



THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

NEXT MEETING:

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

OFFICERS:

At the October meeting the following members were re-elected to their respective positions for another year: Sam Eaton, President; Kevin Herrmann, Vice President; Henry Kramer, Secretary; and Charles “Buzz” Matthews, Treasurer. Congratulations to them all.

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT EATON:

Well it's here, our busy season. There's a lot going on these next two months, but more about that latter. As you may know there has been a lot of work going on at the club. We have been busy working on the winter display for Bellevue and a lot of work has been going on on the DCC layout expansion, which Henry will talk about. We have until the 22nd to finish the winter layout and take it up to Bellevue. I am sure if we get the help we have had in the past few weeks that we will make that goal. We still need members to sign up for the nine days that we will be up to Bellevue. Please note on the board what days we can go. If you need a ride, note that on the board and we will make sure you have a way up there.

As well as the Bellevue display we have our own Open House on December 3 and 4 and January 7 and 8 and 14 and 15. All open houses will be open from 9:00 till 4:00. We also have two shows where we need to set up the DCC layout. To get ready for that we will be unloading the DC layout on Thursday the 10th and loading the DCC layout to take to NJ on the 12th and Hartly on the 19th. From the 10th of November to the Open House we will be setting up the old DC layout and getting it ready for the open houses which not only mean setting it up and getting it running, but also cleaning it and fixing broken homes, trees, telephone poles and other things. We will also have to leave up the new DCC expansion and the winter display so we can get those completed. With all this going on we need everyone's help. There is always something you can do regardless of your health so don't let that stop you from showing up. Everyone has something they can add to the benefit of the group.

With all this going on we will have our annual Christmas party at Roma's on December 6 at 6:00. Remember everyone needs to bring a gift to exchange; both husbands and wives will be exchanging gifts.

As you can see we have a lot going on. These are things we all agreed to commit to do in the monthly meetings so we need everyone's help to get these things done. Remember the reputation of the club is at stake here so please come out and give your support for your club. Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Railroading.

Sam Eaton, President

CONTINUED UPDATE ON THE DCC NEW MODULE PROJECT

Since last month's update we are almost finished running DCC power to all of the tracks on the old yard modules. Additionally, replacement switch ground throws have been purchased and we are in the process of replacing the broken ones in the yard. The electrical connections to the turntable track still need to be modified and the turntable installed on the module. Finally, tracks leading to/from the turntable as well around the roundhouse still need to be laid.

While we finish these details we need to continue thinking about the new modules' scenery. As previously mentioned, John Espy has started work on a "space alien" scene that should catch the attention of visitors of all ages. Also, buildings will need to be purchased and built for the yard on the new modules. As we move into this new phase we can use additional member input. If you would like to contribute to this project please stop by and lend a hand.

Henry Kramer, Secretary

TWO TRAIN SHOWS DOWN AND TWO SHOWS TO GO

Last month signaled the start of our very hectic show season. It started off on October 15th with the Sudlersville Train Show. Our DC layout was loaded in the trailer the Thursday prior to the show and at 8am Saturday we converged at the Sudlersville Fire house where we proceeded to setup our display. According to Bill Benzin it took an hour and 6 minutes to setup the modules and start running trains. This is an outstanding setup time for the heavier DC modules and could only have been achieved because of the prior planning of Jim Thompson and the amount of



members who turned out to help set up.

The next Saturday (October 22nd) we did it all over again; this time at Clayton Railroad Days. Since this show started an hour earlier we arrived at the Clayton Fire house at 7am and we were

running trains an hour and 15 minutes later. In addition to staffing the modules we also conducted a Boy Scout Merit Badge class at the show. Despite the unfamiliar surroundings the class was a complete success. 10 Scouts successfully earned the merit badge. This was our 29th merit badge class and to date we have awarded 364 Scouts their Railroading Merit Badge.



