



THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2015

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of The First State Model Railroad Club, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 7:30 P.M. at Jarrell Station at 1282 McKee Road, in Dover, DE.

FSMRRC NEWS SUMMARY:

November proved to be an eventful month for our club. We had two set-ups at train shows: one on Laurel, Delaware and one in Magnolia, New Jersey. Both went well and we were able to contribute a nice stipend from each show into the club treasury. On the weekend following the Magnolia Show several of our members attended a meeting in Wilmington which included representatives of the NMRA and the Boy Scouts of America. The purpose of this gathering was to review and improve the administration of the Railroading Merit Badge Program that we and other organizations have been operating for several years now. We also managed to squeeze in an open house at Jarrell Station to commemorate November as National Model Railroading Month. A special thanks is due to Jeff Shockley, "Mr. Conductor", for presiding over our refreshment table and reception room. He kept things moving and his efforts resulted in a better haul of donations than we have enjoyed previously.

And so, on to December. Our first activity will be a holiday open house at Jarrell Station from 9:00 to 4:00 on Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th. Sam Eaton has printed up flyers that can be posted on bulletin boards. If you know of a place that you can post in, like a supermarket or laundromat, the flyers will be available at our work session on Thursday. Our regular business meeting will be held on the 8th at the clubhouse with the usual full agenda for discussion. One major item of business will be to decide whether we want to do a February set-up at the Timonium Train Show. They didn't come through with a stipend for us last time due to an oversight but they have invited us back. After this meeting it will be time for our annual Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange which is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th at Roma Restaurant. Members, spouses and guests are all invited to this activity which never fails to be a very nice affair. Finally, we are faced with the prospect of losing two work evenings at the end of the month because Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both fall on Thursdays. In order to keep our various projects going, we are considering having the work sessions for those two evenings shifted to the preceding Tuesdays.

Now for January. The big event for this month has been the annual trip to Springfield to attend the Amherst Society's gigantic train show in Springfield, MA. This year shorter excursions to closer events and locals were discussed as alternative activities. However, four couples and one individual have decided to do the Springfield Show after all so there will be some representation of our group. If you think you might be interested in joining in, contact Paul Roy (302-289-3560, 302-249-1412 or peroyvrs@aol.com) who is coordinating this expedition.

Jim Valle, Past President

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THE SHORE LINE GARDEN RAILROAD CLUB has set up a Christmas train display at the **AIR MOBILITY COMMAND MUSEUM** (behind Dover Air Force Base). It will remain available for viewing through the end of December (closed Mondays and holidays). **FREE** parking and admission – donations to AMC appreciated.

December 5-6, 2015 – First State Model Railroad Club Holiday Open House, 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE. 9am – 4pm. Delaware mainline from State Road to Delmar in HO Scale, “Timesaver” modules, White Elephant Table, refreshments. Free parking and admission.

December 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 2015 – Patcong Valley Model Railroad Club’s 31st Annual Holiday Open House. 1308 Harding Highway and Fir Avenue, Richland, NJ. 10am – 4pm. Admission: FREE, donations appreciated. Contact: patcongrrr@comcast.net. ALSO OPEN January 9-10, 16-17 and 23-24, 2016.

December 5-6, 2015 – Delmarva Model Railroad Club’s 30th Annual Holiday Open House. 103-E State Street, Delmar, DE. Saturday: 11am – 4pm. Sunday: Noon – 4pm. Free parking and admission. Layouts in Z Scale, N Scale modular, N Scale, HO Scale, S Scale, O Gauge, Standard Gauge, and G Scale. White Elephant table, Refreshments, and Train Videos. ALSO OPEN January 2-3 and 9-10, 2016.

December 5-6, 2015 – Greenberg’s Great Train & Toy Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD. 10am-4pm. Free Parking. Admission: \$7.00, kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket.

December 8, 2015 – FSMRRC meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Jarrell Station, 1282 McKee Road, Dover.

December 12-13, 2015 – Greenberg’s Train & Toy Show. Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA. 10am-4pm. Free parking. Admission: \$9.00, kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket.

December 15, 2015 – FSMRRC CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY at Roma Restaurant, 3 Presidents Drive (Rt. 113), Dover.

January 2-3, 2016 – Greenberg’s Great Train & Toy Show. New Jersey Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Ave, Edison, NJ. 10am-4pm. Free parking. Admission: \$9.00, kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket.

January 23-24, 2016 – Greenberg’s Great Train & Toy Show. York Expo Center - Utz Arena, 334 Carlisle Ave, York, PA. 10am-4pm. Free parking. Admission: \$9.00, kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket.

January 30-31, 2016 – Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show. The Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA. Saturday: 9am – 5pm, Sunday: 10am – 5pm. Admission: Adults: \$14.00 per day, Children 15 and under: FREE Accompanied by an adult. Eastern States parking: \$5.00 per day.

February 6-7, 2016 – Great Scale Model Train Show. Maryland State Fair 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD. Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 10am – 4pm. Admission: Saturday: \$9.00, good for both days, Sunday: \$8.00, kids under 15, FREE when accompanied by a paid adult.

February 7, 2016 – The Toms River Train & Toy Show. Elks Lodge 1875, 600 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ. 9am – 2pm. Admission: \$5.00, children Under 10 FREE.

February 20-21, 2016 – Greenberg’s Great Train & Toy Show. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE. 10am-4pm. Free Parking. Admission: \$7.00, kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket.

February 27-28, 2016 – Allentown Train Meet Spring Thaw™ Show. Allentown Fairgrounds, Agricultural Hall (Agri-Plex), 302 North 17th Street, Allentown, PA. Admission: \$8.00, kids 12 and under are FREE!

Do you have something you would like to share with the members of FSMRRC? If so, please submit them to stockslager@gmail.com by the end of each month.

**WISHING ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**