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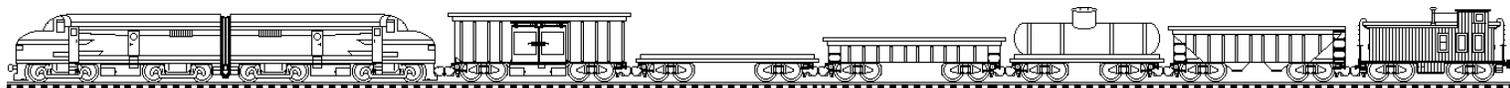
March 15th Meeting: Old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

The March 15th meeting will be held at the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum on Mahan Drive just east of the intersection of Capital Circle and Mahan Drive.

2011 Membership Dues are due by March 31, 2011.

BBMRA Membership Information

The 2011 membership roster will be published with the April Lantern. Please verify your information. If any corrections need to be made you can e-mail me at sullyjws@aol.com, or call me at 850 544-1870, or see me at the March meeting or mail any changes to BBMRA, PO Box 3392, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3392. Corrections need to be received by April 5, 2011.



The Tallahassee Railroad submitted by Mike Sassard (msassard@centurylink.net)

What is known by some as the St. Marks Railroad was actually the Tallahassee Railroad Company. It ran between Tallahassee (Capital Circle) and St. Marks, a distance of about 20 miles. Construction began in 1835 and was completed in 1837.

At first it was mule drawn and transported cotton, naval stores and timber. In 1856, the wooden rails were replaced by steel and the mules by locomotives.

During the Civil War, the Confederates used it to transport troops and artillery. It played a major part in the Battle of Natural Bridge.

In 1983, it was abandoned and one traveler described it as "the worst that has yet been built in the entire world".

Minutes of February 2011 BBMRA Membership Meeting

The February 15, 2011 membership meeting was called to order by President John Sullenberger at 7:30 pm in the old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum meeting room with 38 members present.

Paul Schneider donated to the BBMRA a gavel to call meetings to order.

Minutes: The January 2011 meeting minutes as published in the Lantern were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: There is money in our bank account.

The BBMRA 2011 budget was presented to the membership. The Board of Directors met at 7 pm and approved the proposed budget.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: Garth Easton reported the Division held a work party two weeks ago to start construction of two new modules for the traveling layout. Another work party will be held when ordered supplies arrive.

HO Scale: Sam Miller reported that there would be a work party at the TACM on Saturday, February 19th at 10 am.

Large Scale: No report.

Switching Layout: Joe Haley apologized to the group for not being able to make Children's Day as he had a scheduling conflict.

Veterans Memorial: No report.

NMRA: Barrett Johnson reported that the Sunshine Region's Convention, the Brick City Express, would be held in Ocala on May 19-22, 2011 at the Hilton Inn (SR200 at I-75 exit #350). Also, if you are submitting a structure for judging be sure to check out the NMRA standards. If you're interested in joining the NMRA a six-month trial membership is available for first-time members for \$9.95. This membership includes the NMRA magazine.

Good of the Group Comments:

Levy County Railroad Days: The Levy County Historical Society will stage the Levy County Railroad Days celebration on March 18, 19, and 20, 2011. Events will be held in Bronson, Otter Creek, and Cedar Key. Please go to their website at www.levycountyrailroaddays.com for more information.

Children's Day: John thanked those who worked the Children's Day Festival: Randy Lombardo, Farley Light, Mark Van Hoeij and his son Max.

Sam asked members to send him locations of trains that are on display as he is trying to create a master list. Barrett suggested getting the reporting marks for identification purposes. David Knowles mentioned there is one in Pensacola and Joe Haley talked about the condition of the logging locomotive and car in front of the Agriculture Lab off of Capital Circle.

The 2011 Train Show to be held on June 18th is almost sold out (only 8 tables left). Flyers for the show will be available at all future meetings.

The question on whether the BBMRA would be willing to build a layout(s) to be given away during the holidays was revisited. Suggesting were taken and meeting will be called to discuss this further.

The question of whether the BBMRA wanted to continue to hold model contests was discussed. The result is that the next contest would be a freight car sometime in the future.

Program:

Andy Zimmerman demonstrated the use of specialized clamps designed to help in the construction of model buildings. The BBMRA's modular based structure contest had 4 entries. Doug Gyuricsko won for his N-Scale Otto's Auto Parts.

Next Meeting:

The next gathering of the BBMRA will be March 15th at the old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum at 7:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m., respectfully submitted, David Brazell for Drew Hackmeyer.

Next BBMRA Model Contest set for May 2011

February's model contest results are as follows: first place went to Doug Gyuricsko; second place went to Bill Thompson, third place to Andy Zimmerman and fourth place to Drew Hackmeyer.

The next model contest is set for May 2011 and the category will be open car loads



TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

Saturday, June 18th, 2011 – North Florida Fairgrounds, Building #4 – 9 am to 4 pm
Adults & Children 13 and older: \$5 – Children 12 and younger are free – Free Parking

