



THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2016

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of The First State Model Railroad Club, Inc. will be held on **Tuesday, October 11, at 7:30 P.M.** at Jarrell Station at 1282 McKee Road, in Dover, DE.

NOTES FROM PRESIDENT EATON:

Well we're coming into our busy season and there's a lot going on. Work is going at a good pace on the Christmas display layout for Bellevue but we still have lots to do. At the monthly meeting you all voted to do the Bellevue show but I still haven't got a lot of people signed up to volunteer to go there on Saturdays and Sundays. I think right now there are three days that are covered out of the nine. Please sign up for as many days as you can as soon as you can. Remember we still have six days to fill.

After last month's meeting we went and purchased two Polar Express units, one for the club, and one to raffle off. Jim Thompson has made a place for the tickets to be held and it will be taken to all our upcoming events and our open house. Tickets will be sold for a dollar each or 10 for five dollars or 20 for ten dollars. Again all this is going to take a lot of cooperation and participation from all the members to make the raffle and shows a success. There's something to do for everyone and the club needs everyone's help.

Other upcoming events include our Christmas party on December 6th at 6:00 at Roma's. Remember to bring a gift for the gift exchange, wives should bring a gift too. For those who have not been before, the men exchange gifts with the men and the women exchange gifts with the women. Lots of fun for everyone. Also we need to start thinking now about the suggestion to get a bus to go to the Springfield, Mass. show in January.

Another issue we need to think about is loading the DCC layout for the October 15 show then unloading it and loading the DC layout for the October 22 show and then unloading that and loading up the DCC for the next show. This seems like a

lot of work loading and unloading. It has been suggested that we just load the DC layout and take it to all the shows, even though the DC layout is heavier we don't have to worry about loading and unloading all the time and this may be the last time we take the DC layout on tour. Think about this and we will discuss this at our Oct. 11th meeting.

Sam Eaton, President

CONTINUED UPDATE ON THE DCC NEW MODULE PROJECT

Continuing with last month's update, the new module project has taken shape and I am hopeful that it will be fully operational in time for our December 3rd Open House. The edges of turnout modules required some sanding; once this was done they fit together nicely and cars can now make a smooth transition from one module to the next. A hole has been cut that will accommodate our turntable and Sam Eaton, with help from other members, have painted all three of the new modules. Track has been laid extending from the main line turnouts all the way to the old DC yard modules. We are in the process of electrifying this track for DCC operations. Sam Eaton and Bill Spanarelli have built long transition cords and Tim Keller has been very helpful adapting them to the unusual layout design. Reggie Finch, Joe Sudler and Buzz Matthews have assisted in both laying the track and soldering it to the electrical buss. All modifications to the DC yard modules will not affect their ability to operate in DC mode.

Todd Dolkos has fixed up our roundhouse and is working on rehabilitating our turntable. Months ago we decided to have playful items that would be kid friendly. Now that the track has been laid on the outer module, it is time to execute on some of our ideas. John Espy has started work on a "space alien" scene that should catch the attention of visitors of all ages.

Over the past month there have been others that have helped, both with their advice and assistance; however we can always use more help. If you would like to contribute to this project please stop by and lend a hand.

Henry Kramer, Secretary

CIRCLE WORD PUZZLE – TRAINS IN THE MOVIES

I subscribe to the on-line magazine from *All Scale Rails*. This is a free on-line magazine and you can sign up for a subscription at www.allscalerrails.com. In their September/October 2016 issue #10 I came across an interesting circle word puzzle that I thought others may enjoy. The answers will be posted in the member's only section of our website. **Henry Kramer, Secretary**

Movies

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A E O G Y P N R Y N A N F T I A D R T X Y E Z P
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S S E R P X E I A H G N A H S N B B S H T E U A

Avalanche Express
Breakheart Pass
Danger Lights
Denver and Rio Grande
Doctor Zhivago
Night Train to Munich
North by Northwest
North West Frontier
Runaway Train

Shanghai Express
Silver Streak
Strangers on a Train
The Cassandra Crossing
The General
The Ghost Train
The Great Train Robbery
The Lady Vanishes
The Narrow Margin

The Polar Express
The Tall Target
The Train
The Train Robbers
Transsiberian
Twentieth Century
Union Pacific
Unstoppable
Von Ryans Express

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016 – FSMRRC monthly meeting, 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE, 7:30 p.m.

