



VIEW FROM THE CAB

Well, I've been pretty much glued to the TV reports of Hurricane Ian for two days. My daughter and her family, as well as her in-laws, live in the outer reaches of Naples Florida. Actually they are closer to the Everglades National Park than anything, but luckily this time they were not severely impacted by the storm, except loss of electricity for about 36 hours, and lots of rain. However, it will be some time before their grocery store is receiving deliveries. And locally it looks like we are in for several days of wet and windy weather to start the month of October.

Our Indian Summer Toy and Train Show went off without a hitch and although the numbers paying at the door were quite low at 212, we did well in selling donated and surplus equipment and also the kitchen once again did a great job. We also sold 50/50 tickets and Christmas Raffle tickets. Our Christmas raffle is doing great, but I urge anyone who received 10 tickets and cannot or will not sell them to please mail them back to us at the PO Box address on the heading of this newsletter so we can offer them for sale during our regular openings. A single postage stamp could mean we sell 10 more tickets for a \$50 income to the club.

I connected with Rick Kresge, our former member and current patron. He and Diane live in south central Florida below Orlando, and he reported they were safe and the house suffered no damage from Ian.

We continue to build and sell model railroad tables and complete layouts. One HO package which was very high quality modeling, sold for \$750 to a hobby shop in Pennsylvania. The owners will try to sell the display and when they do, will commission us to build another. At the present, Doc is bidding to build a 24 by 8 foot G scale modular setup for the East Coast Garden Center. This firm is a sponsor and helped us with our move to the new building with a generous donation to pay for the signage we installed. Anyway, just another indicator how dedicated some of our team are in the effort to build revenue to continue our operations there in Selbyville.

We finalized plans for our Christmas Dinner gathering this year. We will meet at the American Legion Post #28, located at 31768 Legion Rd., Millsboro, DE 19966. The facility is near the intersection of Oak Orchard Road and Route 24 (John J Williams Hwy). Their dining hall is at ground level with the parking lot, and has seating for way more than we need. We are selling tickets for this event, at \$20 each, payable to Delaware Seaside Railroad Club. The dinner will consist of roast beef, scallop potatoes and green beans, Iced Tea and Water available and we will have a Cash Bar available for anyone interested. We are working on a plan for deserts brought in by willing guests. The date set for the dinner is Thursday, December 15th at 5 pm for refreshments, 6 pm for dinner. If you would like to buy tickets, they are available in advance only: Mail the check to John Hodges, 34004 N Heron Drive, Lewes, DE 19958. Make sure the check is payable to Delaware Seaside Railroad Club. I will mail your tickets by return post.

John Hodges

SPONSORS AND PATRONS

We need Sponsors and Patrons to to help us pay for the clubhouse. Tom Delaney heads up this portion of our fundraising efforts. He has recently put together an up-to-date list showing who acquired the Sponsor and the date of re-newel. As of today, we have 31 Sponsors of \$100 or more from 23 members. We also have 17 Patrons from an additional 10 members. This means that less than half of our members are helping us in this effort. Asking someone to be a Sponsor or Patron isn't easy for everyone, but, you would be surprised at the positive response you will get. All members were sent a Sponsorship and Patron form in the mail. Try asking a friend or relative to become a Patron and/or someone you do business with to become a Sponsor. All they can say is: NO.

Indian Summer Train Show

The pictures on the back page show some of the work involved in running our train shows. As you can see, it takes many helpers to pull it off. There are 21 different members shown and I know of another 8 that are not shown. There were also about 8 members at our clubhouse which was open. Maybe YOU will be pictured at the next show.



SHOW TIME

Setting up the tables



Assembling the layout



Adding the dioramas



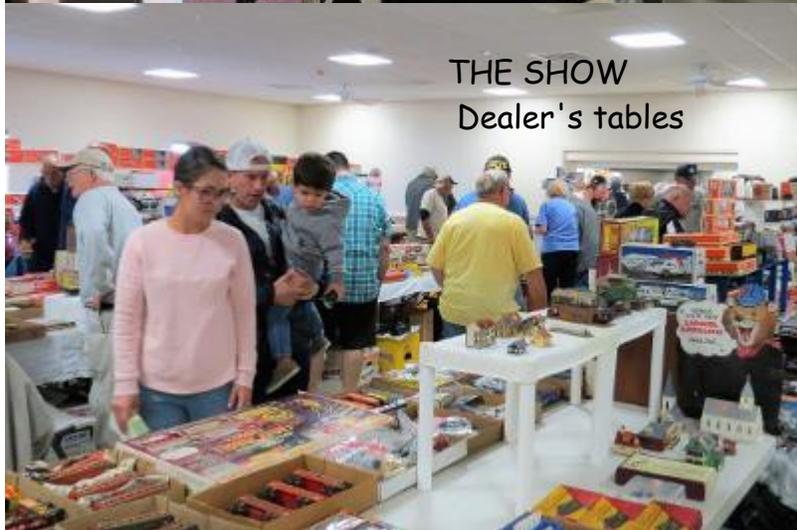
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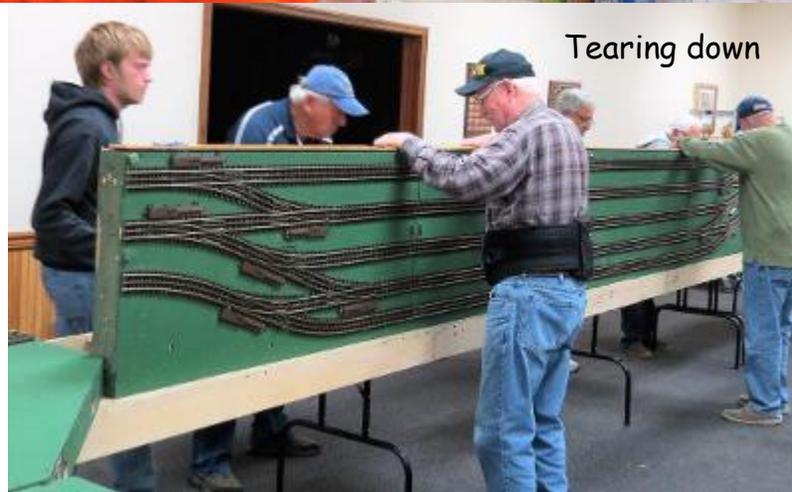
Welcoming the visitors



Preparing and selling the food



THE SHOW
Dealer's tables



Tearing down