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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.

Saturday, March 9, 2024: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny Park. We will be displaying our sectional layout at this show. We will begin setting up at 7:30.

Friday, March 22, 2024: National Museum of Transport Model Train Swap Meet. This is an evening show from 4:30 to 8 p.m. General Admission is \$5. It is in the Earl C. Lindburg Automotive Center. Use Location 2 (upper parking lot)

Friday, April 12, 2024: 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, April 13, 2024: 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.

Saturday, May 11, 2024: After the Storm Train Show: 10 am - 3 pm
Arnold Eagles Club, 1725 Jeffco Blvd. Admission \$3.00, 12 and under FREE. We will display our double helix.

Saturday, September 7, 2024: Boeing Railroad Club swap meet at Queeny Park.

Saturday, September 28, 2024: 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 5 & 6, 2024: Mississippi Valley N Scalpers (MVNS) show, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday. It will again be at the Meramec Community College Gym, Kirkwood MO. It is anticipated that we will be displaying our sectional layout this year.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 25, 26, and 27: 2024 S Fest – hosted by us at the Doubletree Westport, the same hotel as the last couple of times. See below for more details.

Saturday, November 16, 2024: 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.

AND

Most of this year is available!

Fellows, please consider hosting a meeting in 2024. See note from Dave Stevens further down in the newsletter.

What's been happening?

November 11, 2023: Club meeting at the home of Jim and Cathy Anderson. We discussed the possibility of hosting the 2024 S Fest. See below for more

information.

November 18, 2023: The Dupo Train Show. We displayed our double-helix layout.

November 25-26, 2023: Great Train Show: Collinsville (Illinois) Convention Center. We displayed our sectional layout. **Barry Dolan** coordinated this event.

December 5, 2023: John and Pat Nosari Open House Technically not a club meeting, but an open house. Excellent food and we got to see John's two amazing layouts.

December 9, 2023: After the Storm Train Show: Arnold Eagles Club We displayed our double helix.

January 27-28, 2024: Great Train Show, St. Charles convention center. We displayed our sectional layout. **Barry Dolan** coordinated this event.

This and That

St. Louis Lionel Railroad Club – As you might be aware, the St, Louis Archdiocese had St, Matthias in their crosshairs and announced its closure. As previously reported, their time at the former church is limited, but no exact date given. The property is listed for sale with a price of 2,000,000 dollars. An exciting new location has been discovered and is being explored. Stay tuned for details as they unfold.

2024 Fall S Fest – THIS IS US!! A lot of behind-the-scenes planning has been happening. It will be October 25 to 27. We will return to the Doubletree Westport, the same hotel as last couple of times. There will be two cars from American Models, both TOFC's (trailer on Flat Car). One decorated for Missouri Pacific and the other one decorated for the Chicago and Eastern Illinois. The C&EI became a Missouri Pacific subsidiary and eventually merged in to the Missouri Pafic, giving them access to the Chicago market. This line, along with the rest of the Missouri Pacific was merged in the Union Pacific.

American Model Builders - is now closed and the LASERkit product line has been discontinued. The family of the late John Hitzeman, founder, and owner, and the extended AMB family, would like to thank the model railroad community and our contract customers for over 40 years of patronage! They were located in St. Louis and were one of the few makers of S scale laser kits.

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: 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.

In memoriam:

We are saddened to announce the death of two of our long-time members, Marc Brabb, and Jim Bresenahan. Both members were very helpful in our past S FESTS and will be greatly missed.

Notes from your Co-Coordinator!

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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!”