



THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2019

NEXT MEETING:

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

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT EATON:

I'd like to start off and thank everyone who showed up to help us at the shows in Wilmington and at Smyrna High School. Both events were well attended. I think everyone had a great time at both events and we got to meet a lot of nice folks. I hope everyone found some great buys at the Wilmington show. I know I did – I bought more than I should have. Again, thanks to everyone who showed up to help set up, run trains and take things down.

Please don't forget to come out and help with the Scout merit badge class on Saturday March 9th from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Please contact either Jeff Shockley or Paul Buckley and let them know you will be there to help where needed.

Also, we will need help at the St Georges' show on the 23rd of March. As of this writing we are planning on going up there around 7:30 a.m. that Saturday. We will not only be running trains but will also be using the time-savers and the pedal car so we will need lots of help with this event. So please try to be there to help. Like I've said in the past, if you can't lift and carry items, I will find something you can help with.

In April things start to slack off with only one show at the Dover library on April 11 and 12. We will be setting up on Thursday night the 11th and running trains on Friday the 12th. I will let you know the times later, but I think it will be 9:00 till

11:00 on Friday morning and again from 5:00 till 7:00 but I will check to make sure and let you know for sure.

At our last meeting I asked you to think about doing an open house in May. In January we thought this was a good idea, but I brought up that the Air Museum is doing a thing on that day as well as it being Old Dover Days and race weekend at Dover Downs. The question is, do we want to compete with these other events even though the times and content are very different. This will be discussed again, and a decision made at the March meeting.

Well a lot has been going on so far this year and I want to thank everyone for your help and commitment to the club.

Have a happy and safe March and hope to see everyone at the meeting on the 12th. Till, then happy model railroading.

Sam Eaton, President

REMINDER: FSMRRC DUES WERE DUE (\$60/YR) BY THE END OF FEBRUARY 2019. If your dues are not current, please send or give them to Treasurer Matthews.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 2, 2019 - Stratford Toy & Train Show, 9:00am to 3:00pm, John Paul II Regional Catholic School, Stratford, NJ

March 2-3, 2019 – Roundhouse Model Train Show. B&O Railroad Museum-Baldwin Roundhouse, 901 W. Pratt St., Baltimore, MD. 10am-4pm Saturday, 11am-4pm Sunday. Tickets available at the museum entrance. Cosponsored by the B&O Railroad Museum & Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Show. Thousands of model trains on exhibit and for sale, exhibitors from across the country, operating and interactive model train displays, train rides on the “Mile One Express”, car house tours, the nation's best collection of 19th century trains, model trains kids can run, operating train layouts, huge model railroad marketplace, interactive exhibits for kids.

March 3, 2019 – TCA-Atlantic Division Spring Fever Train Show. Penn’s Landing Caterers, (Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall), 1301 S., Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 9am-1pm, (TCA members 8am-1pm). Admission: \$5 family, 2 adults and children 12 and under. Food by Chef Chris Rodgers, door prizes for adults and children, new & used trains & accessories, operating train layouts, collectibles, repair parts available, train doctor, test track.

March 9, 2019 – Boy Scout Merit Badge, FSMRRC, 1282 McKee Rd., Dover, DE

March 16, 2019 – 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 the fire company auxiliary. Door prizes every hour.

March 23, 2019 – St. Georges Train Show, Commodore Macdonough School, 1701 St. Georges Highway, St. Georges, DE, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **FSMRRC to set up display.**

March 24, 2019 - Arbutus Train and Toy Show, 9:00am to 1:00pm, Arbutus Fire Hall, Arbutus, MD

March 29-30, 2019 – 2019 East Coast Large Scale Train Show. 334 Carlisle Avenue, York, PA 17404. Hours – Fri: 9am-5pm, Sat: 9am-4pm. For details, visit: <http://www.eclsts.com/>.

March 30, 2019 – Philadelphia Chapter PRRT&HS. Drexel Hill Methodist Church. 600 Burmont Rd., Drexel Hill, PA. 10:30am-3pm.

March 31, 2019 - Marlton Train & Toy Show, 10:00am to 3:00pm, 26 East Main Street, Marlton, NJ