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August 17th 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.

August Program: Swap Meet

July 15th: Chaires Summer Camp at the TACM by John Sullenberger

I would like to thank Ed Buist for operating the HO layout.

July 22nd: Boy's Town at the TACM by John Sullenberger

I would like to thank Joe Haley, Roy Mantooth, Neal Meadows, and Bob Moody for their help operating the layouts.

Dick Daniels has a N Scale Layout for Sale

9 X 12 "L" shaped shelf layout, 21 inches wide with two helixes to the lower level 5 track staging, with turnouts controlled by Automatic Route Control. The layout has approximately 1 1/2 miles scale running. The layout contains 40 Atlas No. 6 turnouts of which 11 are remote controlled. The remaining turnouts operate with ground throws. The layout is wired for dual cab with 13 blocks and is built from a plan that appears in MR "Track Planning Ideas" by Tom Hayden, titled "Ottumwa Central" (page 80). The layout is up and operating. If you are interested please call Dick Daniels at (850) 668-8355. Asking price is \$350.

Fall Farm Day at the Tallahassee Museum sent by Natasha Hartsfield

Greetings! I am writing in regard to an event that I would like to invite the Big Bend Model Railroad Association to. I am currently coordinating this year's Fall Farm Day at the Tallahassee Museum. The event will be held on December 11th, from 9am-5pm. This event will focus on the resources of the Big Bend region from both historic and contemporary perspectives. Some of the activities occurring include: making cane syrup, cracker whip demonstration, blacksmithing, interpreters from the Department of Forestry at our Turpentine Commissary, Living History on the farm, and much more.

Last year we held Fall Farm on a Saturday for the first time in years and it turned out to draw quite a crowd. This year I hope to make that crowd larger, by offering more for the public to see and do. Because we house a Seaboard Railway caboose, I thought of your organization and how great a fit it would be to have you here on this eventful day. We may accommodate you either indoors or out, depending on your needs. The Visitor Center meeting room is roughly 25-32 feet. If this is an event that you would be interested in being a part of, please let me know and I will be more than happy to plug you in. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I look forward to hearing from you.

From the Clothesline: BBMRA Emblem

Bring a shirt (or a cap, vest, etc.) or buy one there, tell them your **Customer Number is 1374** and the **Design Number is 2531**. The price to stitch the emblem is \$10.

Just remember, it takes one to two weeks for them to complete the stitching.



Minutes of the July 2010 BBMRA Meeting

The July 20, 2010 Membership Meeting was called to order by President John Sullenberger at 7:31 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the old Antique Car Museum. Thirty-five (35) people were present.

Raffle: Sheldon Harrison won the raffle and donated his share (\$3) to the club.

Minutes: There was a correction to the June meeting minutes: **David Brazell's Adventure:** second sentence reads "He is selling the DVD for \$10 with \$2 being donated to the BBMRA; it should have said "he is offering a 20% discount to BBMRA members reducing the price from \$10 to \$8 of which \$2 will be donated to the BBMRA." A motion to accept the June 2010 minutes as published in the June 2010 Lantern with corrections was made and seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Bill reported a plus balance.

Dan King thanked John Sullenberger for his work on this year's show and David Brazell thanked Larry Benson for his work with the Tallahassee Democrat in publicizing this year's show.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: Garth Easton thanked all those involved in getting the new N Scale layout ready for the show and for helping out at the show.

HO Scale: Barrett Johnson thanked all those involved for helping out at the show.

Large Scale: Randy Lombardo thanked all those involved for helping out at the show with special thanks to Drew Hackmeyer for his help deciphering the track plan schematic.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: Veteran's had some unexpected repairs as a drainage contractor dug a hole under the track, moved a switch and cut power feeds; repairs took three days.

Switching Layout: Joe Haley thanked all those who helped with the switching layout. For the 2011 show he requested placement with quieter sound effects as his engineers must listen to his voice commands.

Good of the Group Comments: Dwight Dickinson in Vernon, Florida is looking for club to take over an extensive train collection with over 100 locomotives and cars as well as a lot of accessories with a gigantic unfinished train layout from his cousin's estate. The club must furnish itemized receipt with total value promise to complete the cousin's layout. Mr. Dickinson wants to see the finished result.

Gloria McBay has model railroad train tables for sale. She has a total of 10 tables all three and one-half feet tall. Two are 2x4, three are 4x8, three are 2x3 and two are 2x8. Three foam sheets are already on tables. Included are twelve 2x4 backboards for scenery and 9 yrs of Model Railroad Magazines (all in binders), all for \$150.00.

A request that the link to the current newsletter be sent out without a PDF attachment was made.

Larry Benson informed the membership that the August 19th issue of Time magazine has a 5 page article about high speed rail.

Jack Herzog informed the membership that the DIY cable network (Comcast channel 121) has "Workin' on the Railroad" model railroad shows on Wednesday mornings from 7 am to 8 am.

Antique Car Museum Update: Please volunteer your time at the TACM when you can.

Program: No formal program, instead John Sullenberger led a discussion on what members wanted to see at the meetings. It was decided that John will send out an e-mail asking the members what they wanted to see during our meetings. He will tally and present the results and ask for volunteers to present said workshop or presentation.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2010, at the Old Antique Car Museum.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Drew Hackmeyer for Lyn Heath, Secretary

WIREGRASS MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE
SATURDAY, SEPT 18TH (9 TO 5) and SUNDAY, SEPT 19TH (10 to 4)
Peanut Festival Fairgrounds – 5622 Highway 231 South, Dothan, Alabama
BBMRA members get in free – admission: \$5 for adults, free for kids under 12