

## **THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER**

**NOVEMBER 2017**

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of The First State Model Railroad Club, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, November 14, at 7:30 P.M.** at Jarrell Station at 1282 McKee Road, in Dover, DE.

### **NOTES FROM PRESIDENT EATON:**

Looks like the cold weather is back. That means most of us will be back in our workshops working on our trains again; I know I will. Before the DC layout can be put back up we must get the room cleaned, so grab a broom and start sweeping. Also by the time you read this we will have taken down the overhead doors. We plan on doing this Tuesday October 31 at 9:00 a.m. so it should be done by the time you get this. With the doors off we can proceed to put up sheet rock where the doors were and that will bring us closer to installing a ceiling and new heating, AC and lighting for the train room, which will make it nice to run trains in summer and winter.

I got 20 new chairs for our meeting room as we discussed at last month's meeting. We need to take down the blue folding chairs and take them out to the garage and put them in the storage rack. Once that is done we will have room for the new chairs. So, if everyone can grab at least one old chair and take it over to the door by the DCC layout we can then bring in the new chairs.

Thompson has told me that he has gotten a room at Roma's for us for Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for our Christmas dinner. Hope to see everyone there with their loved ones or wife. Remember to bring a gift for the gift exchange, the ladies need to bring one too.

Our next big event will be our open house on November 25 and 26. See Jeff for a flyer so you can post it at your favorite store or business. We need to have as many flyers out as possible to make this open house a success. We will also have an "O" gauge Polar Express train set available for sale for \$350.00. Tell your friends to be sure to come on out and see our trains run.

Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see everyone there. Till then happy model railroading

**Sam Eaton, President**

## **FSMRRC PICNIC AND RESULTS OF RECENT LOCOLYMPICS:**

This year's Club Picnic was held on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the Club Building with about 30 members showing up and bringing various dishes. The Club provided hamburgers and hotdogs, rolls and sodas. The tables and chairs were set up on the west side of the building under the trees, but it proved to be way too windy, so everything was moved to the south side of the building. With lots of conversation and music and many delicious dishes to enjoy, everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. Robbie came and brought a big box of egg rolls which disappeared fast. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish. The food was great.

The entertainment for the afternoon was the "HO Locolympics". The two ten-foot boards with track were set up that day so no pre runs were allowed. Each was set at different angles, the second steeper than the other. There were ten categories. With the World Famous Fastest Pocket Rocket going to Paul Buckley because all the old rubber bands had rotted onto the competitors' engines. Since then, Paul has given Jim Thompson and Les Souder new bands for next year. See what happens. Paul's time on the 20 feet with his double unit switchers was 5.5 seconds. Way to go, Paul. Next was the Slowest Steam, with no entries. So members with steam should show up and win bragging rights. Third, was the Fastest Steam, with Paul Buckley using a B & O Engine going 20 feet in 15 seconds. That sounds like an easy time to beat. Next was the Steam Pull. How many gondolas can an engine pull? We had no entries. Looks like an easy win for someone next year. The Slowest Diesel went to Les Souder going 20 feet in 3 minutes and 35 seconds. Yes, I said 3 minutes and 35 seconds. Amazing!! Next was the Fastest Diesel with Paul Buckley and his Accela Engine. Fastest RDC was Jim Thompson's Hobbytown going 20 feet in 9 seconds. The 4-axle pull went to Jim Thompson's Hobbytown GP9 pulling 3 gondolas with spikes 6 feet 9 inches. The 6-Axle Pull went to Jim Thompson's Hobbytown pulling 2 spikes 6 feet. The Grand Pull is single motor with any number of drive wheels. This went to Les Souder pulling 4 spikes, 10 feet 4 ½ inches with the crowd cheering him on. What a sight to see!!! It all sounds easy, but you have to be there to see it. So next year, pull out some steam and diesel and try your luck. Yes, I said try your luck!!!!

**Jim Thompson**

## **FSMRRC CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

The Club Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at Roma Restaurant, 3 President Drive, Dover, DE. Reservations are for 6:00 P.M. We have the large room on the right, same as last year. Guys should bring a train-related gift and girls should bring a girl-gift. We will have the gift exchange while waiting for our meal preparation. A special banquet menu is being completed for us, because with the size of our group they cannot handle us ordering from the full menu. There will be three appetizer choices and seven or eight main course choices for the night. We will discuss the party at the Nov. 14 meeting for a total head count and check out the menu.

See you at the meeting.

