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April 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.

A Paper Challenge

I was impressed with Jim Gore's modeling and his presentation at the March meeting on building paper models. The simplicity of the medium and realism possible are worth your consideration.

To that end, I would like to issue a challenge to the membership: BUILD A PAPER MODEL AND BRING IT TO THE APRIL MEETING.

I don't care how complex the model is. I have a sheet of packing boxes and have built them as details for a depot freight room as LCL traffic. There are many free resources available. Your only investment is to print a sheet of cardstock and the time to assemble it. Jim even distributed copies of a structure and one of our own members, Jim McGill, distributed a CD of models he has collected and built during an earlier clinic.

No contest. No grades or scores. No prizes, just a "show and tell."

And as a thank you to Jim, we'll take a photo of all the models and builders to send to him.

Jim provided a list of resources and I'll summarize Jim's instructions.

- 1) Study the model pieces and plan your assembly
- 2) Plan some more and make notes of how you will assemble the model
- 3) SHARP blades are a must!!!
- 4) Use a metal straight-edge and a cutting mat
- 5) Spray the printed sheet with a clear flat coating
- 6) Use the photo or best quality setting on your printer
- 7) Ink-jet printers are preferred
- 8) Remember HIWAB if you screw up, Hide It With A Board ... or a Bush

There are probably many more good tips, but those are the ones that come to mind.

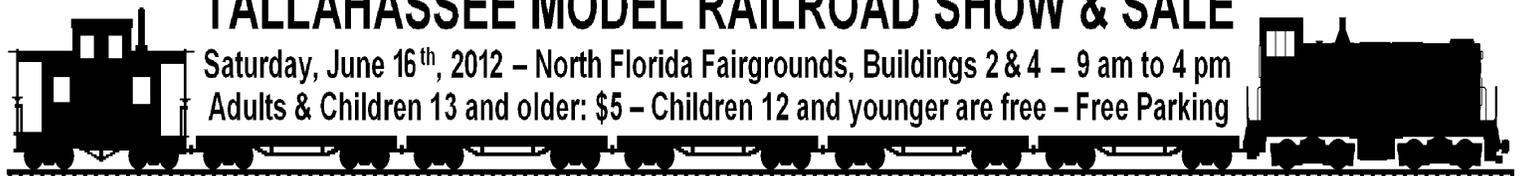
Also, if you want to build something that is not in your scale, you can use the Print to Scale Percentage feature of your printer. If you are going to resize something, better to scale down than scale up. An HO building on one sheet scaled up will run off the paper. An O scale building scaled down will have extra white space on the page. The S scale building I scaled down from O has an extra inch of margin all around. To calculate the percentage to use, divide the scale ratio of the original by the scale ratio of your scale. Example, an O scale original (1:48) to S scale (1:64), divide 48 by 64 equals .75, so print at 75%. HO (1:87) to N (1:160), divide 87 by 160 equals .54375, so print at 54%. HO to S, 87 divided by 64 equals 1.359, so print at 136%. Got it?

Let's do this. Whether a packing box, an outhouse or the White House, build it and bring it.

Drew Hackmeyer
Provocateur in Residence

TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

Saturday, June 16th, 2012 – North Florida Fairgrounds, Buildings 2 & 4 – 9 am to 4 pm
Adults & Children 13 and older: \$5 – Children 12 and younger are free – Free Parking



April Program – A Railroad History Lesson

A brief history of the decline of Florida railroads in the Big Bend and elsewhere in the state --- my experiences covering railroads and that yet-to-be published history of the Apalachicola and Northern RR. A very informal sit-around-the-table presentation and discussion with BBMRA welcoming membership input and dialog!

George Lane's 45 year interesting and varied award winning career spans newspaper management, print and broadcast journalism - as well as lobbying, public, government and media relations consulting, all in Florida. Through the years he has written and served in various capacities for *UPI*, *The St. Petersburg Times*, *Tampa Tribune*, *Tallahassee Democrat*, *Highlands Today*, *The Florida Kiplinger Report*, *Florida Living*, *Florida Monthly*, *The DeSoto County Times* (Publisher) and more. George Lane has deep roots in the Big Bend, Northwest Florida and Southwest Florida, especially in Charlotte, DeSoto, Lee, Sarasota, Highlands and Hendry Counties. George is a strong proven networker and has extensive media, political and business contacts statewide, especially in rural Florida and Tallahassee dating back to the late 1960s. A strong family man, devoted Christian, a rural Florida and Florida Railroad historian, George Lane is a "door opener" who loves rural Florida, Floridiana and its people and sharing all three --- he knows rural Florida *like the back of his hand*. George is originally from the southwest Florida area but has been in the Tallahassee area since 1989.

George has been a Florida Railroad fan for nearly 50 years, has published dozens and dozens of historical and other features and photos on the various aspects of Florida Railroad from the panhandle to the keys. He also covered the railroads for newspapers and will provide a brief history of the Apalachicola and Northern Railroad and of others in the Big Bend Region.

Minutes of the March 2012 BBMRA Meeting

The March 20th meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by President John Sullenberger.

New members and guests: Jim Bush, an O-gauger, enjoys running trains and trying to kindle an interest in model trains with his grandson and his HO layout was present, as was Steve & Debbie Poehler (from Thomasville). She is becoming the model railroader while he flies R/C aircraft. The consensus is there is hope that he can be converted.

Minutes: The February minutes were amended to show that Joe Haley had approximately 65 children participate in the engineer's school during Children's Day at the Museum of Florida History. The amended minutes from the February meeting were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report indicated that we are still in the black.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: setup at the Crafters Market put the display before 400 people. Work is progressing on the new module for the Show;

HO Scale: workday this Saturday (March 27th) at the Antique Car Museum and orientation on the layout controls;

Large Scale: 'Diesel' has been repaired. There was a good article in recent issue of Classic Toy Trains about club layouts to visit;

Veteran's Memorial: still running on the 2nd Saturday of the month;

Switching Layout: no report;

NMRA: Sunshine Region convention in mid-May in Winter Haven;

Train Show: on track and on schedule for June 16th;

Good of the Group Comments: Eric Ecklund will have an open house in October. A layout building clinic will be presented at the northeast Lowes the 3rd Saturday in May. The Folkston Trainfest is scheduled for April 14th.

Program: the program was presentation by Jim Gore on Craftsman Cardstock models.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at the Old Antique Car Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Respectfully submitted by Drew Hackmeyer, Secretary



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