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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.

Saturday, January 7, 2023: 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 28-29, 2023: 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. The trailer has repaired and is ready to go.

Saturday, February 18, 2023: Pacific Eagles Train Show. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 707 Congress Street, Pacific, Missouri. Admission is \$4.00.

Saturday, February 25, 2023: Swap Meet at National Museum of Transport. It will be in the Earl C. Lindburg Automobile Center from 9am to 2 p.m. Vendor set up 7:00 a.m. General admission \$5.00, Vendors \$20.00.

Saturday, March 11, 2023: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet returns to Queeny park.

Saturday, April 8, 2023: 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.

Friday, April 14, 2023: 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 car pooling, just to limit the number of cars on the street. Last year we got to see his in progress layout.

Saturday, April 29, 2023: 6th Anniversary Railroad Swap Meet. Sponsored by the Iron Spike Model Train Museum, 10 am - 3 pm, Washington City Auditorium 211 High Street, Washington MO 63090
Admission \$8, includes same day admittance to Iron Spike Museum

Friday, September 8, 2023: Cliff Saxton once invited us for our September club meeting at its usual time.

September 9, 2023: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny park.

Saturday & Sunday, October 7 & 8, 2023: Mississippi Valley N Scalpers (MVNS) show at the Kirkwood Community Center, Kirkwood MO. It is anticipated that we will be displaying our sectional layout this year.

AND

The months of January, February, March, May, October, November, and December are available!

Fellows, please consider hosting a meeting in 2023. See note from Dave Stevens further down in the newsletter.

What's been happening?

September 9, 2022: AFSGSLA club meeting hosted by Cliff and Gail Saxton. As usual, this was nothing short of fantastic. Even Marty Glass made a surprise visit.

October 8 & 9, 2022: Mississippi Valley N Scalpers (MVNS) show at the Kirkwood Community Center, Kirkwood MO. We displayed our sectional layout at this show.

October 22, 2002: **Paul Voegtle** hosted an in-person Saturday meeting at his

farm in New Athens, Illinois. This was an excellent meeting with lots of good food and conversation. Paul has now done these two times in a row? Perhaps a new tradition?

November 12, 2022: Dupo Train Show, Dupo American Legion Post, Dupo, IL. We displayed the double helix.

November 26-27, 2022: Great Train Show, Collinsville Convention center. We were scheduled to display our sectional, but we had a problem with trailer. On the way to the show, the trailer became unhitched from the truck pulling it. Luckily the person pulling the trailer was unhurt. There was damage to the trailer which has been fixed and no visible damage to the layout inside the trailer,

December 3, 2022: Great St. Louis Christmas Train Show and Food Drive. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Admission \$ 5.00 per person. Immanuel Lutheran School, 9733 Olive Blvd. Olivette, MO 63132. We displayed our double helix.

AND, on various dates, the put up, take down and maintenance on the Famous-Barr-Macy's layout at the museum of Transport and the layout at Citizens National Bank in Maplewood.

This and That

St. Louis Lionel Railroad Club – The club has a new home! The club voted to accept an offer from St. Matthias parish for the rental of two former classrooms. Unfortunately, there are dark clouds forming with the archdiocese planning on reducing the number of parishes by about half.

2023 Fall S Fest – At the 2021 S Fest, Chicagoland said they planned to host the 2023 S FEST. No date or location has been received yet.

2022 Fall S Fest – As of now, there is no 2022 S Fest scheduled.

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: Dave has had it easy recently, but as you can see, we are hoping to get back to in person club meetings now in 2022. 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 carefully 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 your Co-Coordinationers!

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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!”