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AFSGSLA NEWSLETTER
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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, September 5, 2025: Cliff Saxton once again invited us for our September club meeting. Plan in arriving at the usual 7:00 p.m. time. **Cliff** has made our visit to his home an annual event and it is always an exciting and fun filled event. For those new to the club, Cliff's address is 12363 Federal Rd, 63131 (which is near I-270 and I-64).

Saturday, September 6, 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.

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 & Sunday, October 11 & 12, 2025: Mississippi Valley N Scalers (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](https://www.trainfest.org)

email trainfest@nmra.org **NOTE: THIS A AVERY RARE OPPORTUNITY TO DO BOTH, TRAINFEST IS ABOUT 30-45 MINUTEAS 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 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 dole back. The show hours will be from 9 am to 3 pm.

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 Zumbahl 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 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, April 11, 2025: 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.

AND

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?

March 8, 2025: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny Park. We displayed the 11x26 layout. Barry Dolan coordinated.

April 11, 2025: Club meeting was hosted by Joel Weber. Last year we got to see his in-progress layout. This time we can see the changes that he has made since last year.

March 29, 2025: After the Storm Train Show: We displayed our double helix. Barry Dolan coordinated.

In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened to hear about the death of Gail Saxton. Besides being a devoted wife to Cliff, she was always a most gracious hostess.

It was also reported that Joe Molner passed away.

This and That

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.

Short Story- A newlywed bride was looking over her new husband's train collection to which she said, I bet if you sold your trains, we could go on a really nice vacation. The husband replied, you are beginning to sound a lot like my ex-wife. The new wife said, oh, I did know you were married before, to which the husband responded, I was not.

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:

Just a reminder that Cliff Saxton has again invited us to his home for a meeting of the club. Following a long tradition it will be on September 5, with doors open about beginning at 7:00 PM. For those new to the club, Cliff's address is 12363 Federal Rd, 63131 (which is near I-270 and I-64). 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-Coordiators!

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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!"