**Jim Thompson**

## **SPRINGFIELD MASS. TRIP, JAN. 26-27-28, 2018**

Each year the Club goes to the Amherst Railway Society Eastern States Exposition held at 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA. We leave Dover on Friday morning, January 26, arrive in Springfield late afternoon and spend Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> and part of the 28<sup>th</sup> at the show and return home Sunday evening. There are four super big buildings at the show. The Better Living Center, the Young Building, the Stroh Building and the Mallary Complex. There are over 400 vendors and at least 30 layouts to see. We will have 8 rooms reserved at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel at One Monarch Place, Springfield, MA. Normally we have 6 couples and a couple of singles to share rooms. The price is \$320.00 per couple and \$170.00 for singles. The price includes the room for 2 nights, travel there and back and pre-arranged arm bands for Saturday and Sunday admission to the train show. We leave Dover around 8:30 A.M. Friday January 26. First stop is around 9:30 at the Fenwick Rest Stop on the Turnpike. Second and last stop is around noon on the Garden State Parkway. We should arrive at the Sheraton around 4 or 5 P.M. Around 6:30 P.M. we all go to the Cracker Barrel north for dinner.

Saturday, we should have breakfast at the Hotel, complimentary through the Society. At 9:00 A.M. we depart for the Show. We spend the day at the show while the girls are off to Yankee Candle. Dinner this year for Saturday evening will be determined by the girls. They wanted the guys to join them at Chandlers, a nice restaurant at Yankee Candle, but they discovered it has been closed. So it has been decided that most want to have dinner in the Sheraton at Picks again this year. But we will ask for better service than the last time we ate there.

Sunday we will have breakfast at the Hotel and on to the show which opens around 10:00 A.M. We will tie up last minute deals and leave to arrive back at the hotel around noon. Then on our way back to Delaware we usually stop twice, once for lunch and our last stop at the Cracker Barrel in Pennsville, N.J., last stop before Delaware Memorial Bridge. We then arrive home around 9:00 P.M. It is a fast weekend and will be talked about for years. See you at the meeting for more discussion.

**Jim Thompson**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**For the upcoming Open Houses in Delaware and Eastern/Central Maryland go to [www.modelrailroadopenhouse.com](http://www.modelrailroadopenhouse.com) and in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Western Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia go to [www.themodelrailroadopenhouse.com](http://www.themodelrailroadopenhouse.com) to see the schedule of those who will be open during the month of November. You are encouraged to visit some (or all) of these open houses to show your appreciation for their hard work and continued interest in model railroading.**

**November 4 – The Shore Line Garden Railroad Club** will set up a display at the Lewes, DE Library. Many railroad cars (“Speeders”) are expected to be in attendance also as this will be their last chance to use the tracks in that area.

**November 4 – Fall Sudlersville Toy & Train Show.** Sudlersville Fire House, 203 N. Church St, Sudlersville, MD. 10am-3pm. Admission: \$5.00, (children under 15 free, with an adult. Early buyer at 9am (admission: \$10.00). Model trains, toys, trucks & accessories, new & used, collectibles. Large operating train layout (with "Thomas & Friends"). Operating 3D Printer & 3D Scanner on display. 302-270-4786 "Kurt" for info or for dealer registration. (To benefit Sudlersville Train Station Museum.)

**November 4 – Fred Lagno’s Allegheny Central Railroad Open House,** 911 Sportsman Neck Rd., Queenstown, MD. 9am-4pm.

**November 4 & 18-19 – Joe Walters’ North East Railroad Open House,** 840 North Gwynn Ct., Bear, DE. Noon-4pm.

**November 4-5 – Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club Show.** Jim Graham Building, State Fairgrounds, Blue Ridge Rd. and Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC., 9am–5pm. Admission: \$8.00, covers both days. Kids 12years-old and under FREE.

**November 4, 11, 18 & 25 – Delaware Seaside Railroad Club Open House,** 32442 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, DE. 10am-3pm.

**November 8, 15, 22 & 29 – Delaware Seaside Railroad Club Open House,** 32442 Royal Blvd., Dagsboro, DE. 5pm-8pm.

**November 10 – Joe Walters’ North East Railroad Open House,** 840 North Gwynn Ct., Bear, DE. 7pm-10pm.

**November 10, 12 & 19 – Pat Mulrooney's Bethel, Susquehanna & Northern Railroad Open House,** 206 Stoever Dr., New Holland, PA. 6:30pm-9pm. (Pat is a past President of the Delmarva Model Railroad Club.)

