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AFSGSLA NEWSLETTER September 2025

AFSGSLA Club Events and Related Activities:

As with the last several newsletters, we are combining the planned club events and the other related activities. Although we will not necessarily participate in some of the following events as a club, they are included in this somewhat comprehensive listing for your information. We suggest you keep this newsletter for your future reference and attend our club meetings for full details.

Saturday, September 20, 2025: Pacific Eagles Train Show. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 707 Congress Street, Pacific, Missouri. Admission is \$4.00.

Saturday, October 4, 2025: Club meeting hosted by Charlie Albeitz and co-hosted by Gary Mueller at Charlie Albeitz house, 4365 Contessi Manor Ct., St Louis, 63128 (South County, near I-55 and I-270). Meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. Come and see the magnificent layout built by Charlie.

Saturday & Sunday, October 11 & 12, 2025: Mississippi Valley N Scalpers (MVNS) show it will again be at the Meramec Community College Gym, Kirkwood MO. We will be displaying our sectional layout this show.

Due to community college regulations, no food will be provided.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 31, November 1 and 2, 2025:
2025 S Fest – hosted by the Badgerland S Gaugers. The banquet planning is in progress and the hotel choices are being arranged. The 2025 Fest car is a special run Milwaukee Road boxcar to be produced by American Models. Everyone who attended an SFEST in the past several years should have received their registration packet.

Both the location and the banquet provider will be the same.



Per Ron Schlicht, the car is now sold out. A second run is planned.

Option 1: For individuals who may be interested in any of the cars being offered, **register online** soon and indicate which car or cars, that you wish to purchase. Indicate the cars by number, 4510, 4851 or 4852, plus whether you prefer Hi-Rail or Scale. When our future quota is filled, the cars will no longer be available.

Option 2: Call or email Ron Schlicht (414-477-7866) for more information indicate which car or cars, that you wish to order.

Saturday & Sunday, November 1 & 2, 2025: Trainfest America's largest operating model railroad show. Hours are 9 am to 5 pm
Baird Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Avenue, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Dozens of major model railroad manufacturers
Over 50 operating model train displays in many different sizes and scales
Over 500 tables of train related merchandise for sale
FREE riding train for kids
170,000 square feet of model trains!
For more information check out the Trainfest website
email trainfest@nmra.org **NOTE: THIS A AVERY RARE OPPORTUNITY**

TO DO BOTH, TRAINFEST IS ABOUT 30-45 MINUTES AWAY FROM THE SUGGESTED SFEST MOTEL DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC.

Friday, November 7, 2025: Club meeting hosted by Tom Schnur. Tom's address is 6408 Kingsway, St. Louis, 63123 in south county. Kingsway is off of Mackenzie, which turns into Reavis Barracks when it goes around the bend.

Saturday, November 15, 2025: The Dupo Train Show. 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 200 South 5th Street, Dupo, Illinois. Admission is \$3.00. It is anticipated that we will be displaying our double-helix layout again this year.

Saturday & Sunday, November 28-29 2025: Great Train Show: Collinsville (Illinois) Convention Center. We submitted an application. As usual, we will not know until closer to the show.

Saturday December 6, 2025: Great Beer and Brat Train Show 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Orlando's, 4300 Hoffmeister Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63125 Admission \$5, You can see it from I-55. If you come from the north you need to get off at the Union Road exit and double back. The show hours will be from 9 am to 3 pm.

Saturday, December 6, 2025: Club meeting hosted by Bob Bretsch at his Troy Missouri Home. Bob's address is 309 Evergreen. Bob said come at 1 PM and has supplied a map to his home (see end of newsletter).

Saturday, December 27, 2025: After the Storm Train Show: 10 am - 3 pm Arnold Eagles Club, 1725 Jeffco Blvd. Admission \$3.00, 12 and under FREE We will display our double helix at this show.

Saturday, January 3, 2026: TRAINFAIR 2026 St. Charles Model Railroad Club St. Charles West High School, 3601 Droste Road. St. Charles, Missouri Located 1 mile north of Hwy 70 at the Zumbuhl Road exit 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., admission is \$5.00 per person.

Great Train Show

January 24 and 25, 2026 Saturday and Sunday: Great Train Show: St. Charles 10 am - 4 pm. We submitted an application. As usual, we will not know until closer to the show.

Saturday, February 14, 2026: Sons of the American Legion Train Show 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Dupo American Legion Post #485, 200 South 5th

Street, Dupo IL 62239 Admission \$3, Children 12 and under FREE

Saturday, March 7, 2026: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny Park. We anticipate we will display the 11x26 layout. The show runs from 10am-3pm. Set-up is 7:30am.

Saturday, March 28, 2026: After the Storm Train Show: 10 am - 3 pm Arnold Eagles Club, 1725 Jeffco Blvd. Admission \$3.00, 12 and under FREE We anticipate will display our double helix at this show.

Saturday, April 11, 2026: Train show in Lemay, 4305 South Broadway, 63125. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, August 29, 2026: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny Park. We anticipate we will display the 11x26 layout. The show runs from 10am-3pm. Set-up is 7:30am.

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Most of next year is available!

Fellows, please consider hosting a meeting in 2026. See note from Dave Stevens further down in the newsletter.

What's been happening?

September 5, 2025: Cliff Saxton once again invited us for our September club meeting. As usual, Cliff did not disappoint.

Saturday, September 6, 2025: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny Park. We displayed the 11x26 layout. Barry Dolan coordinated.

