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Car Museum Entrance

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## March 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting: at the OLD Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

The OLD Tallahassee Antique Car Museum is located 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: Fried chicken, pasta salad, baked beans, deviled eggs, tomatoes, rolls and banana pudding and a drink and desert, all for \$6.50 per person.**

We need as good a body count as possible, so please RSVP to me (John Sullenberger) by Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>: I 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).

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## Work Sessions at the NEW Antique Car Museum:

### **HO Scale:**

Saturday's at 10 am; weekdays if and when you can, contact Sam Miller (385-7733), Bill Thompson (385-6581) or Roy Mantooth (422-3038) for assignments.

### **N Scale:**

Saturday's at 10 am.



## Minutes of February 2008 BBMRA Membership Meeting

The February 19, 2008 Membership Meeting was called to order by President Barrett Johnson at 7:36 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the old Antique Car Museum. Forty-five members and six wonderful wives were present.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the January 2008 meeting, as published in The Lantern, were accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Boyle reported a balance of \$2,641.82 in the budget as of this date. Warehouse is paid through the end of March. He stated if we can move everything out of the storage building we could save over \$1,000.00. Corporate filing fees are paid. Insurance is still due.

Barrett announced the Board had adopted the same budget as last year. He explained our zero-based budget. He also stated the Division Directors knew what they can spend and how they can request any expenditure over the allotted budget.

Dan King asked if our insurance is going up this year. Barrett said not that he knew of but he would check with the company.

### **Division Reports:**

**Small Scale:** Garth Easton reported there would be a meeting for N Scalers after the Membership meeting. He says there is a need to move N scale quickly or loose available space.

**HO Scale:** Dan King reported there had been a meeting prior to the Membership Meeting and Sam Miller had provided a handout of what needs to be done.

**Switching Layout:** Joe Haley announced they gave out over 50 certificates at the Gray Museum.

**Large Scale:** Randy Lombardo reported they took Thomas to Kids' Day and need smaller track pieces. They had to cancel going to Jacksonville but hope to go in May.

**Veteran's Memorial – Bristol:** John Anthamatten reported they have made a lot of progress since the first of the year. They have been provided an 8 man inmate crew dedicated to help with what needs to be done. Harold Odom is doing the architectural plans. The Sheriff of Liberty County has also loaned inmates to help with completion. Hopefully by the end of summer everything will be completed – all 1 ½ miles.

John says they have also purchased a tender powered locomotive, which means they will hopefully now have 3 trains running.

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

Bob Pope attended a show in Perry and won 3 ribbons; 1st in Engine, 1st in Coach and 2nd in overall modeling. Bob does live steam scratch built modeling of locomotives and passenger cars. He has built a 29 inch locomotive and his complete live steam train with cars is 14 feet long.



Mitchell Green says DeVoe Moore has purchased a layout. He says there is someone in the south Florida area that wants to donate an air compressor and layout materials but we would need someone to go pick them up.

John Anthamatten says he belongs and pays dues to 6 clubs and BBMRA is the only one that is still sending newsletters through the mail. He feels the Board needs to make a decision regarding sending by mail verses computer. Dan King says members need to vote on the matter because not all members have access to computers or live near someone that has one. John Sullenberger says only 19 members returned the survey cards saying they did not want the newsletter by mail. John also said the newsletter costs for January was \$71.66. Jack Herzog talked about how the car club sells ads for their newsletter to help defray the costs and thinks we may want to look into doing it.

**Antique Car Museum Update:**

Progress on the layout(s) is moving along. The HO division met prior to the meeting and passed out a handout with what needs to be done next. N division said they were getting together after the meeting to discuss their next steps. Volunteers are needed so contact Sam Miller or Garth Easton!

**Program:**

Jim McGill and John Edrington provided pre-meeting entertainment. Thank you guys.

Michael Mascagni did a CD presentation of trains and depots he saw while on a trip to Siberia and Russia. He says some of the trains were made in Czechoslovakia. All the trains have the Red Star on them. He said he was really amazed at the snow removing vehicles that are used to clear the tracks. He also said gauges of the trains are slightly larger than the standard gauge used in the US. The presentation was very interesting and the pictures were amazing.

Barrett also presented the History Channel's tribute to the Trans Siberian Railroad. The Trans Siberian runs 6,000 miles, and every mile was built by hand. This presentation was also very interesting.

Thank you all for an interesting and informative program.

**Guests/New Members:**

Welcome to our new members Art Carlson (N Gauge) and Michael Mascagni (HO Gauge).

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be at 7:30p.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2008, in the Banquet Room at the old Antique Car Museum. Dinner will be catered again for \$6.50 at 6:45 p.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 8:45 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary

**TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE**  
Saturday, June 21st, 2008 -- 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