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Issue 4

Preparing for The Holidays

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& Al Schmidt**

Gathering Notes:

We all thanked Donna and Larry for hosting this event and the sumptuous food. The desserts were not to be missed.

Sunshine: Patti is OK, friends and family are visiting. She is limiting her driving, so she will not be attending meetings. She has asked that someone else take over the Sunshine activity. And Thomas will go back to the Club.

Ed Ramming is not doing so well. He was improving, but since this meeting he went to the hospital for fluid retention and has been recovering there. His cell phone is full, and attempts to contact him are not working. I am not sure if he is in the hospital or a rehab center. I left a message on his home phone, but have not heard anything back. Please keep Ed in your prayers.

Treasure's Report: Donna reported that we are OK financially and we suggested that we keep the dues at \$15/ year, with a increase to \$20 for those who renew after January.

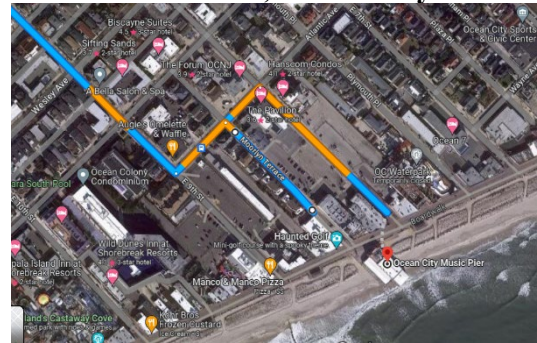
Next Gathering

Ocean City Show

December 1, 2023

After the Setup

Music Pier, Ocean City



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if you will be attending and
will be helping with the setup

2024 will be our 30th Anniversary and we discussed a special event, like a dinner train. Larry agreed to do some research on possibilities that we can discuss in December.

Ocean City Show: The Ocean City show will run December 2nd and 3rd. The hours are 10 am to 4 pm. We should plan to be there around 9 to get things running and make any adjustments. Our layout will be the same as last year, with the Thomas layout sharing the platform with the main layout, so the kids can run Thomas and also watch the other trains while they are waiting their turn.

Al and Ed did not get the Thomas controllers repaired. They weren't working well at the last year's show and several attempts to get them working were unsuccessful. As a result, we will use 'stock' controllers, one new for the club and a loner from Al.

We need to get white sheets for the platform and think some were used to wrap up cars at the end of the show.

All are invited to bring down their own trains to run on the layout.

We plan to have the club, as in the past subsidize Friday and Sunday dinners for

members who help setup and breakdown.
The club will cover meals up to \$20.
Our Schedule is:
December 1st

- Setup, starting at 10 AM
- Jim will have the trailer there.
- Short meeting and
- Dinner following setup

December 2nd

- Running Trains (10AM – 4PM)

December 3rd

- Running Trains (10AM – 4PM)
- Break down & Pack up.
- Dinner following pack up.

Our contact for
this event, Justin Juliano:

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1) We can use our SJGRS Name Badges to enter the show. Also, wear an SJGRS Shirt or hat if you have one.

2) If you will be driving your vehicle on to the boardwalk to Unload / Load you need to send (email) Justin **Scans or Photos** of:

1. Drivers license
2. Proof of insurance
3. Car registration

Email is best and tell him you're with SJGRS.

Battleship NJ Show: We all agreed that while we like to do the show on the Battleship NJ, we do not have the number of people available to support the effort to setup, run and take down during this holiday season.

Plans for the rest of the year.

Personal Holiday Shows you are planning:

Let us know so we can publicize them.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2023

Mark Your Calendars

**December 2-3 OC Train Show, Setup
Fri. Dec 1st with a meeting to follow.**

If you can host a gathering in 2024 or have ideas for excursions, please contact Al Schmidt –856-672-0172 at al.schmidt@verizon.net