**NOVEMBER 11 - Jim Valle Estate Auction. Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Ave, Dover, DE. Starting at 10am. Auctioning off the personal collection of Dr. James Earl Valle (Founder and Past President of the First State Model Railroad Club.) For more details, go to: [www.GreenGavelAuction.com](http://www.GreenGavelAuction.com) or contact Jim Thompson and/or Les Souder.**

**November 11 & 25 – Bruce Friedman’s Modern CSX Railroad Open House, 603 Parkridge Dr., Hockessin, DE. 3pm-7pm.**

**November 11-12 – First Frost™ Train Meet.** Allentown Fairgrounds, Agricultural Hall (Agri-Plex), 302 North 17th St., Allentown, PA. 9am-4pm Saturday, 9am-3pm Sunday. Admission: \$8.00 per day, children under 12 FREE with paid adult.

**November 12 – Brooklawn Train Show,** Brooklawn American Legion Post 72 Hall, 11 Railroad Ln., Brooklawn NJ. 10am-3pm, Admission: \$5 per person, \$10 family.

**November 14, 21 & 28 – Tom Gears’ On30 & HO Chinese railroad Open House,** 2720 Newport Gap Pike, Wilmington, DE. 6pm-9pm.

**November 18 – Jeff Griffin’s Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Line Open House,** 49 Sand Dollar Ln., Frederica, DE. 10am-4pm.

**November 18 – George Pechin’s Northeast Railroads of the 50’s-60’s Open House,** 751 Killen’s Pond Rd, Harrington, DE. First time on the layout tour. 10am-4pm.

**November 18 – Lester Perry’s Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Open House,** 625 Oak Hill School Rd. Townsend, DE. 1pm-5pm.

**November 18 & 26 – Carl Huth’s Reading Lines Open House,** 117 Walls Way, Bear, DE. 1pm-4pm.

**November 19 – Atlantic Division, Train Collector’s Association Thanksgiving Train Show.** Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall, 1301 South Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 8am-1pm. Family Admission \$5.00 (Limit Two (2) Adults & Children (12 Years & Under). Door Prizes, Operating Train Layout, Food & Beverages Available, More Than 100 Tables of Trains, Train Doctor & Parts to Repair Your Trains.

**November 19 – Westminster Maryland Train Show,** Agriculture Center, 706 Agriculture Center Dr., Westminster, MD. 10am-3pm. Admission: \$5.00.

**November 25 – Andreas Neseemann’s HO European railroad Open House,** 7 Anita Dr., Newark, DE. 1pm-6pm.

**November 25-26 – First State Model Railroad Club’s Model Railroad Month Open House**, 1282 McKee Rd., Dover, DE. 9am-3pm.

**November 25-26, December 2-3 & January 6-7 & 13-14 – Delmarva Model Railroad Club’s 32nd Annual Open House.** Camelot Hall (2nd Floor, NO elevator), 103-E State Street, Delmar, DE. Saturday: 11am-4pm, Sunday: Noon-4pm. 9 layouts featuring 10 different gauges from Z Scale to G Scale. Refreshments, White Elephant table, Raffle ticket sales, free parking and admission.

**November 25-26 - Greenberg’s Great Train & Toy Show.** New Jersey Expo Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, NJ. FREE PARKING. Admission: \$10 Saturday (good for BOTH days), \$9 Sunday. Kids 11 and under FREE and do NOT need a ticket.

**December 2 - Greensboro VFC Train Display & Show**, 9:00am to 3:00pm, 13781 Greensboro Rd, Greensboro Fire House, Greensboro, MD

**December 2-3 – Greenberg’s Great Train & Toy Show**, Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD. FREE PARKING. Admission: \$10 Saturday (good for BOTH days), \$9 Sunday. Kids 11 and under FREE and do NOT need a ticket.

**December 2-3, 9-10 - Queen Anne's Railroad Society Festival of Trains**, 12:00 Noon to 5:00pm, Kent Narrows Outlet Stores, 61 Piney Narrows Road, Chester, MD

**December 5 to January 5 - Eagle Line Railroad - Model Railroad Display**, every Tuesday and Thursday (some Sundays), 7pm to 9pm, 12169 Ober Lane, Ridgely MD  
[www.eaglelinerailroad.com](http://www.eaglelinerailroad.com)

**December 9-10 – Rappahannock Model Railroaders (The Fredericksburg VA Model Railroad Club) 20th Annual Train and Christmas Show**, Fraternal Order of Eagles AERIE #4123, 21 Cool Spring Rd; Fredericksburg, VA. Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 10am-4pm. Admission: 13 & up \$7, 6-12 \$1, 5 & under free.

