



THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2018

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of The First State Model Railroad Club, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, November 13, 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 those who have worked on the new Christmas layout. It's been a bad three weeks for me and I appreciate all those who jumped in and got the job done. It shows me you can get this done and pull together. Thanks everyone, but we still have a lot to do this season.

Here are some important dates to keep in mind for the next two months. Friday night November 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Walnut St., Milford is a program called: Trains Toys; Trains Model; Trains Real. This should be an enjoyable evening.

Saturday November 10, at 10:00 auction at the Ag Museum in Dover. See Jim Thompson for more info. Also, on the 10th is the NMR meeting in Wilmington. See me or Dick Lush for more info.

Tuesday November 13 at 7:30 is our monthly meeting at the club.

Thursday November 15 is work night at the club house. We need to load the DCC layout for the Hartly show.

Saturday November 17 we will set up the DCC layout at 7:00 at Hartly fire hall.

Since we will not be at the club Thursday the 22nd because of Thanksgiving I am calling for a special work night to unload the DCC layout and set it up and set the DC layout up to get ready for our Open House on Saturday and Sunday, November 24 and 25 from 9:00 to 4:00 each day. Larry will be selling hot dogs and drinks those days and WJBR will be there Saturday at 12:00 noon to play some tunes for us. We will also need to load the new Christmas layout in the trailer

to get ready for the Rockwood show. So, you can see we will have lots to do that night, not only setting the layouts up but cleaning the rooms and getting other things ready for the open house.

Wednesday November 28, we need to be up at Rockwood Park to set up the new Christmas layout.

Friday November 30 we should be at Rockwood Park by 4:30 to run trains from 5:00 till 9:00.

Saturday December 1 we should be at Rockwood Park to run trains again from 5:00 till 9:00.

Sunday December 2 at Rockwood Park will be a long day. We need to be there from 9:00 to 3:00 and at the end of the show we need to take down the display. So, plan on a long day but a fun day.

December 10 at 10:00 a.m. we need to be back at Rockwood to set up the Christmas display for the show on the 12th.

December the 11th is our normal Meeting night but due to scheduling problems we will have our Christmas party at Roma's at 6:00 on December 11. Now what do we do about our monthly meeting? It been suggested that we do it there, but I really don't think we have the time to hold a proper meeting there. I am asking that we move our December meeting night to December 4 at 7:30 so we can discuss things and report on how the raffle is going and how we did at the three Rockwood shows. Let me know what your thoughts are, and we will talk about it at the November meeting.

December 12 be at Rockwood Park by 5:00 again for our last showing of the Christmas layout. This show is sponsored by WJBR and is called "Sing and Sip". Your wives are invited to this show and WJBR will comp our wives' tickets. So, this should be a very interesting evening. After the show we need to load the display and go home and enjoy the rest of the season.

So, as you can see we have a lot scheduled and we still have lots of work to do on the Christmas display, so we will be having work days/nights to get it all done. There has already been several work days where members have come in to get work done and I thank all those who have been there, but there is still a lot of landscaping to do, but if we all help we can get it completed on time, if not earlier. I will let you know the best way I can when these work times will be scheduled.

Like I said months ago, November and December were going to be busy months and we can see there's lots to do, so don't be afraid to ask. "what can I do for my club in all this effort." It can be something easy like sweeping and cleaning up to loading stuff in the trailer. Again, thanks beforehand for everyone's cooperation.

Sam Eaton, President

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at Roma Restaurant, 3 President Drive, Dover, DE. at 6:00 P.M. If you did not notice, this is also the meeting night. Sam will address that in his comments. Remember, guys bring a gift for a guy and ladies bring a gift for a lady. Food orders will take place, then the gift exchange will begin. It usually takes about 45 minutes for the gift exchange and then food begins to arrive. As always, gifts may move back and forth. Expect a great time and lots of fun and good food as always.

BRICK PROJECT

The Brick Project from the Greater Harrington Historical Society is going fine. I have 20 of our First State members who have agreed to participate by donating \$50.00 for a brick with their name on it. The bricks are 4" x 8". The Historical Society is donating a 12" x 12" brick as a center piece engraved: **First State Model Railroad Club**

Est. 1985

Dover, Delaware

If you would like a brick with your name or you and your wife's name on it, call me at 302-222-7552, so I can submit it. A minimum 20 bricks has been started, so jump in and go down in history. The wall is across from the Harrington Train Station.

SPRINGFIELD TRIP

Dick Lush called last week and said a friend called him and said there were no rooms for Friday night available at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch in Springfield, MA for the Amherst Railroad Hobby Show on January 25 (Friday). The Show runs January 25 (Friday), January 26 (Saturday) and January 27 (Sunday), 2019. My wheels of motion started turning and making my usual phone calls. Well, it paid off as I got the right contacts and I have 8 rooms reserved at the Sheraton Monarch (our usual hotel) for Friday, January 25th and Saturday, January 26th and departing Sunday. All is fine but the price went up 12%. King Rooms (with one bed) are \$110.00 and Queen Rooms (with two beds) are \$130.00 per night. Those figures are without the taxes. I will figure out the price by November. I also have to get Joyce Stockslager to order the arm bands. The price of arm bands went up last year and they didn't ask for additional money but I will get it right this year, so there will be a slight price increase. Last year it was \$320.00 for couples with King bed and \$350.00 for couples with Queen beds and singles were \$170.00. This year it looks like \$350.00 for couples with King bed and \$380.00 for couples with Queen beds and \$200.00 for singles for 2 nights at the hotel plus hotel parking (for the cars that are going), armbands and payment toward gas for the trip. Last year we were \$40.00 in the red when all was done and that can't happen this year. Give me a Yes or No for going as soon as possible. I also need someone to find a place to eat Saturday night at 6:00 P.M. All else will be basically the same.

