



## VIEW FROM THE CAB

Yes, this Newsletter is a few days late. We wanted to give everyone the latest info on the Grand Re-Opening and Train Load Yard Sale results. The turnout of visitors was great, and I received many nice comments about our new facility. We might not have the income results we are used to, but fine weather and holiday weekends don't always fit well with train shopping.

I hope the pictures you see included here will give you a sense of how much room we now have, both for the train displays and other things for the visitors to enjoy, but also the space to make maintenance and gatherings much easier.

In light of continued restrictions at the South Coastal Library, our next meeting is this Wednesday, Sep. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm at the club, and all members are welcome. Masks are optional if you are fully vaccinated, and please bring a chair if you are not on the board or a Committee Chairperson, as our numbers of chairs is limited.

We actually received the first of several signs being created for us by Ad-Art of Georgetown. So, set back from the road we have a large white sign "MODEL TRAINS" with a big red arrow pointing to our door. The lettering for the club name on the front of the building and an additional MODEL TRAINS sign that will be lighted will be coming soon. We also have a nylon 'feather' style sign near the road that says "OPEN".

At the Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will discuss the Roxana Show, and also the Revised Membership Proposal for members' consideration.

Assuming the show can proceed without limits on attendance, we will need another volunteer call to help setup on Friday afternoon and take down on Saturday after 3 pm. We are about 75% sold on vendor tables.

October starts our 2022 Sponsorship Drive, and the new proposal allows members to receive up to \$50 off their dues; \$25 off for the first \$100 of patrons or sponsors collected in your name, and an additional \$25 off for the second \$100 collected. A member would obtain the sponsor and submit the form that includes his name. The new membership renewal form will have spaces available to indicate which sponsors or patrons the member gathered, and for how much each. This makes it a more efficient process for our officers to assure dues are collected fairly and equitably. The full dues responsibility for renewing members is \$125, but with the above mentioned options to reduce ones dues to \$75. New adult membership will be \$100 for that first year. Junior members are still free until the age of 19.

One more fact regarding sponsors, Bob Schadewald recently released a large number of sponsors to the general membership. These were businesses that have supported us in the past, but have not been solicited in over one year, or the person who initially obtained the sponsorship is no longer able to solicit. So there are old associations out there, and always new ones to explore as well. Forms and brochures are available at the club house.

Once again, I cannot say enough about how great an achievement this move was. I will admit I was very concerned about making the move as quickly as we were able to. The support this time was counted in sweat equity, and those 20 or so members, and family members they roped in to help, went above and beyond to make this happen. You all deserve so much more than thanks, but I hope that will do for now.

THANK YOU ALL. GREAT JOB!

*John Hodges*

## WE NEED SPONSORS

If you use any of these people, ask them to become a sponsor. I suspect that you use all of these. They may say NO, so you thank them for their consideration. But, they may say YES.



**Pictures being hung in the new Club House.**



**Electrical work on many of the layouts transported to the new Club House.**



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**Rebuilding model train towns with houses and commercial buildings.**



**Visitors viewing the interactive train crossing safety signals.**



**Board Meeting on August 11th, 2021 in the new Club House next to unpacked boxes.**



**Visitors at the Club Grand Re-opening on September 4th, 2021.**



**John Harrigan & Joel Kaplan swap train stories with a prospective new member at the Club Grand Re-opening on Sept. 4th.**



**Vendors were selling their wares at the Train-Load Yard Sale, Saturday, September 4th, 2021.**

