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## BBMRA SCHEDULE / TIMETABLE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 13	May 14	May 15 Meeting 7:30 to 10 pm Community Room Myers Park	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	Jun 1	Jun 2
Jun 3	Jun 4	Jun 5	Jun 6	Jun 7	Jun 8	Jun 9
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**BBMRA Member**  
**President's column**  
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## May Program: John Bower - Putting together Antique Wooden Car Kits

Assembling some of the older kits for rolling stock or buildings can be a lot of work and require some special precautions, but it is well worth the effort. You have something on your layout which most people don't have on theirs and an appreciation of the pioneers of the model railroading hobby.

Our speaker May 15 at Myers Park Community Center is John Bower, who will talk about modeling with old wood and paper kits. The pieces must be sealed inside and outside and special steps are necessary to preserve dry transfer decals which may be 50 years old.

The HO collection donated to the club by Don Boudreau's family include about 20 old kits from Ambroid and other companies. We will be offering some of these for sale to club members. Don't miss John's talk if you are interested in one of these old kits.

I met John at our recent garage sale. He should be a very interesting speaker.

## Tallahassee Winter Train Show

There was discussion at the last meeting about possibly expanding the proposed second "garage sale" into a second train show. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, a survey was mailed to 25 current and past vendors who have attended the BBMRA's Tallahassee Model Railroad Shows. Due to vendor conflicts and considerations, the idea for a second train show has been shelved.

## Winter Garage Sale (#2)

The BBMRA is thinking of hosting our next "Model Train Garage Sale" on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the East Hill Baptist Church gym. We are aiming for the 8<sup>th</sup> because there would not be a major conflict (Tallahassee's Winter Festival is December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and FAMU's and FSU's Graduation Exercises are December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>).

As before, table space would be free to BBMRA, Gulf Coast Limited, Heartland, and Gulf Wind members.

We are thinking of setting up one of our layouts. Hours of operation – 7 am to 8 am, set up, 8 am to 11 am, "open for business," and 11 am to 12 noon, tear down and clean up. As with the first "Garage Sale," we ask that only model train "stuff" be sold. The sale will be open to the general public. Admission will be free. We will advertise in the Tallahassee Democrat and Tallahassee Advertiser.

What do you think? Please contact John Sullenberger (work, 9 am to 5 pm: 410-8425, (leave message on voice mail), home 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm: 562-5137) with your thoughts, ideas, questions or concerns.



All Aboard Hobbies  
Hollash's Trains  
Trains By Johnson  
Trains of Ocala  
Dan Sheppard  
J. R. Hackman  
Hobbytown of Boston  
Ron DeVincenzo  
Midway Depot  
Bill Carswell  
Don Schwartz  
John Jay Hobbies

## My First Train

By Larry Benson - Vee  
If my recollection is correct, the most exciting trip it was. I remember miles.

On a warm, sunny spring day, one street rural village, we lived in the same tiny, 4-room house. My father operated a general merchandise store.

We had lunch at my Grandfather's. The Frisco train that we had finally arrived with its own steam engine. The locomotive was back just in front of the almost empty coach and we could see our Mom and

As the engineer blew his whistle through the closed windows, we watched the farms beside the railroad.

Our parents had driven to the station and jerked to a stop. We were to trains ever sense.