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July 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: grilled chicken, tossed salad, rice, butter beans, biscuits, desert and a drink

We need as good a body count as possible, so please RSVP to me (John Sullenberger) by Monday, July 20th: I can be reached by telephone at (850) 562-5137 (h) or (850) 544-1870 (c) or via e-mail at sullyjws@aol.com.

July Program: Modeling with Paper

Presented by Jim McGill and John Edrington

At this time (June 30), I (Jim McGill) am not absolutely sure what our program will be about. I think it will be about 45 minutes; so much information and so little time. John Edrington and I will present a hands-on program that will focus on some insights in the area of model building with paper. We plan to have something to give to everyone who can tolerate our show. We will demonstrate some techniques and equipment that are useful in any type of modeling. By using video cameras, we will be showing what we are doing on the overhead screen in real time. An assortment of paper models will be on display. A few subjects that we might include are:

- Prototype in paper first.
- Build at "box" scale, then enlarge or reduce for the "proper" scale.
- Build full model then cut off to make 3D false front structures.
- Transferring designs to other materials.
- Add skins to blank forms directly from photographs.
- How to treat paper models to improve water resistance and to keep inks from running.
- Painting paper models and coloring exposed edges. Discussion of paints, markers and pencils.
- Best glues and glue techniques.
- What kind of equipment to use on what kind of situations.
- Other stuff as we think of it.

Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale Recap by John Sullenberger

The 2009 Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale went well; we only had one or two minor glitches. The gate this year was 390 (paid) at the door. Counting children we had somewhere between 700 and 900 attendees. Granted, the gate this year was down from last year (444) but there seemed to be more buyers this year. Almost all of the vendors said they had a good day and would be back next year. All but two of the vendors showed up (a death in the family and a van problem). The next Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale is scheduled for June 19, 2010 at the North Florida Fairgrounds in building #4.

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MEETING RAFFLE

During the last meeting, a suggestion which Jack Herzog had made some months ago was revisited: do we want to have a "meeting raffle." The idea is that members who attend the meeting deposit \$1 for one ticket (multiple tickets can be bought) into a box. When the business meeting begins (7:30 pm) a single ticket is drawn, the member who holds the matching ticket gets half the money in the box, the BBMRA gets the other half.

The membership decided to try the raffle during the July meeting. This is an optional event.



Thanks to the **BBMRA Membership** by John Sullenberger

As noted above, the BBMRA did have good member attendance: fifty-eight of eighty-three members either helped with the set-up, tear down, layout operations or just showed up to add moral support.

I would like to thank the following members: Jim Amidon, John Anthamatten, Bill Atkinson, David Barth, William Bell III, Larry Benson, Paul Beverly, Bill Boyle, David Brazell, Ken & Sharon Brock, Ed Buist, Ronald Clark, Ray Clyatt, Will Davis, Garth Easton, Eric & Ina Ecklund, John Edrington, Dr Lee Elgin, Mitchell Green, Drew Hackmeyer, Joe Haley, Robert Hargrove & Beverly McDonald, Sheldon Harrison, Lyn Heath, Jack Herzog, Carlton & Nancy Ingram, Barrett Johnson, Jack Kellogg, David Kerns, Dan King, Randy Lombardo, Roy Mantooth, Sal Martocci, Michael Mascagni, Mike Mathis, Tom McDonnell, Jim McGill, Gordie Meade, Neal Meadows, John Meister Sr, Sam Miller, Robert Moody, Harold Odom, Calvin & Lou Ogburn, Mike Partain, Bob Pope, Tom Rice, Paul Richter, Robert Ruggles, Paul Schneider, Herman Schol, Ed Schroeder, Sandy Scott, Michael Simpson, John Sykes, Howard & Terry Teaf, Bob Temple, Mark Van Hoeij, Ron Villella and Andy Zimmerman. Please let me know if I've left anyone off the list. I culled it from the sign-in book and from what I can remember. And for the second year in a row, we had enough extension cords.

Thanks to the Division Coordinators: Garth Easton, (Small Scale), Randy Lombardo (Large Scale) and Barrett Johnson (HO Scale) for their outstanding work in preparing the layouts for the show. Special thanks to Joe Haley for his continued support of the "Time Saver" switching layout.

