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January 19th 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 (across from the McDonalds in the Wal-Mart parking lot). The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm.

The BBMRA Board of Directors is to meet at 7 pm.

2010 Membership Dues

2010 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.

2010 BBMRA Officer Slate

The BBMRA will elect their 2010 officers during the Annual Business Meeting to be held Tuesday, January 19th, 2010 at the old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum. The following is the current slate of nominees: President – John Sullenberger, Vice-President – Bill Thompson, 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 Sam Miller, the Nominating committee chair for a job well done.

Athearn Vintage Metal Collection Donated to the BBMRA

A complete collection of Irving Athearn's HO scale 1948-54 vintage freight car line has been donated to the BBMRA by out-of-town member and former resident Bob ("Bobby") Temple of Lakeland. The collection is rated as "good to excellent" by its donor, "provided one recognizes it's well over a half-century in age and has a few dents, missing parts and a little rust here and there."

Athearn had the attitude in the 1940's that the prototypes are made of metal, so are our model kits! The 101 pieces are 95% built up and consist of 40' and 50' box cars (some round tops), refrigerators, tankers and flats.

Bob says his first Athearn kits were bought in 1955 from a local store supplied by a fellow modeler named Vernon Parramore. He credits Vernon with having started him in HO.

Bob was born in Tallahassee in 1935, graduated from Leon High School in 1953, FSU in 1957 and Emory University's school of theology in 1960. He's a retired United Methodist minister with roots in old Trinity Church downtown where Vernon and David Kerns also shared pews.

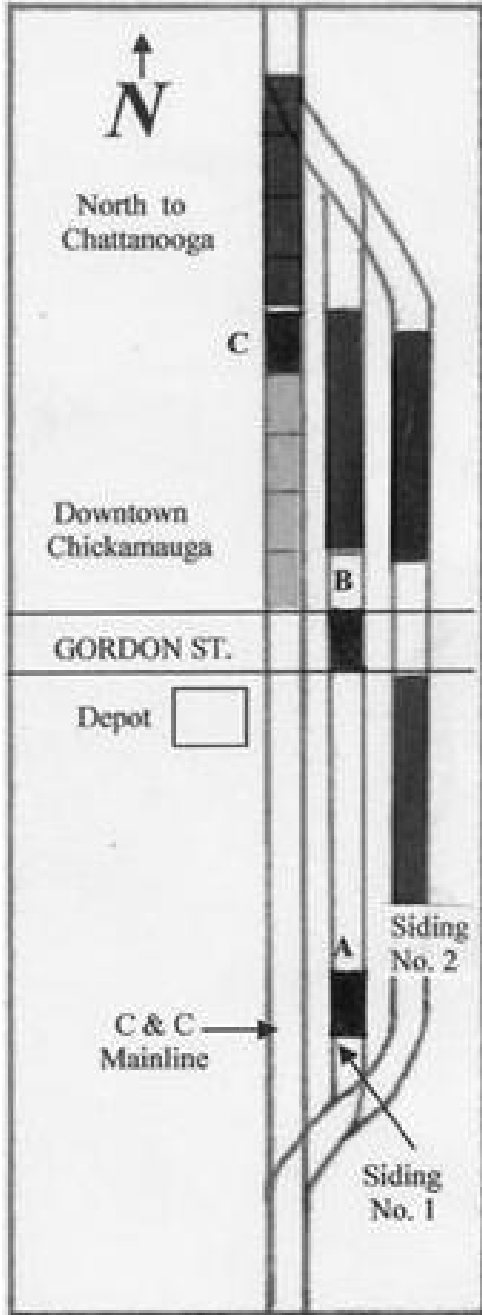
Children's Day Festival is January 31, 2010

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.

Flint River Model Railroad Show is January 30 & 31, 2010

The 18th Annual Flint River Model Railroad Train Show and Sale will be held in Albany, GA on January 30-31 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2010 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 FRMRR, BBMRA members get in free. For more information, contact Jimmy Swann at (229) 883-3517.

FIGURE 1



Here's my solution to the "Switching Puzzle"

By Larry Benson – Fifth in a series of five articles.

In my fourth Lantern article in this series, I proposed a "Switching Puzzle" to members. I asked how the locomotive engineer on our Tennessee Valley Railroad (TVR) excursion train might have performed a run-around to the "head end" of our train for the return trip from Chickamauga to Chattanooga when the only two available sidings were blocked with cuts of parked covered hoppers. Although I can think of one other way such a maneuver could be accomplished, here's how our engineer did it:

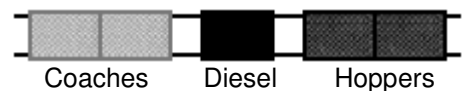
He backed on south a short distance beyond the depot on the C&C mainline* until his locomotive had cleared the switch onto siding No. 1. Then his helper aligned the switch so the diesel could move into siding No. 1. (Fig. 1-A)** The engineer moved back north across Gordon Street where he paused to couple the string of covered hoppers onto the front of his locomotive. (Fig. 1-B) After coupling, he then continued on north, pushing the hoppers ahead of him until the string cleared the already aligned switch into the C&C mainline north of downtown Chickamauga.

His helper re-aligned that switch back to the mainline and the engineer backed slowly south, pausing briefly to couple with what had been the back end of our passenger coaches. (Fig. 1-C) With the

hoppers coupled ahead and our cars behind, the engineer eased back north up the C&C mainline until the last of our excursion coaches had cleared the switch leading into the north end of siding No. 1.

