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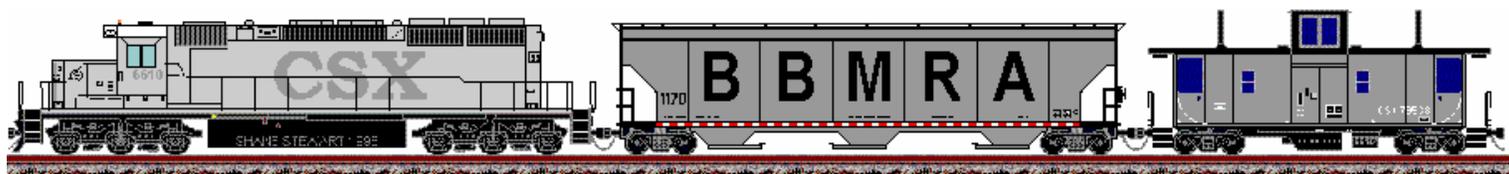
## Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Big Bend Model Railroad Club (BBMRC) held its first meeting on September 15, 1987. The BBMRC was organized for the purpose of promoting and preserving model railroad activities for the benefit of the general public and the members of the Club and for the purpose of promoting and preserving historical material and information pertaining to railroad transportation. The BBMRC incorporated and was chartered as "The Big Bend Model Railroad Association, Inc." (BBMRA) on June 28, 1990. The organization's unofficial motto is: "Run Trains!"

## LAYOUT TOUR ETIQUETTE: submitted by Drew Hackmeyer

The BBMRA layout tour will be in a few days with a full days worth of layouts to view. The day should end with us tired but satisfied after seeing and showing some excellent work. The following etiquette tips will make everyone's day easier and much more enjoyable and insure that layout owners will continue to eagerly participate in future tours. You're invited to share these rules with friends and family that may be "touring" with you.

1. **Use common sense.** Think before you act is, by far, the most important thing.
2. **Never** pick up someone else's model. Any model on the layout may have fragile details that may be damaged if mishandled. If you see a train derail or separate, notify the layout owner or someone operating the layout. They will correct the situation or ask you to; then and only then may you do so.
3. **Never** lean on or over someone's layout, with or without scenery. When carrying children, do not hold them over the layout, dangling feet can do more damage than a Texas tornado. Sometimes pointing to details on a layout does not allow you to "see" an approaching train.
4. **Don't** touch, scratch, feel, move anything or reach over the layout. Loose articles of clothing or jewelry have been known to "catch" scenery and/or derail trains. If you lack self control, put your hands in your pockets or behind your back.
5. **Never** smoke in someone's layout room or house. If the host or owner isn't smoking, don't ask for permission.
6. **Don't** "nit-pick". Everyone is entitled to their own artistic creativity, even if it is not yours. Some may historically model a railroad and others may make up their own.
7. **Don't** be so quick to point out a "better way" of doing something. You may find it has been tried with failing or "less than satisfactory" results.
8. **Be** tolerant of all scales and skills. If you can't say something nice, well.....
9. **Do** sign the host's guest book and thank them for allowing you into their homes.
10. **Respect** the host's property, both inside and outside of the home, and the host's neighbors.
11. **Don't** dominate the host's time, while you are there. Other people may have questions.
12. **Don't** interfere with other guest's ability to enjoy their visit. Others want to see the layout also.
13. **Ask** permission to take photographs. Any photos you take are for your own personal use and are not to be sold or used commercially. Commercial photo rights belong to the layout owner.
14. **Don't** be so serious. This is a hobby and it is **FUN!**



## September 18<sup>th</sup> MEETING, Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

The September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum on Mahan Drive just east of the intersection of Capital Circle and Mahan Drive. The meeting will begin with a catered dinner at 6:45 and continue with a regular meeting at 7:30. **Menu: beef roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuit, tomatoes, desert and a drink, all for \$6.50 per person.**

We need as good a body count as possible, so please RSVP to John Sullenberger by Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>: he can be reached by telephone at (850) 562-5137 (h) or (850) 544-1870 (c) or via e-mail at [sullyjws@aol.com](mailto:sullyjws@aol.com).

# Minutes of August 2007 BBMRA Membership Meeting

The August 21, 2007 membership meeting was called to order by Vice President John Sullenberger at 7:35 p.m. in the Antique Car Museum meeting room. 38 people were present. John apologized for a late lantern but he brought hard copies for anyone there to pick up at the meeting.

**July Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes as published in the Lantern were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is \$3,418.11 balance in the checking account. Report accepted.

**Show Report:** John Sullenberger reported that attendance was low but the show was in the black and the vendors were happy with their sales. There were 216 paid attendees. We made about \$1000.00. Next year Hobbytown wants to do an expo in conjunction with our show. Next year's show will be on July 26, 2008 tentatively. This depends on GATS as we will not conflict with their show next year like we did this year. Dan King suggested a publicity committee to help John next year.

