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AFSGSLA NEWSLETTER

April 2020

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

NOTE: April activities are cancelled. Activities after May 1 are assumed to be happening, subject to change at any moment up to and including the very last moment.

ALSO, the Lionel club is also closed until at least May. All GTS events through July have been postponed. Their offices, including email and voicemail or not accessible until June 1st at the earliest.

Friday, April 17, 2020: Bob Muehling has invited us to hold our April club meeting at his home (1208 Twinleaf Circle in St. Peters, MO 63376, and his Telephone is 636/ 978-0870). **THIS MEETING IS CANCELLED, AFTER TALKING WITH BOB AND COMPLYING WITH THE RECOMMENDED MANDATE.** Bob and Dee Muehling have been most generous in hosting our club meetings in the past and we are always impressed with the improvements made on their layout. Useless trivia is that Bob hosted a meeting **on Friday, April 17, 2015. Bob must like April 17.**

Saturday, May 2, 2020: 3rd Anniversary Railroad Swap Meet Sponsored by the Iron Spike Model Train Museum, Washington City Auditorium, 211 High Street, Washington MO 63090. Admission \$5, includes same day admittance to Iron Spike Museum. Show time is 10 am – 3 pm. For more information call (636) 283-5163/5166 or email info@ironspike.org or check out the [Iron Spike Model Train Museum website](http://www.ironspike.org)

Saturday, May 9, 2020: Mark Hieger invited us to a meeting at his home in Troy, Missouri. Club members are invited to arrive at 12:00 Noon when lunch will be served. The meeting will conclude at 3:00 PM so that all members may return home before dark. Attached is a map to his home, and a more detailed map. Also club members may Google his address, 311 Sunbrook Ct. Troy, MO 63379

Saturday, May 30, 2020 and Sunday, May 31, 2020: The Great Train Expo train show in Belleville **IS CANCELLED PER AN EMAIL FROM BILL GROVE DATED MARCH 31, 2020.**

The Week of July 12th thru 18th: The NMRA national convention and train show will be held in downtown St. Louis. We will have more information later. **Their website is:**

<https://www.gatewaynmra.org>.

Saturday, August 29, 2020: Boeing train show, Greensfelder Park. Our faithful **Charles Albietz** has again arranged to have our club layout at this show. **Barry Dolan** expects to have the trailer at the complex about 8:00 A.M. Throughout the day, we will need club members to operate the layout and answer questions. You are invited to bring your favorite train set to operate on the club layout. Starting at about 2:45 P.M. we will begin to dismantle the layout. At 3:00 P.M. we will move it out of the building and into the trailer.

Wednesday and Saturday, September 2nd to 5th: The Narrow Gauge Convention to be held at the St. Charles Convention Center. We will have more information later.

Friday, September 18, 2020: Cliff and Gail Saxton have offered their home and his train room and toy museum for our September club meeting. Note this date is later in the month than we are accustomed.

Saturday and Sunday, October 10 & 11, 2020: Mississippi Valley N Scalpers (MVNS) show at the Kirkwood Community Center, Kirkwood MO. We anticipate we will be setting up the sectional layout.

Tentative Future Hosts are **Charley Taylor** for our October 2020 club meeting and **Dave Stone** for our November 2020 meeting.

What's been happening?

February 21, 2020: Scott with **Norm Pilarski** hosted our February club meeting at **Scott and Sandy Pilarski's** home in Wildwood, MO. A discussion was held on meeting start time, with, I think as it ended up, gathering to start a 7:00 and club business meeting 1 hour later.

March 14, 2020: Boeing train show, Greensfelder Park. Cancelled due to Corona virus.

March 21, 2020: Tom Schnur offered to host our March club meeting. **Cancelled due to Corona virus.**

AFSGSLA's Club Order of Special Cars:

As always, if you are interested in participating in these club orders, it would be to your advantage to attend the club meetings where details are made available and arrangements are finalized.

---The status of the Special Cars previously ordered have all been delivered.

2020 TCA Convention car - TCA has announced their 2020 Convention Cars, and they include an American Flyer S Gauge Budweiser Woodside Reefer. This TCA reefer car is dark green with white lettering. The list prices are as follows: Single car = \$69.95, 3-Pack = \$204.95, and 6-Pack = \$399.95. The cars will be available in six different numbers. The TCA 2020 Convention is in Jacksonville, FL on June 21-28, 2020. It is unlikely that the cars will be shipped before the Convention dates. The club order has been placed.

This and That

Corona Virus – obviously this is the big news. Both Lionel and MTH have suspended all operations until further notice.

Note from Vince Love – **Vince** has asked me to inform club members that he has all the pictures he took at the last several FSF and they are available. Contact **Vince** for specific information. It was discussed about putting them in the newsletter, however since some copies are mailed, it would make it too long.

