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AFSGSLA NEWSLETTER

March 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, March 8, 2025: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny Park. We will display the 11x26 layout. The show runs from 10am-3pm. Set-up is 7:30am.

Friday, April 11, 2025: Club meeting hosted by Joel Weber. Joel's address and contact information is 1124 Pinrun Drive, Ballwin, MO 63011. His phone number is 630-977-9323 and email is weber1b14@gmail.com. He said parking in the driveway is fine. He also encourages carpooling, just to limit the number of cars on the street. Last year we got to see his in-progress layout. This time we can see the changes that he has made since last year.

Saturday, March 29, 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 anticipate displaying our double helix.

Saturday, May 17, 2025: 9th Anniversary Railroad Swap Meet
Sponsored by the Iron Spike Model Train Museum, Washington City
Auditorium, 211 High Street, Washington MO 63090. Admission \$8,
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)

Friday, September 5, 2025: Special thanks to Cliff Saxton for reserving
his September spot.

Saturday, September 6, 2025: 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, 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.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 31, November 1 and 2, 2025:
2025 S Fest – hosted by the Badgerland S Gaugers in 2025. Many of the
details will come out prior the FSF 2024 in St Louis. A facility has been
chosen and reserved for October 31st thru November 2nd. The banquet
planning is in progress and the hotel choices are being arranged. Due to
the Milwaukee County and Waukesha area facilities availability and cost, it
is nearly impossible to hold all events in a hotel. The 2025 Fest car was
approved to be a special run Milwaukee Road boxcar to be produced by
American Models. Ron Schlicht is coordinating the artwork. Some
arrangements will be very similar to the 25th anniversary of BSG and FSF.
Both the location and the banquet provider will be the same.



AND

Most of next year is available!

Fellows, please consider hosting a meeting in 2025. See note from Dave Stevens further down in the newsletter.

What's been happening?

December 7-8 2024: Great Train Show: Collinsville (Illinois) Convention Center. We displayed the 11x26 layout at the Collinsville Convention Center.

December 28, 2024: After the Storm Train Show: We displayed our double helix.

Saturday and Sunday, January 25-26, 2025: Great Train Show, St. Charles convention center. We displayed the 11x26 layout.

This and That

Lionel American Flyer – the end? The latest Lionel catalog only shows two new items, a Christmas boxcar and an anniversary boxcar. When I talked to Lionel rep in Milwaukee, he indicated that sales were not strong enough to continue the line. I suspect, and only my opinion, that they will continue to offer a very limited number of items, Christmas and possibly Polar Express. Looking at their history, they previously dropped and resurrected both G and HO at some later time.

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.

Special notice from David Stevens: Thanks go to Joel Weber, Bob Bretch, Cliff Saxton, and John Nosari, who hosted club meetings in 2024. **And now, it's not too early to plan to host a club meeting in 2025** – Cliff Saxton has already volunteered for September. 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 or not you have a train layout; a meeting can even be outdoors. David Stevens will help you with the details. Just contact him at telephone: 314-921-1127 (landline, no text) or stevens8128@sbcglobal.net.

Notes from your Co-Coordinaors!

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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!"