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Myers Park -

Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale Saturday, July 19th – 10 am to 5 pm North Florida Fairgrounds – Building #1

vision's Time to Shine!! -- submitted by Sam Miller, HO Division Coordinator: The annual show and fair (19th) is only days away and is one of a handful of major setups for our HO layout and our chance to shine. We have miles toward improving our layout, including the major rebuilding a year ago.

Year's big step is to take advantage of the wonderful donation to the club from John Bennett, including dozens of figures, more than 200 figures and dozens of vehicles. The club now owns more than enough quality modeling to fill the layout. We just need to decide what looks best where. We will continue to have our city scenes, lakes, industrial modules and the rest, but John Bennett's buildings, vehicles, rolling stock and people will give it a new look.

Plan to set up at the Fairgrounds Thursday afternoon, July 17th, meeting at the storage unit and my house at 2 p.m. We will return to the Fairgrounds Friday, July 18th, at 9 a.m. and work throughout the day on the layout, including buildings, people and other details. The farm scene is going to require substantial reworking. We still need a corner scene with houses. And we will use some of the large buildings donated by John on another corner to replace the truck stop in the past.

Bill Odom and Sal Martocci will help us with some overall work on the modules, including wiring the staging yard and adding additional street and building lights.

Now is Saturday. We are asking some club members to be available by 9 a.m., even though the public opens at 10 a.m. We will need plenty of HOers throughout the day, including people to help Joe Haley run the layout (see below).

Everything will be torn down at 5 p.m. Saturday, the 19th, when the show is over.

There will be a signup sheet at the July 15th BBMRA meeting, plus we will handle any last minute details that need to be worked out.

There will be an informal workday Saturday, July 12th, beginning at 10 a.m. at my house. Please let me know if you can come that day. We hope most HO division members will be able to help either that day or the following Thursday or Friday, at least once during this cycle.

We are looking over our shoulders because the N Scalpers are beginning to make serious noise on their layout, but we need to shine and an opportunity to make our layout a little bit better.

Division Work Day -- submitted by Garth Easton, N Division Coordinator: There will be a workday on Saturday, July 12th, beginning at 9 a.m. at my barn. Please let me know if you can help some that day. We plan to set up at the Fairgrounds Thursday afternoon, July 17th, meeting at the storage unit at 2 p.m. We will return to the Fairgrounds Friday, July 18th, at 9 a.m. and work throughout the day on the layout.

SAVER LAYOUT: Joe Haley has graciously volunteered to manage the Time Saver Layout. However, we need volunteers to help the public operate the layout during the day. You can talk to Joe at the upcoming meeting or call him at 386-1874 for further information.

COMPANY STORE: The BBMRA is sponsoring a four table "Company Store" during our Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale. The tables are open to any club member who wants to sell their "stuff." However, there are a few rules: all items must be properly tagged (each tag is to include the member's name and the asking price); the member must be willing to work the "Store" tables for part of the day. Each seller must also create a list of all items being brought to the store. The list is to include the seller's name, a description of the item, the asking price and a "bottom" price if the seller is willing to haggle. The list is necessary for a couple of reasons: 1) the haggle price is not present when an item is being "bargained for," the list will allow whom-ever is working the store to negotiate for half of the seller; 2) when an item is sold, it can be crossed off the list, thereby allowing the seller to know what has been sold. Please make note, as this is very important, the BBMRA is not responsible for your items, you are.

John Lantooth has graciously volunteered to manage the Store. Please check in with him when you bring your items to the store on Saturday, let him know that your items are going on the shelves and find out when it will be your turn to work the store. You can talk to Roy at the upcoming meeting or phone him at 422-3038 for further information.