

# DELAWARE SEASIDE RAILROAD CLUB

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

INDIAN SUMMER TOY AND TRAIN SHOW - Bill Ziegler reports that the show was a tremendous success. We had our largest attendance ever at Roxana. The dealers were happy and most have signed up for the Spring Fling Show. A big THANK YOU to all who helped Friday and Saturday.

NEW KIDS SHIRTS - new kids shirts are available in S, M, and L at the clubhouse. All shirts are FREE with every \$15 donation.



## ENGINEER'S TWO CENTS

As you can likely tell from the newsletter photo gallery, we've just completed our Indian Summer Train Show in Roxana. This year, because of the fact our permanent club facility is open on Saturdays, we decided to limit the displays set up for the train show, and this meant we did not rent the truck bay. There were definitely advantages noted by our volunteers, namely a lot less stress in not having to set up 3 layouts in two and a half hours in the truck bay, starting at 6 am. Our group had lots more time and energy to help get the dealers settled, get our signs placed as necessary, and take a breath before the doors opened.

Once again Thomas the Train was a big hit with the younger crowd, and parents seemed to appreciate it, and the interactive O gauge display, based upon their sizeable donations placed in our jars. We had a very impressive turnout, and I am sure the number of paid entries will be somewhere around 450, which is nearly double the numbers we had in the spring. This and a very pleased response from our dealers made us all feel the show was a big success. The kitchen, train sales, raffle and Tee shirts sales al contributed to a great result, which will be reported at the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

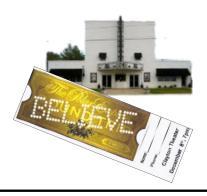
So we'll be setting the O gauge and Thomas layouts back into the club on Wednesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> where they'll stay until we set up for the Georgetown Library holiday displays in November. We will not take all our equipment, deciding again to take the O gauge and the HO layouts, and only use one meeting room this year. We'll be able to send folks to the club for viewing the rest of our displays, including the new Polar Express layout in O gauge being worked on as we speak. So look out for these events as we close in on the holiday season.

A quick recognition to all those who worked very hard to make the Roxana fall show a great success. Once again Bill Ziegler did a fantastic job of preparation, getting dealers lined up for the event, and organizing our team. The kitchen staff outdid themselves once again, and our team at the front hall and train operators provided excellent support as always. You all deserve a big round applause from the membership. John Hodges



### FUND RAISING I

Save the date..December 8 is movie night at the Clayton Theater. Our club is selling tickets at \$10.00 each. Of this, \$6.00 goes to the club. We will give away a Lionel Polar Express G-gauge train after the movie. We have 300 tickets available, so we need everyone's help. Tickets will be available at the October meeting, or call Doug Hornberger, 302-539-4699.



### FUND RAISING II



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As agreed upon by the membership when voting on renting our new clubhouse, every member will receive 10 raffle tickets to purchase or sell at \$5.00 each. Of course, you can sell more. We have 1,000 tickets for sale. Since we have 72 members, we will need to sell an additional 280 tickets. This will net us (after expenses) approximately \$4,000 profit. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and will pay for 4 months rent. We would really prefer that the winners use the Seaside Hobbies gift certificate, but for those winners who prefer cash, the option is there.

