



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

### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of The First State Model Railroad Club, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, January 10, at 7:30 P.M.** at Jarrell Station at 1282 McKee Road, in Dover, DE.

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

By the time you are reading this the holidays will be behind us. I hope everyone had Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and everyone is at home safe and well.

I'd like to thank everyone for making 2016 a great year. We had lots of successes. We attended a lot of great shows and had a really great run at Bellevue Mansion. Just so you know, we have received payment for Bellevue and the money is in the bank. Looks like 2017 is going to be a busy year. We already have lots on the calendar starting with two open houses on January 7-8 and 14-15; the Springfield, MA trip on the 27-29; Smyrna High School on February 25; Wilmington train show March 11-12; and a merit badge class, just to mention a few events that will be coming up. I hope we can get as much help from everyone in 2017 that we got in 2016 to make all our events successful.

I would like to start something new in our meetings starting in January. A quick discussion on a model railroad topic. Just to get ideas out and get some people talking instead of me, so the first topic will be "How do you dust or keep dust off your layout?" I'd like to hear your ideas on this and remember there are no right or wrong ways to do this. If you have any suggestions for next month's topic please let me know.

Well that's it for now. Again, thanks to all those who gave a helping hand last year. Take care. See you on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Happy railroading. **Sam Eaton, President**

## **FSMRRC ANNUAL SPRINGFIELD TRIP:**

For the last few years, each January, the Club has made its annual trip to Springfield, MA for the big Amherst Train Show. This year the trip is Friday, January 27 through Sunday, January 29, 2017. So far five couples and five singles have signed up to go. We will leave Les and Ann Souder's home at about 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 27. All vehicles being driven on the trip should be gassed up and ready, so gas reimbursement can be calculated after the trip. Our first stop will be on the Jersey Turnpike at about 9:30-9:45 a.m. for breakfast and to meet other members. The second stop will be on the Garden State Parkway around noon or 12:30 p.m. for lunch. We hope to arrive at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Hotel in Springfield around 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Rooms should be confirmed and ready and check-in should go smoothly. Around 6:00 p.m. we should leave for dinner at the Cracker Barrel North led by Les Souder.

Saturday morning, January 28, is the big Amherst Train Show with over 400 vendors and about 35 train layouts. The guys will depart from the hotel at 7:00 a.m. enroute to IHOP on River Street with reservations for about 10 or 11 individuals. Just to pass it on, as I always do, the IHOP manager is Bob Evans. At about 9:00 a.m. we will depart for the train show, which is about 5 miles away. Around 4:00-4:30 p.m. we will depart from the show and return to the hotel.

The ladies will spend the day eating breakfast at the Damn Café, or some other new hangout, and then go on to Yankee Candle for a day of shopping, a relaxing lunch, more shopping and back to the hotel around 4:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations will have been made at the Steam Tender Restaurant, 28 Depot Street, Palmer, MA, which was suggested by Kurt Schwaninger. Dinner will be around 6:30 p.m. with trains passing by every fifteen minutes. Sounds like a great evening. And then back to the hotel for wine and cheese and fun stories after a good meal.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. we all (Ladies and Gents) are to be at IHOP for breakfast. The ladies then return to the hotel for packing and the guys go back to the train show for more looking and last and final deals. We will depart the show around 12 noon and go back to the hotel for check-out with hopes of being on the road by 1:00 p.m. Normal rest-stops for breaks and our last stop will be at the Cracker Barrel at Exit 1, Pennsville, NJ (just before the Delaware Memorial Bridge) for dinner. We hope to get home to Dover around 9:00 p.m. As you can see it will be a fast three-days, but we still continue to look forward to it each year. **Jim Thompson**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**January 7, 2017 - NMRA New Jersey/Philadelphia Division Meeting** from 9am to 1pm, 406 Memorial Ave, Westmont, NJ 08108

**January 7, 2017 - Family Train Day** from 10am to 3pm, St Mary Anne's Episcopal, 315 S Main St, North East, MD 21901

**January 7-8, 14-15, 2017 – First State Model Railroad Club Open House.** 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE. 9am-4pm both days. Free parking and admission. Handicap ramp for easy wheelchair accessibility.

**January 7-8, 14-15, 2017 – 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.

**January 14-15, 2017 – Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show.** Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA. 10am-4pm both days. FREE parking. Admission: Adults \$9.00 for a ONE DAY ticket & \$10.00 for a TWO DAY ticket. Kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket.

**January 22, 2017 – National Collectors Club presents The Brick Train Show.** Brick Elks Lodge, Lodge #2151, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick NJ. 9am-2pm. 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.

**January 28-29, 2017 – Amherst Railway Society Railroad Hobby Show.** Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds, 1305 Memorial Ave., W. Springfield, MA. Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 10am-5pm. Admission: Adults: \$14.00 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 for them when the bus arrives avoiding any waiting in the ticket line.

**February 4-5, 2017 – 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.

**February 11, 2017 - Philadelphia Chapter PRRT&HS Meeting** from 10:30am to 2:30pm, Drexel Hill United Methodist Church, 600 Burmont Road, Drexel Hill, PA 19026.

**February 11-12, 2017 – Great Train Show**, Tulsa, OK. Expo Square, 4145 E. 2st St., Tulsa, OK. 10am-4pm. Admission: \$10.00, good for both days, Sunday only: \$9.00. 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, huge Operating Model Train displays, free workshops and demonstrations, free door prize giveaways.

**February 25, 2017 – I Love Smyrna School District Day** from 8:30am to 3pm, Smyrna High School, 500 Duck Creek Parkway, Smyrna, DE 19977. **BOTH FSMRRC AND SLGRC WILL SET UP AT THIS EVENT.**

**February 25-26, 2017 – Allentown Train Meet Spring Thaw™ Show.** Allentown Fairgrounds, Agricultural Hall (Agri-Plex), 302 North 17th Street, Allentown, PA. Admission: \$8.00, kids 12 and under are FREE!

**March 5, 2016 – Jersey Central Chapter of the NRHS (JCRHS) Train Show** at Mother Seton High School, Valley Road at the Clark traffic circle, Exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway, Clark, NJ. Admission: \$5.00 for adults, kids under 12 FREE, family maximum \$10.00. Operating train layouts including one that the kids can actually run, railroad movies, a collection of model circus train equipment. Door prizes every hour with the Grand Prize an HO scale model train set. Parking is FREE.

**March 11-12, 2017 – Greenberg’s Great Train & Toy Show.** Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE. 10am-4pm. Free parking. Admission: \$9.00, kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket.

**March 24-25, 2017 – East Coast Large Scale Train Show.** York Expo Center - Utz Arena, 334 Carlisle Ave, York, PA. Friday: 9am – 6pm, Saturday: 9am – 4pm. Admission: Two-day Adult ticket: \$18.00, children under 12 FREE, One-day Adult Ticket: \$10.00, children under 12 FREE.

**March 26, 2016 – The Brick Train Show.** Brick Elks Lodge #2151, 2491 Hooper Avenue, Brick NJ. 9am – 4pm. Admission: \$6.00, children under 10, Free. Children and adult door prizes, operating layouts, fine refreshments served from show opening until close, test track to operate that new purchase, train doctor.

**April 1, 2017 – Delaware Train Show** from 9am to 2pm, Nur Shrine Temple, Route 13 / 198 S. DuPont Hwy, New Castle, DE 19720.

