



# **THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2016**

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of The First State Model Railroad Club, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, September 13, at 7:30 P.M.** at Jarrell Station at 1282 McKee Road, in Dover, DE.

## **NOTES FROM PRESIDENT EATON:**

Well summer is almost over and fall will soon be here. We will be busy during the months of October, November and December. Please note the following dates and please mark them on your calendar and attend as many as you can. They are:

October 15 Saturday Sudlersville, MD set up DCC layout. Showtime 10:00 - 3:00.

October 22 Saturday Clayton Fire Hall set up DC layout and Boy Scout merit badge class, also at the fire hall.

October 29 Saturday Laurel, DE set up DCC layout.

November 12 Saturday Magnolia NJ set up DCC layout.

November 19 Saturday Hartly Fire Hall set up DCC layout.

December 3 and 4 Open House at our club house.

December 6 club's Christmas party at Roma's 6:00.

January 7 and 8; 14 and 15 Open house at our club house.

Please keep an eye open for further times for these events. Also at last month's meeting we discussed the possibility of an offer to set a display up at Bellevue State Park. There were a lot of questions we had about this offer. Five of us went up and met with the people setting up these events and got all our questions answered. There are a lot of issues we still need to iron out but are too numerous to mention here. If you want to know more and have your voice known please come to our next meeting on September 13. Until then happy model railroading.

**Sam Eaton, President**

## **AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS AT BELLEVUE HALL**

As we talked about at our last business meeting, our club has been invited to participate in a holiday event at Bellevue Hall in Wilmington. On August 22<sup>nd</sup> Jim Thompson, Joe Sudler, Les Souder, Sam Eaton and myself visited the hall and met with the event coordinator. During our visit



we discovered that they are looking for a basic train display; Paul Buckley's 5' by 12' layout having both HO and O scale track would fit nicely in the room they wish us to occupy. This layout is currently residing in our garage and would have to be refurbished. The Hall will provide a rope cordon to keep "little hands" from touching the display.

There will be eleven (11) display days (November 25 - 27, December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 31) and the operating times will be from 10am to 6pm. On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve the operating times will be from 10am to 4pm. The club will be receiving an honorarium for this event. We would also be able to advertise and set up a donation box in the display room.

The committee that visited the Hall intends to present this proposed activity for approval at September's membership meeting.

**Henry Kramer, Secretary**

## **UPDATE ON THE DCC NEW MODULE PROJECT**

After many false starts, we finally successfully managed to lay track on the first new module. Due to the summer heat and lack of experience progress was slower than expected. However, we now have a workable design and have wired the track and integrated the new module into the DCC layout. The next part of the project is to fix the track plan on the two modules that will contain the roundhouse, turntable and track leading to the old DC yard modules.

**Henry Kramer, Secretary**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**September 3-4, 2016 – Day Out with Thomas.** Strasburg Railroad. 301 Gap Rd., Ronks, PA. Trains depart every half hour during September 3: 9:45am –2:45pm, September 4: 10:15am–1:45pm. Regular Tickets: Thomas Train – \$21 – Ages 2 and up. (Under 2 ride free but must sit on a lap.) Includes Thomas train ride and all activities. Percy Package – \$27 – Ages 2 and up. (Under 2 ride free but must sit on a lap.) Includes Thomas Train ride, Percy Train ride and all activities.

**September 10, 2016 – The Great Lehigh Valley Train Meet.** Merchants Square Mall, 1901 South 12th Street, Allentown PA. 10am-3pm. Admission: \$5.00, children under 12 FREE.

**Saturday & Sunday, September 10 & 11 - Civil War Skirmish Weekend at the Wilmington & Western Railroad.** Trains depart at 1230 & 3pm. Travel with troops to the site of a skirmish between Union and Confederate forces. You'll see men and women dressed in authentic period costumes using weapons of that time. This train operates to the Mt. Cuba Picnic Grove, and passengers will enjoy a ½-hour layover at the Picnic Grove during the approximately 2-hour round-trip. This event is powered by one of our antique steam locomotives.

