



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

**JANUARY 2019**

### **NEXT MEETING:**

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

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

Well the holidays are over. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a happy new year. So far, I have not heard of anyone being in the hospital or worse.

I hope everyone had a great time at our Christmas party even with the tight quarters. I know I enjoyed being there with everyone.

It's time now to take stock of where we are and where we want to be this time next year. During our next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> we will try to map out what things we want to accomplish this year. I would like to get as many dates set for next year as we can.

Last year we had two great open houses. One in May and one in November. I'm hoping we can do it again this year. Also, we were able to build a new Christmas layout that is very easy to move. Maybe we can improve it this year.

Hopefully some of you may have noticed a young man being around on Thursday nights. He and his father will hopefully become members and I'm hoping we can start a young person section in our club. More on this thought Tuesday night.

Hopefully sometime this spring we can work on cleaning and painting the outside of our building. The weather got the best of us last fall and we could not get it done.

Ask around and find out if there are any other venues where we might be able to set up and show off our train display, even if we don't get paid. We need to get more people in our club, especially young people.

As you can see, I have a few ideas, but we need others to come up with some more ideas. So, put on your thinking caps and come up with some ideas that may help our club prosper in this new year.

**Sam Eaton, President**

**SPRINGFIELD TRIP:**

Plans are well underway for our trip to Springfield, MA on Friday-Sunday, January 25-27. We will be staying at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch hotel in Springfield, MA. The men will be attending the Amherst Railroad Hobby Show on Saturday and Sunday while the ladies will venture out on their own. The arm bands have been ordered. Here's hoping for good weather and safe travels for everyone involved.

**REMINDER: FSMRRC DUES ARE DUE (\$60/YR) BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 2019. If your dues are not current, please send or give them to Treasurer Matthews.**

**FSMRRC OFFICERS:**

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SECRETARY: JEFF SHOCKLEY

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**January 5-6, 2018; January 12-13, 2019 – Delmarva Model Railroad Club's 33rd 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.

**January 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 2019 – Patcong Valley Model Railroad Club Open House.** 1308 Harding Hwy., Richland, NJ. 10a-4p. FREE parking and admission. Donations appreciated.

**January 5-6, 12-13, 2019 – Burlington County Model Railroad Club Open House.** Basement – Burlington County Footlighters Playhouse, 898 Pomona Rd., Cinnaminson, NJ. Noon-5p each day. For details please call 856733-0010 or visit [www.facebook.com.bsmrc](http://www.facebook.com.bsmrc).

**January 12-13, 26-27, 2019 – 2019 Holiday Open House.** St. Albans Railroad Fellowship, Episcopal Church, 3625 Chapel Rd., Newtown Square, PA (under Thrift Shop.) 7p-10p. For details please visit: <http://starr-mrc.org>. Green Sheet event.

**January 25-27, 2019 – Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show.** Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds, 1305 Memorial Ave., W. Springfield, MA. Saturday: 9a-5p, Sunday: 10a-5p. Admission: Adults: \$15.00 per day, kids 15 and under: FREE Accompanied by an Adult. Eastern States parking: \$5.00 per day. Tickets will be sold on the grounds starting one hour before the show opens on each day of the show to keep lines to a minimum. Any large groups arriving via chartered coach can receive extra benefits. Special parking is provided for charter buses. If the group calls ahead to the Show Office with a passenger count, their tickets will be ready or them when the bus arrives avoiding any waiting in the ticket line.

**February 2, 2019 – Toms River Train and Toy Show.** Elks Lodge, Lodge #1875, 600 Washington St., Toms River, NJ. 9a-2p. Admission: \$6.00, kids under 10 FREE. Operating layouts, refreshments served from show opening until close, test track to operate that new purchase, train doctor on premises. Children and adult door prizes.

**February 2-3, 2019 – The Great Scale Model Train Show.** Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD (Cow Palace). Saturday: 9a-5p, Sunday: 10a-4p. Admission: \$9.00 for both days, \$8.00 for Sunday only. Children up to 15 FREE with a paid adult.

**February 9, 2019 – Antietam Station Model Railroad Sale.** Washington County Agricultural Education Center, 7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Sharpsburg, MD – 6.5 miles south of I-70, Exit 29 on MD Rt. 65. 9a-2p. For details please visit: <http://www.antietamstation.com/hEvents.htm>.

**February 9-10, 16-17, 2019 – Burlington County Model Railroad Club Open House.** Basement – Burlington County Footlighters Playhouse, 898 Pomona Rd., Cinnaminson, NJ. Noon-5p each day. For details please call 856733-0010 or visit [www.facebook.com.bsmrc](http://www.facebook.com.bsmrc).

**February 16-17, 2019 – Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show.** Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE. 9a-4p both days. Admission: \$10 Saturday, \$9 Sunday – on-site ticket sales cash only. Kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket. Hundreds of tables of trains for Sale, exhibitors from across the country, riding train for kids and adults, huge operating model train displays, free workshops and demonstrations, interactive slot car racetrack, free test track – test run your trains at the show, free door prize giveaways.

**February 23, 2019 – 26th Annual Seaford Volunteer Fire Dept. Toy and Train Show.** King and Cannon Sts., Seaford, DE. 9a-3p. Tables and displays on both floors.

**February 23-24, 2019 – Allentown Train Meet Associates presents 2019 Spring Thaw Train Meet.** Allentown Fairgrounds Agricultural Hall, 302 N. 17th St., Allentown, PA (GPS

address: 1930 W. Liberty St.) Saturday: 9a–4pm, Sunday 9m–3p. Admission: \$8.00. Kids under 12 FREE. Free parking, operating layouts, manufacturers and displays, train races, test track.

**February 24, 2019 – 2019 TCA Washington, Baltimore & Annapolis (WB&A) Chapter Train Meet.** Annapolis Elks Lodge, 2 Pythian Dr., Edgewater, MD. Opens 10a. For more info please visit: <http://wba-tca-eastern.org> or contact Nada Boswell, [wba.boswell@gmail.com](mailto:wba.boswell@gmail.com) or call 571445-3662.

**March 2-3, 2019 – Roundhouse Model Train Show.** B&O Railroad Museum-Baldwin Roundhouse, 901 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD. 10a-4p Saturday, 11a-4p Sunday. Tickets available at the museum entrance. Cosponsored by the B&O Railroad Museum & Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show. Thousands of model trains on exhibit and for sale, exhibitors from across the country, operating and interactive model train displays, train rides on the “Mile One Express”, car house tours, the nation's best collection of 19th century trains, model trains kids can run, operating train layouts, huge model railroad marketplace, interactive exhibits for kids.

**March 3, 2019 – TCA-Atlantic Division Spring Fever Train Show.** Penn’s Landing Caterers, (Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall), 1301 S., Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 9a1p, (TCA members 8a-1p). Admission: \$5 family, 2 adults and children 12 and under. Food by Chef Chris Rodgers, door prizes for adults and children, new & used trains & accessories, operating train layouts, collectibles, repair parts available, train doctor, test track.

**March 23, 2019 – Spring Hartly Train Show.** Arthursville Rd. (DE Rt. 11) and Hartly Rd. (DE Rt. 44). Hartly, DE. 9am-3pm. Admission: \$4, spouse \$3, kids under 12 FREE with adult. Breakfast and lunch furnished by fire company auxiliary. Door prizes every hour.

