



# The Lantern

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## Street & roads Part 2

By John Anthamatten

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Last month John started us down the path to better roads. This month, he concludes his article on how he creates realistic roads.

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Turf grasses and other landscaping should be placed along the edges of your temporary paper roads. When the final road is installed you will not have to worry about getting landscaping turf or grass on your permanent road. Cut out that portion of the paper road you need and use it as a pattern.

Light weight poster board sheets available at craft stores, bookstores, WalMart, Kmart and other places will work well for permanent streets. Two or three foot square is the normal size and it is available in several thicknesses. Choose the thin because it is more to scale and is easier to cut and work. It comes in many colors but white is usually a bit cheaper and it is going to be painted.

Use your paper patterns to cut out your permanent roadways of poster board. Decide on the color of your roads and experiment on a small piece of your poster board. New asphalt roads are flat black. As asphalt cures or ages it becomes lighter and eventually will fade to a very light gray. Concrete is medium to light gray and usually does not change colors with age.

Spray your poster board lightly with almost any flat finish spray paint. Let it dry thoroughly then buff it lightly with your hand or a soft cloth. You may then want another light coat of paint to obtain your desired color. Let it dry and then buff it lightly. Use a very soft

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## 23-8: Deja Vú All Over Again

By Larry Benson – Secretary/Photos by Ken Brock

It was Deja Vú all over again when Dan King, David Brazell and I journeyed to the “Folkston Funnel” on Saturday, April 9th for the annual “TrainFest Days” held in that tiny Georgia community a few miles northeast of Jacksonville, FL. In eight hours, we saw 23 fantastic freights roll through the funnel with some interesting consists.

Noteworthy among them were a string of empty ballast cars, two flatcars loaded with sawed off trunks of large pine trees, an “old” Norfolk-Southern loco painted in dirty gray and splashed with yellow, an empty coal drag headed north, several unique intermodals with trailers and containers aboard, some five or six box cars with gaping doors ideal for harboring hobos and many covered hoppers of all descriptions.

Soon after we arrived, a slow moving

freight heading south on track one toward Baldwin yard was passed by a high balling freight high balling it in the same direction on track two! Several railfans nearby said they’d never seen two trains pass each other in their entire lives. Regrettably, we hadn’t had time to unpack our cameras when the two passed so we didn’t capture the moment on film.

The only downer was a railroad “bull” packing a nine millimeter and handcuffs who kept confronting railfans who crossed the boundary from city owned land onto CSX property. While he was reported to be courteous, nevertheless he got his message across in no uncertain terms. None of us remembered seeing a railroad cop at Folkston TrainFest Days in the past so we hope his obvious display of authority doesn’t discourage railfans from returning there in future years.

## Will's Tallahassee train list

Will Hoover shared train-spotting tips in the Tallahassee area. Here's a list of trains that pass through our area. More CSX trains can be found bullsheet.com

M740 – Tallahassee/Quincy/Tallahassee – Quincy road switcher/mine run

M741 – Tallahassee/Attapulcus/Tallahassee – Georgia local road switcher

M742 – Tallahassee – Live Oak – Tallahassee - Live oak turn

M743 – Tallahassee/Bainbridge/Tallahassee – Roustabout

Q101- Priority Intermodal - Jax /New Orleans

Q102 – Priority Intermodal – New Orleans/Jax

Q105 – Extra Intermodal – Jax/New Orleans

Q106 – Extra Intermodal – New Orleans/Jax

Q601 – Mixed – Waycross/New Orleans

Q602 – Mixed – New Orleans/Winston (Lakeland)

Q605 – Mixed – Waycross/New Orleans

Q606 – Mixed – New Orleans/Waycross

Q608 – Mixed – Mobile/Waycross

Q609 – Mixed – Waycross/New Orleans

Q631 – Mixed – Waycross/Mobile

K398/399 – Loaded/Empty Ash - trains from the A&N Railway - runs as needed

K807 –Loaded Phosphate - Mulberry/New Orleans – runs as needed

K921 – Rock – Junction City/Chattahoochee – runs as needed

K922 – Empty Hoppers - Chattahoochee/Junction City – runs as needed

K928 – Fly Ash – New Orleans – Dyer – runs as needed

K929 – Empty Airslide Hoppers – New Orleans/Dyer – runs as needed

K983 – Rock - Winchester Junction/Defuniak Springs – runs as needed

K984 – Empty Hoppers - Defuniak Springs/Winchester Junction – runs as needed

P001/002 – Amtrak Sunset Limited



Up-close action along the “Folkston Funnel” on the CSX mainline.

## News & Notes

**Please note! June 21 meeting will be in Program Room A of Leroy Collins Library. Downtown. Special time: 7-8:45 PM.**

Randy Lombardo is looking for a missing Coke tractor-trailer in HO scale. The truck was placed on the

club's layout.

Thanks to this month's contributors. The Folkston Funnel pictures were provided by the Brocks. If you would like to provide a feature article, photographs or modeling tips; please submit your information to Larry or Shawn.

You can submit news and notes by each first of the month.

# Executive board reports

## Barrett Johnson, **President**

Apparently, relatively few BBMRA members are also members of the National Model Railroad Association. I urge members to think seriously about joining. The NMRA, in addition to setting the standards for our hobby around the world, is also a valuable resource for those interested in railroad history and in really detailed modeling. The NMRA publishes a number of reference books and the difference between member and non-member prices will go a long way toward offsetting the cost of membership. The monthly magazine contains a lot of articles of interest. Those desiring to build layouts to NMRA standards can download those standards from the NMRA web site. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nmra.org>.