## Division Reports:

**Small Scale:** None.

**HO Scale:** Sam Miller (in the absence of Barrett) reported about the progress on the Car Museum. Barrett met with DeVoe Moore. It will be longer than we thought to get into the second floor. It should be in 6 – 8 weeks. Now is the time to develop an operating agreement. Details will be given later. Ben Phipps (an attorney) will examine the agreement. Mr. Moore's train boxes (currently in storage) will be opened in 6 – 8 weeks to determine what we have. Sam also reported about the possible purchase of the layout presently belonging to the Train Club in Panama City. There has not been any decision yet. We hope to pick it up and deliver it directly to the museum. They should be willing to hold it until we're ready. Dan King expressed concern that someone else will buy it from under us. Sam said that is not a concern as there hasn't been any other interest expressed. Sam is keeping an eye on the situation. There are Plexiglas surrounding it, tunnels and mountains. It is in modules and can be made 36' long. Our intention is to permanently put this in the museum to run trains and not transport it, as we do with the layout we already have. We could have workshops, meetings there, etc. More details will be provided later. The club will decide later.

**Large Scale:** Randy Lombardo reported that Thomas the Tank Train ran well at the show. Thanks to Ken and Beth.

**Veteran's Memorial:** John Anthamatten reported that the service building is almost finished. All of the materials for the bridge and trestle are in. They're running behind but making progress.

**A Brief Board Meeting was held.**

## Good of the Group Comments, Etc.:

Sandy Scott had surgery on Monday and went home on Friday. She is recovering fine. A leaky heart valve was replaced during open heart surgery. She can walk but she tires easily. She hopes to be back soon.

Lyn Heath is doing well after foot surgery. A tumor was removed and was benign. She is already back to work.

Lee Elgin and Dave Kearns encouraged all to come this weekend to the open house at Westminster Oaks. The N-scale layout will be on display. Directions are in the Lantern and John Sullenberger volunteered to E-Mail everyone the directions.

The upcoming layout tour was discussed.

Web Site – Dan King brought up the fact that the Web site needs to be updated. John Sullenberger explained that they are in the process of changing servers.

**Guests:** Visitors to the meeting included Mark Tidrow from Valdosta and Brent Brock (Ken Brock's son).

## Program:

John Edrington and Jim McGill presented a video on ballasting. It outlined a step-by-step procedure on how to lay it. The presentation was enjoyed by all.

## Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in the Antique Car Museum meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary (taken and prepared by David Brazell – Thanks Once Again!)



## Hobbytown USA's "At Cost" Sale:

The following items are marked down to Hobbytown's cost for immediate sale to anyone:

PART NBR	DESCRIPTION	COST
ATH2613	HO F59PHI NC DOT #1797	\$ 35.37
ATH6310	HO SD40-2 PWR CSX	\$ 30.51
ATH6501	HO SD40-2 PWR Q FAN CSX	\$ 30.51
ATH7149	HO RTR 40' REEF SWIFT/SLV 6PC	\$ 43.19
ATH7997	HO RTR GP38-2 NS #2	\$ 37.79
ATH8075	HO RTR SD50 KCS/NAFTA	\$ 53.99
ATH91704	HO RTR GP35 ACL #2	\$ 45.89
ATHG6113	HO GEN SD70 PWR NS #1	\$ 79.79
ATHG6171	HO GEN SD70M CSX #4678	\$ 79.79
ATHG6410	HO SD70MAC PHVII CSX/YN3 #784	\$ 79.79
ATHG6451	HO SD70MAC CSX/VVIII #727	\$ 79.79
ATL902	HO TM GP38-2 BN#2151	\$ 42.45
ATL903	HO TM GP38-2 CR#8234	\$ 43.17
ATL904	HO TM GP38-2 CR#8260	\$ 43.17
ATL905	HO TM GP38-2 CSX/YN2#2766	\$ 42.45
BAC60306	HO GP40 W/DCC CR	\$ 29.52
LIF31048	HO P2 GP38-2 CXS #2764	\$ 72.90
MDP1041RBS	HO TWIN DIESEL SET	\$ 43.99
BAC24007	N SET CENTENNIAL EZ SET	\$ 42.99
BAC51151	N AMERICAN 4-4-0 PWR UP	\$ 30.99
BAC51174	N AMERICAN 4-4-0 PWR CP	\$ 32.96
IMR69004	N RTR FT A/B SSW/BLACK WIDOW	\$ 98.97
IMR70001	N EAST TRAIN SET NYC	\$101.97
IMR70002	N WEST TRAIN SET SF/WARBONNET	\$101.97
LIF7743	N P2 DL109 SOU #6400	\$ 56.70
ARI11205	REMOTE SWITCH RIGHT EUR BRASS	\$ 28.32
CAM200305	BRIDGE HOWE TRUSS	\$ 34.17
CLC48223	22X3 CASE	\$ 46.40
MRC0001408	PRODIGY EXPRESS	\$ 93.47
MRCOA222	TRAIN POWER 6200	\$ 69.99

## W&O Model RR Open House:

All aboard! The Westminster & Oaks model train group hosted an open house on August 25<sup>th</sup> to unveil their new W&O Railroad sign. They had over 100 visitors and a good time was had by all!

Pictured left to right are W&O Train Committee members Ray Sharpe, Dave Kerns and Dr. Lee Elgin. In the background is the new W&O sign.



**For Sale:** Tom Keenan's inch and a half train - specifics are: 1 ½ inch scale, 7 1-2 inch gauge; 16 hp Briggs gas/hydraulic F-7 locomotive with three riding cars (each w/3 seats); engineer's car and caboose; full air brake system; 6 X 12 enclosed trailer and other goodies. Asking price: \$10,000 for all. The train is currently in Michigan but it will be back in Bristol on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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