



**THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD
CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2019**

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of The First State Model Railroad Club, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, October 8, 7:30 P.M.** at Jarrell Station, 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE.

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT EATON:

First, I'd like to thank all those who showed up on Saturday to help set up and run trains at the Clayton fire hall. I know I said be there by 7:30 but some of us got there at 7:00 and started setting things up. (It did not take us as long to get there as we thought.) But it was good to see that so many of you came out to help. It was a good show and we were out of there by 2:00. We made \$200.00.

As you know the club's picnic will be Saturday, October 12, from 11:00 a.m. to whenever. That is the same day as our NMRA open house (9:00 till 5:00) so, we will be very busy that day. Larry has agreed to cook the hotdogs and burgers. If anyone has folding tables, please bring them. All our tables will be in use. We have plenty of chairs, but we are short on tables. Any help would be appreciated.

During our next meeting on October 8 we will be electing new officers. As I said months ago, I will not be running for president again this year. Hopefully someone out there will take up the offer and run.

Since this will be my last message, I would just like to take the time to thank all those who have helped and supported me as president over the last few years. Along the way we have lost several members and their loved ones. We got some projects done but missed doing most of the bigger projects. There were good times and hard times along the way, but they helped us grow and learn. I hope the group will continue to grow and reach even higher expectations.

So until our next meeting have fun doing your model railroading wherever it may take you.

Sam Eaton, President

2019 FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB – CHRISTMAS PARTY

Its official - our Christmas Party will be at Grotto's Pizza located near Dover Downs. It will be 6:00pm to 9:30pm on Tuesday, December 10th. Buffet Style – Chicken parmesan and pasta; baked ziti with meatballs and baked ziti with marinara sauce. Also included is a choice of garden salad or Caesar salad and pitchers of drinks (sodas, tea and water). Cash bar will be available. The club will provide cupcake dessert.

As we have in the past, there will be a gift exchange, so men should bring a gift for a man and ladies should bring a gift for a lady. The cost including gratuity will be \$13 per person.

I will need everyone to let me know if they are coming and how many by December 1st. You can pay me in advance by giving me your check or money at the October 8th or the November 12th business meetings or at any Thursday working sessions. Checks should be made payable to FSMRRC with Christmas party on the memo line.

Buzz Matthews, Treasurer

IN MEMORIAM:

LaDon Barbara Page-White of Dover returned to the gentle arms of her Savior on September 27, 2019. She was 74. LaDon was born on July 20, 1945, in Hazleton, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the Rev. Milton Anthony May and Myrtle Irene Hunsicker May. She graduated from Summit Hill High School in 1963, and went on to earn her Bachelor's degree from Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina in 1967, and her Master's degree from Lehigh University Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in 1970. She spent her career in the field of education, including the administration of foreign student programs at several universities. Latterly she worked with several English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) programs both at the college level and in the private sector. LaDon was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, the Rev. Archie T. Page, and her brother, Milton A. May, Jr. She is survived by her husband, James Christian (Chris) White, of Dover, her son, Daryl Page, his wife, Erica nee Rycerz Page, and two grandchildren, Daryl Page Jr. and Joshua Page, all of Bradenton Beach, Florida, her brother, the Rev. Larry K. May and his wife Shirley of Port Charlotte, Florida, her sister Lavonda "Corky" Killian and brother-in-law Kenneth Killian of Hermon, Maine, and many nieces and nephews and their families scattered throughout the United States. She found her greatest joys in her Christian faith and in her large extended family. At the time of her passing she was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Dover. A celebration of her life will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Dover at a date and time yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the American Kidney Foundation.

DOVER — Arts-and-crafts chain, **Hobby Lobby**, “recently” signed a lease for the large retail space on 1001 N. DuPont Highway in Dover, formerly an ACME Market. Brixmor — the firm handling the retail space — confirmed that Hobby Lobby agreed to rent the space. It remains unclear when the craft chain will move in to the space. The next closest location is in Salisbury Maryland. Claiming to be the “largest privately owned arts and crafts retailer in the world with over 37,500 employees,” Hobby Lobby says it has a total of 850 stores operating in 46 states.

NEW MEMBER

Roger Sales, 7048 Pearsons Corner Rd., Dover, DE 19904, Ph: 302-736-6158, C: 302-241-7982, email: luvscars@yahoo.com

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.

FSMRRC OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT: SAM EATON

SECRETARY: JEFF SHOCKLEY

VICE PRESIDENT: JIM THOMPSON

TREASURER: BUZZ MATTHEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 5, 2019 - Delaware Train Show. Nur Shrine Center, Route. 13 / 198 South duPont Hwy., New Castle, DE. 9am – 2pm. Admission is \$5.00, children under the age of 12 are free, \$10.00 Early Buyers 8:00am Admission. Show will feature over 160 tables of trains, accessories, slot cars and some toys. Show will have a diversity of trains in all Scales and makes. We have a variety of unique dealers coming from up and down the east coast. The show has grown bigger every year. Train show is Saturday only.

October 12, 2019 – NMRA Liberty Bell Special 2019 MER Regional Convention Open House. **First State Model Railroad Club, 1282 McKee Rd., Dover, DE.** 10a-3p. Free Admission and parking. HO Scale modular layout of Delaware mainline from State Road to Delmar. Other operating layouts.

October 26-27, 2019 – The Great Model Train and Railroad Collectors Shows & Railroad Marketplace. Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD. Saturday: 9am-5pm; Sunday: 10am-4pm Admission: Saturday: \$20 Family, \$10 Solo Adult. Sunday: \$15 Family, \$8 Solo Adult. Kids under 16 FREE (with paid adult). Held in the Cow Palace. All scales Z to G, large White

Elephant sales area, FREE parking, food & drink, operating layouts. ALL SATURDAY ADMISSIONS RETURN SUNDAY FOR FREE!!

November 3, 2019 – 42nd Annual Gaithersburg Railroadiana-Transportation Artifact Show and Sale. Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 501 Perry Pkwy., Gaithersburg, MD. 600 tables of Historic Railroad, Steamship, and Airline Artifacts for sale. These artifacts include railroad lanterns, railroad china, railroad silver, railroad signs, railroad timetables, railroad posters, and thousands of other railroad advertising artifacts from the 1800's and 1900's. In addition, there are also historic artifacts from trolley's, steamships, airlines, and express companies. This annual show has sold out for the last 40 years and is one of the oldest annual shows held at the Fairgrounds. There are over 200 dealers/sellers using 600 tables from all around the United States. Please contact Charles Miller at 703-536-2954 or rrshows@aol.com if you have any questions. For additional information please visit www.gserr.com.

November 23-24, 2019 – National Model Railroad Month Open House. First State Model Railroad Club, 1282 McKee Rd., Dover, DE. 10a-3p. Free Admission and parking. HO Scale modular layout of Delaware mainline from State Road to Delmar. Other operating layouts.

November 30, 2019 – Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum Train Sale. Washington County Ag Center, Rt 65 (3 miles north of Antietam Battlefield), Sharpsburg, MD. 9a-4p. Admission: \$5.00. Trains - All Gauges, Brass, Lionel & American Flyer. Railroad Collectibles and Hobby Tools and Parts.

November 30-December 1, 2019 – Delmarva Model Railroad Club's 34th Annual Open House. Camelot Hall (2nd Floor, NO elevator), 103-E State St., Delmar, DE. Saturday: 11am-4pm, Sunday: Noon-4pm. Free parking and admission. 9 layouts featuring 10 different gauges from Z Scale to G Scale. Refreshments, White Elephant table, Raffle ticket sales, activities for the kids.



