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Merry Christmas from the BBMRA!



Sam and Linda Miller's Christmas Open House Friday, December 14th - 6:30 to 9:30



Minutes of November 2007 BBMRA Membership Meeting

President Barrett Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the old Antique Car Museum on east Mahan Drive. There were 44 members and one guest, Terance Keenan, in attendance.

Minutes: Accepted as printed in the Lantern.

Treasurer's Report: Barrett reported a bank balance of \$3,099.79 as of November 19, 2007.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: The BBMRA will set up 3 layouts again at Goodwood Museum on December 2 for the "Making Spirits Bright" day celebration.

HO Scale: The BBMRA needs to bring the layout we purchased in Panama City to Tallahassee. The move is planned for Friday, November 30.

Large Scale: The Large Scale Division set up and operated at the "Fellowship in the Field" on November 10. Joe Haley and the HO Switching Layout set up and operated as well.

Veteran's Memorial: Veterans' Memorial is planning to have their Christmas runs again this year.

Good of the Group Comments, Etc.:

Guests: Terance Keenan who models in HO was in attendance.

Barrett announced he would be appointing a Nominations Committee to prepare a slate of 2008 officer's nominees for voting in January.

Barrett asked for an up or down vote on the conceptual agreement between BBMRA and Antique Car Museum owner DeVoe Moore. Copies of the proposed agreement were distributed. Barrett and Sam Miller explained the concept behind the agreement and answered questions from members.

Dan King moved to conceptually approve the operational agreement, with points noted, between BBMRA and DeVoe Moore and authorize the BBMRA Board to proceed accordingly. Motion carried. No negative votes were recorded.

Program:

Barrett presented a program about the NMRA Achievement Program.

Next Meeting:

The BBMRA does not hold a December meeting; instead Sam and Linda Miller hold a Christmas open house. The open house will be on Friday, December 14th from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Larry Benson for Lynn Heath, Secretary.

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum Operating Agreement

This Operating Agreement is a lease by the Tallahassee Antique Automobile Museum, Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation, as Landlord, to the Big Bend Model Railroad Association, Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation, as Tenant. The parties are hereinafter referred to as "Museum" and "BBMRA", respectively. The Parties agree as follows:

The formal lease term of the Operating Agreement shall begin January 1, 2008 but BBMRA shall have the right to move in modules and begin construction of layouts prior to that date subject to Museum's approval. Annual rental shall be \$1.

BBMRA shall have the right, but not the obligation, to construct and modify layouts in three scales: O, HO and N. BBMRA shall construct additional layouts or displays, including coin operated displays, as mutually agreed. Museum shall designate a contiguous square feet amount (not yet determined) for BBMRA layouts, which cannot be changed once layout construction begins. BBMRA layouts shall always be the property of BBMRA. BBMRA has the right to determine the days and hours of operation of its layouts and all non-static displays, but times outside Museum's hours are subject to Museum's approval. Museum shall provide for security for layouts and BBMRA member items thereon.

BBMRA shall use the collective expertise of its members to help Museum reconstruct a layout for Museum from components Museum owns to which it may add.

BBMRA shall use the collective expertise of its members to advise Museum as to the display and maintenance of the railroad items in Museum's possession, as to any railroad related additions Museum might desire to make to its collection or to trade with other museums and in general as to railroad related matters.

If either Party decides not to renew this Agreement, that Party shall give the other Party at least 90 days notice of intent not to renew. This Agreement shall renew for successive five year terms beginning January 1, 2009 if no notice of intent not to renew is given. Notice of intent not to renew a five year term shall be given two years in advance.

Q&A on BBMRA Affiliation with Antique Car Museum

From Barrett Johnson, BBMRA President, and Sam Miller, former president and HO Division coordinator.

When can we move in?

The HO division will be picking up the HO layout BBMRA is purchasing from the Panama City Club on December 8th and placing it in the new museum's train room on the second floor. Actual setup will come later. The HO division also will be transferring its layouts from the storage unit to the antique car museum later this month.

The other divisions can move their layouts and other materials into the car museum, after coordinating with Barrett Johnson, who will coordinate with Mr. Moore.

We hope to have the January BBMRA meeting in the banquet room, first floor, new Moore museum.

When can individual club members begin going to the facility on their own?

We have to finalize an entry/security arrangement with DeVoe Moore, but hopefully, by January.

How do BBMRA members gain entry to the new museum?

John Sullenberger is developing membership cards with the club's corporate logo. The antique car museum will accept this card to provide entry, without an admission charge.

When throughout the week will club members have access to Mr. Moore's train room?

Right now, only during the museum's normal operations hours, which are seven days a week, including Saturday and Sunday afternoons. We will be using the first floor banquet room for our meetings on the third Tuesday night of each month. It is anticipated we will move modules into the banquet room for work or demonstration as part of a meeting program or for a special club event at night.

At some future point, Club members may be allowed entry to the train room outside of the museum's operating hours.

What rules will govern access by BBMRA members to the Moore train room and operations on the club layout?

BBMRA President Barrett Johnson will be appointing a committee, with representatives from all division, to develop guidelines to govern access by individual club members and operation of club layouts. These will be based on the guidelines established when the club had space at Governor's Square Mall several years ago.

What are we obligated to do for DeVoe Moore?

- Inventory the several dozen boxes of model railroading items and prototype memorabilia. Advise and help Mr. Moore in organizing and displaying this material, using shelves and storage units he will provide. We hope to begin this later this month. Dan King and Jim McGill will help the officers organize and manage this important task.
- Set up club layouts and operate them as we determine we can.
- Construct a layout which the antique car museum would own if there are enough materials from items he purchased to support a layout and he provides materials for the bench work.

What financial obligations do we incur from this affiliation?

The lease provides for a \$1 a year rental fee. The club will be responsible for materials to build and maintain club-owned layouts.

What layouts will be in the railroad room at the new Antique Car Museum?

The HO Division and club have purchased a layout from the Panama City club that will be set up initially as 10 by 30-feet. This may be expanded later. In addition, the club will set up their current layout, 24 by 6-feet, and the Timesaver.

The N scale and Large Scale Divisions will set up their layouts.

It is possible we will construct a layout for DeVoe Moore using model railroading items he purchased. A quick glance at some of the items shows HO, O gauge and G gauge. It is not clear what kind of layout is feasible or desirable.

It is possible the club, working through the Large Scale Division, will construct at its expense an O gauge Lionel layout. This layout and the Moore layout probably are long-term projects and not something we would begin anytime soon. If there is interest, other layouts could be constructed by the club in the future.

We are still discussing with Mr. Moore the need for security for all of the layouts, including barriers to keep members of the public from disturbing the layouts.

Will the HO Division be expanding and modifying the layout purchased from the Panama City model railroad club? How will this be planned?

The HO coordinator, in cooperation with division members, will appoint a committee to develop a plan to expand, modify and enhance the Panama City layout. This group will be named early next year. It will consider, among other issues, whether an overall theme should be developed and maintained for the layout.

2008 BBMRA Officer Slate

The BBMRA will elect their 2008 officers during the Annual Business Meeting to be held Tuesday, January 15th, 2008 at the new Tallahassee Antique Car Museum. The following is the current slate of nominees: President – Barrett Johnson, Vice-President – John Sullenberger, Treasurer – Bill Boyle and Secretary – Lyn Heath. Nominations can be taken from the floor prior to the elections. The Division Coordinators will be elected by their respective Division after the general elections.

Flint River Model Railroad Show is January 26 & 27, 2008

The 17th Annual Flint River Model Railroad Train Show and Sale will be held in Albany, GA on January 26-27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2009 Gillionville Rd. Hours for the 2-day show are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Adult admission is \$4.00; 12-18 is \$2.00 and 12 and under are free with an adult. Under our reciprocal agreement with the FRMRRC, BBMRA members get in free. For more information, contact Jimmy Swann at (229) 883-3517.

Children's Day Festival is January 26, 2008

This annual event includes entertainment, hands-on crafts, exhibits, storytelling, and much more for the whole family. There is a small fee for some crafts. The event runs from 11 am to 4 pm. The BBMRA has voted to participate in the 2008 Children's Day Festival at the R. A. Grey building on Saturday, January 26th. The switching layout will be set-up and operated. More information will be forthcoming.