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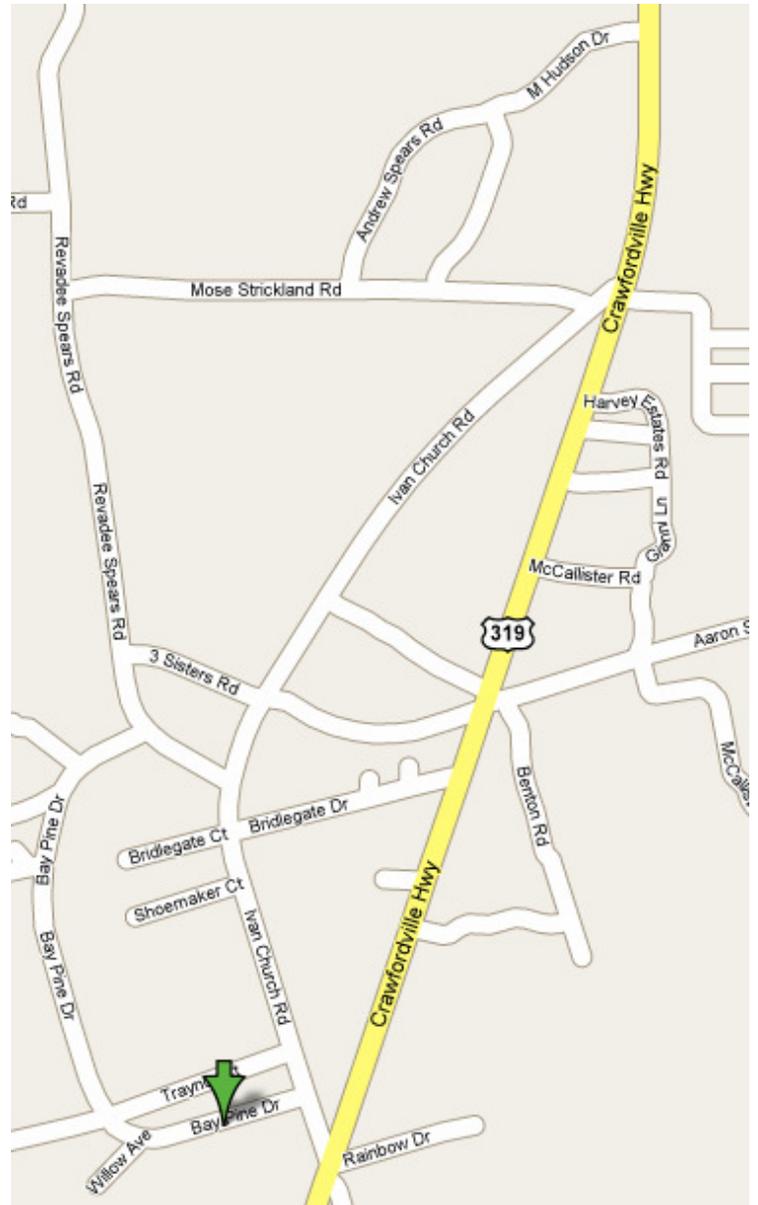
NEXT MEETING: 7 PM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH THE PARK AVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Eric & Ina Ecklund's Railroad Open House

What's behind the fence at 252 Bay Pine Drive? Come find out on Saturday, October 7th and/or Sunday, October 8th as Eric and Ina Ecklund will be hosting an open house. The Open House will run from 1 pm to 4 pm each day. The showcase of the open house is the large G Scale garden layout located in Eric and Ina's backyard. There will be other things to look at as well: ponds, waterfalls and did I mention there is a huge outdoor garden railroad in the backyard?

Directions to 252 Bay Pine Drive:

- Travel south on Crawfordville Highway (US 319)
- Turn right onto Ivan Church Rd (13.5 miles south of the Capital circle)
- Turn left onto Bay Pine Drive
- We are the 3rd house on the left
- If you get lost, our phone number is 926-4297



New Members

I would like to correct an oversight: The Big Bend Model Railroad Association would like to welcome Reed and Tristan Seeley back into our club. They rejoined just prior to our Show and displayed their N Scale layout at the Show.

Minutes of August 2006 BBMRA Membership Meeting

The August 15, 2006 membership meeting was called to order by President Barrett Johnson at 7:32 p.m. in the Community Room at Myers Park. Twenty-five (25) members were present.

Minutes: Minutes of the July 2006 meeting, as published in *The Lantern*, were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Boyle reported a bank balance of **\$3,834.47** as of this meeting. Bill reported our show cleared \$2,515.00. He announced we are up \$700.00 - \$800.00 in budget. His report was approved unanimously.

Division Reports:

N-Scale: Larry Benson received a call from Garth Easton who asked him to thank everyone on his behalf for all their help with the layout preparation, set up and break-down.

HO Scale: John Sullenberger talked to Sam Miller who asked him to report the sale of surplus layout materials put \$114.00 back into the budget.

O-Scale: Beth Edwards announced they are trying to come up with some new layout ideas.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: No report.

2006 Train Show: John Sullenberger received a unanimous round of applause for all his hard work in making this years Show a success.