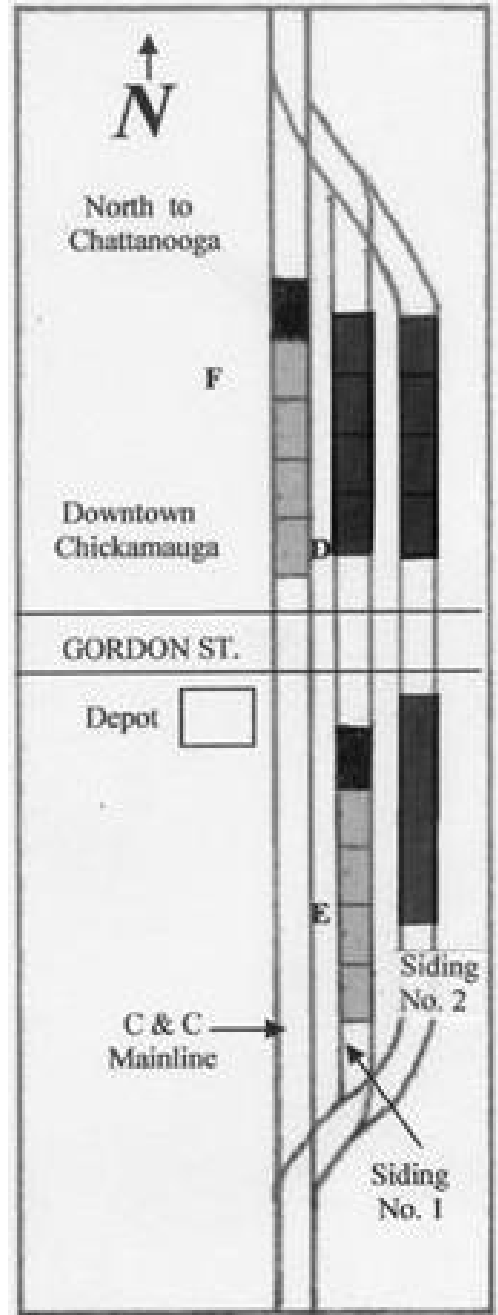
After that switch was thrown, he backed the entire hook-up into siding No. 1, stopping his engine just short of the Gordon St. crossing. The covered hoppers were uncoupled and tied down at their original spot. (Fig. 2-D) Our engineer continued backing south on siding No. 1 until his diesel, with our passenger cars still attached behind, were once again on the mainline south of the depot. (Fig 2-E) Then he simply headed back north up the mainline proceeding across Gordon St. where he stopped when the last passenger coach was clear of the crossing. (Fig. 2-F)

He was now ready to take us on board for our journey back to Chattanooga.



* The C & C mainline north & south extends beyond the margins of drawing.

FIGURE 2



TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

Saturday, June 19th, 2010 – North Florida Fairgrounds, Building #4 – 9 am to 4 pm
 Adults & Children 13 and older: \$5 – Children 12 and younger are free – Free Parking



Minutes of November 2009 BBMRA Membership Meeting

Note: minutes were not taken at Sam Miller's Christmas open house which was the December meeting.

The November 17, 2009 Membership Meeting was called to order by President John Sullenberger at 8:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the old Antique Car Museum. Forty-four (33) people were present. There was no raffle because of the swap meet.

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

Treasurer's Report: Bill reported a positive balance. 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 work party on the 5th of December at the museum.

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

Switching Layout: Joe Haley reported he would have the layout out for the LeMoyné Art Foundation event on the 12th of December. He can use volunteers for this event.

Large Scale: Randy Lombardo reported they would be purchasing new stuff in 2010. He also reminded us this is the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts.

Veteran's Memorial: No report.

Show Report: John Sullenberger reported that flyers will go out in December.

Good of the Group:

John Sullenberger announced there was no dinner because of a lack of participation. We'll see if we will continue with it.

John Sullenberger also announced that there will be a live steam demonstration and swap meet at Hobbytown on the 5th of December, 2009. Joe Haley said that the Tallahassee Astronomical Society will also be there. All hobbies and groups are welcome.

Sam Miller reminded everyone they are invited to the annual his Christmas party on the 11th of December from 6:30 to 9:30 PM.

Joe Haley announced that there will be a special free show at the Planetarium on the 5th of December at 10:00.

Hobbytown will be sponsoring a scenery workshop with Drew Hackmeyer giving the workshop. Don't have a date yet.

Barrett Johnson announced that if anyone needed 2" foam, to get with him.

Dan King sends greeting from Larry Benson, who is being treated for a medical problem. His heart is with the club. He appreciates all thoughts and prayers.

There is a Prototype Modeling Group. See John Sikes for details.

Antique Car Museum Update:

John Sullenberger reminded members they are welcome to come to the museum and run trains anytime it is open.

2010 Officer Elections:

Elections will be held during the January 2010 meeting. We need a nominating committee. We will publish the slate in December. Sam Miller volunteered to head the committee.

2010 Dues Due:

John Sullenberger reminded everyone that their 2010 dues of \$20 are due in January. It is a family membership.

Program:

The Swap meet was the program. There were a group of old magazines in the warehouse. Any magazines not taken by members will be donated to the shop on S. Monroe, who will send them to the troops overseas.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at Sam's home on the 11th of December at 6:30 PM for the annual Christmas party. Next formal meeting will be at **7:30p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2010**, at the **Old Antique Car Museum**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary



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.



2010 Schedule / Timetable - All Meetings 7:30 to 10pm

Date	Day of the Week	Location
January 19, 2010	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
February 16, 2010	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
March 16, 2010	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
April 20, 2010	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
May 18, 2010	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
June 15, 2010	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
July 20, 2010	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
August 17, 2010	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
September 21, 2010	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
October 19, 2010	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
November 16, 2010	Third Tuesday	Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum
December 10, 2010	Second Friday	Sam Miller's Christmas Open House

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