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April 21st 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: Baked ham, tossed salad, creamed corn, butter beans, yeast rolls, desert and tea.

We need as good a body count as possible, so please RSVP to me (John Sullenberger) by Monday, March 16th: I can be reached by telephone at (850) 562-5137 (h) or (850) 544-1870 (c) or via e-mail at sullyjws@aol.com.

April Program: Drew Hackmeyer's Workshop: Intro to DCC.



Minutes of the March 2009 BBMRA Membership Meeting

The March 17, 2009 Membership Meeting was called to order by President John Sullenberger at 7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the old Antique Car Museum. Forty-five (45) members were present.

New Members/Guest:

We welcomed the following guest and new members. Chuck Shockley has been retired from the Department of Corrections for on year and is an HO Scaler. John Sykes is with the Department of Environmental Protection and is an HO Scaler. He is trying to get rid of his fathers G gauge trains. Grady Foster is from Monticello and is an HO Scaler.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 2009 meeting were accepted as published in The Lantern with the following corrections and apologies: "**Andy Zimmerman, retired Senior Chief Petty Officer, works at FSU and is our newest member.**" Andy's rank was listed incorrectly in the February minutes.

Treasurer's Report: John reported a balance of \$2341.20 in the budget.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: Garth Easton announced there would be a meeting after the membership meeting.

HO Scale: No announcements.

Large Scale: No announcements.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: No announcements.

Switching Layout: Joe Haley announced that April 18th he will be at/conducting a teaching conference and he would make the switching layout available for pick up for use either at Hobbytown or TACM.

Good of the Group Comments:

John Sullenberger announced that dues are due and those that had not paid need to see him after the meeting. As of 3/31/09, those that have not paid will be dropped from the roster. As of today, only half of the previous year's members have paid. The new roster will be with the Lantern and included in an e-mail.

John announced he has revised the name badges adding BBMRA and if anyone would like a new one to see him any time.

David Brazell announced the Folkston Train fest is April 4th.

John announced the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum 1 year Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for April 18th and there is a conflict with Hobby Town's Grand Opening at their new location. John suggested we leave the decision of where each scale would participate up to the division coordinators. John said the switching layout would be set up at the TACM and live steam will be setting up at Hobby Town.

Barrett Johnson announced that a sign company is willing to give members a deal of 40% off with an order of approximately \$850.00. If anyone is interested, get with Barrett in the next 10 to 14 days and he will place one large order to get us the discount.

Antique Car Museum Update:

John announced they would like us to run the trains as much as possible and anyone that wishes to volunteer to please do so.

Program:

The program was a Swap Meet. Lots of members went home with new treasures and others went home with less in their collection. It was fun.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30p.m., Tuesday, April 21, 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 8:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary

In Memoriam:

Randy Lombardo's father, Louis Paul Lombardo, 83, passed away on Monday, March 23, 2009 in Monticello, Florida.

John Sullenberger's father, John Sullenberger Sr, 82, passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2009 in Tallahassee, Florida.

Hobbytown USA has moved to 1812 Thomasville Road

Hobbytown USA, currently located on East Lafayette Street has moved to a bigger and better store in Capital Plaza at 1812 Thomasville Road. The Capital Plaza contains Beef O'Bradys', Tuesday Morning, a Sherwin-Williams paint store and the Red Elephant and is directly across from the Miracle Theaters.

The Thomasville Road store opened for business on Tuesday, March 17th at 10 am.

The new store's hours are:

- Monday thru Saturday: 10 am to 8 pm
- Sunday: 12 noon to 5 pm

Their telephone number remains the same:

- (850) 671-2030

Big Bend Model Railroad Association

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