Wood Wheels Whiskey 2020, The National Museum of Transportation's Adult Pinewood Car Race, will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at the Lindbergh Automobile Center, 2933 Barrett Station Road, St. Louis MO 63122. Doors open for general admission at 6:30 pm and racing begins at 7 pm. For more information please call Jessica Hood at 314.965.6234 or contact her at Jessica.hood@tnmot.org.

Midwest Money Layout Open House - Sponsored by the Midwest Money Company, on the First Sunday of every month from 11:00 A.M. to 4: P.M. They are located at 5901 Hampton, St. Louis MO just across Holly Hills Street. The layout is rather large, fully developed scenery 3 rail O-Scale layout. This rather large layout may be one of only a very few which can be claimed to be 100% complete. This

location is in South St. Louis City, roughly halfway between Chippewa and Gravois. Kyle Faintich (of Midwest Money and Lionel Train Club member) said he averaged about 300 people each Sunday in December at his train display. Normal average is around 200.

Mark Twain Hobby Center: Our member **John Burke** made the initial contact with Mark Twain Hobby about their 10% discount program. We followed up with their Kevin, learned the program details, and enrolled the AFSGSLA members in that program. In summary, it is a 10% discount "across the board" program for all but a very few items they sell. Kevin told us that they limit their advertising through email and that each of you will receive an email with the details of their program.

Special notice from David Stevens: We have had a number of our faithful club members who have volunteered to host future meetings. Although our **David Stevens** is especially pleased with the excellent response to his recent requests, he tells us that we still need club members to volunteer to host club meeting in the future. He states that if you have not hosted a meeting recently---or ever---please careful consider doing so. It is a great way to "pay your dues" and it really is not much trouble to host a club meeting (the club pays our host a modest fee to offset expenses for refreshments). We have often said (and our hosts have agreed) that there is no surer way of getting your train room shaped up then hosting a club meeting. **David Stevens** will help you with the details, if you just contact him at Telephone: 314/ 921-1127 or stevens8128@sbcglobal.net.

Notes from the Newsletter Editor:

As always, please email anything you think should be in the newsletter.

Notes from your Co-coordinator Tom!

Everyone please be safe during this difficult time. Enjoy your families and we will get together as soon as we can.

