



**THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD
CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2017**

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of The First State Model Railroad Club, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 P.M.** at Jarrell Station at 1282 McKee Road, in Dover, DE.

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT EATON:

I'd like to take this time to thank Les and his committee for such a fine job they did on planning what we should be doing in the next 5 years. I thought Les did a great job on his presentation and his model was exceptional and gave everyone an idea of what we would like to do. Now we have to decide if we want to go forward with this project. I know there are a lot of questions everyone has in their mind. The biggest one is how are we going to pay for this project. That's the biggest issue we have to face right now; hopefully we can decide on how we want to do that. If we put our heads together I'm sure we can come up with something. I'm sure we can do anything we put our minds to. There are lots of people who have ideas of how we can raise money, how we can build things and how we can proceed from here. I'm hoping to hear from everyone on where we go from there.

I hope everyone who is working on their badge class has all the help they need. Anyone wanting to help out please contact Jeff, Paul or Henry. I'm sure they could use your help.

I'd like to thank Henry and all the people who have worked with him on the DCC project. I hope everyone has learned a new skill and is pleased with what we're doing. The next big step now is landscaping and putting the final touches on the modules. We tried running trains last week and the engines seemed to run alright. I think Henry was able to fix all the places that had shorts. Again, thanks everyone who worked on this project.

I hope to see everyone Tuesday night at 7:30 so we can discuss where we go from here. Happy model railroading 'til then. **Sam Eaton, President**

DUES ARE PAST DUE!!!! IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD UP TO DATE? YOU CAN SEND YOUR DUES (\$60.00) TO BUZZ MATTHEWS AT 505 EAGLE NEST DR., CAMDEN, DE 19934.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 8-9, 2017 – Garden State Model Railway Club, Inc., 6th Annual Spring Model Railroad Show. 575 High Mountain Road, North Haledon, NJ. 1-5pm both days. Admission: Adults \$6, Children under 12 FREE with Adult. Fun for the whole family. Intermodal, mixed freight, coal and passenger trains, both steam and diesel. Thomas and special trains for children. Refreshments.
Info@GSMRRClub.org.

April 8-9, 2017 – The Great Scale Model Train Show. Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD. Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 10am-4pm. Admission: \$9.00 for both days, \$8.00 for Sunday only. Children up to 15 FREE with a paying adult.

April 22, 2017 – Boy Scouts of America Railroading Merit Badge Class. Hosted by the First State Model Railroad Club, 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE, 9am-3pm. Free to all scouts. Register online at www.fsmrrc.org.

April 27-29, 2017 – TCA-Atlantic Division York Train Show. York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA. 12am-2pm. Admission: unavailable at press time. For the first time, the general public is invited to this train show, but will only be permitted to enter the Dealer Halls. The remaining halls are for TCA MEMBERS ONLY.

May 6, 2017 – The Great Lehigh Valley Train Meet. Merchants Square Mall, 1901 South 12th Street, Allentown PA. 10am-3pm. Admission: 10am-3pm. Admission \$5.00, Children 12 under FREE. Now ONE DAY ALL Scales. More vendors and items to buy.

May 6, 2017 – Spring-Fling Toy and Train Show. Roxana Fire House, 35943 Zion Church Road, Roxana, DE, 9am-3pm. Admission \$5.00, Children 10 and under FREE.

May 13, 2017 – TCA-Atlantic Division Train Show. Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall (Penns Landing Caterers), 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. TCA Members: 8am-1pm. Public: 9am-1pm. Family admission: \$5.00 (two adults and children, 12 and under.) For information: Bob Lubronski, (856) 608-9265.

June 17-18, 2017 – The Great Scale Model Train Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD. 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.

June 21-25, 2017 – 25th National N-Scale Convention. Sheraton Pittsburgh at Station Square Hotel, 300 W. Station Square Dr., Pittsburgh, PA. For info go to: <https://www.nationalscaleconvention.com>

June 22-25, 2017 – 49th O-Scale National Convention. Sponsored by Southern New England Model Railroad Club, Holiday Inn Springfield East, 1 Bright Meadow Blvd., Enfield, CT. For info go to: www.SNEMRRC.org

June 24-July 2, 2017 – 63rd TCA National Convention. Wyndham Grand Downtown Hotel, 600 Commonwealth Place, Pittsburgh, PA. For info go to: <http://www.tcaconvention.org>