



THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of The First State Model Railroad Club, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, December 12, at 7:30 P.M.** at Jarrell Station at 1282 McKee Road, in Dover, DE.

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT EATON:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Well it's hard to believe it's almost here. Where did the year go!

Hope everyone had fun at the open house. Henry was there on Sunday. It was great to see him. We made almost \$100 from sales and donations and had about 60 people. Next time we really need to work on getting the word out there. I know we can do better and get more visitors and more donations. Richard told me that the new heater was installed after the open house. I was not there Thursday night but hope you all were warm and toasty.

By the time you read this our Christmas party will be over. So, I hope you all enjoyed yourself and had a good dinner and got a good gift.

Not sure if anyone wants to go over to see the train display at Ridgely, MD, but if there is an interest let's get a group together and go over. Maybe even take our wives. We can talk about it on Thursday night.

Remember our next meeting is the 12th. Hope to see you there.

We have had an up and down year. Lost a few great friends and got to party with a lot of good friends. That's the one thing I enjoy about our club is the closeness of friends we have made over the years. Let's hope next year is just full of good times and great parties. Once again, I want to wish everyone a happy, safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have fun with your model railroad this season regardless of the scale or size.

Sam Eaton, President

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 5, 2017-January 7, 2018 – Eagle Line Railroad Display. 12169 Ober Ln., Ridgely, MD. Every Tuesday and Thursday, 7pm-9pm. Visit with Santa December 21. CLOSED Christmas Eve. OPEN HOUSE: December 10, 17, 31, January 7, 1pm-4pm. FREE admission, donations appreciated.

December 9-10, 2017 – Museum of Eastern Shore Life and the Queen Anne’s Railroad Society present a Festival of Trains, Kent Narrows Outlet Stores, 61 Piney Narrows Rd., Chester, MD. (Exit 41 off of US50/301, west end of Kent Narrows Bridge.) Noon-5pm. Admission is FREE, donations are welcome. Complimentary refreshments. Kids can visit with Santa from 1pm-3pm. For info call 443758-4468.

December 9-10 – Rappahannock Model Railroaders (The Fredericksburg VA Model Railroad Club) 20th Annual Train and Christmas Show, Fraternal Order of Eagles AERIE #4123, 21 Cool Spring Rd., Fredericksburg, VA. Saturday: 9am-5pm, Sunday: 10am-4pm. Admission: 13 & up \$7, 6-12 \$1, 5 & under free.

December 9-10, 2017 – Old Fashioned Christmas at the Sudlersville Train Station Museum. Saturday: 10am-2pm, Sunday: Noon-2pm. FREE admission. Running model train, refreshments.

December 10, 2017 – TTOS (Toy Train Operating Society Show. Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Dept., Rt.2 (Governor Ritchie Hwy.) & Earleigh Heights Rd., Severna Park, MD. 9am-3pm. Admission: \$5, kids under 12 FREE with an adult. Old and new trains and layout accessories in Standard, O, and S gauges. Repair and replacement parts, test track available, Operating layout displays.

December 16 - Arbutus Train & Toy Show, 9am to 1pm, Arbutus Volunteer Fire Hall Arbutus, Maryland.

January 6-7 & 13-14, 2018 – Delmarva Model Railroad Club’s 32nd Annual Open House. Camelot Hall (2nd Floor, NO elevator), 103-E State Street, Delmar, DE. Saturday: 11am-4pm, Sunday: Noon-4pm. 9 layouts featuring 10 different gauges from Z Scale to G Scale. Refreshments, White Elephant table, Raffle ticket sales, free parking and admission.

January 7, 2018 – Atlantic Division, Train Collector’s Association Polar Bear Train Show. Penns Landing Caterers, 1301 South Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 8am-1pm. Family Admission \$5.00 (Limit Two (2) Adults & Children (12 Years & Under). Door Prizes, Operating Train Layout, Food & Beverages Available, More Than 100 Tables of Trains, Train Doctor & Parts to Repair Your Trains.

January 7, 2018 – Toms River Train and Toy Show. Elks Lodge #1875, 600 Washington St., Toms River, NJ. 9am-2pm. Admission: \$6, children under 10 FREE. Operating layouts, fine refreshments served from show opening until close, test track to operate that new purchase, train repairs.

January 13-14, 2018 – 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 26-28, 2018 – 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 3-4, 2018 – 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 4, 2018 – 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.

February 24, 2018 – 25th Annual Seaford Volunteer Fire Dept. Toy and Train Show. King and Cannon Sts., Seaford, DE. 9am-3pm.

March 24, 2018 – Spring Hartly Train Show. Arthursville Rd. (DE Rt. 11) and Hartly Rd. (DE Rt. 44), Hartly, DE. 9am-3pm. Admission: \$4, spouse \$3, kids under 12 FREE with adult. Breakfast and lunch furnished by fire company auxiliary. Door prizes every hour.