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## October 16<sup>th</sup> MEETING, Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

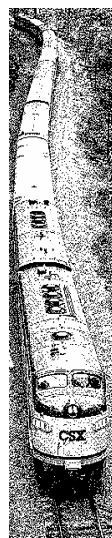
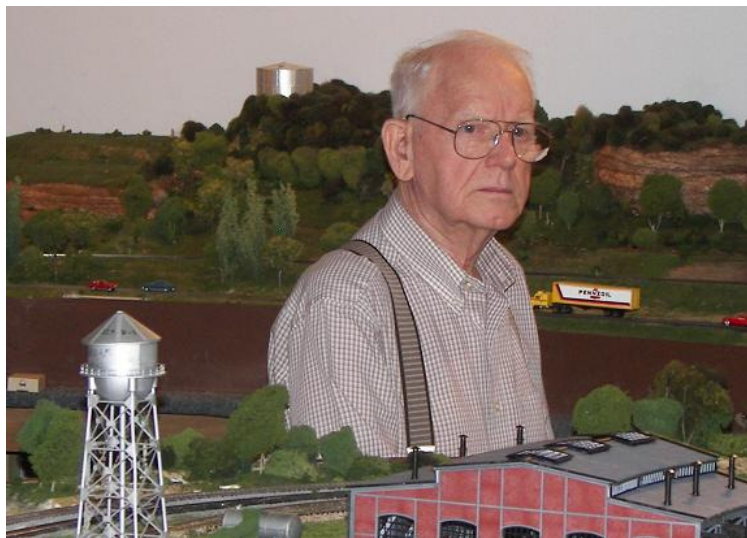
The October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum on Mahan Drive just east of the intersection of Capital Circle and Mahan Drive. The meeting will begin with a catered dinner at 6:45 and continue with a regular meeting at 7:30. **Menu: salad, pork roast, rice, vegetables, cornbread, 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, October 15<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).

## 2007 Whistle Stop Layout Tour: Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Big Bend Model Railroad's 2007 Whistle Stop Layout Tour celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary went off without too many problems: a couple of cars (with people inside) got lost for a stop or two, but all found their way by the end of the day.

I would like to thank Roy and Maxine Mantooth, Sal and Clarice Martocci, Dick and Ida Daniels, Drew and Michelle Hackmeyer, Dr. Lee Elgin and Dave Kerns, and Eric and Ina Ecklund for opening up their homes and layouts to us to visit.







**Tour Pictures:** first row: Roy Mantoath, second row: BBMRA Live Steamers; third row: Dick Daniels; fourth row: Drew Hackmeyer; fifth row: Westminster Oaks (Dave Kerns and Lee Elgin); sixth row: Eric Ecklund.





## **Minutes of September 2007 BBMRA Membership Meeting**

The September 18, 2007 membership meeting was called to order by President Barrett Johnson at 7:30 p.m. at the Antique Car Museum. Forty-two (42) members were present.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the August 2007 meeting, as published in The Lantern, were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Boyle reported a balance of \$3,336.81 as of this date. The Budget report was accepted without objection.

### **Division Reports:**

**Small Scale:** Garth Easton announced there was nothing new.

**HO Scale:** Sam Miller announced he and Barrett had been in further contact with the Panama City Club regarding the purchase of their layout. They have assured Sam and Barrett they will be able to keep it until we are able to move it to a new location. They are also throwing in 40-50 freight cars as well.

**Large Scale:** Randy Lombardo announced he is planning to take Thomas to the Dothan show next year.

**Veteran's Memorial:** Nothing reported.

### **Good of the Group Comments, Etc.:**

**Guests:** We had three new members at tonight's meeting: welcome aboard Gary & Nathan Durrett, Ralph Datillio and Mark Tidrow. We had two guests: Trip Boldt and Jon Oetting.

Barrett Johnson began by thanking our caterers for another fine meal. They were given a round of applause.

John Sullenberger announced he had extra copies of the Whistle Stop map for anyone who needed a copy. He said Spring Creek Restaurant had been contacted to let them know we were going to be there Saturday night. They have asked for a head count no later than Friday. John asked that everyone please either call or e-mail him before Friday, with the number of people you are planning to take to the restaurant. There was a request made that someone meets those who are new to Tallahassee, and don't know the area, at Books-A-Million so they could follow along on the Whistle Stop tour. Arrangements are being made to accommodate those members.

Barrett presented Bill Boyle with an Associate Volunteer Award. Bill is the first in this area to receive the award. The award was given to Bill for his many hours spent tutoring Boy Scouts in order for them to receive their merit badge in model railroading.