Tom Schnur

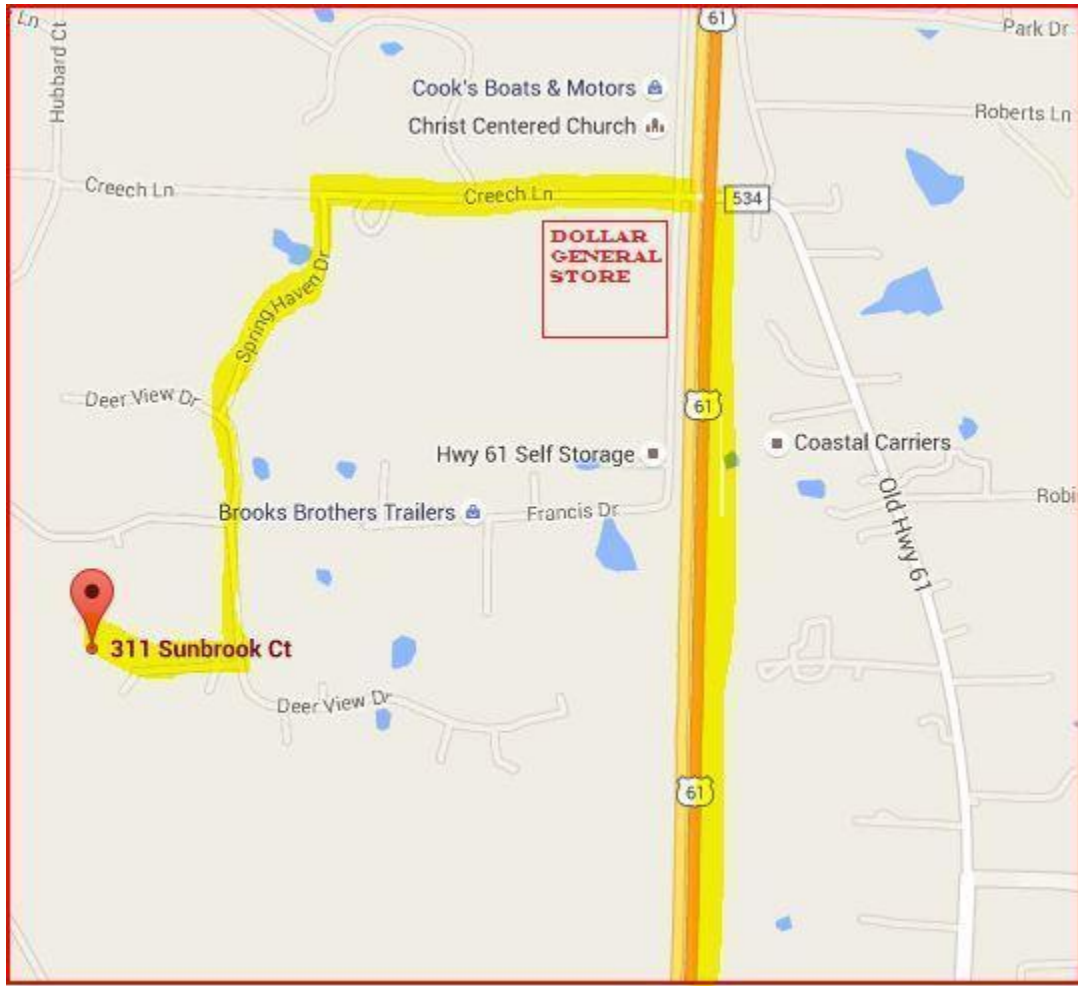
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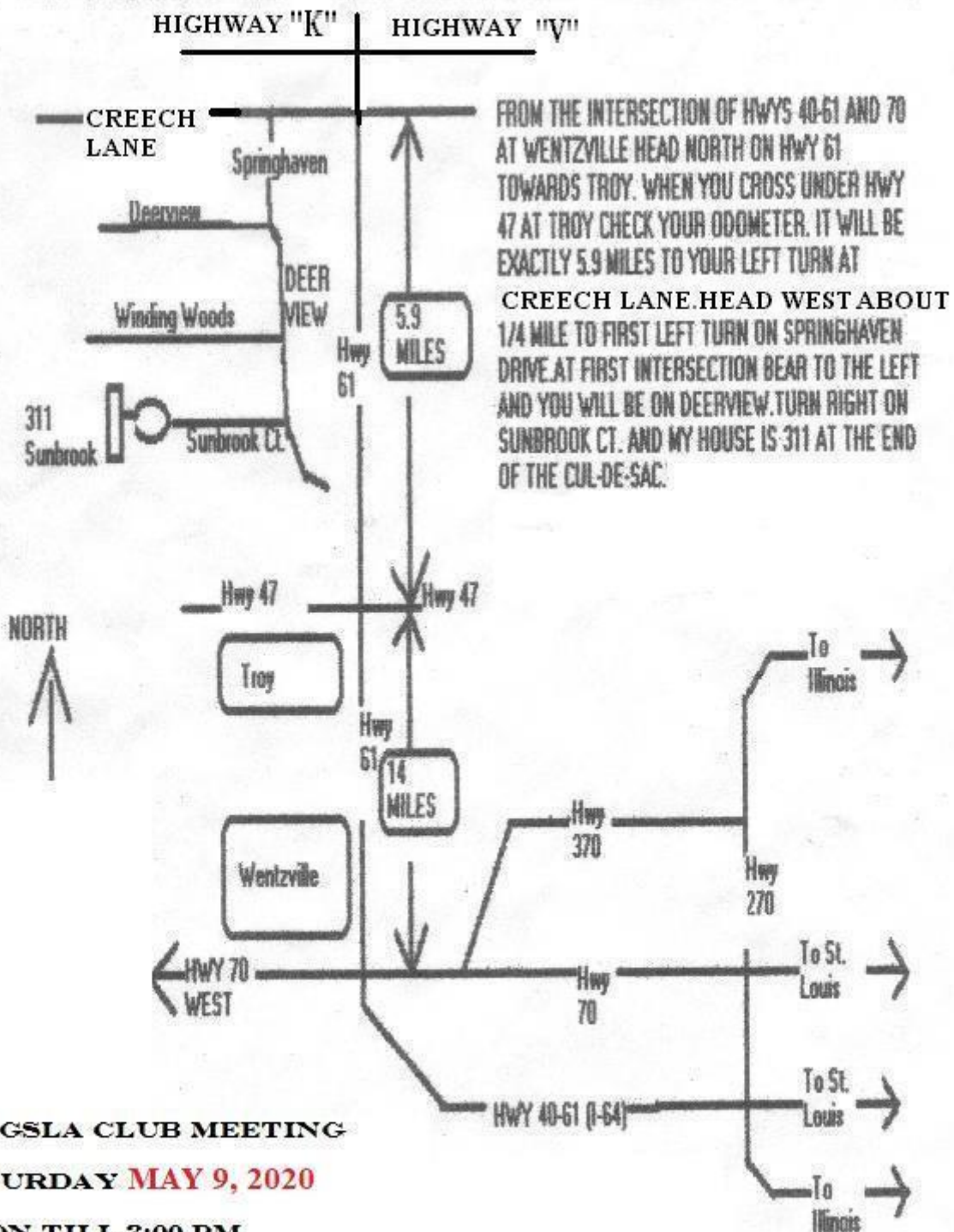
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-And remember, "It's just for the fun of it!"

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AFSGSLA CLUB MEETING

SATURDAY MAY 9, 2020

NOON TILL 3:00 PM

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