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2007 Convention

Sunshine Region Spring Convention 2007

"The Brick City Express"

May 18 - 20, 2007

Hosted by

The Ocala Model Railroaders Historic Preservation Society
Hilton Hotel - Ocala Florida

"OPEN TO THE PUBLIC"

Saturday May 19th - 9 AM to 3 PM

Adults \$3.00; Children under 12 years old are FREE

Contests: NMRA/SSR Modeling Contest

American Beauty Award - Resistance Solder Set to the best resistance soldered model. The American Beauty Soldering award goes to the judged model that has some soldering done on it. It does have to have been done with a resistance soldering outfit.

Roy Mantooth Award - For the first time modeler entering a contest. Sponsored by HobbyTown, Tallahassee, FL. The winner's plaque will be presented by Roy Mantooth personally.

Fantasonics Award - For the Model most in need of sound. Gift certificate for sound CD.

Show Layouts:

Sundance Central, G Scale 20' x 44'
Ocala Three Railers O Gauge
Frank Graham Traction O Gauge

Ocala Model Railroaders HO Ocala Midland 16' x 38"
Ocala Model Railroaders N Ocala Midland 20" x 12.5
All scale Display Layout G, O, S, HO, N & Z 6'x12'

Dave Kerns and Vernon Parramore are the two gentlemen who brought scale model railroading to Tallahassee, in 1950. Both of them turned 90 this year and both are still active in the club. NMRA is going to do a certificate of appreciation for them and both will be present for the presentation.

Bill Celander Estate Donation

Last summer Bill Celander contacted me and informed me that his father had passed and that he had some car kits, building supplies and railroad equipment that he would like to offer for sale to club members. I picked up the items to see if anyone was interested. Most of the supplies and railroad equipment were sold at last fall's BBMRA swap meet.

The car kits were another matter. They were all O Scale craftsman kits. After some research I determined that they could be worth quite a bit. I contacted Bill and informed him as such and asked him if he wanted the kits back. He asked me to sell them and to split the proceeds evenly amongst the group: Bill and Bob (Bill's brother) Celander, myself and the BBMRA. I am happy to announce that the BBMRA has been presented a check for \$320.54.

Ed and Sally Witter Donation

The BBMRA would like to thank Ed and Sally Witter for their donation of HO and S Gauge model railroad equipment and supplies. We truly appreciate their kindness and willingness to support us. The equipment and supplies will be shown at the May 15th meeting.

Hobbytown USA Swap Meet

Hobbytown USA is hosting a "Swap Meet" on their front patio and side parking lot on Saturday, May 12th from 10 am to whenever. Come as early as you want; its first serve on setup locations. You can setup on the front patio or in the store's side parking lot, the front parking lot is to remain open and unblocked. More details to follow.

Minutes of April 2007 BBMRA Membership Meeting

The April 17, 2007 membership meeting was called to order by President Barrett Johnson at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Myers Park. Thirty-one (31) members were present.

Minutes:

Minutes of the February and March 2007 meetings, as published in *The Lantern*, were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Barrett reported, for Bill Boyle, a bank balance of \$3501.49 as of April 15th. Liability insurance is due this month and will be deducted from this figure. The approximate figure for the yearly insurance is \$124.00 for \$2M coverage. The policy covers BBMRA for any and all activities throughout the year. His report was accepted.

Division Reports:

N Scale: Garth Easton announced there will be a meeting at his house at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2007, for a planning discussion.

HO Scale: Barrett announced there was not much to report except discussions had been going on about the layout for the Museum. So far the view is to start with a 3 piece module and expand.

A discussion followed regarding where the power strips would need to come from (drop ceiling), building codes that would apply, constraints with wiring, walkways, etc.

Large Scale: Randy Lombardo announced they are planning to buy a new engine depending on the budget.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: John Anthamatten reported they have cleared the area for the maintenance building, have 2 tall containers to put the steam locomotive in, and cleared the swamp area. John says he thinks they have someone to put the pilings down easier and better than they would be able.

2007 Train Show: John Sullenberger announced 62 tables have been sold and we're in the black now. John says the Fairground fee schedule has changed this year and the cost for tables is now \$6.00 each. This years Show will be held on July 21st.

