



The LANTERN

Big Bend Model Railroad Association Volume 7, Number 7 July 2002

NEXT MEET

July 11, 2002

Myers Park

Ident's Column - by Eric Taylor: Showtime is upon us!! We still have some time to get our modules ready for the community about the show - so let's do it. Many have already worked very hard and I appreciate it very much and Evan have mentioned those who have helped. For those of you who have not been able to do so recently, please take time during the next two weeks to help the Club and make this first show at the Fairgrounds a success.

Had two good events in June at the Leon County and Jefferson County Libraries. We set up in Leon County on June 22nd and had a very decent turn out to see the setup. The four old HO module corners were set up in a square and worked fine. We can continue to use them when the event only provides us with a small space. Also presenting was the Timesaver and the O-27 layout (refurbished from the January setup). We made some presentations and answered a lot of questions. The Club has been approached by a man who has begun a "family" day in Leon County where he celebrates family activities. He was impressed with our layouts and has requested that we come to his show.

On June 29th saw the O-27 and Timesaver in Monticello. The turnout was very good for a small town on a Saturday afternoon. Present and working were Jeremy Shaw, Randy Lombardo, Louis Stokley, Terry Hague, David Brazzell, and myself. Louis, who is a Monticello resident, and I were interviewed by the local newspaper. Louis stressed to me the importance of the upcoming July show and she agreed to present that in the article. We were assisted by Debbie Craig, a library staff. She was an instant convert to model railroading. She made copies of our flyer and had them placed in the library and will be there until the show date. John Sullenberger has already agreed to add the Jefferson County to the Lantern's mailing list. I have agreed to send Debbie basic information on the Club and contact information for members of the Jefferson County community who may wish to learn more about model railroading.

Parents present were very interested in model railroading with some staying more than an hour to discuss with us how to build a model railroad. I expect that many of them, none of whom have ever been to one of our shows, will be at our July 13th. Debbie, who tries to serve at risk kids, would like to bring her children next year to our show as a thank you. I immediately agreed to have them and the chaperones admitted free to the show.

We will be meeting this month on Thursday, July 11th. The Fairgrounds opens for setup at 6PM on Friday the building is open again on Saturday at 7:00AM with the Show opening at 10AM. As we are at a much larger show, we need all the Club members we can get to work the various layouts and other functions. This is our biggest show so far so set it aside for the Club.

Won't Recognize Our New HO Layout! By Sam Miller: No, you won't. Every HO division member has here one time or another during the last six months and we will have a lot to be proud of during the July 13th show. We have a lot to do, though, and the time is slipping away.

There is a setup and workday Saturday, July 6, 9 a.m., at the Florida Insurance Council, 1430 Piedmont Drive in Tallahassee. Her workday is Friday afternoon, July 12, at 1 p.m. at my house, 3008 Stillwood Court, off of Woodgate Avenue. We will conclude the afternoon by loading up and transporting the modules to the Fairgrounds for setup that night from the house.

We will need teams of club members to work throughout Saturday, the 13th, and then tear down. One group should be at the fairgrounds by 8:30 a.m., the 13th.

We will have a signup sheet at the next club meeting, Thursday, July 11th. If you can't make that meeting, call or e-mail me to be included in our setup, break down and operating schedule.

Here is why you won't recognize our new 16 by 24 foot layout. The corners are brand new and bigger, four including a mountain developed by Sim Dekle and highway overpass engineered and constructed by Dave King. We will have a new behind-the-scenes staging yard, anchored at one end by two four-foot modules that include a fish camp.

Greg Vaughn, a new member of the club, is building one of the new corners to include a housing scene. We are adding building and expanding our airport and truck stops.

Jim Swind's Joe Haley, our state aircraft pool pilot club member, is experimenting with a lightning scene in one of the corners and a revolving, flashing light for the new airport.

The farm is much bigger and better, and includes plowed and planted fields from Jeremy Shaw.

We have been attached to every module under a system developed by Harold Odom. Sal Martocci and Eric Taylor have developed a new wiring system. Roy Mantooth spent hours laying track and switches on the new corners and staging yard.

John Moon is constructing building kits for the layout. Larry Benson and Ed Olson have been doing lots of things including applying the new skyboards. Our other important workers include David Brazzell, Dan King, Veve, and Rodmore, Rodney Smith and John Sullenberger.

We are asking Faye Howell and Bob Swanson to help paint the new skyboards and touch up the old ones. If anyone in the club can work on the skyboards, please let me know.

You won't recognize it.