping with this, as we were looking at not running a kitchen this time, due to a lack of a supervisor to oversee the operation.

We were happy to provide our traveling S Gauge Display for several weeks to the Delaware Veteran Home in Milford, DE. The facility is very spacious and we set up the layout in a large recreation area. The resident vets seemed to enjoy the trains, as did the staff and management.

In addition, we have been busy packing the Tom Mahler collection as discussed last month, with about 95 labor hours invested so far and over 114 boxes packed to go to the auction house. We are not done, but making great progress.

Donations continue to arrive weekly and trying to prepare these for sale at the Train Show has been keeping Doc and many other members busy for some time.

We have a meeting scheduled for October 11th at 6:30 pm.

John Hodges



You have seen the terms "scale" and "gauge" used interchangeably. Sometimes, even retailers and manufacturers tend to confuse them.

Before choosing the scale and gauge of your model train layout, first try to understand the difference between the two words. Scale is the proportion of the model relative to the real-world size and gauge is the distance between the rails.

Scale Size	Proportion to Real Size	Minimum Radius
O scale	1:48	24 inches
S scale	1:64	22.5 inches
OO scale	1:76	21 inches
HO scale	1:87	15 inches
N scale	1:160	7.5 inches
Z scale	1:220	5.75 inches

LABOR DAY TRAIN YARD SALE



Lionel has always been known for "O" gauge trains, but now they also offer "S" gauge and "HO" gauge. This is a page from the 2023 HO catalog which offers 3D views of their products. Check it out at: www.lionel.com/catalogs

THE POLAR EXPRESS™

NEW PRODUCT

NEW! THE POLAR EXPRESS™ GONDOLA WITH TREE LOAD
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- Metal wheels
- Metal knuckle couplers
- Weighted for reliable operation
- Includes four trees
- Length: 6.4"
- Minimum Curve: 18"

COACHES

- LED interior or flicker-free lighting
- Metal wheels
- Metal knuckle couplers
- Compatible with all HO systems
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THE POLAR EXPRESS™ MOVIE ART BOXCAR
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SET INCLUDES

- 1:8.4 Locomotive and tender
- Coach
- Abandoned toy car
- Observation car
- Twelve 20" Backless Fastback curves
- Three 9" HO Fastback straight
- One 9" HO Fastback terminal section
- DC wall pack power supply
- Lionel remote for locomotive
- The Polar Express bell
- Requires three AAA batteries (not included)

LOCOMOTIVE FEATURES

- Electric locomotive controlled by remote, LionChief App, DCC or DC transformer
- Bluetooth-equipped
- Locomotive and tender pick-ups for smooth operation
- RailSounds sound system with engine background and chuffing sounds, whistle and bell
- Lionel Voice Control (LVC) - run your locomotive by speaking commands into your phone via LionChief App

OFFICIAL MOVIE SOUND CLIPS including "All aboard The Polar Express" and "Holler, passenger!"

- Operating headlight
- Operating directional tender light
- Easily convertible to other DCC decoders
- Sound ON/OFF switch
- Traction tires
- Powerful maintenance-free motor
- Working metal knuckle couplers

PASSENGER CAR FEATURES

- Includes photo-realistic movie characters
- Flicker-free LED interior lighting
- Working knuckle couplers
- Truck mounted couplers with body-mount boxes
- Round end roof and platform on observation car

REMOTE FEATURES

- Forward and reverse speed control knob
- Three buttons for whistle, bell and announcement

ADDITIONAL SET FEATURES

- Length: 42.2"
- Minimum curve: 18"

INCLUDES HO FASTBACKS!

Bluetooth LionChief DCC LVC

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