**Saturday, September 17 - Anniversary On-Board the Wilmington & Western Dinner Train.** Departs at 6pm. We will end our Anniversary Celebration with an elegant dinner aboard our vintage steam train. You'll travel the entire length of the railroad - from the CSX Interchange at Milepost O to downtown Hockessin. Upon arrival in Hockessin, the train will continue another ½-mile to the end-of-track at Valley Road. This is "rare mileage," and you'll be the first passengers to travel the entire length of track since the 1950s! A special 50th Anniversary commemorative gift will be given to all passengers. Please visit our web site for additional information and to purchase tickets.

**September 17-18, 2016 -- The Great Train Show.** North Carolina State Fairgrounds, 1025 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC. 10am-4pm. Admission: \$9.00 for a One-Day Ticket, \$10.00 for a Two-Day Ticket, children 11 and under FREE and do not need a ticket. FREE parking.

**September 24, 2016 – Indian Summer Toy and Train Show.** Roxana Fire House, 35943 Zion Church Road, Frankford, DE. 9:00am-3:00pm. Admission \$5.00. Children 10 and under FREE.

**September 25, 2016 – Arbutus Train and Toy Show,** 9am to 1pm, Arbutus Firehall, Arbutus, MD. Admission \$4, children under 12 free. [http://www.arbutusvfd.org/AVFD\\_Shows.html](http://www.arbutusvfd.org/AVFD_Shows.html)

**September 25, 2016 – TCA Atlantic Division Fall Train Show.** Plumbers' Union Hall, 2791 Southampton Road, Philadelphia, PA. Members: 8:00am-12:30, Public: 9:00am-12:30pm. Admission: \$5.00 (two adults and all children 12 and under).

**October 15, 2016 – Sudlersville Fire Co. The FSMRRC will be displaying their HO scale modular layout at this event.** Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company, 203 N. Church St. Sudlersville, MD 21668, 10:00 to 3:00, with early buyer admission at 9:00. Regular Admission \$5 adults, children under 15 free with an adult.

**October 22, 2016 – Boy Scout Merit Badge Class sponsored by the First State Model Railroad Club from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The location of our October 22, 2016 class will be a departure from our usual location. This class will be held at the Clayton Fire House during**

**the annual Clayton Railroad Days celebration. The actual class will be in a separate room that has been reserved for our use.**

**October 22, 2016 – Clayton Railroad Days** from 9am to 2pm. **The FSMRRC will be displaying their Historic HO scale modular layout at Clayton Railroad Days, 212 Railroad Ave., Clayton, DE 19938.**

**October 29, 2016 - Laurel DE Fire Department Train Show** from 10am to 3pm. **The FSMRRC will be displaying their HO scale modular layout at this event.** Laurel Fire Department, 205 W 10th St, Laurel, DE 19956.

**October 29, 2016 – Delaware Train Show.** Nur Shrine Center, 198 South DuPont Highway (Route 13), New Castle, DE. 9:00am-2:00pm. Admission: \$5.00, children under the age of 12 are free, \$10.00 Early Buyers 8:00am Admission.

**October 29-30, 2016 – The Great Scale Model Train Show.** Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD (Cow Palace). Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 10am-4pm. Admission: \$9.00 for both days, \$8.00 for Sunday only. Children up to 15 FREE with a paid adult.

**November 12, 2016 – Borough of Magnolia, NJ** from 9am to 3pm. **The FSMRRC will be displaying their HO scale modular layout at the Borough of Magnolia Community Center, 425 Brooke Ave, Magnolia, NJ 08049.**

**November 19, 2016 – Hartly Model Train, Toy & Sale Show.** **The FSMRRC will be displaying their HO scale modular layout during the Model Train, Toy & Sale Show at Hartly Volunteer Fire Company, 2898 Arthursville Road, Hartly DE 19953.**

**December 3-4, 2016 - FSMRRC Holiday Open House** from 9am to 4pm. FSMRRC Holiday Open House, 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE 19904.

**Now-December 31, 2016 – 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 6, 2016 – FSMRRC CHRISTMAS PARTY at Roma Restaurant, Dover.**

**January 7-8, 2017 - FSMRRC Holiday Open House** from 9am to 4pm. FSMRRC Holiday Open House, 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE 19904.

**January 14-15, 2017 - FSMRRC Holiday Open House** from 9am to 4pm. FSMRRC Holiday Open House, 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE 19904.

**Do you have something you would like to share with the readers of the FSMRRC Newsletter? If so, please submit them to [stockslager@gmail.com](mailto:stockslager@gmail.com) by the end of each month.**