



THE FIRST STATE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB, INC. NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

At our last business meeting the FSMRRC members present decided to hold our next club picnic at the Jarrell Station Clubhouse at 1282 McKee Road, Dover, on Sunday, September 21st, 2014 from 1:00 PM to whenever.

The club will have a gas grill, 8'x8' canopy, coolers, tables and chairs on hand and will supply hamburgers, hot dogs and fried chicken. Couples planning to attend are asked to provide a covered dish while solo participants can bring desserts or snack foods. We will have soft drinks on hand while those desiring beer or wine should bring their own beverages. In addition to food and fellowship we will be reviving our famous "locolympics" competition. This activity pits HO locomotives of various categories against one another to demonstrate superior speed and/or pulling power. If you think you have an engine that excels in either of these categories whether it's steam, diesel, electric or a "pocket rocket" critter, DC or DCC, bring it along and join the competition. Kids of all ages are welcome, of course, and traditional picnic games are encouraged. Members are urged to come out and support this activity which has provided many hours of fun and fellowship for our club in years past.

Jim Valle, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4, 2014 -- Brunswick Railroad Days, Brunswick, MD. MARC train rides, live music, carnival, pony rides, crafts, car, truck, motorcycle and train shows. www.brunswickmd.gov 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

October 4-5 -- B & O Railroad Museum, Civil War Steam Days Weekend. Ride behind St. Elizabeth No. 4 to visit the restoration facility and the Mount Claire House Museum. See <http://www.borail.org/railfest.aspx>

October 11, 2014 – Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Day. From 9am to 3pm our Club will be instructing Boy Scouts in the Railroading Merit Badge. Volunteers will be needed to make this event a success. For additional information please contact either Jeff Shockley or Paul Buckley.

October 16 through October 19, 2014 – Hub City Interchange, Mid-Eastern Region NMRA Convention hosted jointly by the South Mountain Division at the Ramada Plaza in Hagerstown, MD. For info see <http://home.comcast.net/~candp2013/>

October 16 through October 19, 2014 -- Trip to the National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton OH. At the moment we have eight club members who are intending to go. We will be leaving at 5am on October 16th and

staying at the Red Roof Inn at the Nutter Center. The room rate will be approximately \$33 per night (\$100 for the entire trip). There is still time to sign-up for this trip. If interested see Les Souder.

October 18 & 25, 2014 -- B & O Railroad Museum, Steamin' Saturdays. Steam train ride only. See <http://www.borail.org/railfest.aspx>

October 25, 2014 – Great Scale Model Train Show at Timonium MD. Members wishing to attend should meet at the clubhouse at 7:00am.

November 1, 2014 – Philadelphia Division of the NMRA will be holding their next meeting at the Brandywine Town Center, 4050 Brandywine Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19803. The meeting will start at 9:00am.

November 1-2, 2014 -- Greenberg's Train and Toy Show, Harrisburg Mall, 3501 Paxton St., Harrisburg, PA 17111. See www.greenbergshows.com

November 2, 2014 -- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. -- 37th Gaithersburg Artifacts & Model Train Show, Montgomery County Fair Grounds, Gaithersburg, MD. See <http://www.gserr.com/shows/htm>

November 8, 2014 – On this date our Club will be participating in the NMRA's National Model Railroad Month by hosting an Open House from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Additional information will be available as we get closer to the date. Richard Stockslager will also have his layout open 9-3.

November 15, 2014 – We will be taking our DCC layout and participating in the Magnolia NJ Train Show (from 9am to 3pm). It will be held at their new Community Center. We will be the only HO layout (there will, however, be an "N" gauge layout from another local club). Magnolia NJ is approximately 80 miles (1½ hour drive) from Dover.

November 22, 2014 – We will be taking our DCC layout and participating in the Model Train Show at Laurel, DE Fire Hall (from 9am to 3pm). We participated in this event last year and had a wonderful time.

December 1, 2014 – January 25, 2015 – Holiday Festival of Trains at the B&O Museum in Ellicott City. Wednesday – Sunday from 11:00am – 4:00pm. Enjoy the museum's annual holiday celebration of toy trains and model railroading. New this year is a custom-built 360 degree LEGO model train layout created by The Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area LEGO Train Club. This masterpiece made completely of LEGO toy pieces is interactive for children of all ages. There are push buttons along the sides that will activate lights, motors, and sounds. Other model exhibits featured at the Station will include a popular Thomas the Tank Engine G-scale layout, a small N-scale layout in the museum's telegraph office and a push button children's layout in the main waiting room.

December 6-7, 2014 -- Greenberg's Train & Toy Show, MD State Fair Grounds, 2200 York Rd., Timonium, MD 21093. See www.greenbergshows.com

January 17, 2015 – Philadelphia Division of the NMRA will be holding a joint meeting with New Jersey Division at the Haddon Township High School, 406 Memorial Ave., Westmont, NJ 08108. The meeting will start at 9:00am.

January 31, 2015 – Great Scale Model Train Show at Timonium MD. Members wishing to attend should meet at the clubhouse at 7:00am.

February 28, 2015 – Smyrna Train Show from 8:30am to 2:00pm. The club has been invited back to participate by displaying our layout.