



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

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## AFSGSLA NEWSLETTER September 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, September 8, 2023:** Cliff Saxton once 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.

**September 9, 2023:** Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny park. We will again display our sectional layout.

**Saturday, September 23, 2023:** 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 14 & 15, 2023:** Mississippi Valley N Scalers (MVNS) show at the Meramec Community College Gym, Kirkwood MO. It is anticipated that we will be displaying our sectional layout this year. **NOTE**

## **CHANGE FROM LAST NEWSLETTER**

**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 18, 2023:** The Dupo Train Show. 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 200 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Dupo, Illinois. Admission is \$3.00. It is anticipated that we will be displaying our double-helix layout this year.

**Saturday, November 18, 2023:** The Dupo Train Show. 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 200 South 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Saturday, December 2, 2023: TCA Christmas Train Show:** This will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran School, Olivette, Missouri. We anticipate 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.

**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

**Saturday, February 14, 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, September 7, 2024:** Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny park.

AND

The months of 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?

**April 21, 2023:** We returned to the home of **Joel Weber**. We got to see the the updates to his in-progress layout. This time we can see the changes that he has made since last year. We also discussed us possibly hosting the 2024 Fall S Fest as it would be our turn.

## This and That

**St. Louis Lionel Railroad Club** – As you might be aware, the St, Louis Archdiocese has St, Mathius in their crosshairs and announced its closure. An appeal is pending and he we do have a good lead on a potential alternate location. Stay tuned for more. **Greg Foshage**, long-time member of the club is currently in the hospital as this is being written. Greg had to have 7 stints installed. He will also be on dialysis. Had had been responsible for opening up the club on the designated dates. New people are being recruited for this task.

**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. A budget has been approved, a logo is in design, the cars have been selected and artwork is in design for the cars. A mailing list from the last S-Fest is being examined for completeness and usefulness. Marketing is being planned. Online registration will be offered with checks to be sent in. Mailings have gone out. The car is an American Models tank decorated for the Clark oil company.

**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.

### IN Memoriam

We are saddened to report that long-time member **Gerry Evans** has passed away.

Also, sad news from the Lionel Club, two long-time members, **Herb Snyder** and **Martin Boehringer** passed away in the last month. They were frequently seen at the various train shows and swap meets.

**Special notice from David Stevens:** As you know we are hoping to get back to our monthly in-person club meetings. So far, we have had only 2 club members who have volunteered to host meetings this year. David tells us that

we still need volunteers to host a club meeting in the future. 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](mailto: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!”**