Our next show is on Saturday November 12th at Magnolia NJ. The Thursday prior to this event (November 10th) we will be removing the DC modules from the trailer and loading our DCC modules. After Magnolia, on November 19th, we will be displaying the DCC modules at the Hartly Train Show. Although Hartly is the last of the traditional shows, we have taken on an additional commitment to do a display at Bellevue Mansion as well as three open house weekends. Needless to say, it is shaping up to be a very busy (and fun) display season.

Henry Kramer

SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT MODEL RAILROADING

Don Jennings (an honorary club member) wrote an article titled “*Clickety Clack Get on the Right Track*” that was published in the November-December 2016 issue of *The Local* (newsletter of the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA). The article talks about volunteering to do an Operation Lifesaver presentation for children at his local Library. Don’s presentations educated children (and their parents) concerning railroad grade crossing safety. It was also a way to spread the word about his local club and the hobby of model railroading. Most of us are already involved with our local community organizations so why not bring your love of the hobby of model railroading to these organizations? Finally, if you are not already a member of the NMRA and would like to join, please let me know and I will get you an application.

Henry Kramer

FSMRRRC HOSTS 29th RAILROADING MERIT BADGE CLASS FOR AREA BOY SCOUTS

On October 22, the First State Model Railroad Club hosted its 29th Railroading Merit Badge class during the annual “Clayton Railroad Days” festival in Clayton, DE. Three area Boy Scout troops sent 10 scouts to participate. Club members Paul Buckley, Kevin Hermann, Henry Kramer, Jeff Shockley and Bill Spanarelli helped the scouts during the class. The scouts learned about the history of railroads, the different types of railcars (and the usages of each), Operation

Lifesaver, the purpose of signals, and the different types of systems used to operate today's model railroads.

In addition each scout built an HO Scale model railroad car donated by the Mid-Eastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association and learned how to move freight cars around a railyard by operating a "time-saver" module. After the class was completed, each scout was awarded their completed "blue card", their model train car, and copies of "*Model Railroader*" and "*Railroad Model Craftsman*" magazines. Since the club, located in Dover, DE, started its Merit Badge program in 2003, 364 scouts have earned the Boy Scouts of America Railroading Merit Badge. The next class will be held in April 2017.

Jeff Shockley

DONATIONS TO OUR CLUB

Last month you may have noticed that the club has been given many boxes of modeling supplies. In October we were contacted by two people who wanted to donate their late husbands' modeling equipment to our club. Early in October Judi donated many boxes of paints, tools (including an air compressor and air brush), and scenery material. At the end of October Mary donated many model structures as well track and other useful items. Many thanks to both Judi and Mary for their very generous donations. Both these women discovered our club through the internet and our website. This is an example of the power of the internet and is why it is imperative. **Henry Kramer, Secretary**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER IS MODEL RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE MONTH FOR DELAWARE AND MARYLAND. For those who will be open see the schedule at the end of this Newsletter or go to <http://www.modelrailroadopenhouse.com>

November 5-6 - Toy Train Sale, 9am to 1pm, Both Days - Free Admission.
Bowie Lions Club Building, Bowie, MD

November 6 - 39th Annual Gaithersburg Railroad Artifacts Show & Sale,
Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 9:00am to 4:00pm, Gaithersburg, Maryland,
<http://www.gserr.com>

November 12 – Borough of Magnolia, NJ from 9am to 3pm. The FSMRRC will be displaying their DCC HO scale modular layout at the Borough of Magnolia Community Center, 425 Brooke Ave, Magnolia, NJ 08049.

November 12-13 – First Frost™ Train Meet. Allentown Fairgrounds,

Agricultural Hall (Agri-Plex), 302 North 17th Street, Allentown, PA. Saturday: 9am-4pm, Sunday: 9am-3pm. Admission is only \$8/day. KIDS FREE! (12 and under with paying adult.) Please join us for an enjoyable and memorable experience. Bring the family! www.allentowntrainmeet.com

November 12-13 - Veterans Day Weekend at the B&O, 901 West Pratt St., Baltimore, MD 21223, www.borail.org/November.aspx

November 19 – Hartly Model Train, Toy & Sale Show. The FSMRRC will be displaying their DCC HO scale modular layout during the Model Train, Toy & Sale Show at Hartly Volunteer Fire Company, 2898 Arthursville Road, Hartly DE 19953.