Jim Thompson, Vice President

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

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FSMRRC MAILING ADDRESS: 505 EAGLE NEST DR., CAMDEN, DE 19934 OR P. O. BOX 16, PORT PENN, DE 19731

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER IS MODEL RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE MONTH. TO SEE THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS AREA GO TO: <http://www.modelrailroadopenhouse.com/>

The Facebook page is at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Model-Railroad-Openhouse-Schedule-268037033210575/>

November 3-4, 2018 – Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club Show, Jim Graham Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Blue Ridge Rd. and Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC, 9am–5pm. Admission: \$9.00, covers both days. Kids 12years-old and under FREE with an adult.

November 4, 2018 – Atlantic Division, Train Collector’s Association Thanksgiving Train Show, Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall, 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.

November 9, 2018 – Trains Toys, Trains Model, Trains Real, First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Walnut St., Milford, DE 19963. 7 p.m., PH: 302-422-5701.

November 10, 2018 – Auction at DE Agricultural Museum, Dover, DE, 10 a.m.

November 10-11, 2018 – First Frost™ Train Meet. Allentown Fairgrounds, Agricultural Hall (Agri-Plex), 302 North 17th St., Allentown, PA, 9am-4pm Saturday, 9am-3pm Sunday. Admission: \$8.00 per day, children under 12 FREE with paid adult.

November 17, 2018 – Hartly Train Show, Hartly Volunteer Fire Co., 2898 Arthursville Rd., Hartly, DE. 9am-3pm. **FSMRRC WILL SET UP LAYOUT**. For more information call: 302-492-3677.

November 17, 2018 – MarauderCon 2018 Model Contest and Show, Level Volunteer Fire Co., 3633 Level Village Rd., Havre de Grace, MD. 9am-5pm. For info please contact Mark Altizer, maltizer1@verizon.net, 410-682-4939.

November 24, 2018 – Sharpsburg Antietam Station Model Railroad Sale, Washington County Agricultural Education Center, 7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Sharpsburg, MD - 6.5 miles south of I-70 Exit 29 on Md Route 65. Hours 9am-2pm. For details please visit: <http://www.antietamstation.com/hEvents.htm>

November 24-25, 2018 – First State Model Railroad Club’s Model Railroad Month Open House, 1282 McKee Rd., Dover, DE, 9am-3pm. Modular layout of the state of Delaware mainline from State Rd. to Delmar. Raffle ticket sales, free parking and admission.

November 24-25, 2018 (also December 1-2, 2018; January 5-6, 2018; January 12-13, 2019) – Delmarva Model Railroad Club’s 33rd 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.

November 30, December 1-2, and 12, 2018 – FSMRRC to set up and run trains at Rockwood Park, Wilmington, DE

December 1-2, 2018 -- Greensboro Model Train Show & Exhibit, 9:00am-3:00pm on Sat - Vendors and Layouts; 10:00am-3:00pm on Sun - Layouts only. New Greensboro Fire House, Greensboro, MD.

December 1-2, 2018 – Greenberg’s Great Train and Toy Show. Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD. 10am-4pm both days. Adult Admission is \$10 Saturday or \$9 Sunday, Kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket. FREE PARKING. Show Features: 550+ Tables of Trains for Sale, 150+ Exhibitors from Across the Country, Huge Operating Model Train Displays, Riding Train for Kids and Adults, Interactive Slot Car Racetrack, Free Workshops and Demonstrations, Free Door Prize Giveaways, Train Doctor - On-Site Train Repairs, Free Test Track - Test Run Your Trains at the Show.

December 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 2018 – Patcong Valley Model Railroad Club Open House. 1308 Harding Hwy., Richland, NJ. 10am-4pm. FREE parking and admission. Donations appreciated.

December 8, 2018 – Philadelphia Chapter PRRT&HS. Drexel Hill Methodist Church. 600 Burmont Rd., Drexel Hill, PA. 10:30am-3pm. □ 10:30am – Doors Open. □ 11:00am – Modelers Meeting □ 11:30am – Dining Car. □ 1:00pm – Business Meeting. Delmarva Timetable News of the Delmarva Model Railroad Club Website: <http://delmarvamodelrailroadclub.org/> □ 1:30p – Presentation.

December 8, 2018 – Music City Chapter Train Collectors Association 25th Annual Christmas Train Show. Fairgrounds Nashville, Creative Arts Building, 500 Wedgewood Ave, Nashville, TN. 9am-4pm. Admission \$7, Children under 13, FREE. Parking \$5. Show Highlights: Operating train layouts will be in action throughout the show. Over 200 tables of new and antique toy and model trains. Test track available. Trains from all major brand names such as Lionel and MTH and others in all gauges. Parts and appraisals available. Door prizes awarded during the entire show (must be present to win). Non electrical floor layout area for small children to get that “hands on” experience. 5 New train sets will be awarded in a children only drawing (do not have to be present to win). Snack Bar will be open and serving hot dogs, cheeseburgers, fries and cold drinks at great prices.

December 9, 2018 - Earleigh Heights Family Train & Toy Show, 9am-2pm, Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire House, Severna Park, Maryland.

December 11, 2018 – FSMRRC Christmas Party, Roma Restaurant, Dover, DE, 6 p.m.

December 15, 2018 – 5th Annual Brunswick Toy, Train & Collectible Show and Sale. Brunswick Volunteer Fire Co., 1500 Volunteer Drive, Brunswick MD. 9am-3pm. For details please contact Louis Di Girolamo, via email: digirolamo74@yahoo.com or 732-600-9059.

December 15, 2018 - Arbutus Train and Toy Show, 9:00am-1:00pm, Arbutus Fire Hall, Arbutus, MD.

