



# American Flyer "S" Gaugers of the St. Louis Area

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## AFSGSLA NEWSLETTER September 2017

### AFSGSLA Club Events:

**Friday, September 8, 2017:** Once again **Cliff Saxton** has volunteered to host the September club meeting and officially kick-off our annual train season. We will meet at his outstanding train and toy collection room, located at 12363 Federal Drive in Des Peres, Missouri. Plan on gathering at our usual time..

**Saturday, September 9, 2017: Boeing train show, Greensfelder Park.** Our eager **Charles Albietz** arranged to have our club layout at this show. **Barry Dolan** expects to have the trailer at the complex about 8:00 am. **Barry** also reports, this will be a good test for the new AF modified switches." 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 pm we will begin to dismantle the layout . At 3:00 pm we will move it out of the building and into the trailer.

**Saturday and Sunday, October 7 & 8, 2017:** Mississippi Valley N Scalpers (MVNS) show at the Kirkwood Community Center, Kirkwood MO. We expect to be invited to return with our club layout for this event.

**Saturday, October 14, 2017:** Club meeting at **Vincent Love's Ranch** - 1:00 PM . Once again this year we will be making a nominal road-trip to Vince Love's "Rural Estate" in Bonne Terre, Missouri for our October club meeting. We are confident that **Vince and Brenda** will again provide us with a delightful time. You will recall that we last visited their home, we were impressed with what **Vince** has assembled in his train building. We will provide details in a later newsletter.

**Friday – Sunday, October 27-29, 2017: The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall S Fest** hosted by State-Line S Gaugers at the Holiday Inn Express, Janesville, WI. Not a club event (this time), but we expect several of our members will attend.

**Saturday, November 11: Dupo Train Show,** Dupo American Legion Post, Dupo, IL. It is anticipated that we will display the double helix.

**Friday, November 17, 2017 Club meeting at John Schlum's** More details to follow, but save the date.

**Saturday and Sunday, November 25-26:** Great Train Expo, Collinsville Convention center. As is the usual case with GTE, we will not know our status until shortly before the show.

**Saturday, December 2, 2017: TCA train Show** at Lutheran church in Olivette MO. It is anticipated that we will display the double helix.

**Friday, December 8, 2017:** Once again, **Mike Neace** has invited us to his home for our December meeting. His home is at 1706 Aster Lane in Godfrey, Illinois 62035. More details later.

### Other Scheduled Events:

Although we will not necessarily participate in some of the following events as a club, they are included in this listing for your information. Special thanks for this listing go to **Jimmy Ables** of NMRA Gateway Division. We suggest you keep this newsletter for your future reference and attend our club meetings for full details.

**Saturday, September 9, 2017:** Boeing train show, Greensfelder Park. We will set up. Please see details above.

**Saturday and Sunday, September 30 and October 1, 2017:** The Arborway T.T. & Northwestern Friends Meet this year will be September 30th – October 1<sup>st</sup>. Trains running 9am-5pm. Donation to the non-profit organization for the day on Saturday or Sunday is \$15 per person (includes lunch noon – 1:30 pm.), kids 5 and under free. Anyone that is not on the Friends list needs to tell them to make sure they sign the insurance waiver when they get there. I (believe) the contact is Alex Beams, ATT&NW Superintendent, 920-602-5604 or [attnwrr@gmail.com](mailto:attnwrr@gmail.com). GPS Address: 120 Chaumiere Farm Road Steelville, Mo. 65565 Gate code # 2 0 1 7

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### What's been happening?

**Saturday, June 17, 2017: Club Picnic at Museum of Transportation. Andrew Arth and Bob O'Neil** arranged for us to hold our club picnic at the Museum of Transportation (MOT) in the Automotive Building. **David and Pat Stevens** provided breads, cheese, and meats for sandwiches for everyone. **Moe and Rita Berk** provided the necessary picnic plates, utensils, and paper towels. A great time was had by all that attended.

**Saturday and Sunday, July 22-23: Great Train Expo, Belle Clair Fairgrounds, Belleville, IL.** We did not display at this show.

### 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 is summarized as follows:

**2017 NASG Cars:** The 2017 and 2018 will be a pair of Gulf tank cars. The 2017 car is a limited-production run of the Lionel American Flyer Gulf Oil single-dome tank car. The black car body is offset by the yellow company logo and the white reporting mark, road number, and technical details on the car. The 2018 car is a limited-production run of the Lionel American Flyer Gulf Oil single-dome tank car. The black car body is offset by the red company logo and the white reporting mark, road number, and technical details on the car. A club has been submitted.

**2017 TCA Cars:** This is the TCA 2017 offering, consisting of 3 different Lionel American Flyer S Gauge Cars. The first two cars are a P&LE Flatcar with Die-Cast Jeep Vehicle Load # 16001 & #16002. The postwar version of this flatcar was offered with plastic (editor's note: TCA wording, we all know better) abstract versions of this world-famous vehicle. To provide a unique car, this new version will feature scale 3/16" die cast vehicles. There will be two car numbers offered—16001 & 16002—available individually or as a set. Price is \$84.95 each or \$ 159.95 for the set of two. Shipping is included. The third car is a MTH S Harmony Creamery Reefer. The MTH offering is geared more towards the scale S collector and will have all the detail and scale features of its reefer predecessors. Price is \$64.95 which includes shipping. The club order has been placed.

**2018 TCA Cars:** The S Gauge car for 2018 is a Lionel Ben and Jerry's billboard Reefer. A single car sells for 69.95, 3 pack for 204.95 and a six pack for 399.95. A note says that there are six different road numbers and SKU's. For the single and three pack, random non duplicate numbers will sent, the six pack insures one of each.

### This and That

**Fall S-Fest 2016 Billboard Reefer Cars:** Several of us ordered the FSF-2016 car which was to be produced by MTH. Unfortunately, it was not available at the FSF-2016 and has not yet been seen. S from last year. They will be shipped from MTH when they come in.

**Fall S-Fest 2017:** The FSF-2017 pre-registration form was mailed in April. If you did not receive one or want more current information, please visit their website: [www.state-linesgaugers.org](http://www.state-linesgaugers.org). The car(s) for this year are to be made by American Models and will feature Chicago, Burlington and Quincy graphics on a refrigerator car. They are available as a single car for \$55.00 or a 3-car set for \$155.00. The 3-car set contains 2 additional paint schemes that are not available separately. The FSF-2017 registration fee is \$18.00, and the fee is required if you want to obtain the car(s). There is an additional fee if you will not be attend and order the car(s).

**YouTube.** For the last couple of newsletters, we have provided a YouTube for your viewing entertainment. Thanks to Roland in the Lionel Club for pointing out this one. It is call She Loves Trains. Forget the blonde and all that notice at 2.21 the three engine lash-up. For all the Union Pacific fans.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtE\\_BLg5EVs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BtE_BLg5EVs)

**Special notice from David Stevens:** We have club members who have volunteered to host the next several meetings. We still need club members to volunteer to host club meeting in the future. 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](mailto:stevens8128@sbcglobal.net).

**Note from the Newsletter Editor:**

From my own experience and from talking to many others, I have come to the conclusion that buying electric trains and actually DOING something with them are really two separate hobbies and sometimes do not have much in common.

**Notes from the Co-Ordinator:**

No notes from the co-ordinator this issue as he is on the mend.

**That's it for now, more later:**

**-And remember, “It's just for the fun of it!”**

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