



THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2018

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of The First State Model Railroad Club, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:30 P.M.** at Jarrell Station at 1282 McKee Road, in Dover, DE.

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT EATON:

I'd like to thank all who showed up at St. Georges to help us set up our layout. It was a good turnout and I think everyone had a great time. Thanks again.

For those who did not come you missed a great evening of learning how to scratch build a building that was taught by Kurt. I think all 6 of us learned something. Thanks Kurt for doing this.

We will be doing other classes and our next one will be how to install DCC in a DC unit. Les will be doing that class. Date for that class will be announced at the next meeting. If there are other skills you would like to learn, let me know and we will set something up. If you don't speak up, we can't help you.

Don't forget our next event on Saturday, May 5, which will be our open house. Due to the NASCAR races that weekend we will only be open on Saturday and our time will be 12:00 noon to 8:00 in the evening. At 6:00 we will have the dedication of the train room in Jim Valle's name. We are also planning other activities. We will have flyers to put up around town explaining some of the events we are planning to offer. You need to pick some up and take them around town and post them in supermarkets, food places and any other places you can think. We really need to get the word out on this one.

I think we had a great discussion last month and I want to thank everyone for speaking up. We need to continue this discussion next month to plan where we want to go from here. I know there was talk about making the DCC like the old DC for Delaware. I think there are other options we need to discuss before we do anything. We need to have a detailed plan spelled out on paper of what we want, how to get there and when we want to get there. This may take some time to do

but again we need everyone's input on this. Meanwhile start thinking of how we can raise money to put this plan into action. Again, all suggestions are welcome, so please speak your mind.

I hope to see everyone next Tuesday evening at 7:30 for our April meeting.

Sam Eaton, President

HARTLY TRAIN SHOW REPORT:

Wow!!! The Hartly Train Show was one of the best I have ever had. I had three tables with stuff from the train club as well as a bunch of my own engines, freight cars and buildings to sell. I arrived and set up around 7 A.M. with help from Jeff Shockley unloading my car. As I set up the tables Les Souder arrived to help. People flowed in slowly, but steady. Les and I grossed over \$800.00 with \$325.00 of it going to the Club. However, we did buy 25 train cars for the Boy Scouts to replace ones we sold. We spent \$105.00 for those, leaving the Club with \$220.00 profit.

After the morning rush, it proved to be a slow day and at about 1:00 P.M. it was dead. We packed up and left around 2:00 P.M. The next day I heard they had 250 paid visitors.

Don't forget we have layout to be set up at Hartly for November 17, 2018 and we will receive \$125.00 income from that show. Les and I measured it out and we will set up a standard 12 x 36 layout.

Jim Thompson, Vice President

FSMRC Hosts 31st Railroading Merit Badge Class for BSA:

The First State Model Railroad Club, headquartered in Dover, DE, hosted 14 Boy Scouts for its 31st Railroading Merit Badge Class on March 10.

Scouts from 7 troops (Troop #1 from Lewes, DE; #123 from St. George's, DE; #135 from Smyrna, DE; #175 from Crumpton, MD; #186 from Milford, DE; #239 from Clayton, DE; and #564 from Bel Air, MD) attended this year's class.

Representing the club were Paul Buckley, Sam Eaton, and Jeff Shockley, and Honorary Member, Don Jennings from Cary, NC, who represents the Mid-Eastern Region of the National Model Railroaders Association.

The event started at 9am with Life Scout Nathan Merrill from Troop 239 leading the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Scout Hunter Masten from Troop 135 followed with the Scout Oath, and 2nd Class Scout Wesley Jones from Troop 135 finished with the Scout Law.

The group was then split into two groups. Paul Buckley, a former Amtrak conductor, took the first group into the classroom and instructed them about railroading in general. Topics included identifying the different types of railroad cars and their purpose, Operation Lifesaver, railroad signals, the different scales used in model railroading, and how DC (Direct Current) and DCC (Direct Command and Control) model railroading works.

The second group, led by Jeff Shockley and Sam Eaton, was instructed on how to build an HO scale model railcar, donated by the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA. After they completed the model, Don Jennings and Sam Eaton instructed the scouts on the operation of a railroad yard. The scouts had to do switching moves to get 5 railcars from a starting position to the correct ending position on the club's HO scale "Timesaver" layouts.

The scouts were then given a lunch period, after which the two groups swapped, and the first group did the model building and "Timesaver" layout and the second group was in the classroom.

At the end of the day all the scouts were awarded their "blue" card, signifying they had completed all requirements for the Railroading merit badge and the class was dismissed.

Everyone attending said they had a good time. The next class has been tentatively scheduled for March 9, 2019.

Since the First State Model Railroad Club started the Railroading merit badge program in 2003, 368 scouts have earned this badge.

Jeff Shockley, FSMRRC Merit Badge Coordinator

REMINDER: FSMRRC DUES WERE DUE (\$60/YR) BY THE END OF FEBRUARY. If your dues are not current, please send or give them to Treasurer Matthews.

