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Meeting Entrance

August 19th 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: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, 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, August 18th: I can be reached by telephone at (850) 562-5137 (h) or (850) 544-1870 (c) or (850) 410-8425 (w) or via e-mail at sullyjws@aol.com.

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Tallahassee Antique Car Museum is opening the Train Room

The Tallahassee Antique Car Museum is opening the Train Room to the public on Saturday, August 23rd. The BBMRA is to operate the two layouts during regular operating hours on the 23rd and Sunday, the 24th.

Both the HO and N layouts require a minimum of two operators per shift. The shifts are: Saturday: 9am to 12 noon, 12 noon to 2:30pm, 2:30pm to 5pm and Sunday: 12 noon to 2:30pm, 2:30pm to 5pm.

Please contact me if you will work a shift – (850) 562-5137 (home) or (850) 544-1870 (cell) or (850) 410-8425 (work) or via e-mail at sullyjws@aol.com.

2008 BBMRA Layout Tour

Saturday, October 18th is the BBMRA's next scheduled layout tour. I have three members who have volunteered to host a "stop" on the tour:

- 1) Bill McCord, with an outside G scale layout, a small N Scale and a "still in the designing stages" HO layout;
- 2) Eric & Ina Ecklund, which is always fun to visit;
- 3) The BBMRA Live Steamers at Sal Martocci's, an outside G scale layout.

We need more volunteers? Whether we overlap the stops or move from one to the next will depend on the location and number of hosted stops.

And do we want to end the day at Spring Creek Restaurant as we did last year. Please give me some input on this idea.

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Minutes of July 2008 BBMRA Meeting

The July 15, 2008 Membership Meeting was called to order by President Barrett Johnson at 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the old Antique Car Museum. 53 people were present.

New Members: Prokop Hruda was introduced as a new member. He works with live steam.

Special announcement: Sam Miller made the membership aware that Jack Herzog was in the hospital suffering from a severe cold. He is in TMH, room 401 if anyone wants to go by and see him.

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

Treasurer's Report: There was not a Treasurer's report tonight.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: Garth Easton thanked all of those that helped on the show. Workdays will be called to work on the museum layout.

HO Scale: Sam Miller, likewise, thanked all that worked on the show. His daughter was married on the 5th of July and that was wonderful. There will be a workday on the 26th to continue to work on the layout at the museum.

Large Scale: Ken Brock reported there was a problem at the show but it was solved. Thanks to all that helped at the show. Live Steam also thanked John Sullenberger for his article in the *Lantern*. The timing was good for the show.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: (John Anthamatten submitted this part of the minutes by E-Mail):

The station/Museum is 99% complete. VMRR has purchased a full size caboose and it is in place next to the new station. It is sitting on rails. It will need some cosmetic work but that is on the bottom of the list for now. It will eventually be used for children's birthday parties.

The water is gone from the wetlands and work is supposed to resume this week on the railroad trestle and the same crew may start on rail if we can keep them. Tom Keenan has the "looks like a steam locomotive" about 60% complete on the restoration. Lots of new wheel bearings and it has lots of wheels. That was the major task. It is in the "going back together" stage. If you will remember, this is a quarter scale park type train that is powered by a small diesel engine located in the tender. Tom and Babs Moran have done a great job on removing the old paint and most of it is now primed and repainted. Of course, the CROWN coal fired steam locomotive is sitting in its tunnel ready to go when rail gets on the ground. Work is progressing slowly because of limited volunteers but we will get it all running.

Switching Layout: Joe Haley reported there was brisk business at the layout during the show. Many Boy Scouts came by. He thanked, several, particularly Jim Duncan and Paul Schneider for filling in for him periodically. This is also Jim's last meeting as he will be moving next month. He has also bought a power pack for the layout so he doesn't have to use his own.

Train Show: John Sullenberger reported that this was one of the best shows in years. We had a paid attendance of 444. We have reserved the fairgrounds for our next show on the 20th of June, 2009 with a fairgrounds fee \$95.00 less than this year. One vendor cancelled due to a death in the family and was not charged. John received applause for the excellent job he did on this show (as he does every year).

Good of the Group Comments, Etc.:

Antique Car Museum Update:

Barrett Johnson provided an update to the museum. They anticipate the train section opening in late August. For the most part, the layouts are operational so we are free to take our trains up there and run them. Please make sure you sign in and out and please observe the no food or drinks requirements up there. Guest can not come in. There was a brief discussion of what is defined as family. Barrett will get a clarification later as to how far that extends.

2008 BBMRA Model Railroad Layout Tour:

John Sullenberger inquired if anyone was interested in having a Fall Layout Tour. Several said "yes". He has a tentative tour date of the 18th of October, 2008. More information will come later.

Program:

There was an interesting program and demonstration by Mark Van Hoeij on Lego trains. He had a layout on the floor and ran a few trains. He explained the cars have instructions and plans but you can be creative if you choose (like his son). You can create buildings. The locomotives can be radio controlled because he took a radio controlled car and converted it to a train. It is very suitable for kids, especially those that like to create things. He answered several questions. The presentation was enjoyed by all.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at **7:30p.m., Tuesday, August 19, 2008**, at the **Old 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 can give the caterer a headcount.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary (provided by David Brazell – great job again and thanks!)

TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

Saturday, June 20th, 2009 – North Florida Fairgrounds, Building #4 – 10 am to 5 pm
Adults & Children 13 and older: \$5 – Children 12 and younger are free – Free Parking