November 19-20 – Chesapeake Bay & Western Model Railroaders open house, www.cbw-mrc.com

November 20 – Westminster Toy Train Show, 706 Agriculture Center Drive, Westminster, MD 21157. For information contact Richard Liebno 410-848-4929.

November 26-27, January 6-7, 13-14 – Delmarva Model Railroad Club 31st Annual Open House and Train Sale. Camelot Hall, 103-E State Street, Delmar, DE. Saturday: 11am-4pm, Sunday: Noon-4pm. Train videos, refreshments, White Elephant table free parking and admission.

Now-December 31 – Gallery Exhibit: SAFETY FIRST! The Evolution of Railroading Safety Practices. Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 Gap Rd., Strasburg, PA. Hours: through October 31: Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm, Sunday: Noon-5:00pm. November 1-December 31: Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00am-5:00pm, Sunday, Noon-5pm. Admission: Adult (12 – 64) \$10, Seniors (65+) \$9, Youth (3 – 11) \$8, Age 2 and under FREE.

December 3-4 - FSMRRC Holiday Open House from 9am to 4pm., 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE 19904.

December 3-4 - Greenbergs Great Train and Toy Show, 10am to 4pm, Sat and Sun., Exhibit Hall, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD.
<http://greenbergshows.com/>

December 3-4, 10-11 - Queen Anne's Railroad Society, FESTIVAL OF TRAINS, Noon to 5:00pm all 4 days, Kent Narrows Outlet Stores, Chester, Maryland

December 6 – FSMRRC CHRISTMAS PARTY at Roma Restaurant, Dover.

Gift exchange included.

December 10 - Denton Fire Company Train & Toy Show, 9am to 3pm, Denton Fire House, Denton, Maryland

December 11 - Earleigh Heights Family Train & Toy Show, Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire House, 9am to 2pm, Severna Park, Maryland

December 11, January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5 – Frederick County Society of Model Engineers open house, www.fcsme.com

December 17 - Arbutus Train & Toy Show, 9am to 1pm, Arbutus Volunteer Fire Hall, Arbutus, Maryland

January 7-8 - FSMRRC Holiday Open House from 9am to 4pm., 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE 19904.

January 14-15 - FSMRRC Holiday Open House from 9am to 4pm., 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE 19904.