Sal asked about having the Show at the Car Museum in the future. John said he would look into it for the 2008 show. He will need to find out if the attendees would have to pay for entry into the Car Museum as well as entry to our Train Show. A discussion followed regarding the exhibitors ability to load and unload, etc. John said he would be looking into everything and would need to get a lot of answers before we commit to having the Show at the Museum.

John will be providing copies of flyers for everyone to pass around, and information will be posted on our website. The Show will be appearing in the Limelight, 16 newspapers and approximately 80 clubs will be notified. Model Railroader charges \$25.00 for event listing in their magazine. A discussion was held, then a motion was made to spend the money, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Paul Beverly has made wooden engines for the young ones to play with at the show. Several members volunteered to sand and paint them. Larry Benson suggested making labels with club and website information to put on the engines. Ed Schroeder volunteered to make the labels.

Good of the Group Comments, Etc.:

Barrett says Sam's has a color printer that does 20x30 inch good quality pictures for approximately \$11.76. He says it works great for background scenery.

Barrett announced Roy Mantooth spent several hours at home this passed weekend and may be able to go home for good this weekend. Roy is making remarkable progress. A good sign of his improvement is he had Barrett order some new cars for him. Barrett says it looks like Roy will be well enough to make the first presentation of the Roy Mantooth Award at the NMRA Convention May 18 – 20.

Barrett also announced Vernon Parramore and Dave Kerns are being recognized at the NMRA Convention for bringing model railroading to this area in the 1950s. The Roy Mantooth Award and Vernon and Dave's presentations will be held at the Convention Banquet on Saturday night.

Barrett announced the NMRA is awarding a \$600 soldering station for the winner of the best soldering model at the Convention. You can go to the NMRA website for criteria.

Jim McGill and John Edrington are putting on a clinic at the Convention regarding paper modeling for Railroaders. Barrett is also doing a clinic on photography and layouts – backgrounds, lighting perspectives, etc.

John Sullenberger asked for responses and input from the Lantern as to who would like to continue receiving the newsletter by regular mail or e-mail. So far he has only received one response. Everyone please respond.

Hobby Town is holding a Swap Meet on May 12th. Space is available on a first come/first serve basis so be there early if you want a covered space. There is no charge or fee for setting up and the event is open to all model clubs.

Randy Lombardo announced the Sunset Limited is suspended indefinitely.

Antique Car Museum Update:

Barrett and Garth did a walk around at the Museum a couple of weeks ago. The building is 150 feet wide. The floors will be installed soon along with the interior lights and ceilings. It will take a couple of months before things will be ready enough to start moving things into the building.

A strategy meeting was held two Saturdays back to discuss what each division would need to do to make things happen. Divisions need to meet on how much room they will need so it can be presented to DeVoe.

Sal asked about getting our layouts in and out of the Museum. Drew says the portable layouts may not be put on display at the Museum.

The Museums motorcycle exhibit will be housed on the 2nd floor along with the trains.

Drew announced he has had only 8 responses to the new Yahoo planning website. Members are encouraged to participate so everyone's ideas for the planning can be reviewed and discussed. Some members say they are having problems getting e-mails and logging into the website. If you are having problems accessing the website let Drew know so he can walk you through. All discussions, messages, information stay on-line so if you've missed anything log in and take a look.

Barrett says Sam Miller took notes at the planning meeting a couple of Saturdays ago and will be posting them to the Yahoo site as soon as he gets a free moment.

All indications (pictures, etc.) are the layout for the Museum is code 100 HO track.

For those who attended the first meeting at the Museum and gathered at the Rose N Thorn we hear it was a disaster. Barrett has been talking with a lady who caters meetings held at the Museum and she is willing to cater our meetings. The meal includes a meat, 2 vegetables, salad, and drink for approximately \$6.00 per person. During the short discussion most members thought it would be a good idea. We will need a definite head count at our next meeting if we would like to have her cater for us.

Program:

The program was to be a CSX presentation but had to be cancelled at the last minute. The presentation will be held at a later date.

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Guests/New Members:

We would like to welcome our new member, Louis Diven, an O Scale modeler. Welcome Aboard Louis!

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, in the Community Room at Myers Park. The June 19, 2007, meeting will be at the Antique Car Museum. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary

