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April 20th 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.

April Program: Wiring Your Layouts by Barrett Johnson

The wiring program will cover basic considerations. AC house wiring will be briefly discussed, but the major focus will be on layout wiring. Topics covered will be running busses, wiring reverse loops, creating blocks for troubleshooting and/or control, choosing wire sizes and will include the basics of DC circuits. The differences between wiring for LED's and bulbs will be discussed. The whole program will be aimed at the practical considerations typically encountered in wiring layouts and what happens much later when it is not thought through. Questions can be raised at any time.

NMRA 50th Anniversary Convention by Barrett Johnson

NMRA 50th Anniversary convention is May 14-16. The convention will be held in Tallahassee for the first time. Things kick off with an operating session at Roy Mantooth's beginning at 1PM Thursday, May 13 for early arrivals. The operating session will be limited to the first 6-10 to sign up--the number is still being worked out--and sign up will begin April 19. Thursday night is a free hamburger cookout at Barrett and Merry Ann Johnson's FOR CONVENTION REGISTRANTS at 6:00PM.

There will on your own tours of the Capitol Friday morning and those attending the convention who are in the 4th floor rotunda at 9:00AM will be admitted to the Senate chamber where the voting system, electronic screen and other features of the chamber will be demonstrated. A tour of the Governor's Mansion takes place at 10:00. Friday afternoon from 1-4 will be train rides on Veterans' Memorial in Bristol. Friday evening 5:30-8:00 is the cash bar welcome reception at the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, which includes a tour of the complete museum. The live steam contingent will also be operating at this time on the Museum portico.

Saturday clinics will begin at the Holiday Inn at North Monroe and I-10 at 9:00AM. There will be three clinics at any given time, most of which are one hour long. Topics covered range from Jim McGill's "How to Make Paper Structures" to Stan Seeds' on making trees--limited to the first 10 to sign up--to a history of the pioneers of scale model railroading to Master Model Railroader Gail Komar's "Modeling the New River, WVa Coal and Coke Co."

There will be a spouse luncheon Saturday at Wakulla Springs Lodge with an optional boat tour.

There will also be a model contest and a photography contest. Models can also be exhibited for display only and not judging. Vendors will be open Friday and Saturday until 5:00PM at the Holiday Inn. Saturday night is the banquet and announcement of the contest winners. The entree choices are London broil or stuffed grouper.

Sunday at 8:30AM is the Sunshine Region board meeting at the Holiday Inn, followed by layout tours commencing at 10:30.

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



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Minutes of March 2010 BBMRA Meeting

The March 16, 2010 Membership Meeting was called to order by President John Sullenberger at 7:45 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the old Antique Car Museum. Fifty-two (52) people were present.

Raffle: Jim Amidon won the raffle and donated his winnings to the club.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 2010 meeting as published in the Lantern were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: John Sullenberger reported for Bill that we had a balance in the black.

Guests: Several guests were introduced. Those included Jim Taylor who was in Ocala and works here. He was in the club in Ocala and models N scale and live steam. Also present was Joe Tillman, who came with John Edrington and Jim McGill, and Hank Spearly, who was a guest of Sam Miller. Hank is a NMRA member and an HO scale modeler.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: Garth Easton thanked all that were at the Museum this past weekend. He also announced that there would be a work party meeting of the N scale division after the meeting.

HO Scale: Barrett Johnson also thanked all that were at the Museum this past weekend. Roy has now completed the switch for the inside loop of the main line of the Museum layout. We also need some street lights to be installed. There will be a work party on Saturday to install lights.

Large Scale: Randy Lombardo read a letter on thanks from the R.A. Gray Building for our participation on the Kids Day Event.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: Some of their tracks are underwater. They are still working on steam engine #59.

Switching Layout: Joe Haley had a letter from the R.A. Gray Building too. He also reported that he will be having surgery at the end of the month and he will be recovering for about a month after that. He will be unable to operate the switching layout until he recovers.

Train Show: John Sullenberger reported that sales were going well. 47 tables are already sold and we anticipate we'll have a total of about 75 tables available, like last year.

Good of the Group Comments: John Sullenberger reminded us that dues are due by the end of the month if you want your membership to remain current.

David Brazell announced that this year's Trainfest at Folkston Georgia will be on the 10th of April.

Dan King announced that there would be a 10th anniversary celebration of the depot in Perry Florida for the old LOP&G Railroad. It will be a 2 day event from the 19th through the 20th of March. Events are free and all are invited to attend.

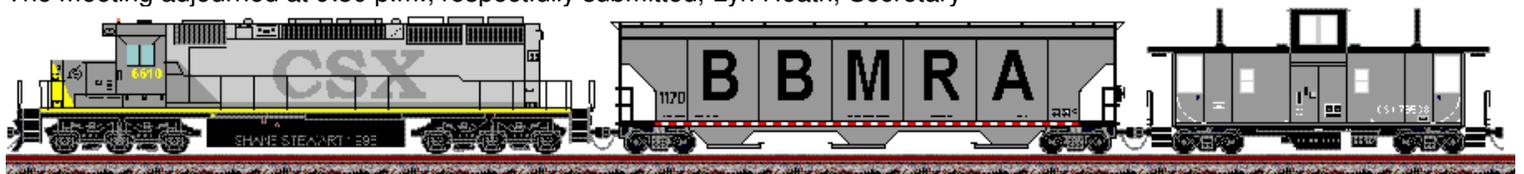
Barrett Johnson provided an overview of the upcoming NMRA Sunshine Division Convention to be held here from the 13th through the 16th of May. There will be a dinner at his home on Thursday the 13th. On Friday the 14th, there will be an opportunity to tour the capitol and enter into the chambers. In the afternoon, people are going to the Veterans Railroad in Bristol. That evening, there will be a cash bar reception at the ACM. On Saturday the 15th, activities will include many clinics, door prizes, a modeling contest, and an evening dinner and award ceremony. Sunday morning will include a local layout tour, including Eric Ecklund's G-Scale layout. If anyone is interested, a 6 month membership is available for \$9.95. Their basic regular membership is \$40.00 a year and advance membership, which includes the yearly magazine, is \$48.00. Members also get discounts on train books. The web site is Gulfwind.com. Registration for the convention is \$40.00.