## Sal Martocci, **Vice President**

To better advertise our club's annual show we have formed a "committee" of 5 people to develop ways to increase attendance at our events. Even though we stand at five, everyone is welcome. Please contact me. Making sure the public knows what we are doing, and when, seems to be a more difficult task than imagined. There are many distractions for the people of Tallahassee. We need to get their attention and that's the job of our group. However good ideas are not the property of us five, we really need the input of all our members. So if you have an idea or think of one later in the year, please pass it along to one of us. I can promise you that any of your suggestions WILL receive careful consideration from our panel. Present members: Joe Haley, John Sullenberger, David Knowles, Mike Simpson, Larry Benson and Sal Martocci.

## Larry Benson, **Secretary**

The May 17, 2005 membership meeting convened in the conference room at the FIC offices on Remington Green Lane with 36 members attending. Division coordinators reported on their activities. A motion was passed to rebuild the club "Time Saver" in the future and in a scale yet to be determined. Members interested in the status of club funds

should contact Treasurer Shawn Vann. John Sullenberger gave a report on the 2005 Train Show. He mentioned July 29 as our tentative dates for 2006, subject to further research and the Board's selection of dates. A motion was passed unanimously to express the club's formal and official appreciation to John for his continued hard work. President Barrett Johnson appointed a Train Show Promotion & Publicity Committee with Vice President Sal Martocci serving as chairman. Joining the committee are David Knowles, Mike Simpson, John Sullenberger, Joe Haley and Larry Benson.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 21st from 7 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. in Program Room "A" of the Leroy Collins Leon County Library (downtown branch).

## Randy Lombardo, **Large Scale**

With the new layout complete and portable (Yes, we've heard it may be a little heavy), we would like to display it in public places as much as possible. If you know of an event or a location that may benefit from our display, please contact me. We would love to get some exposure for both our division and the club.

Also, Beth Edwards, our newest member, asked how she could help the Large-scale crew with the layout. Soon we will purchase a municipal building kit and everyone can help with the construction. I would like for it to be a group project. Also looking into a Thomas the engine set, it was a crowd favorite at the last show but was on loan. We hope to have our own later this year.

## Shawn Vann, **Treasurer**

The board was recently presented with our mid-year standing. The remainder of the year looks promising, with regular monthly expenses remaining. Most divisions were very diligent in their spending thus far, which is greatly appreciated.

In response to the fairgrounds enforcing their prepay policy, this is early warning that the board has voted to begin the 2006 dues collection period in the final portion of 2005 to ensure a smooth transition into the next budget cycle.

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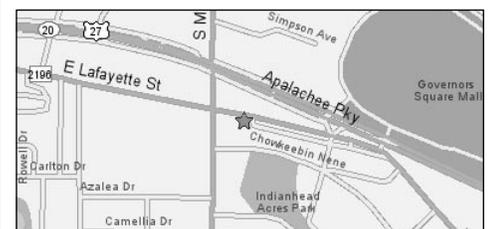


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## HobbyTown has Moved

HobbyTown USA moved to 1391 East Lafayette Street over the weekend of May 28-29. The shop's new location is south of Apalachee Parkway across Indianhead Drive from Pier 1 Imports and next to Looper's Subs.

The bigger, brighter shop features a much larger inventory. Most importantly to club members, the train section appears larger. Thus far, the staff reports that most of the new items have yet to be unpacked due to time constraints. But keep your eyes open, more should be coming soon.





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[www.bbmra.org](http://www.bbmra.org)

## Upcoming events

### June

6/11-12 • 9AM-4PM

Lions Train Show & Swap Meet. Ocala.

6/11 • 9AM-3PM

Space Coast Train Collectors Train Show & Swap Meet. Melbourne.

6/21 • 7PM-8:45PM

Club meeting in Program Room A of Leroy Collins Library.

### July

7/9 • 9AM-3PM

13th Annual Central Florida Railroad Show. Deland.

7/16-17 • 11AM-5PM

Great American Train Show. Clearwater.

7/23-24 • 11AM-5PM

Great American Train Show. Orlando.

## Street & roads

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and black pencil or other dark medium to make a light mark in the middle of each traffic lane. Rub it with your finger or a soft cloth. This is to simulate oil and grease that drops off vehicles. On concrete use an Exacto blade to make a perpendicular expansion joint every 20 feet. Interstate concrete is poured continuous and usually does not have expansion joints.

Roadway striping or paint marking can be done with white and yellow flat finish drafting tapes available from places like Bill's Bookstore. They may have to order it. Use 1/64 inch wide for Z, 1/32 inch for N and 1/16 inch for HO Scale. Tape is available for larger scale sizes also. White goes along the edges of roads but not through intersections and is called edge line. Yellow goes in the middle but not through intersections and is dashed or solid.

Straight roads with passing areas get dashed with 15 scale feet of tape and then a 25-foot blank space. No passing zones get two yellow lines down the middle. Other uses for the white is

intersections for stop bars and crosswalks or to delineate parallel parking.

When installing the tape on your road cut a strip the length you need and let it lay aside for a few minutes so it will shrink back to normal size. When attaching the tape to your road, lay it in place and pat or press it gently. Do not slide your finger along the tape to press it in place because it will stretch it again and after a few minutes or hours or days it will shrink back to normal and pull loose from the roadway. The ideal way to get the paint striping and marking to look real is to go out and ride on city streets or State Roads and observe or take pictures of locations that you can use when you get home.

Once the poster board is painted and striping is in place then install the road on your board with a thin coat of clear silicon sealer. You may have to weight portions of the roadway until the silicon is set. Use silicon because it is easy to remove the road if you need to and it stays flexible unlike white glues that get hard and brittle with age.

Or, paint some masking tape black and stick it down.