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February 17th 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.

The February menu: fried chicken, slaw, mashed potatoes, butter beans, cornbread, desert and a drink, all for \$6.50 per person.

We need as good a body count as possible, so please RSVP to me (John Sullenberger) by Monday, February 16th: 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 and can either be paid at the meeting (February or March) or mailed to: BBMRA, PO Box 3392, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3392. Members will default their membership if their dues are not paid by March 31st.

2009 BBMRA Officers

The BBMRA elected their 2009 officers during January's Annual Business Meeting. The 2009 officers are as follows: President – John Sullenberger, Vice-President – Larry Benson, Treasurer – Bill Boyle and Secretary – Lyn Heath. The Division Coordinators are as follows: Large Scale – undecided, HO Scale – Barrett Johnson and Small Scale – Garth Easton.

Program for February Meeting

OPERATION LIFESAVER PRESENTATION: Lorin Krueger is presently the CEO of LK Consultants, which provides a variety of transportation planning and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) consultant services. Mr. Krueger is presently providing consultant services to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in the implementation of the SIS, (Strategic Intermodal System), providing recommendations and analyses with SIS managers.

Mr. Krueger has extensive experience in transportation data collection and planning, having worked for the FDOT for eleven years in the Planning offices, with special emphasis on improvement in highway, rail, air, and other transportation networks for the State of Florida. Mr. Krueger has 25 years of aviation experience as a pilot, having served in the United States Air Force for that period of time. He attained the rank of Colonel, has flown over 3000 hours of military flying time in jet fighters, specifically the F-100, F-4, and F-15, and is a combat veteran of the Vietnam conflict. During his military service he resided in Asia for over ten years and Europe for three years.

He is a graduate of the USAF Academy, with a BS in Engineering, and Auburn University, with an MBA. His interests include supporting coaching youth sports teams and keeping fit.

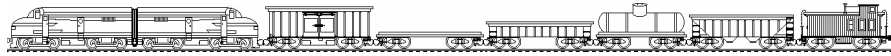
He will be speaking on behalf of Florida Operation Lifesaver. Operation Lifesaver is a national, non-profit education and awareness program dedicated to ending tragic collisions, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and on railroad rights of way. An Operation Lifesaver presentation informs audiences of how, why, when and where crossing incidences occur and what can be done to prevent them.

Rules of the Road: Barrett Johnson will follow Operation Lifesaver giving the clinic he developed for Prototype Rails, titled "Rules of the Road". This clinic will tell you how to model streets and roads of any era so that such details as dimensions, road surface, striping, signage and signals are correct. The clinic also goes into detail on how to make realistic road surfaces from simple materials.

Children's Day Festival

The HO Division displayed and operated a layout during this year's Children's Day Festival. The Division debuted Ed Olson's HO Scale layout which was donated to the BBMRA by his family. Joe Haley brought and ran, with Calvin Ogburn's assistance, the switching layout for the children to operate. The event was well attended and children of all ages enjoyed watching and operating the trains.

The BBMRA would like to thank Barrett Johnson, Sam Miller, David Brazell, Terry Hague and Sal Martocci for setting up on Friday, operating and tearing down the layout on Saturday.



Minutes of the January 2009 BBMRA Annual Business Meeting

The January 20, 2009 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. Forty-two (42) members were present.

New Members/Guests:

BBMRA welcomed the following new members and guests. Jim Whitehead is a new member from Ochlocknee, GA who collects O, N, S, and HO. He specializes in passenger trains. John Sykes (guest of Jim McGill and John Edrington) collects HO scale. John worked on the Pennsylvania HO layout. Howard Teaf is a new member, joining the HO Division. Neal Meadows is a new member, joining the Small Scale Division (he models N scale). Steven Blanton is a new/returning member, joining the Small Scale Division (he models N scale).

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

Treasurer's Report: John Sullenberger reported for Bill Boyle a balance of \$2290.32 in the budget as of this date. The corporate filing fees, six month locker rental and post office box are all coming due and will be paid out of the current budget. Bill Boyle will be submitting a proposed annual budget for 2009 at the February membership meeting. He asks that all Division Coordinators get with him so he can complete the proposed budget.