**HAVE A GREAT
THANKSGIVING AND
HAPPY MODEL
RAILROADING!**

2016 DE/MD MODEL RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

DAY DATE	FROM	TO	NAME	GAUGE	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP
Sat	OCT 29	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Steve Condiff **	Garden	1315 Greenleaf Road	Wilmington	DE 19805
Sun	OCT 30	NOON	4:00 PM	Jay Davis **	Garden	6347 Underwoods Corner Road	Smyrna	DE 19977
Wed	NOV 2	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club *	All scales	32442 Royal Blvd	Dagsboro	DE 19939
Fri	NOV 4	7:00 PM	11:00 PM	Joe Walters	HO	840 North Gwynn Court	Bear	DE 19701
Sat	NOV 5	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	Bruce Friedman	HO	603 Parkridge Drive	Hockessin	DE 19707
Sat	NOV 5	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Tom Parkins **	Garden	105 Elm Avenue	Newark	DE 19711
Sat	NOV 5	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Sandy Houtz * **	Garden	218 West Silver Fox Road	Newark	DE 19711
Sat	NOV 5	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Tim Kelleher **	Garden	406 Stafford Avenue	Newark	DE 19711
Sat	NOV 5	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Steve Condiff **	Garden	1315 Greenleaf Road	Wilmington	DE 19805
Sat	NOV 5	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	Mike O'Shaughnessy	HO	2714 Barnsley Road	Wilmington	DE 19808
Sat	NOV 5	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Ken Donahoe	O & On30	2642 Foulk Road	Wilmington	DE 19810
Sat	NOV 5	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Larry Donahoe	HO	2640 Foulk Road	Wilmington	DE 19810
Sat	NOV 5	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club *	All scales	32442 Royal Blvd	Dagsboro	DE 19939
Sat	NOV 5	NOON	4:00 PM	Jeff Griffin	HO	49 Sand Dollar Lane	Frederica	DE 19946
Sat	NOV 5	9:00 AM	4:00 PM	Fred Legno	HO	911 Sportsman Neck Road	Queenstown	MD 21658
Sat	NOV 5	NOON	4:00 PM	Bill Freeland	HO	55 Kirks Mill Lane	North East	MD 21901
Sat	NOV 5	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	Karl Reichenbach	O 3-rail	36 Porter Road	North East	MD 21901
Sat	NOV 5	5:00 PM	9:00 PM	Bill McAleese	HO	1959 Colora Road	Colora	MD 21917
Wed	NOV 9	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club *	All scales	32442 Royal Blvd	Dagsboro	DE 19939
Sat	NOV 12	12:00 PM	4:00 PM	Joe Walters	HO	840 North Gwynn Court	Bear	DE 19701
Sat	NOV 12	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Carl Huth	HO	117 Walls Way	Bear	DE 19701
Sat	NOV 12	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Joe Parisi	HO	341 Beech Lane	Middletown	DE 19709
Sat	NOV 12	NOON	4:00 PM	Don Richard	HO	2307 Woods Road	Wilmington	DE 19808
Sat	NOV 12	NOON	5:00 PM	Bob Sembly	HO	55 Southwell Court	Dover	DE 19904
Sat	NOV 12	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club *	All scales	32442 Royal Blvd	Dagsboro	DE 19939
Sun	NOV 13	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Dennis Nock	O 3-rail	22 Shetland Way	New Castle	DE 19720
Sun	NOV 13	NOON	4:00 PM	Don Richard	HO	2307 Woods Road	Wilmington	DE 19808
Sun	NOV 13	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Paul Jann	Lionel	32 Falcon Court	Wilmington	DE 19808
Sun	NOV 13	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Charlie Grant	HO, Cat	604 West Delaware Avenue	Wilmington	DE 19809
Sun	NOV 13	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Hal Olsen *	HO	1685 Camden Court	Arnold	MD 21012

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Sun NOV 13	NOON	4:00 PM	Howard Zane	HO	5236 Thunder Hill Road	Columbia	MD	21045
Sun NOV 13	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Baltimore Society of Model Engineers	O & HO	225 West Saratoga Street - 3rd Floor	Baltimore	MD	21201
Wed NOV 16	7:00 PM	9:30 PM	Nordel Model Railroad Club	HO	722 Yorklyn Road	Hockessin	DE	19707
Wed NOV 16	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club *	All scales	32442 Royal Blvd	Dagsboro	DE	19939
Sat NOV 19	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Dennis Cannon	All scales	119 Cheltenham Road	Hockessin	DE	19707
Sat NOV 19	4:00 PM	8:00 PM	Bruce Friedman	HO	603 Parkridge drive	Hockessin	DE	19707
Sat NOV 19	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Earl Hackett	HO	3 Forest Lane	Hockessin	DE	19707
Sat NOV 19	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Matt Bartkowski	Lionel	1183 Valley Road	Hockessin	DE	19707
Sat NOV 19	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Lester Perry	HO	625 Oaks Hill School Road	Townsend	DE	19734
Sat NOV 19	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Tom Cline	S Am Flyr	2512 Washington Avenue	Wilmington	DE	19805
Sat NOV 19	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Mike O'Shaughnessy	HO	2714 Barnsley Road	Wilmington	DE	19808
Sat NOV 19	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Charlie Grant	HO, Cat	604 West Delaware Avenue	Wilmington	DE	19809
Sat NOV 19	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club *	All scales	32442 Royal Blvd	Dagsboro	DE	19939
Sat NOV 19	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Jim Perry	HO	1279 Everetts Corner Road	Hartly	DE	19953
Sat NOV 19	NOON	5:00 PM	Ed Tudor	HO	13329 Hatchery Road	Bishopville	MD	21813
Sun NOV 20	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Carl Huth	HO	117 Walls Way	Bear	DE	19701
Sun NOV 20	NOON	4:00 PM	Joe Walters	HO	840 North Gwynn Court	Bear	DE	19701
Sun NOV 20	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Nordel Model Railroad Club	HO	722 Yorklyn Road	Hockessin	DE	19707
Sun NOV 20	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Frank Mayer	O 3-rail	15 Evans Drive	Newark	DE	19711
Sun NOV 20	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Ken Poznaniak	HO	409 Chadsworth Court	Aberdeen	MD	21101
Sun NOV 20	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Severna Park Model Railroad Club *	HO	3 Riggs Avenue	Severna Park	MD	21146
Sun NOV 20	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Bill McAleese	HO	1959 Colora Road	Colora	MD	21917
Wed NOV 23	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club *	All scales	32442 Royal Blvd	Dagsboro	DE	19939
Sat NOV 26	11:00 AM	3:00 PM	John Grove	HO	504 Maple Lane	Claymont	DE	19703
Sat NOV 26	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Dennis Cannon	All scales	119 Cheltenham Road	Hockessin	DE	19707
Sat NOV 26	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Earl Hackett	HO	3 Forest Lane	Hockessin	DE	19707
Sat NOV 26	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Joe Parisi	HO	341 Beech Lane	Middletown	DE	19709
Sat NOV 26	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Lester Perry	HO	625 Oaks Hill School Road	Townsend	DE	19734
Sat NOV 26	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Tom Cline	S Am Flyr	2512 Washington Avenue	Wilmington	DE	19805
Sat NOV 26	NOON	4:00 PM	Don Richard	HO	2307 Woods Road	Wilmington	DE	19808
Sat NOV 26	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Paul Jann	Lionel	32 Falcon Court	Wilmington	DE	19808
Sat NOV 26	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Ken Donahoe	O & On30	2642 Foulk Road	Wilmington	DE	19810