Thanks to “Out-of-Town” Live Steam Assistance by John Sullenberger

I would like to thank Larry Newman of Pensacola and Harold Dunsford from Dundee (president of Ridge Live Steamers) for attending and helping our live steamers.

Minutes of July 2009 BBMRA Meeting

The June 16, 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-seven (47) people were present.

Minutes: Minutes of the May 2009 meeting were accepted as published in The Lantern

Treasurer's Report: Bill reported a balance of \$1,555.25. He also reported that the fairground has been paid and Large Scale bought a Percy locomotive (from the Thomas the Tank series).

Division Reports:

Small Scale: Garth Easton announced they were pretty much ready for the show.

HO Scale: Barrett Johnson announced they would meet at the storage unit at 2:30 and be at the fairgrounds for set up at 3:00.

Large Scale: Ken Brock reported they were ready for the show. He and Randy would man it.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: Barrett Johnson reported they were converting the engine from oil to coal burning.

Switching Layout: Joe Haley said we needed engineer's certificates but he was ready for the show.

Show Report: John Sullenberger reported he had plenty of volunteers for the gate. The building will open at 1:00 PM on Friday. Setup will go until 5:00. He will open the building at 7:00 AM on Saturday. The Show will be from 10:00 – 5:00 PM. Breakdown will commence afterwards. There is a church sponsored children's event the same day. We have no food vendors but the church event has food vendors, which we could use. He didn't know what kind of food that would be available. We will need extension cords. Please mark them with your name so he can return them. There are 25 vendors and 78 tables. Operation Lifesaver will be there. SAM Shortline backed out. We need skirting if you have any. He encouraged all members to sign in both days. He has a current roster from Flint River and The Wiregrass model clubs. He also has name badges. See him if you need one. We have flyers too. Take as many as you need. He also had a layout of the floor if anyone wanted to see it. He encouraged all that had shirts with the club logo to wear them. We are at the break even point, so we won't lose money. He took questions. We discussed moving to building 2 next year. Idea rejected. Promo for the show appeared Monday at noon and will not be rebroadcast but he would send info on where to see it on their web site. We will have door prizes. You do not have to be present to win. He encouraged all that had pictures to get them to him or Barrett.

Good of the Group Comments: John mentioned the 2010 Trainfest sponsored by the NMRA Sunshine Division. It is not sponsored by the BBMRA but they may need volunteers to help. More information will be provided later.

John Sullenberger brought up several ideas for the meetings that were discussed. These included a raffle, photo contest, and other ideas. More information to follow.

Sam Miller recognized Harold Odom as being present. He also mentioned that Vernon Parramore was doing well.

Program: the program dealt with the Show & Sale; see the "Show Report" above for details.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, July 21st at the Old Antique Car Museum. Dinner will be catered for \$6.50 at 6:30 pm. Please contact John Sullenberger if you plan to eat dinner so he can give the caterer a headcount.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m. Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary

Making Tracks to the Big Bend Model Railroad Show & Sale

by R. M. Lombardo, Large Scale Crew Chief

"Getting Ready to Run Trains"

I arrived before 2 PM on the day before the show (Friday, June 19) wearing my father's Engineer's cap with a "Leigh Valley Railroad" patch along with a pin won on eBay featuring, "The Iron Horse" and a saying, "Railroads Built America". I strolled in with my equipment in tow greeted & shook hands with vendor Ron DeVincenzo as he unloaded the last of his goods.

Approaching my area, I was surprised and amazed by Ken's layout of Lionel FasTrack (I was expecting Lionel O-27 Tubular Track.) with left and right manual switches aligned to make an outer passing loop.

Removing the contents from my various boxes brought Sharon (Ken's wife) with a beige colored blanket and then the man himself along with new member Jimmie Whitehead. It took quite a while to set up our modified figure 8 with two grade crossings replacing some of the straight track in the original FasTrack plan but it all came together. That extra-half track became a display for equipment that was not in operation at the time. After I cleaned the track, I had a chance to scout around, sign the register and see what the other merchants and members were selling until John Sullenberger (President and Show Chairman) came to connect the power. Ken had the juice before I did and let me borrow an extension cord even though I had one for my own use. Ken borrowed my Roadside Diner, K-Line Gas Station (a gift from former member Eric Taylor), Lionel Tractor-Trailer and the club's Union Station. My layout was simple, two "hurricane prone" platforms placed at both ends of the figure eight and two short extension bridges: one in red and the other in black placed at two of the four ends of the 90 degree crossing. Lionel no longer produces the red version and started making the black version again in 2008. I then took digital photos with my new cell phone.