Antique Car Museum Update: The second anniversary of the Museum will be held on the 3rd of July this year. It will be from 4 until dark. Fireworks will be in the evening.

Program: John Sikes presented a program on loads and rust. It was enjoyed by all.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at 7:30p.m., Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at the Old Antique Car Museum.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.; respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary



10th Annual GS&F and LOP&G Convention by Larry Benson



Historic Perry Railroad Station of LOP&G RR

On March 19 -20 the Georgia Southern & Gulf Historical Society hosted its 10th Annual Convention in the City Hall building in Perry, FL. The meeting room is located on Jefferson St. one-half block north of the Historic Perry Railroad Station which was fully restored and dedicated in April last year. The depot houses the Main Street Perry and Taylor County Development Authority, a museum and several small businesses.

The convention focused on the South Georgia RR company and the Live Oak, Perry & Gulf RR, commonly known as the "Lopin' Gopher." Several interesting presentations were given including "Hampton Springs route of the SG RR" and "GS&F at War – Camp Blanding in WWII" both by Russell Tedder, a former clerk, agent and train-dispatcher for the LOP&G and the SG RR. "Dowling Heritage of LOP&G - Naval Stores & RRs and Modeling a Railroad Still" was presented by Revis Butler, great grandson of Thomas Dowling, founder of the LOP&G.

The "Role of Telegraph in the RR Industry" was highlighted with a demonstration of key stroking by L.A. Bailey who worked 23 years for ACL in various telegraphy related positions. Bailey also gave each convention participant a facsimile copy of a pamphlet entitled "Students' Manual for the Practical Instructions of Learners of Telegraphy" by J. H. Bunnell & Co., originally published in New York in 1884. A talk "Private Cars of the LOP&G" was given by Michael Foley, grandson of Jerry Foley who founded the mill town of Foley and was former president of the LOP&G. All of the lectures were illustrated with excellent graphics projected by computer on a large screen.

After lunch, Maurice Stone, Dan King and I joined a car caravan on a 3-hour tour to see the old ACL depot and several former railroad and lumber camp sites west of Perry. During the trip we rode down the Burton-Swartz Cypress Company's tram/lumber road and viewed the Gulf of Mexico from the Hickory Mound Impoundment. After a barbecued chicken dinner, Tedder gave a final talk entitled "Tales of the Rails" followed by adjournment.



Relocated and sad looking ACL depot houses shops



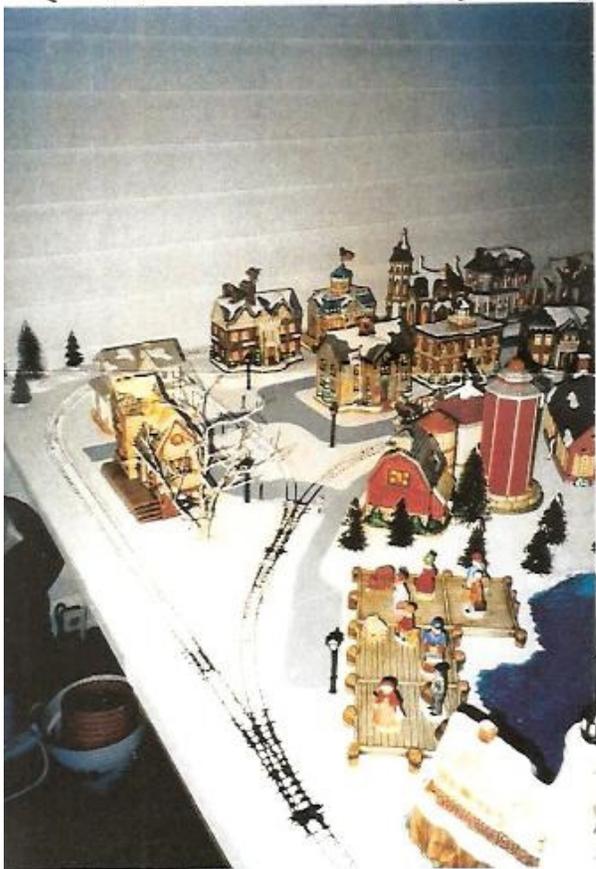
{On 30 Layout}- For Sale!



- Features:
- ✓ - 4'x8' w/ 4'x3'-Ext.
 - ✓ - 1/4" Plywood & 1x2 Hardwood-Const.
 - ✓ - Layed On 30 track & 2 Peco switches on top of road cork
 - ✓ - painted streets & permanent layed snow cover & Trees
 - ✓ - Lighted streets, etc. - 12 Volt AC -
- {Construction} Phase

(Supports Included) ↗

Wired → DC+AC ←



{Finished Product} ↗ Note!
 Train and village buildings - Not Included
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 - Plus -
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