This and That

Club Website: Per Chris Rathert, Just wanted to let you all know that the club website has been fully updated. I've spent over 6 hours converting older MS Word newsletters to PDF's, added older newsletters that hadn't been posted, and updated the selection tree under "Archived Newsletters". I've also added a new category "Clubmember Videos", so if any of you would like to contribute layout videos I'll be happy to post them.

Iron Spike Museum Update – To date, nobody has come forward with the funds to purchase the facility in which the Museum resides. Come September, the whole operation may be shut down for a lack of a home. The owner has offered to renegotiate the contract if meaningful funds are being raised. The Museum now has videos on YouTube which are bringing in some funds. The suggested new location in the old freight depot in town is no longer viable due to current owner requirements. Meanwhile the Museum still has a Milwaukee Road speeder and trailer for sale for \$3000. The caboose at the Museum is not a museum artifact – it is leased from a private owner.

St. Louis Lionel Railroad Club – The Lionel club moved in to their new location on Watson Road, otherwise known as historic route 66. The club is now located in the same shopping center where Grant's Cabin restaurant used to be, although it is at the opposite end of the shopping center. The location is 8460 Watson Road Suite 120 (But you must enter the purple doors Marked 130 go inside and turn down hall to the left. Club door is 2 doors down on RIGHT. The club can now operate O, S and Standard Gauge trains.

Special notice from David Stevens:

Periodic meetings of the entire club are important. If you have not hosted a meeting recently, or ever, please consider doing so. You can host whether you have a train layout; a meeting can even be outdoors. David Stevens will help you with the details. Just contact him at 314-921-1127 (landline, no text) or 314-651-0856 (cell). Or you can email him using stevens8128@sbcglobal.net.

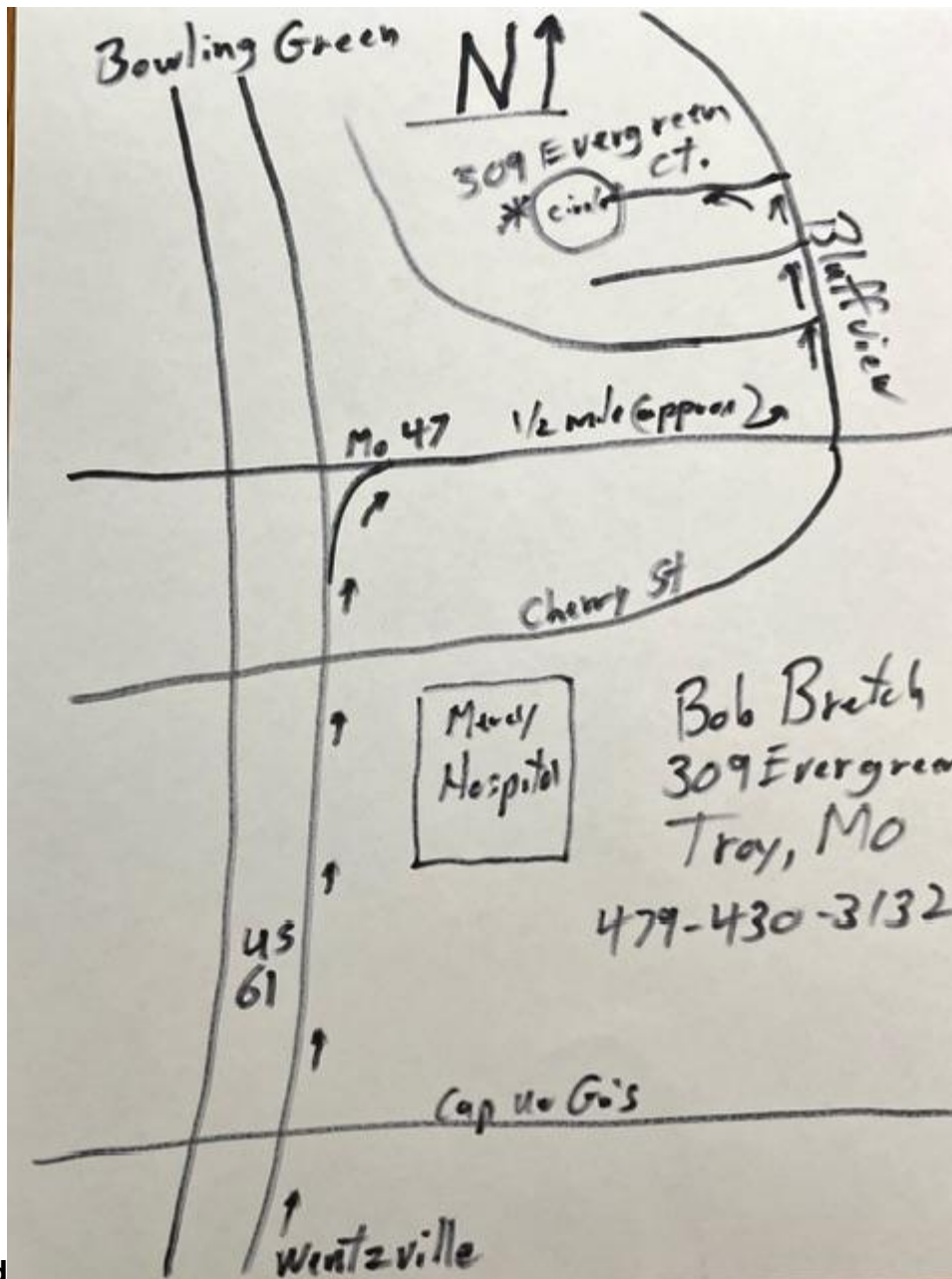
Notes from your Co-Coordinators!

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That's it for now, more later:

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-And
just for the fun of it!"

remember, "It's