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AFSGSLA NEWSLETTER

November 2023

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.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 3 – 5, 2023: FALL S FEST!! See this and that for details.

Saturday, November 18, 2023: Model Train Meet, Gateway division, Mid-Continent Region NMRA. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. VFW Post, 1234 Vandalia, Collinsville, Illinois. Admission is \$8.00.

Saturday, November 11, 2023: Club meeting noon to 3:00 p.m. at the home of Jim Anderson. **Jim and Cathy Anderson** have invited us to their St. Charles home on 6 Dixie Way for our November meeting. Since Jim is planning to offer some food, it would be helpful to know who is attending but RSVP is optional. His phone number is 636-922-4224.

Saturday, November 18, 2023: 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 this year.

Saturday & Sunday, November 25-26, 2023: Great Train Show: Collinsville (Illinois) Convention Center. As is the usual case with GTE, we will not know our status until shortly before the show but we fully expect to be included in the show. If so, we will probably meet Saturday at 8:00 A.M. to unload and setup our sectional layout. The show will be open to the public from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. on both Saturday and Sunday. **Barry Dolan** is coordinating this event and would like help with the take down and load out at 4:00 P.M. Sunday.

Thursday, November 30, 2023: Possible Citizens National Bank Set-up. It has not been confirmed by CNB that this is happening, but if it does, this will probably be the date.

Saturday, December 2, 2023: TCA Christmas Train Show: NOTE: THIS SHOW MAY BE CANCELLED OR RESCHEDULED!! This will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran School, Olivette, Missouri. We anticipate we will be displaying our double helix layout at this event. The show hours will be from 9 am to 3 pm, and you are asked to be there at 7:30 am to help **Barry Dolan** and the set-up crew.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023: John and Pat Nosari Open House, Noon to 5:00p.m. Their home is at 120 Downing Dr., Chatham Illinois 62629. John's phone is 217- 652-8276. Directions from the intersection of I 270 and I 55 are: North on I 55 to exit 83, Glenarm. Make a left off the exit ramp over the interstate and make a right turn on the frontage road where a green sign indicates Glenarm and camping. Stay on this road for about 5 minutes and make a left at the first stop *light (Chatham Rd)*, Continue Chatham Road passing up Glenwood middle school, and Casey's. The name of the road changes to Walnut. Continue through 3 stop lights including the one where you turned. The last light is main street and there is a closed Family Video, bank, and BP station on the corner. Continue Walnut past a cemetery on the left and right. You will go over a small bridge and the first street after the bridge that you can make a left turn on is Downing. Make a left and our house is the 3rd on the left. You may park in the common ground on the south side of my house.

Saturday, December 9, 2023: After the Storm Train Show: 10 am - 3 pm
Arnold Eagles Club, 1725 Jeffco Blvd. Admission \$3.00, 12 and under FREE

Thursday, December 28, 2023: Possible Citizens National Bank Take-down.
If the layout is set up, this will probably be the date.

Saturday, January 6, 2024: TRAINFAIR 2024 St. Charles Model Railroad Club Trainfair 2023 St. Charles West High School, 3601 Droste Road. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., admission is \$5.00 per person.

Saturday and Sunday, January 27-28, 2024: Great Train Show, St. Charles convention center. Our application is currently “pending”, meaning we will not find out for sure until closer to the show.

Saturday, February 24, 2024: Pacific Eagles Train Show. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 707 Congress Street, Pacific, Missouri. Admission is \$4.00.

Saturday, March 9, 2024: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny park.

Saturday, April 13, 2024: The Sons of the American Legion Train Show, Dupo American Legion Post #485, 200 S 5th Street, Dupo, Illinois 62239 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., admission is \$3.00 per person.

Saturday, September 7, 2024: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny park.

Saturday & Sunday, October 2024: Mississippi Valley N Scalpers (MVNS) show, no date yet, but it will again be at the Meramec Community College Gym, Kirkwood MO. It is anticipated that we will be displaying our sectional layout this year.

AND

2024 AFSGSLA Club Meetings

Most of next year is available! Fellows, please consider hosting a meeting. See note from Dave Stevens further down in the newsletter.

What's been happening?

September 8, 2023: Cliff Saxton once again invited us for our September club meeting. As usual, Cliff and Gail did not disappoint.

September 9, 2023: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny Park. We displayed our sectional layout.

October 14 & 15, 2023: Mississippi Valley N Scalpers (MVNS) show at the Meramec Community College Gym, Kirkwood MO. We displayed our sectional layout.

This and That

St. Louis Lionel Railroad Club – As you might be aware, the St, Louis Archdiocese had St, Mathius in their crosshairs and announced its closure. The new priest has appeared to do an about face as far as the club is concerned and does not want the club on church property. Stay tuned for details as they unfold.

2023 Fall S Fest – FALL S FEST UPDATE: S Fest 2023: C A S G will be returning to Georgio's the first weekend in November. As usual, a contingent of members are planning to attend. Look for a report at Jim Anderson's meeting.

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.

Special notice from David Stevens: As you know we are hoping to get back to our monthly in-person club meetings. During 2023, we have 5 in-person club meetings on our calendar. The next meeting will be at Jim Anderson's on November 11 in the afternoon. We still need a volunteer host for December. David tells us that we still need at least 6 volunteers to host a club meetings in 2024, especially if we plan to host the S Fest. He says that if you have not hosted a meeting recently---or ever---please consider doing so. It is a great way to "pay your dues" and the club pays the 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 than hosting a club meeting. David Stevens will help you with the details, if you just contact him at telephone: 314-921-1127 (landline, no text) or stevens8128@sbcglobal.net.

Notes from your Co-Coordinators!

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That's it for now, more later:

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