Barrett announced that Paul Beverly will be receiving two awards when he returns. The awards are for Civil and Electrical Engineering.

Barrett received a letter from the Western Division. They are having a meeting in Ft. Myers. They are having a modeling contest and anyone can enter. The President of the Sunshine Region will be giving his pick of the show. They said anyone who wants to bring their train can run on their layout. Barrett will find out what the Club coupler is and put it in the Lantern. Barrett will also be giving John the details about the meeting to put in the Lantern.

Barrett mentioned that if we are going to host the Sunshine Region NMRA convention in May we will have to give them our decision no later than December. Barrett was told that room rates will have to be less than \$100 for good participation. Barrett mentioned that if we do host the Convention we may want to have the breakout sessions at the Antique Car Museum. He also

mentioned we may want to do something as a group. A vote, by all members, will be held at the October meeting as to whether we will be hosting the Convention or not.

Joe Haley announced the Challenger Center is having an Open House at 7:15pm tomorrow night (September 18). There will be a Planetarium Show and they will be projecting a Tim Harris PBS show on the Dome. There will also be a raffle for a telescope.

Dan King mentioned that our website has dropped back and we are in need of someone to revamp and update it so it can be more user friendly. Jim McGill says what we need is a content management system so others can access and participate in the updates. He says we will need the software to give us the capability. Barrett asked Jim to look at the website and come up with some ideas. Barrett said the Board will add this item to the agenda to discuss and come up with recommendations to address at the next meeting.

Barrett said he had seen Sandy right after her surgery and she was doing really well. Members wish her a speedy recovery.

Barrett announced there will be a Board meeting at his house Sunday, September 23, 2007 at 4:30p.m.

### **Antique Car Museum Update:**

Barrett announced DeVoe will be meeting with the City tomorrow regarding occupancy. They still need to lay flooring before the move can begin. The move could start in about a month.

Barrett said he and DeVoe have been trying to come up with some type of agreement or contract so that if something happens to DeVoe we will be secure. They have also been trying to come up with some way for BBMRA to have unlimited access to the train layout without infringing on the Museum. One possibility is to put up walls so we have access to the trains and not the cars. Barrett will be meeting with DeVoe again this week before the board meeting.

### **Program:**

Jim McGill and John Edrington provided a DVD presentation on creating a river with plaster. Everyone seemed really impressed with the presentation and made requests they do other presentations at future meetings. Once again we thank Jim and John for all the time they take in coming up with good presentations, and the time it takes to set them up for us.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be at 7:30p.m., Tuesday, October 16, 2007, at the Antique Car Museum. Dinner will be catered again for \$6.50 at 6:30p.m. Please contact John Sullenberger if you plan to eat dinner so he or Barrett can give the caterer a headcount.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary



earned the designation of Master Model Railroader some years ago. Bill earned the Volunteer Achievement Award for teaching the Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge course over several years. Bill is working on more awards.

Paul Beverly has earned the Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering Achievement Awards and is working on more awards.

There are 11 NMRA Achievement Awards: these are: Master Builder--Cars; Master Builder--Structures; Master Builder--Scenery; Master Builder--Prototype Modeler; Master Builder--Motive Power; Model Railroad Engineer--Civil; Model Railroad Engineer--Electrical; Chief Dispatcher; Association Official; Association Volunteer; and, Model Railroad Author. A person who earns seven Achievement Awards is designated a Master Model Railroader. About 390 people have earned MMR, of whom perhaps 300 are still alive. Only 8 people have earned all 11 awards. Six are alive, including NMRA Sunshine Region President Stan Seeds, the most recent to do so and Sunshine Achievement Program Director Jim Kellow.

Requirements and forms can be downloaded from the NMRA website. These include extensive judging criteria so that models are judged uniformly.

## **Possible Layout Setups: Fellowship in the Field**

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Lloyd, FL – 8:30 am to 3 pm; they have a 5700 square foot pole barn with power and a dirt floor.

## **City of Carrabelle – Holiday on the Harbor**

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – 5 pm until 10 pm; like Havana, we would set up in a vacant storefront.

Division Coordinators, please contact John Sullenberger (544-1870 or [sullyjws@aol.com](mailto:sullyjws@aol.com)) if you are interested in setting up at either of the events.

## **Bill Boyle earns an Achievement Award**

BBMRA's Treasurer, Bill Boyle, became the first BBMRA member to earn an NMRA Achievement Award since Sim Dekle