



THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2014

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of The First State Model Railroad Club, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 7:30 P.M. at Jarrell Station at 1282 McKee Road (the old REA/Magnum Building) in Dover, DE. From Route 13, go west on Scarborough Road about two miles and the building is on the right. From Dover, off Route 8, take Saulsbury Road north, which turns into McKee Road, and the building is on the left next to Kenton Child Care Center. Come early and run some trains.

STRASBURG, PA TRIP:

On Wednesday, September 3, I stopped in to see Richard Stockslager. While visiting, he asked me if I would be interested in going to Strasburg, PA to the Model Railroad Day for exhibits and clinics on Saturday, September 6, 2014. I said it sounds good and asked who was going. Richard said he would ask on Thursday night at the station. The group attending was Richard, Les Souder and Ed Kline and I said I would bring my Grandson, Kenny. We were to meet at the station at 7:00 A.M. on Saturday. We were on time and stopped at Perkins in Avalon, PA for breakfast. From there, we arrived at the museum at about 10:30 A.M. Upon arrival, we were met by Dick Lush and Henry Kramer. We were enjoying the layouts: Baltimore area N Track, Baltimore area American Flyer Club, PRR Live Steam, Lower Susquehanna Valley Modular Railroad, Capitol Pen-N-Scalers, The East Penn Traction Club, Train Collectors Association and the Large Reading RR Technical & Historical Society Layout. From there we looked in on the TCS WoW Demo Bachman Trains, Small Space Modeling Concepts, a clinic on scenery, scratch Building with Styrene, Building large Structures with foam core, Tree Making Intro to Air Brushing.

Henry Kramer asked if Kenny would sit in for him at the Branchline Make and Take a Laser Art HO Flag Stop Structure. Kenny and I and Dick Lush took part in this seminar. Well, it started off fine with the intro, but found out the building would not go together with white glue, so ZAP was used, only to glue a bunch of fingers together. Dick Lush said he was going to paint and finish his at home. Kenny and I decided to do the same.

We took off to catch the noon train but missed it by nine minutes. So we decided to catch the 1:00 P.M. train. Richard, Les and Ed went to the large Strasburg Train and Book Store. Kenny and I caught the 1:00 P.M. train to Paradise. We had coach seating. I showed Kenny how you move the seats back for the direction, for viewing, going and coming. When we got to the end at Paradise and the engine changed direction, Kenny changed the seat and had to tell the rest of the passengers how it was done. They all thanked him and told him how smart he was. At the end of the train ride, which was his first, we walked down to the Strasburg Train Shop for a few purchases. From there we met up with Richard, Les and Ed for a 2:30 P.M. departure for Dover. It was a great trip and wish you all had been there to enjoy it.

Jim Thompson

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11, 2014 – Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Day. From 9am to 3pm our Club will be instructing Boy Scouts in the Railroading Merit Badge. Volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. For additional information please contact either Jeff Shockley or Paul Buckley.

October 16 through October 19, 2014 – Hub City Interchange, Mid-Eastern Region NMRA Convention hosted jointly by the South Mountain Division at the Ramada Plaza in Hagerstown, MD. For info see <http://home.comcast.net/~candp2013/>

October 16 through October 19, 2014 -- Trip to the National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton OH. At the moment we have eight club members who are intending to go. We will be leaving at 5am on October 16th and staying at the Red Roof Inn at the Nutter Center. The room rate will be approximately \$33 per night (\$100 for the entire trip). There is still time to sign-up for this trip. If interested see Les Souder.

October 18 & 25, 2014 -- B & O Railroad Museum, Steamin' Saturdays. Steam train ride only. See <http://www.borail.org/railfest.aspx>

October 25, 2014 – Great Scale Model Train Show at Timonium MD. Members wishing to attend should meet at the clubhouse at 7:00am.

November 1, 2014 – Philadelphia Division of the NMRA will be holding their next meeting at the Brandywine Town Center, 4050 Brandywine Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19803. The meeting will start at 9:00am.

November 1-2, 2014 -- Greenberg's Train and Toy Show, Harrisburg Mall, 3501 Paxton St., Harrisburg, PA 17111. See www.greenbergshows.com

November 2, 2014 -- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. -- 37th Gaithersburg Artifacts & Model Train Show, Montgomery County Fair Grounds, Gaithersburg, MD. See <http://www.gserr.com/shows/htm>

November 8, 2014 – On this date our Club will be participating in the NMRA's National Model Railroad Month by hosting an Open House from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Additional information will be available as we get closer to the date. Richard Stockslager will also have his layout open 9-3.

November 15, 2014 – We will be taking our DCC layout and participating in the Magnolia NJ Train Show (from 9am to 3pm). It will be held at their new Community Center. We will be the only HO layout (there will, however, be an "N" gauge layout from another local club). Magnolia NJ is approximately 80 miles (1½ hour drive) from Dover.

November 22, 2014 – We will be taking our DCC layout and participating in the Model Train Show at Laurel, DE Fire Hall (from 9am to 3pm). We participated in this event last year and had a wonderful time.

December 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015 – Holiday Festival of Trains at the B&O Museum in Ellicott City. Wednesday – Sunday from 11:00am – 4:00pm. Enjoy the museum's annual holiday celebration of toy trains and model railroading. New this year is a custom-built 360 degree LEGO model train layout created by The Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area LEGO Train Club. This masterpiece made completely of LEGO toy pieces is interactive for children of all ages. There are push buttons along the sides that will activate lights, motors, and sounds. Other model exhibits featured at the Station will include a popular Thomas the Tank Engine G-scale layout, a small N-scale layout in the museum's telegraph office and a push button children's layout in the main waiting room.

December 6-7, 2014 -- Greenberg's Train & Toy Show, MD State Fair Grounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD 21093. See www.greenbergshows.com

January 17, 2015 – Philadelphia Division of the NMRA will be holding a joint meeting with New Jersey Division at the Haddon Township High School, 406 Memorial Ave., Westmont, NJ 08108. The meeting will start at 9:00am.

January 31, 2015 – Great Scale Model Train Show at Timonium MD. Members wishing to attend should meet at the clubhouse at 7:00am.

February 28, 2015 – Smyrna Train Show from 8:30am to 2:00pm. The club has been invited back to participate by displaying our layout.