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January 20th 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.

Just as you would start a new day with breakfast, let's start 2009 with another "Breakfast in the Evening." the menu: eggs, grits, bacon, sausage, biscuits, juice and/or tea and fruit for 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, January 19th: 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

2009 Membership Dues

2009 membership dues are now due. Currently the BBMRA only has one dues category: an all inclusive category covering you and your family. Membership dues are \$20. Members will default their membership if their dues are not paid by March 31st.

2009 BBMRA Officer Slate

The BBMRA will elect their 2009 officers during the Annual Business Meeting to be held Tuesday, January 20th, 2009 at the old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum. The following is the current slate of nominees: President – John Sullenberger, Vice-President – Larry Benson, 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 Divisions after the general elections.

The BBMRA would like to thank the Nominating committee: Bill Bell, Drew Hackmeyer and Roy Mantooth for a job well done.

Flint River Model Railroad Show is January 24 & 25, 2009

The 18th Annual Flint River Model Railroad Train Show and Sale will be held in Albany, GA on January 24-25 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 \$4.50; 12-18 is \$2.50 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 31, 2009

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 BBMRA is in the main floor lobby, set-up begins at 10 am. The event runs from 11 am to 4 pm.

Minutes of the November 2008 BBMRA Meeting

The November 18, 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. 37 people were present. He acknowledged the thank you letter from the daughter of DeVoe Moore for our participation in the opening of the Antique Car Museum Train exhibit (It was published in the Lantern).

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

Treasurer's Report: No report this month.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: Garth talked to Sharlene at the Antique Car Museum and she thanked us for running the trains.

HO Scale: There was an HO meeting before the meeting concerning the museum. Also, Sam invited all to his house on the 12th of December for his annual Christmas party at 6:30. This is the December club meeting.

Large Scale: No report this month.

Veteran’s Memorial – Bristol:

Switching Layout: Joe reported that the switching layout will be at Goodwood on the 14th of December.

Antique Car Museum Update:

There will be a food drive at the museum on Friday and they would like for us to operate from 6:30 – 8:30 if possible.

Jim Amidon asked why we do not meet at the new museum. Barrett said we could not meet out there because there is not a meeting room small enough and there is no kitchen either.

Jack Herzog suggested we send a thank you card to DeVoe Moore. It was discussed.

Garth reminded us that the museum was open the day after Thanksgiving and they’d like us to operate if possible.

Program:

The DVD on structures that started last month was finished.

Good of the Group Comments, Etc.:

Bill Bell reported that the History Channel is running a series on Extreme Trains on Tuesday nights.

Barrett Johnson encouraged as many as could attend the Prototype Rails in Cocoa Beach from January 8th – 10th of 2009. Room rates are \$99.50. He also said that we need a nominating committee for officers to serve the 2009 year.

Jack Herzog suggested we get a card thanking the caterer for their work this past year. Dan King recommended we have the entire board sign it. No objections. It was also motioned that we send them a thank you gift. Idea was discussed and it was decided that those that ate the suppers can contribute if they want to. Motion was withdrawn.

Mark Van Hoeij brought a trestle with tracks made from home.

Next Meeting: The January meeting is at **7:30pm, Tuesday, January 20, 2009**, at the **Old Antique Car Museum**. Dinner will be catered again for \$6.50 at 6:45pm. Please contact John Sullenberger if you plan to eat dinner so he can give the caterer a headcount.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary (thank you David Brazell)

2009 Schedule / Timetable - All Meetings 7:30 to 10pm

Month/Date	Day	Location
January 20, 2009	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
February 17, 2009	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
March 17, 2009	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
April 21, 2009	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
May 19, 2009	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
June 16, 2009	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
July 21, 2009	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
August 18, 2009	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
September 15, 2009	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
October 20, 2009	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
November 17, 2009	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
December 11, 2009	Second Friday	Sam Miller’s Christmas Open House

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



Sam and Linda Miller's 2008 Christmas Open House

On behalf of the BBMRA, I would like to thank Sam and Linda for opening their home and for their hospitality last December 12th during their annual Christmas Open House. Sam told me that this year's open house was well attended by members and friends. As always, there was plenty of food and drinks and a good time was had by all.



Several BBMRA "Steamers" gathered at Hobbytown USA on December 13th to run their live steam locomotives and trains around an elevated modular track.

From the left:
Roy Mantooh,
Mike Simpson,
Harold Dunsford,
Will Davis & Sal
Martocci.



HO Layout Debuts at Goodwood in December

by Larry Benson

BBMRA members ran three layouts, including a new and different HO layout, during the "Holiday Jubilee" celebrated at Goodwood Museum and Gardens on 14 December.

Garth Easton, Joe Haley and Susan Brock, and Shirley and I manned layouts that were set up in the Carriage House from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. for the old fashion family fun day. Although the crowd was less than in previous times when BBMRA participated in events at Goodwood, a number of youngsters and adults did stop by to watch and admire our trains.

In past years, only two layouts were run. This year, I introduced a new 4x4 ft. HO layout featuring the DeWitt Clinton locomotive and carriages which loped slowly around a 37-inch oval track. The idea for the "fun layout" came to me when I discovered that the DeWitt Clinton was built in the West Point Foundry in New York in 1831 and, coincidentally, Goodwood was being constructed in Tallahassee during the same decade of the 1830s.



Larry's unique HO layout running at Goodwood

Scenery on my layout is two dimensional. Photographs taken of actual Goodwood buildings and trees were scaled to size on my computer, printed then cut out and glued onto foam core. Holes drilled into the layout's painted plywood top hold toothpicks supporting trees which border a lane running from the buildings to the tracks. A buggy with a driver aboard is seen approaching the railroad crossing but the horse pulling the buggy is "balking" at the sound of the oncoming train and is rearing up on its hind legs in fright.

The layout is small and portable so I can put it in the back of my pick up and carry it to local displays, such as Children's Day at the R.A. Gray building scheduled for the afternoon on Sunday, January 31. Hope to see you there, too!



Kids run the switching layout under Joe's watchful eye