October 15, 2016 – Sudlersville Fire Co. The FSMRRC will be displaying their HO scale modular layout at this event. Sudlersville Volunteer Fire Company, 203 N. Church St., Sudlersville, MD 21668, 10:00 to 3:00, with early buyer admission at 9:00. Regular Admission \$5 adults, children under 15 free with an adult.

The Shore Line Garden Railroad Club is planning a Wilmington & Western Train trip on 16 October. It will be the 2 ½ hour run to Hockessin and back. Cost will be approximately \$20. Please call or email Richard Stockslager if you wish to go along. Bring friends if you wish.

October 22, 2016 – Boy Scout Merit Badge Class sponsored by the First State Model Railroad Club from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The location of our October 22, 2016 class will be a departure from our usual location. This class will be held at the Clayton Fire House during the annual Clayton Railroad Days' celebration. The actual class will be in a separate room that has been reserved for our use.

October 22, 2016 – Clayton Railroad Days from 9am to 2pm. The FSMRRC will be displaying their Historic HO scale modular layout at Clayton Railroad Days, 212 Railroad Ave., Clayton, DE 19938.

October 29, 2016 - Laurel DE Fire Department Train Show from 10am to 3pm. The FSMRRC will be displaying their HO scale modular layout at this event. Laurel Fire Department, 205 W 10th St., Laurel, DE 19956.

October 29, 2016 – Delaware Train Show. Nur Shrine Center, 198 South DuPont Highway (Route 13), New Castle, DE. 9:00am-2:00pm. Admission: \$5.00, children under the age of 12 are free, \$10.00 Early Buyers 8:00am Admission.

October 29-30, 2016 – 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.

NOVEMBER IS MODEL RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE MONTH FOR DELAWARE AND MARYLAND. For a schedule of those who will be open go to <http://www.modelrailroadopenhouse.com> There are also two G-Scale layouts open in October. See schedule for locations.

November 12, 2016 – Borough of Magnolia, NJ from 9am to 3pm. The FSMRRC will be displaying their HO scale modular layout at the Borough of Magnolia Community Center, 425 Brooke Ave, Magnolia, NJ 08049.

November 19, 2016 – Hartly Model Train, Toy & Sale Show. The FSMRRC will be displaying their HO scale modular layout during the Model Train, Toy & Sale Show at Hartly Volunteer Fire Company, 2898 Arthursville Road, Hartly DE 19953.

Now-December 31, 2016 – Gallery Exhibit: SAFETY FIRST! The Evolution of Railroading Safety Practices. Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, 300 Gap Rd., Strasburg, PA. Hours: through October 31: Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm, Sunday: Noon-5:00pm. November 1-December 31: Tuesday-Saturday, 9:00am-5:00pm, Sunday, Noon-5pm. Admission: Adult (12 – 64) \$10, Seniors (65+) \$9, Youth (3 – 11) \$8, Age 2 and under FREE.

December 3-4, 2016 - FSMRRC Holiday Open House from 9am to 4pm., 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE 19904.

December 6, 2016 – FSMRRC CHRISTMAS PARTY at Roma Restaurant, Dover. Gift exchange included.

January 7-8, 2017 - FSMRRC Holiday Open House from 9am to 4pm., 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE 19904.

January 14-15, 2017 - FSMRRC Holiday Open House from 9am to 4pm., 1282 McKee Road, Dover, DE 19904.

Do you have something you would like to share with the readers of the FSMRRC Newsletter? If so, please submit them to stockslager@gmail.com by the end of each month.