Small Scale: Garth Easton announced there will be a meeting after the membership meeting to elect the 2009 Division Coordinator.

HO Scale: Sam Miller announced there will be a meeting after the membership meeting to elect the 2009 Division Coordinator. Plans are to also discuss layout improvements.

Switching Layout: Joe Haley announced the switching layout will be running once again at the Gray building for Children's Day.

Large Scale: No one in attendance.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: (e-mailed by John Anthamatten) Both the Halloween Train and the Christmas Train went quite well. Both had a lot of preparation, especially Christmas; the weather was good this year and we made enough to pay our insurance premium and some left over to buy some fuel for the NAD. All improvements and expansion should be finished by the end of March weather permitting. We will have to arrange a trip for BBMRA maybe in the summer to ride the new track on "several" of our trains.

Antique Car Museum Update: No updates.

Train Show: See minutes.

Good of the Group: Barrett Johnson thanked Sam Miller for once again hosting the Christmas Party. The party was a great success and well attended. Thanks Sam!

Sam Miller and the membership thanked Barrett Johnson for four (4) great years of service as BBMRA President. Thanks Barrett!

The 3 module HO layout will be at the Gray Building for Children's Day. The layout is going to be in the lobby, against the wall, near the archives room. The N scale module will also be there along with the switching layout. The date for the event is January 31, 2009.

John Sullenberger announced this year's Train Show will be held June 20, 2009. He has sent flyers out and so far has filled 20 percent of the available space.

The Albany Train Show is this weekend (January 24th & 25th) and BBMRA members do not have to pay to attend thanks to a mutual agreement between our clubs (and the Dothan club).

Joe Haley announced that he, Bill Boyle and Barrett Johnson put the boy scouts through their model railroading meriting badge at this year's Boy Scout Winter Camp. They said it was the best group they have ever put through the model railroading merit badge.

Barrett Johnson announced the next meeting for NMRA will be February 21st. He will send out an e-mail to members with information regarding the meeting. The fee is \$9.95 for a six month trial membership.

Tom Rice announced he has a friend that has boxes of S scale if any one is interested. Just let him know if you are interested and he will make arrangements for you to go take a look.

John Sullenberger announced next month's program will be a presentation by Operation Lifesaver and Barrett Johnson's prototype rails workshop on "Modeling Roads." The March program will be a swap meet. The April program will be a DCC workshop presented by Drew Hackmeyer.

Barrett Johnson announced we now have over 100 members in our club and this is something to be really proud of considering we are the largest model railroad club in Florida. He mentioned that San Diego has only 60 to 65 members and they are considered a large club.

Program: Board nominations and elections. Barrett Johnson asked for any further board nominations, nominations were closed and seconded and unanimously decided. The Board for the 2009 calendar year is: John Sullenberger, President; Larry Benson, Vice-President; Bill Boyle, Treasurer; Lyn Heath, Secretary.

John Sullenberger introduced himself as the new President. He has been a member for 22 years and has held every officer position including Division Coordinator. He is the editor of the BBMRA newsletter "The Lantern" and is BBMRA Coordinator for our annual Train Show.

The following were elected as Division Coordinators: Garth Easton, N scale; Barrett Johnson, HO scale; Joe Haley, Switching Layout. Large scale Division Coordinator will be announced at a later date.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at **7:30p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2009**, at the **Old Antique Car Museum**. Dinner will be catered 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 7:55p.m. for the Division meetings. Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary



Goodwood

MUSEUM & GARDENS

January 7, 2009

Mr. Larry Benson
1832 Jean Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Dear Larry:

On behalf of Goodwood Museum and Gardens, I'd like to thank you and the Big Bend Model Railroad Association for being part of our September Grand Opening of the Carriage House Conference Center and then our Holiday Jubilee in December. Your models are a favorite among both children and adults.

Your willingness to share these remarkable trains and villages brings a special significance to the public events we hold at Goodwood. It's a wonderful combination of history – educational and fun. The staff here truly admired your re-creation of Goodwood for the December event.

We wish you a Happy New Year, and look forward to seeing the model trains again at Goodwood. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Larry Paarlberg
Executive Director

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