



THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2019

NEXT MEETING:

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

NOTES FROM THE CLUB:

The October meeting was interesting as it was the night for Club elections. President Sam Eaton had stated last month that he was not seeking another term. So someone would have to step up to the plate and run the Club. We must thank Sam Eaton as he took over from interim President Jim Valle who filled in for Jim Thompson not filling his full term. Fourteen years was enough. Elections went well with nominations of Les Souder and Jeff Shockley running for President. Treasurer Buzz Matthews took count of the ballots and Les Souder became our new Club President. Jim Thompson stayed on as Vice President and Jeff Shockley stayed on as our Secretary. Buzz Matthews said he was not seeking the Treasurer position again, so we looked around the room seeking a new Treasurer and the search stopped at Paul Roy. So, unopposed, Paul Roy is our new Treasurer. Thanks to all new officers and a special thanks to Sam Eaton for serving as President and Buzz Matthews for serving as our Treasurer for their time and dedication to the Club.

The Club Picnic was held on October 12, 2019 at the Club House, west side, outside under the trees. Thanks to the ladies for set up and organization and great food. There was plenty of food and great desserts. Thanks to Larry Wheeler and his Mom, Sharon, for cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs. Larry volunteers each year and a special thanks to him. Hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas were all paid for by the Club soda fund. Thanks to all for being honest and keeping the soda fund up and healthy.

October 12, 2019 was also our Club Open House and NMRA-MER members viewing. Well, no members from the organization showed up, but our Open House was non-stop with people viewing the old Delaware layout. A special thanks to Sam. I was told Sam wrote the handout describing the layout, town by town, as you walked along the towns from State Road all the way to Delmar. You could also stand and watch the towns go by viewing Jim Thompson's camcorder train which is always a big success. Jeff Shockley counted 116 visitors, who signed the log book, but it sure seemed like a lot more. It was a steady flow of visitors all day. We took in \$71.00 in

donations which also included Sam selling trains at the White Elephant Table. Jeff Shockley was selling chances to win railroad train rides on the Wilmington and Western and Cass Service Railroads. Jeff took in \$73.00 in ticket sales. All in all, it was a very good day for the Club. Thanks to all who participated and to the ladies for the delicious food.

Buzz Mathews took on the job of arranging for the Christmas Party for this year. The party will be held at Grottos Pizza, located near Dover Downs, on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. The menu is Chicken Parm, Pasta, Baked Ziti with meatballs and Baked Ziti with Marinara Sauce. Also included is choice of garden salad or Caesar salad and pitchers of soda, tea and water. A cash bar will be available. The Club will provide cupcakes for dessert. We will also have our standard gift exchange, so ladies please bring one gift suitable for a lady and guys a train related gift for guys. The cost, including gratuity, will be \$13.00 per person. Please contact Buzz Matthews by December 1. Please pay by November 12 business meeting or any Thursday work session.

Paula Buckley has not been well lately. We all wish her well. I hope she fully recovers by January as she is a big supporter of our Springfield Trip. Our prayers are with you, Paula. Get well soon.

Speaking of Springfield, MA, the next show dates are January 24-25-26, 2020. That's a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We have 8 rooms reserved. The price is \$380.00 per couple and \$200.00 for a single person. All rooms have two queen beds. 5 rooms have been spoken for, leaving 3 available at this time. There are over 400 vendors, manufacturers and dealers and around 30 layouts at the show. It is a fast weekend, leaving on Friday morning and coming home on Sunday. Contact Jim Thompson for reservations.

Last, but not least, is the big train auction being held on December 14, 2019 at the Clayton Ice House, 500 S. Bassett Street, Clayton, DE with over 630 flats of trains to be auctioned off. Hope to see you there.

Jim Thompson, Vice President

RETURNING MEMBER:

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 16, 2019 – Hartly DE Fire Co. Model Train & Toy Show & Sale, 9-3, \$4; Spouse \$3, Kids under 12 free with adult. Easy parking – breakfast and lunch served. Over 150 tables of toys and trains. Operating train layout.

November 16, 2019 – 12th Annual Magnolia Station Train Show. The Magnolia Community Hall, 425 W. Brooke Ave., Magnolia, NJ. 9a-2p. Admission: Adult \$5, student-\$3. Kids under 10 FREE with an adult.

November 16-17, 2019 – Greenberg’s Great Train & Toy Show. York Expo Center, 334 Carlisle Avenue, York, PA. 10a-4p. FREE PARKING! Adult Admission is \$10 Saturday or \$9 Sunday (on-site ticket sales cash only.) Kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket. Show Features:

- 200+ tables of trains for sale, 50+ exhibitors from across the country, huge operating model train displays, including:
- Capital PenNScalers N-Trak - 16' x 36' N Scale layout
- Stillmeadow Crossing Modular Train Group-21'x22' HO Scale layout
- RW&L Railroad-16'x28' O Gauge layout
- East Penn Traction Club-6'x35' HO Scale layout
- Railroad in a Box-10'x20' HO Scale demo layout
- Free Test Track-test run your trains at the show
- Free workshops and demonstrations
- Plus much, much more!

November 23-24, 2019 – 25th Annual National Model Railroad Month Open House. First State Model Railroad Club, 1282 McKee Rd., Dover, DE. 9a-4p. Free admission and parking. HO Scale modular layout of Delaware mainline from State Road to Delmar. Other operating layouts. Raffle prize giveaway: Family 4-pack tickets to ride the Wilmington & Western RR in Wilmington, DE and 2-pack tickets to ride the Cass Scenic Railroad in Cass, WV.

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.

December 7-8, 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.

December 7-8, 2019 – Greenberg’s Great Train & Toy Show. Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, MD. 10a-4p. FREE PARKING! Adult Admission is \$10 Saturday or \$9 Sunday (onsite ticket sales cash only.) Kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket. Show Features:

- 300+ tables of trains for sale
- 70+ exhibitors from across the country
- Huge operating model train displays including:
- Meade Area Rail Road Society – 20’ x 64’ HO Scale layout
- Baltimore Area American Flyer Club – 20’ x 31’ S Gauge layout
- Lebanon Valley Rail – 12’ x 20’ G Gauge layout
- MTH Electric Trains Layout – 10’ x 20’ O Gauge layout
- Free workshops and

demonstrations □ MTH Electric Trains and Micro-Mark will be among the manufacturers at the show
□ Free Door Prize Giveaways □ Free Test Track – test run your trains at the show □ Plus much, much more!

December 14, 2019 – Clayton Ice House Green Gavel Auction, 500 Duck Creek Blvd., Clayton, DE, 9 a.m.

January 26-27, 2020 – 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.

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 Roy.

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