**December 10 – TTOS (Toy Train Operating Society Show**, Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Dept., Rt.2 & Earleigh Heights Rd., Severna Park, MD. 9am-3pm.

**December 16 - Arbutus Train & Toy Show**, 9am to 1pm, Arbutus Volunteer Fire Hall Arbutus, Maryland

**CONGRATULATIONS to Jim and Carolyn Thompson on the recent celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.**

# ESTATE TRAIN AUCTION

Date: Saturday November 11, 2017 at 10:00 am

Location: Modern Maturity Center

1121 Forest Ave RT 8 Dover, DE 19901

Manufacturers of all Brass

Sunset, PFM, GEM, AKANE, Howell Day, AHM, West Side, Seiko, Olympia, Power House, KHM, Lambert, New Model, Delyoung, Alco, H9C, United, Katsumi, Hellmark, Tenshodo, Samhongsa, Mantua

Manufacturers of Metal and Plastic

Spectrum, Proto, Atlas, Train Line, Bachmann, Model Power, Bowser, Atharan, Bradley, Blue Line, Precision, Walthers, Stewart, MDC, MTH, Rivarossi, Life Like, Con Cor, PFM, Fox Valley, Spring Mills

A Sampling of individual cars:

Sunset 2-10-0 1-2 Brass with Long Tender, Sunset 4-4-4 4 T-1 Brass, United 2-10-1 N-1 Brass, Sunset 4-8-2 M-1 Brass, AHN 2-10-4 J-1 Brass, GEN 4-8-2 M-1 Brass, GEN 2-10-2 N-1 Brass, Power House 2-8-8-2 H-H-1 Brass, KHM Trainmaster Brass, Proto 1000 Erie Bull A-B Set, Proto 2000 GP9, GEM Steam Turbine Brass, Bowser M-1, Bowser 2-10-0 1-1, Bowser 4-8-2 M2, Atharn Genesis SP 4-8-2 MT4, Atharn Genesis SP 4-8-2 MT4, Lambert GGI Brass, Blueline C+O 2-10-4 T1 w/Sound, Precision Reading T-1, AHM ATTSF 4-8-2, Westside S+P 4-8-8-4 AC-4, New Model Steam 2-6-6-2 Brass, Delyoung Steam 4-8-4, Alco S+P 2-8-2 Steam Brass, HBC ATTS 4-8-2 Steam, Sunset ATTSF 2-8-2 Steam, Sunset SP 4-8-2 Steam, Alane SP 4-8-8-2 Steam, Hallmark SF 2-10-4 Madam Queen, West Side SP E9 A+B Diesel, West Side PRR 4-4-6-4 O2 Steam, Westside West Pacific 4-8-4 GS6, Akane B+O 4-6-2 Steam, Olympia C+O 4-8-4 J3a Steam, SamHongsa ATTSF 4-8-2 Steam, Sunset 4-8-4 Steam J N+W Brass, Sunset 4-8-2 Steam K3 N+W Brass, PFM 2-8-8-2 Steam L-131 D+RGW Brass, Westside 4-8-8-4 Steam L-105 D+RGW Brass, Sunset 2-8-2 Steam D+RGW, Van Hobbies 2-10-4 Seikik CPR Brass, Preshon T-1 Freedom Train RDG, Overland Caboose C-30A N+W Brass, Baboo Caboose Wood N+W Brass, PFM Caboose Moder D+RGW Brass, Overland Schnable #203 Weccs Brass, Too Much To List

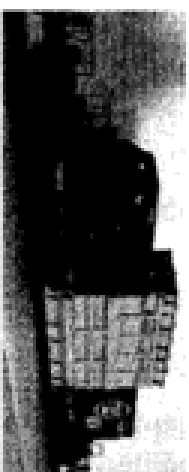
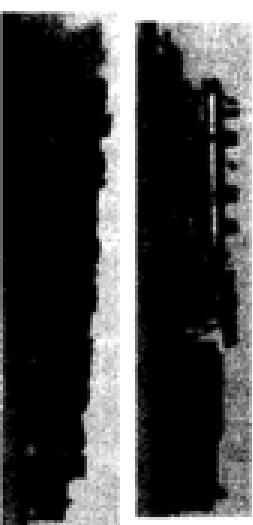
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