



A VIEW FROM THE CAB

Back to the Chilly Mid-Atlantic.

We are all concerned about the tragic aircraft accidents in both Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA.

Six weeks in southwest Florida with temps routinely in the 60's and 70's spoiled us for a return to chilly weather, but we know we missed the arctic blast of earlier in January and the snow. I am pleased the team was able to make the right calls to close the club house on those several days due to snow/ice in the parking lot and also difficulty on local roads and communities.

This month we will once again support the Seaford VFD Toy and train show on February 22nd, with our setup on Feb. 21. Our sign-up sheets will once again be available at the meeting on Feb. 12, but if you cannot make the meeting but want to help, you can contact Bill Ziegler at 302-537-0964 or myself at 302-448-5654.

I got a chance to see Craig Stephens finishing up some repairs on the traveling O gauge layout track and module wiring and very impressed that Craig took this on and has made excellent progress on those much-needed repairs.

We will have discussions regarding space utilization in the club house at this coming meeting as well. There will also be discussions about another fundraising opportunity for the club, about which I am very interested in getting more details.

As many of you know I do a lot of repairs on O, S and G Scale trains. Lately I have become aware that Lionel is not restocking many of the electronics items related to the TMCC or Command Control systems. Most of these systems were in trains that are 12 to 20 years old now, or older, so I guess it is not a shock that they will phase out parts supply for those items. We have alternatives that would provide compatible command control for nearly all engines, and even Licensed RailSounds systems that are available to attach to these after-market products.

It appears the same strategy is being considered by MTH for its parts supply support for older systems.

Getting yard work done right now is not possible, so inside work, like working on trains and dusting off equipment is the rule of the day!

John Hodges



PICTURES FROM THE GEORGETOWN LIBRARY

Last month we showed you pictures of the activities at the Georgetown Library. Setting up for a show requires many "hands". We will soon be setting up the Seaford Show and, later this year, our own show in Ocean View.

