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#### A VIEW FROM THE CAB

The fog lifted a few hours too early on Saturday when we opened the doors for our Indian Summer Train and Toy Show at The Hope Center in Ocean View. There was a short line forming at 9 am, and we did get a reasonable showing in 321 paid attendees. Our club sales were good, but we had no layouts for sale this time as we have been building for the Ocean City event coming up for Thanksgiving Weekend. I believe we reflect on the show being a good event, with the DJ broadcasting 107.1 FM "The Duck" from our front door providing a new feature for us.

Having completed the S gauge layout built for the OC event, we then brought in the 16 ft by 8 ft HO scale layout that Doc had constructed in his basement shop, complete with track laid and wired and train running either DC or DCC mode. Then the team got to work, and they are still on target for getting it finished within the next week or two,

We will of course have a meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>, and we will be getting ready for our setup for the Georgetown Library Annual Holiday Display, which is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 10 am at the library.

As we have been fortunate in our hunt for a new Sponsorship Coordinator, my thoughts are turning to the coming elections for the board of directors. I have served as Engineer (president) in this club for nearly 15 years. I know, I just looked it up! I was shocked too! It has been a very fulfilling experience. During part of my first two terms, I was also President of the board for my HOA here in Angola (Lewes). Now I think the club is ready for a new leader, someone with new ideas on how we move the club forward. My personal life does not allow me much time for these outside interests. Special club events put a real strain on my obligations at home, meaning I cannot dedicate the time to the club activities that they deserve.

So I am making an honest plea for the board and the membership to find us a new leader. I will accept a new term in 2025, but I would only accept that if a real effort has been made to find a new President, and that person would become a Director-at-Large, or some such title, to allow him/her the access and insight to take over in 2026.

I appreciate all the help I have received from members old and new alike and will continue to serve in whatever capacity might come our way.



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### FUNDRAISING

There are three more fund-raising events this year. Your participation is very important for our club.



## HOW CAN I HELP?

In the year 2021, we had 40 Sponsors and 12 Patrons which brought in over \$5,600 to our income. Every year since the Sponsor program started, we have had 40 or more Sponsors. We need them now, more than ever. Identify some firm you do business with ,such as your butcher, baker and even your candlestick maker, and politely ask them to be a Sponsor for our Club and Museum. Let's make 2025 a banner year for Sponsorships. Forms are available in the clubhouse.

#### SPONSOR/PATRON BENEFITS

(Sponsor - Business, Patron - People)

- Contributions are tax deductible or can be applied as an advertising expense.
- A framed certificate with your name will be displayed on our clubhouse wall in thanks for your financial support.
  - Sponsor: Name, address, website and phone #
  - Patron: Name, town, state





- You will be provided with a Certificate of Appreciation that we hope you will proudly display.
- You will receive our monthly newsletter.
- Sponsor Logos and/or name will be posted on our website with a link.
- Please call to arrange a private tour of our clubhouse or visit us during our normal hours of operation.

# HOW DO I BECOME A SPONSOR or PATRON?

- Complete all sections of information form including type of sponsorship. (PLEASE PRINT)
- 2. Enclose a check payable to: DSRC
- Give this form, with your check, to the DSRC member that contacted you

Or mail it to:

DSRC P.O. Box 479 Ocean View, DE 19970

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