The day's events came to a close and I was looking forward to seeing vendors Diane McCarthy and Gilbert Garcia tomorrow. I left around 6 PM with member Drew Hackmeyer.

Ready, Set, Go!

The day everyone waits for is finally here as, I arrive and greet member Mitchell Green shortly before the 10 AM opening with my goods for sale laying on the empty table near "The Large Scale Kids Operating Layout". Despite the triple digit heat, I was wondering if anyone would attend however, some came before the show officially opened. I had a short chat with Jimmie and recognized the Lionel T. T. O. S. (Toy Train Operating Society) passenger set introduced in the 1970s. It's the same coaches in my "Baltimore & Ohio (B & O) Capitol Limited" set from 1975 with a different design. He informed me it's being pulled by a Lionel Steam Engine from 1955! Back to "Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends" and "Thomas" isn't all alone anymore, "Percy" and "The Troublesome Trucks" have joined him and the kids flock to see and control them! There were also, several prizes to give away which included, two "Take The Train" Card Games, four Thomas & Friends Flash Cards with stickers and two story books shaped like trains. All the kids had to do to win is answer a question. A ten-year-old girl from Moultrie, Georgia was the first winner and won a "Take The Train" Card Game. As usual the kids couldn't get enough turns and came back many times for more. I spoke with many parents and adults alike and answered many questions regarding Lionel's lowest price set. Chris Sargent from Madison purchased an O Gauge magazine and I gave him "The Inside Track" from The Lionel Collectors Club of America (LCCA) which, I am a member of. I also, convinced him to join our club. I gave away an extra prize, a small notebook shaped like a train to a little boy.

It was time for me to help out the members and vendors with some purchases, die-cast vehicles from Diane (I left one with "Yard Boss" Joe Haley on the Switching layout), Roy Mantooth and Sim Dekle who also sold me a Lionel Refrigerator Lines Tractor and Trailer from 1995 which, turned out to be the last of its kind every made and a 1978 T. T. O. S. Convention Hi-cube Boxcar. This item is usually only available to members of the club. Lastly, I purchased "The Silver Streak" from 1976 on DVD, starring Gene Wilder and the late Richard Pryor. I also, purchased a green Lionel "Reading" Bobber Caboose that fit well with "The Troublesome Trucks".

Time sure flies when you're having fun and another train show came and went. I said my farewells and left with member Bob Loehne around 7 PM.

TRAINS AND WEATHER, WATCH THESE TWO CLIPS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azV5bC2br-Q>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zc4WPbmtK-o>

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum's One Year Celebration

I would like to thank BBMRA members Bill Bell, Larry Benson, Gloria Boisvert and her grandson Tanner, Ed Buist, Drew Hackmeyer, Joe Haley and his friend Sue, Sheldon Harrison, Lyn Heath and her sons Doug and Heath, Carlton Ingram and Calvin Ogburn for operating the layouts during the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum's One Year Celebration this past July 4th.

Planning Stage: Children's Day Festival is January 30, 2010

The BBMRA has been invited to attend the 2010 Children's Day Festival on Saturday, January 30th. This past January (2009) the HO Division set-up and ran the Ed Olson layout and the switching layout. The BBMRA will remain in the main floor lobby in the alcove to the left as you enter. Set up will begin at 10 am and the event will run from 11 am to 4 pm; tear down is from 4 pm until completion. The theme is "When I grow up I want to be..." and the museum would like us to dress-up as train workers to look the part (overalls, train hats, etc.). Please note, the Flint River Model Railroad Show is January 30th and 31st, 2010 so there will be a conflict on that Saturday. So, who wants to attend the 2010 Children's Day Festival on Saturday, January 30th?



Larry Benson



David Brazell

IMAGES FROM OUR 2009 SHOW



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