FSMRRC OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: SAM EATON

SECRETARY: JEFF SHOCKLEY

VICE PRESIDENT: JIM THOMPSON

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 7, 2018 – Delaware Train-Slotcar Show, Nur Shrine Center, US Rt. 13/198 South DuPont Hwy., New Castle, DE. 9am-2pm. Admission: \$5, children under 12 FREE. \$10.00 Early Buyers 8am Admission. Show features: Over 160 tables of trains, accessories, slotcars, and some toys, a variety of unique dealers coming from up and down the east coast.

April 14, 2018 – Philadelphia Chapter, Pennsylvania Railroad Technical & Historical Society, Drexel Hill Methodist Church, 600 Burmont Rd., Drexel Hill, PA. Agenda: 10:30am–doors open; 11am– Modeler’s Meeting; 11:30am–Dining Car; 1pm–Business Meeting; 1:30pm–Presentation.

April 14-15, 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.

April 18, 2018 – National Toy Train Museum Open House. National Toy Train Museum, 300 Paradise Ln., Ronks, PA. 10am-5pm.

April 19-21, 2018 – York Train Show. York Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Ave., York, PA. 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.

April 29, 2018 – National Collectors Club presents The Brick Train Show. Brick Elks Lodge, Lodge #2151, 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick NJ. 9am-2pm. Admission: \$6, kids under 10 FREE. Operating layouts, refreshments served from show opening until close, test track to operate that new purchase, train doctor on premises.

May 5, 2018 – Dover Days Open House. First State Model Railroad Club, 1282 McKee Rd., Dover, DE. Noon-8pm. FREE parking and admission. See our HO scale modular layout of the Delaware mainline from State Road to Delmar. Also, kids activities, trains for sale, and a special dedication ceremony at 6pm.

May 12, 2018 – The Great Lehigh Valley Train Meet. Merchants Square Mall, 1901 S. 12th St., Allentown PA. 10am-3pm. Admission: \$5.00, Children 12 under free.

May 19, 2018 – TCA Atlantic Division Train Show. Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall (Penns Landing Caterers), 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. TCA Members: 8am-1pm, general public: 9am-1pm. Admission: \$5 for adults or Families (Limit 2 Parents and children under 12).

May 20, 2018 – National Collectors Club presents The Wayne Train Show. Wayne P.A.L.

Hall, 1 Pal Dr., Wayne, NJ. 9am-2pm. Admission: \$6, kids under 10 FREE.

June 9-10, 2018 – 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.

TRAINS & ACCESSORIES FOR SALE:

I am at Nur Temple next Saturday, April 7, with HO Buildings and trains and N scale. Still have good selection left - HO buildings are 50% off - most are built.

David Savage <david15savage@gmail.com> wrote:

LOCOS

Roundhouse dc w/remote control sound B&O 4-4-0 \$95.00

Bachman Spectrum DCC with sound Tsunami programmed as # 4 Ma&Pa 4-4-0 \$109.00

?? DCC Track cleaning engine with Vacume, magnets & Flashing Strobe programmed as #10 \$50.00

Bachman Spectrum DCC with sound Tsunami programmed as # 66 Southern 4-6-0 \$109.00

Bachman Spectrum DCC with sound Soundtraxx programmed as # 29 undec black 4-6-0 \$95.00

Atlas Diesel HH16 Elgin & Joliet (orange & Green) DCC with Sound Tsunami programmed as #11 \$149.00

Bachman Spectrum DCC with sound Tsunami programmed as # 3 Boston&Maine 2-6-0 \$109.00

Bachman Spectrum DCC with sound Tsunami programmed as # 21 Ma&Pa \$109.00

Bachman Spectrum DCC with sound Onboard programmed as # 33 NYC 4-6-0 \$109.00

Bachman Spectrum DCC with sound Onboard programmed as # 54 Southern 4-4-0 \$109.00

Bachman Spectrum DCC no sound Weyerhouser 0-6-0 Programmed as #5 \$75.00

Bachman DCC no sound programmed as # 7 Union Pacific 2-6-0 \$69.00

FREIGHT - All with KaDee couplers Most Cars \$12 ea

box cars 36' \$10 ea

Refers kit bashed to 36' \$10 ea

36' tank cars \$19 ea

Coal godolas Wood side kit bashed to 36' \$15 ea

Cabooses two axle w/kd \$8 ea

Flat cars 36' \$10 ea

HO TRACK - like new condition (only pinned down; no solder)

Track \$3.00 per section

Atlas flex Concrete Ties 21 pieces

one two track Warren Tressles \$19 ea. (one laser wood)

BUILDINGS - Most \$8 - \$12

Dozens of Buildings

8 Barns

15 Switch towers

10 Farm houses

20 DPM type city

9 Industries (Factories) (Ice whse and 18" Ice load platform)

40 Shacks - most \$1.00

PEOPLE and VEHICLES- Most \$12 ea

Wagons @ 1890 era; Conastoga, Coal, Medicine, Funeral

Women in hoop skirts

Hope to see you all there, Sincerely, **David & Helen Savage**