



# THE Lantern

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## June 16<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: salad, pork roast, rice, vegetables, cornbread, desert and a drink.**

We need as good a body count as possible, so please RSVP to me (John Sullenberger) by Monday, June 15<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).

**Members, last year, during our June meeting just before our show, we ran out of food during our dinner. More members showed up to eat than actually reserved, as a result some members who made dinner reservations did not get to eat.**

**This year, during our June meeting just before our show, I would like to NOT run out of food. All I'm asking is that you make a reservation (preferably by Monday night) if you are planning on eating. Reservations allow our caterer, Linda Curry to bring enough to feed all who dine with us.**

## Name Badges

If you need a new name badge printed, contact me by phone: home 562-5137; work 410-8425, cell 544-1870, or via e-mail [sullyjws@aol.com](mailto:sullyjws@aol.com) by the June meeting (Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>) and I'll print you one and you can pick it up when you come to the meeting or to the Show.

## 2009 Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale

**Set-Up - Friday:** set-up begins at 1 pm and runs to 5 pm.

**Saturday** set-up is scheduled from 7 am to around 10 am. I will be opening the fairgrounds and building #4 by 7 a.m. Members are welcome to come in and either complete their set-ups or to run their trains.

**Saturday Tear-Down** will commence at 5 pm and continue until the last vendor is out of the building.

**Sign-In Book** – There will be a sign-in book at the entrance table. I would like all members who work the show, either Friday or Saturday, to sign the book.

**Extension Cords** – We will need extension cords as there will be 6 or 7 ceiling drops. Use the masking tape and the magic marker found in our building and put your name on your cord (to make sure the right cord goes to the right home).

**Admission Table: Help Wanted** – I need help at the admissions table. I have some volunteers but could use some reserves. The job is to run the admissions table: take money, give change, stamp hands (for re-entry) and to point out the door prize slips.

**Name Badges** If you need a "clip-on" name badge printed by me (John Sullenberger: home 562-5137; work 410-8425, cell 544-1870, or e-mail [sullyjws@aol.com](mailto:sullyjws@aol.com)) please let me know by the June meeting (Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>) and I'll print you one and you can pick it up when you come to the Show.

## Minutes of the May 2009 BBMRA Membership Meeting

The May 19, 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-four (44) people were present.

**New Members/Guest:**

We welcomed the following guests and new members: Gloria Boisvert and Ed Buist. Gloria was there for her grandson, who likes HO and G scales.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the April 2009 meeting were accepted as published in The Lantern.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill reported a balance of \$2,950.00. He also reported that our insurance has been paid as well as the PO Box.

**Division Reports:**

**Small Scale:** Garth Easton announced there would be a meeting after the meeting and there are work parties scheduled for the 6th of June at the museum and the 13th of June at his house.

**HO Scale:** Barrett Johnson announced we needed work parties for the museum and prior to the show but had no schedule.

**Large Scale:** Randy Lombardo reported they would be purchasing Percy (Thomas the Train) and some trucks.

**Veteran's Memorial – Bristol:** No report.

**Switching Layout:** Joe Haley reported he would be putting some small pieces on the layout with minimum expense.

**Good of the Group Comments:** Drew Hackmeyer reported that the grand opening of the Veterans Memorial Railroad was good. John Sullenberger also welcomed anyone who was willing to do a program to see him.

**Antique Car Museum Update:** John Sullenberger reported that the anniversary at the TACM has been moved again – now it is on the 4th of July from 3:00 – 9:00 PM because this is the only day they can fire off their fireworks.

**Show Report:** John Sullenberger reported there have been 62 tables sold. Some tables have been lost due to a conflict with Ocala, which moved their show to the same day as ours. There are 19 vendors and we are in good shape to break even. Set up will be on the 19th of June. If you need a new name badge, see him.

**Program:** Drew Hackmeyer did a really great presentation on operations.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be at 7:30p.m., Tuesday, June 16, 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 8:15 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary

## 2010 Tallahassee Model Railroad Fest

The Sunshine Region's Northern Division invites you to the 2010 Tallahassee Model Railroad Fest, May 14-16 at the Ramada Inn North in Tallahassee.

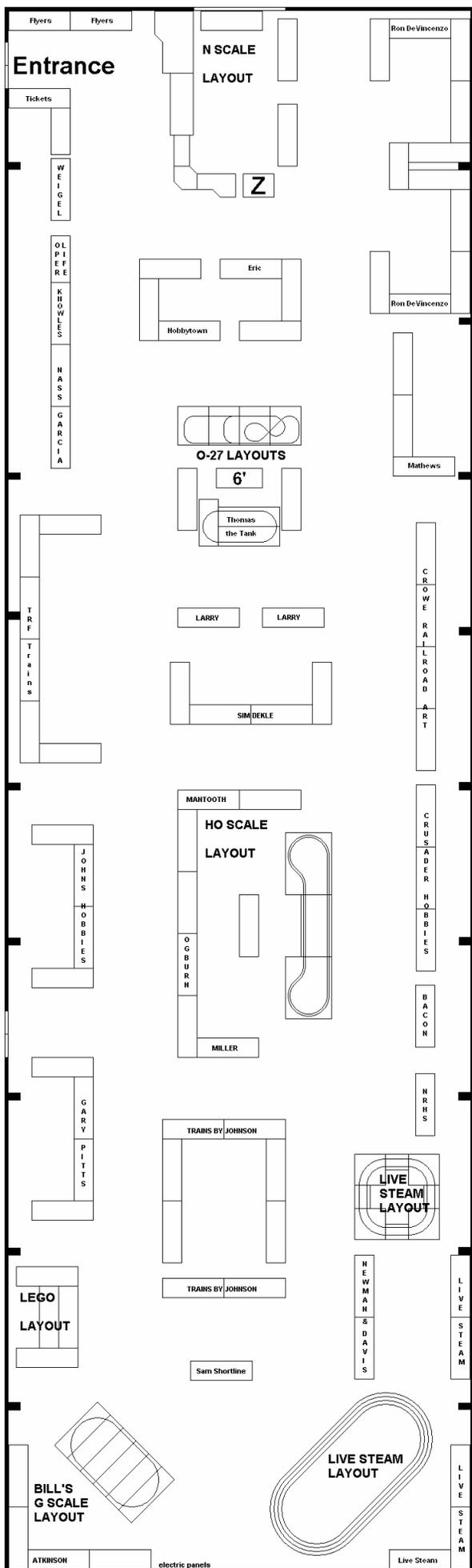
Activities include:

- Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol, east of Tallahassee. Veterans is a 24-inch gauge railway park featuring the only coal-fired, live steam locomotive operating in a public park in Florida.
- DeVoe Moore's Antique Car and Railroad Museum. Mr. Moore has acquired one of the world's largest collection of antique cars and has devoted much of the second floor to model railroading and prototype railroading memorabilia.
- HO and N Scale operating sessions.
- Saturday lunch special- good food and operations by the Tallahassee's Live Steamers.
- Workshops, contests and a swap meet.
- A special banquet speaker - someone from Tallahassee's political or lobbying community.
- A Sunday morning tour of Tallahassee area layouts, including Eric Ecklund's garden railroad, one of the finest in the country.

Spouse activities will include a tour of Florida's 22-story Capitol and lunch at Wakulla Springs, a historic early Florida tourist attraction and now a state park. We also are exploring a visit to the Governor's Mansion.

Ramada room rates are \$79 a night. We expect our banquet and registration costs to be similar to Gulf Coast Express III. We will begin registrations and hotel reservations this fall, through the Sunshine Region internet site and invitations by mail if you will complete the attached pre-registration form.

For further information, contact: Barrett Johnson, (850) 556-6056, or Sam Miller, (850) 385-7733 or [smiller@flains.org](mailto:smiller@flains.org).



**Ron DeVincenzo**, Orlando, Florida – 11 tables; N & HO – new & used engines and freight cars, O & O27 equipment, power supplies, track, scenic materials, magazines, books, electronics, odds 'n ends

**Larry Weigel**, Homestead, Florida – 1 table; HO – new & used engines, HO – new & used freight cars, brass: locos or cars, detail parts, magazines, odds 'n ends, Fine Scale Miniatures

**David Knowles**, Tallahassee, Florida – 1 table; HO scale: new & used freight cars, cars & trucks and structures, antique postcards, odds 'n ends

**Bill Nass**, Tallahassee, Florida – 1 table; Trains, odds 'n ends

**Eric Ecklund**, Crawfordville, Florida – 3 tables; Large Scale equipment

**Hobbytown USA**, Tallahassee, Florida – 3 tables; HO, N, O-27 train sets, new HO and N engines and cars, structures

**Julian Mathews**, Palm Harbor, Florida – 3 tables; HO – used freight cars, magazines, die cast cars

**Gilbert Garcia**, Thomasville, Georgia – 1 table; Die cast cars, Nascar and odds 'n ends

**TRFTrains**, Palm Bay, Florida – 6 tables; N – new & used engines and freight cars, track, detail parts, scenic materials, electronics, shells, odds 'n ends, T Scale

**Larry Benson, Dan King and David Brazell**, Tallahassee, Florida – 2 tables; N – used freight cars, books, train CD's, HO equipment, odds 'n ends

**Sim Dekle**, Tallahassee, Florida – 4 tables; O & O27 new & used engines and freight cars, power supplies, magazines, odds 'n ends

**Crowe Railroad Art**, Calhoun, Georgia – 4 tables; Railroad Artwork and Postcards

**John's Hobbies**, Belleview, Florida – 4 tables; N, HO, O, O27 and Large Scale systems, power supplies, books, electronics

**Roy Mantooth**, Tallahassee, Florida – 4 tables; HO – new & used engines & freight cars, power supplies, track, detail parts, odds 'n ends

**Crusader Hobbies**, Suwanee, Georgia – 3 tables; Train display cases – all scales

**Clyde Bacon**, Port Orange, Florida – 1 table; Wooden name trains

**Calvin Ogburn**, Tallahassee, Florida – 1 table; HO used engines and freight cars, O & G scale track

**Sam Miller**, Tallahassee, Florida – 2 tables; HO & O27– new & used engines and freight cars, structures, power supplies, track, odds 'n ends

**Gary Pitts**, Montgomery, Alabama – 4 tables; HO – new & used engines, HO – new & used freight cars, O and O27 equipment, power supplies, track, magazines, books, shells, odds 'n ends

**Trains by Johnson**, Pensacola, Florida – 8 tables; N – new engines & freight cars HO – new engines & freight cars, Thomas the Tank trains, odds 'n ends

**Newman & Davis**, Gonzalez, Florida – 2 tables Large Scale, Detail Parts and Jewelry

**Bill Atkinson**, Crawfordville, Florida – 4 tables; Large Scale equipment