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Sat NOV 26	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Larry Donahoe	HO	2640 Foujk Road	Wilmington	DE	19810
Sat NOV 26	NOON	4:00 PM	Charles Chandler II	HO, Cat	2511 North Gate Road	Wilmington	DE	19810
Sat NOV 26	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Chuck Guajardo	O 3-rail	10 Farm Avenue	Wilmington	DE	19810
Sat NOV 26	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club *	All scales	32442 Royal Blvd	Dagsboro	DE	19939
Sat NOV 26	11:00 AM	4:00 PM	Delmarva Model RR Club	All scales	103 East State Street	Delmar	DE	19940
Sat NOV 26	NOON	4:00 PM	Jeff Griffin	HO	49 Sand Dollar Lane	Frederica	DE	19946
Sat NOV 26	1:00 PM	5:00 PM	Jim Perry	HO	1279 Everetts Corner Road	Hartly	DE	19953
Sun NOV 27	1:00 PM	6:00 PM	Andreas Nessemann	HO Euro	7 Anita Drive	Newark	DE	19713
Sun NOV 27	NOON	4:00 PM	Don Richard	HO	2307 Woods Road	Wilmington	DE	19808
Sun NOV 27	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Don Willis	On3	429 Greenwood Drive	Wilmington	DE	19808
Sun NOV 27	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Ralph Dominica	Lionel	2705 Tanager Drive	Wilmington	DE	19808
Sun NOV 27	1:00 PM	4:00 PM	Tom Gears	On30/HO Chinese	2720 Newport Gap Pike	Wilmington	DE	19808
Sun NOV 27	NOON	4:00 PM	Delmarva Model RR Club	All scales	103 East State Street	Delmar	DE	19940
Sun NOV 27	NOON	4:00 PM	Bill Freeland	HO	55 Kirks Mill Lane	North East	MD	21901
Sun NOV 27	NOON	4:00 PM	Scott Wooddell *	N	66 Beaver Court	Rising Sun	MD	21911
Wed NOV 30	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	Delaware SeaSide Railroad Club *	All scales	32442 Royal Blvd	Dagsboro	DE	19939

* New layout

** Weather permitting