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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.

Thursday, December 5, 2024: We will set up the 8x8 layout at the Citizen's National Bank starting at 2:00 p.m.

On Saturday 12-7-2024 at 8:00am we will set up the 11x26 layout at the Collinsville Convention Center. This is a two day show. We did have the option of setting up on Friday at 1:00pm for maintenance work, but it just seemed that four days in a row would be too much to ask of our membership. Please distribute this information to all SGSLA members. Barry Dolan

Saturday, December 7, 2024: TCA Christmas Train Show: NOTE: New Location. This will be held at the Orlando's, 4300 Hoffmeister Road, Lemay, Missouri. You can see it from I-55. You need to get off at the Union Road exit and double back. The show hours will be from 9 am to 3 pm.

Saturday & Sunday, December 7-8 2024: Great Train Show: Collinsville (Illinois) Convention Center. We are confirmed for this show. We will set up the 11x26 layout at the Collinsville Convention Center starting at 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 28, 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 anticipate displaying our double helix.

Saturday, January 4, 2025: TRAINFAIR 2025 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, January 18, 2025: Swap meet at National Museum of Transport, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, January 25-26, 2025: Great Train Show, St. Charles convention center. We submitted an application.

Saturday, February 22, 2025: Pacific Eagles Train Show. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 707 Congress Street, Pacific, Missouri. Admission is \$4.00.

Saturday, February 8, 2025: The Sons of the American Legion Train Show, Dupu American Legion Post #485, 200 S 5th Street, Dupu, Illinois 62239 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., admission is \$3.00 per person.

Friday, September 5, 2025: Special thanks to Cliff Saxton for reserving his September spot.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 31, November 1 and 2 2025: 2025 S Fest – hosted by the Badgerland S Gaugers in 2025. Many of the details will come out prior the FSF 2024 in St Louis. A facility has been chosen and reserved for October 31st thru November 2nd. The banquet planning is in progress and the hotel choices are being arranged. Due to the Milwaukee County and Waukesha area facilities availability and cost, it is nearly impossible to hold all events in a hotel. The 2025 Fest car was

approved to be a special run Milwaukee Road boxcar to be produced by American Models. Ron Schlicht is coordinating the artwork. Some arrangements will be very similar to the 25th anniversary of BSG and FSF. Both the location and the banquet provider will be the same.



AND

Most of next year is available!

Fellows, please consider hosting a meeting in 2025. See note from Dave Stevens further down in the newsletter.

What's been happening?

October 25, 26, and 27: 2024 S Fest – hosted by us at the Doubletree Westport. By all accounts, this was a successful S Fest. We look forward to Milwaukee next year,

November 16, 2024: We displayed our double-helix layout at the Dupo show.

November 23, 2024: Club meeting at John and Pat Nosari. They put on their usual good get-together with plenty of food and more importantly, trains.

This and That

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.

Special notice from David Stevens: Thanks go to Joel Weber, Bob Bretch, Cliff Saxton, and John Nosari, who hosted club meetings in 2024. And an additional thanks goes to Joel for hosting the many meetings of our steering committee as we planned for the S Fest. **And now, it's not too early to plan to host a club meeting in 2025** – Cliff Saxton has already volunteered for September. 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 or not you have a train layout; a meeting can even be outdoors. David Stevens will help you with the details. Just contact him at telephone: 314-921-1127 (landline, no text) or stevens8128@sbcglobal.net.

Notes from your Co-Coordinaors!

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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!"



