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BBMRA HO Division Report

**Setups Jan. 26, Tallahassee
and Feb. 1-3, Jacksonville**

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BBMRA's HO Division is kicking off 2002 with a real flourish — our annual setup during Children's Day at the State Museum (R.A. Gray Building) downtown, plus a trip to Jacksonville for the Great American Train Show.

It will be a busy couple of weeks but the HO Division has been operating with a full head of steam for months now, including successful setups at the North Florida Fair and Junior Museum.

Both the State Museum and the GATS Jacksonville setups kick off with a mini-workday Friday, January 25, at 4 p.m. at my house, 3008 Stillwood Court. We will load everything for both the State Museum setup the following day and GATS Jacksonville, the following weekend.

The plan is to load the modules for a streamlined setup at the museum last, so they come out the next morning with little problem, and then go back in at the end of the day, leaving us loaded and ready for Jacksonville. Aren't we smart! Now let's see if we can do it.

The State Museum activity is Saturday, January 26. We will meet at 9 a.m. in front of the R.A. Gray Building to unload the trailer. Operations are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The layout will be 8 by 16, the corners, plus two city scenes and two industrial modules on each side. This is one four-footer per

BBMRA HO Coming Events

- Load Sal's Trailer
Friday, January 25, 4 p.m.
Sam Miller's House,
3008 Stillwood Court
- Children's Day,
R.A. Gray Building
Saturday, January 26
9 a.m. setup
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., operations
- Great American Train Show,
February 1-3, Jacksonville
Friday, 1 p.m., Drive to
Jacksonville and set up
Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
operations
- Sunday, 1 a.m. to 5 p.m.
operations.
5 p.m., break down and return
to Tallahassee

side larger than the December Junior Museum setup.

A major exhibit on Florida during World War II has opened at R.A. Gray, so we have been asked to operate our layout with an early 1940s era theme. That means steam and Doodlebugs, plus military rolling stock, if we can find some of it. We tailored our layout during the Junior Museum setup to the steam and early diesel era and it worked out well.

We may also operate the Children's Layout and the Timesaver, depending on how much work Eric Taylor, Joe Haley and a handful of others can do between now and then.

The GATS setup is Friday, February 1, through Sunday night, February 3, at the Greater Jackson-

ville Agricultural Fair, 510A Phillip Randolph Blvd. We plan to have three teams working during this setup, so no one is expected to commit to the entire weekend. This will be the largest HO setup in years for BBMRA, 14 by 28, essentially everything we have that is in decent shape. It will include the six-footers and one four-footer between each set of corners.

We will run modern freights, the Amtrak set and steam engines. We hope to have two trains on one of the loops so we operate three trains at a time, like we did much of the time at the fair.

BBMRA has agreed to conduct two workshops for GATS — on lighting buildings and streets and engine maintenance. I will do the workshop on lighting and Sal Martocci will be our engine maintenance man. Each workshop will be conducted once and possibly repeated.

The club will be paid \$10 per workshop. There is competition for the layouts and cash prizes. We are guaranteed \$100, but could get more. There are \$400 prizes for first place, \$300 for second place and \$200 for third place. GATS has lined up eight operating layouts, including ours, Consolidated Model Railroaders, Gulf to Bay Modulars, Travel-N-Scale-Trains and Have Trains Will Travel.

A group headed by Sal Martocci will drive over Friday, February 1, leaving in the early afternoon. They will begin setting up late Friday. We will be allowed into the Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair from 3 to 10 p.m. on Friday for setup.

I will lead a second team leaving Tallahassee at 6 a.m., Saturday, arriving by 9 a.m. to assist in the

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setup and help operate the layout throughout the day.

A third team headed by Harold Odom will operate Sunday, then tear down and return home Sunday night.

It will be a bit tricky, but we hope to schedule car pools from Tallahassee to Jacksonville Friday afternoon; from Tallahassee to Jax, Saturday morning; from Jax to Tallahassee late Saturday; from Tallahassee to Jax, early Sunday; and from Jax to Tallahassee late Sunday.

BBMRA will pay for a couple of hotel rooms Friday and Saturday nights, two guys to a room. Some members may stay with family or friends; others have said they will pay for their own room. Meals will be on your own. We have passes for GATS for members who are operating the layout.

The HO Division met January 8 to plan our two upcoming events. We will have another planning session January 22 during the

2002 Schedule: All meetings are 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

January 22	4th Tuesday	Myers Park Community Room
February 19	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community Room
March 19	3rd Tuesday	Location to be announced
April 16	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community Room
May 21	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community Room
June 18	3rd Tuesday	Location to be announced
July 11	2nd Thursday	Myers Park Community Room
August 20	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community Room
September 17	3rd Tuesday	Location to be announced
October 15	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community Room
November 19	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community Room
December 17	3rd Tuesday	Location to be announced

BBMRA monthly meeting at Myers Park. I will have signup sheets for the mini-workday, R.A. Gray Building setup and GATS Jacksonville. Please call me if you will be participating, but cannot make the January 22 club meeting, 385-7733.

The HO layout is in great shape overall, but we agreed during the January 8 division meeting to work on the following:

- Add Tallahassee, Florida, and a telephone number for additional

information to the BBMRA signs that appear on the layout.

- Apply plastic skirting to the backsides of the modules so the inside of the layout looks cleaner and neater;
- Use a block system on one of the loops during the GATS setup;
- Get additional power packs, either on loan from club members or purchased for the club.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	Club Meeting 22 7:30 -10 pm Myers Park Community Room	23	24	HO workday 25 4 pm; Sam Miller's house 3008 Stillwood Ct.	Children's Day 26 9 am to 4 pm R. A. Gray Building
27	28	29	30	31	HO setup 1 1 pm, travel to GATS in Jacksonville	HO operations 2 11 am to 5 pm GATS in Jacksonville
HO operations 3 1 to 5 pm; GATS in Jacksonville; 5 pm travel to Tallahassee	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	Club Meeting 19 7:30 -10 pm Myers Park	20	21	22	23