John announced he has reserved Building #4 at the Fairgrounds for our 2007 Train Show. The date is tentatively set for July 21, 2007. The fees for next year are an extra \$345.00. John is going to check with the Fairground committee regarding the 2007 Gun Show schedule so we aren't competing with them again as in the past. Depending on their schedule, our show date may be changed to July 14, 2007. The Deland Show is always the 4th Saturday in July each year so that weekend would be out for our Show.

A suggestion was made to move the show to the new building being built at the Antique Car Museum. Barrett is going to get with DeVoe Moore regarding the projected date of completion. John says if we do move the Show we will be able to get our deposit back as long as we cancel at least 30 days prior to the reservation date.

There were questions about why the food vendor didn't show....John says he had been assured the vendor would be there and he didn't know why the vendor didn't show. A discussion was held about making different food arrangements for next year's Show.

Good of the Group Comments, Etc.: Dan King brought up there are three train shows in our area and suggested we do a reciprocal comp into each other's shows to help build attendance and support. This was discussed but not voted on at this meeting.

Larry Benson mentioned the Dothan – Wiregrass Train Show is September 16 & 17, 2006, at the Peanut Festival Fairgrounds. Admission is \$5.00 adults and children 12 & under free. They still have several 2x8 tables available at \$32.00 each. So far they have 150 dealers scheduled.

The NMRA Show is scheduled for May 15, 16, & 17, 2007, in Ocala.

Barrett says the Midland Georgia MRRs have invited us to come to their show, sometime in late June 2007. He says he got some great ideas from their website that we may want to do with ours. One is to take a picture of our group at the depot wearing our BBMRA shirts. Barrett says he has spoken with the Clothesline about making up new shirts for BBMRA members. They have two (2) styles available and the plans are to take orders at the next meeting in September.

Program: Brad Sharp from HobbyTown presented a Primer and Airbrushing demonstration. Brad says airbrushing has been around since the 1800s.

The following are some of the things Brad discussed:

- Air needs to be dry and steady
- Gauge needs to be close at hand to “tweak” pressure
- Must have a regulator for best results (2 in 1 about \$56)
- Shop compressor, CO2 bottle (for drinks) can be used – air doesn’t care where it comes from
- Same amount of paint flows regardless of how close or far away you are – distance is determined by result you want
- Spray pattern of your air gun is between 1 – 2 inches depending on adjustment
- Make sure the air hole in paint bottle is free for air flow – not clogged or stopped up with paint
- “Orange peel” is caused by paint not being wet enough – too far away from object you’re painting. Take time and be patient for large areas. *{FYI – this was not actually said during the program but it’s good information: Oil in paint also causes the orange peel effect. Anyone planning on using a shop compressor, especially the older style belt types, needs to have an oil trap in the air line.}*
- Retarder slows down drying
- Fine needle and nozzle are best for hobby painting
- Thinning – thin enough for the look you want; build paint up slowly by adding more thinner
- Lighter colors need more thinning than darker colors
- Thinners – store bought, lacquer, 70% isopropyl alcohol, windex, etc.

Cleaning your airbrush gun:

- Enamel based paints are easier to clean up than acrylics
- Ammonia based cleaners are great to flush your air brush
- Micro-brush makes great brushes for cleaning, also pipe cleaners, micro dental brushes, Q-tips, etc.
- Be very careful of the internal needle – it’s very easy to damage

There are two (2) free websites to check out for information on airbrushing: TamiyaUSA.com and Testor.com.

Brad received a unanimous round of applause. Thanks Brad for a great demonstration!

We had a couple of guests at this meeting along with some old members we haven’t seen in a while. Terry Hague (HO Scale) and Jack Wolfgang (N Scale) have rejoined – welcome back Terry and Jack.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at 7:00p.m., Tuesday, September 26, 2006, in Program Room A at the Leroy Collins Library.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10p.m. Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary

Havana Centennial Celebration

The Town of Havana is located 14 miles north of Tallahassee in beautiful Gadsden County, Florida. In 1902, after the completion of a railroad track for the Georgia, Florida and Alabama Railroad, families who had originally settled in nearby Salem decided to move about a mile east to the present site of Havana. The railroad was very important to the town, as was tobacco. The Town was incorporated on December 5, 1906. The name "Havana" was proposed by a local schoolteacher, James Mathewson. Shade tobacco, used in fine cigars, was the major crop in the area at that time. Over the years, tobacco crops dwindled and now Town of Havana is well known for our many antique shops, art galleries, and specialty shops.

The Town, will be celebrating their 100th anniversary this December with so much, it will take two days - Saturday & Sunday, December 9th and 10th! The history of Havana throughout the past 100 years will be celebrated with a lawn mower parade, eldest and youngest citizen recognitions, arts & crafts vendors, activities in the Park, chorales, displays of historical memorabilia, a street dance in the evening, & more.

The BBMRA has been invited to set up and operate a layout. The HO Division has tentatively agreed. Does the BBMRA and/or the HO Division still want to participate?

TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

Saturday, July 21st, 2007 -- North Florida Fairgrounds, Building #4 -- 10 am to 5 pm

Admission: Adults & children 13 and older: \$5 -- Children 12 and younger are Free -- Free Parking

