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June 14th Meeting at the old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum is the SECOND THURSDAY of June

2012 / 2013 BBMRA Officer Slate submitted by the Nominating Committee

The following is the slate for the BBMRA's generally elected officers for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013: President – John Sullenberger; Vice-President – Andy Zimmerman; Treasurer – Larry Benson; Secretary – Doug Gyuricsko.

June Program – Drew Hackmeyer Makes Molds

Almost all of the models you buy are made in a mold of some kind. You don't need a big budget, heavy equipment or big production runs to justify making a mold. I will share my techniques for making latex molds for rock castings and detail parts.

2012 Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale

Set-Up - Friday: set-up begins at 12 noon and runs to 7 pm.

Saturday set-up is scheduled from 7 am to around 9 am. I will be opening the fairgrounds and buildings #2 & #4 by 7am. Members are welcome to come in and either complete their set-ups or to run their trains. **Tear-Down** will commence at 4 pm and continue until the last vendor is out of both buildings.

Sign-In Book – There will be a sign-in book at the entrance table. I would like all members who have participated in the pre-show build-up (layout work, show promo, show organization, etc.) work the show on Friday and/or Saturday, to find their name and check the appropriate boxes.

Extension Cords – We will need extension cords as there will be 5 to 8 ceiling drops. Use the masking tape and the magic marker found in our building and put your name on your cord (to make sure the right cord goes to the right home).

Name Badges If you need a name badge printed by me (John Sullenberger) let me know by Thursday, June 16th (at 562-5137 (home), 544-1870 (cell) or e-mail at sullyjws@aol.com) so you can pick it up when you come to the Show.

Members and Meetings submitted by Drew Hackmeyer

One of the things that jumped out at me from the survey were the comments regarding the meetings. The members wanted to learn more about model railroading, there were comments about new and different subject matter and the format of the meeting and different activities. These are things they asked to be added, but there was one thing they asked to be corrected: the behavior of our members, ourselves.

The side conversations, sometimes several at the same time, prevent members from hearing the speaker;

Hijacking the discussion into minutia or into a side topic;

Personal issues or appeals outside the club's interest in model railroading or railroads.

These things are up to us to correct. Having had manners, courtesy and kindness pounded into us by our parents, it goes against the grain to tell someone to wait, quiet down, put a sock in it, or shut the h*** up. But it is far worse to allow others to suffer by doing nothing.

I would ask then that the members request the board to remind us when we prevent other members from full enjoyment and participation in the discussion or presentation. If the new board knows that this is what we the members want, they will not hesitate when bad behavior appears.

Of course, having reminded ourselves, they won't have to.

A Trip to the Buffet

by Drew Hackmeyer

I was drawn into a discussion a while back about scenery on modules. It centered on having consistent scenery from one module to the next. The position was that different scenes from one module to the next was jarring for the eye as it crossed the joint, that it wasn't prototypic, it didn't present a uniform impression of what the railroad was, there was no grand scope, etc.

When I see a model railroad, I like to see large vistas and grand scenes and long trains running through. I like seeing urban canyons and trains threading between the buildings.

Reflecting later, I remembered that this was some of the same discussion that went on in the club 20 years ago about the modules now long gone.

All that takes space; and if you have sufficient space, you can build convincing scenes on a grand scale.

Hard to carry around and put in the back seat of the car, though.

Given the nature of our public displays and allowing module builders freedom to try out many different ideas, I no longer find the widely varied scenes to be a distraction. I relish them.

I liken it to going to a buffet, a potluck dinner, or smorgasbord. A spoonful of this, a dab of that, some of the yellow stuff I can't identify but that smells good. All from different cooks. Each widely different flavors, wonderful in themselves. My plate, with ten or twenty different experiences waiting for me. I can have a little taste of everything.

I can always have a big bowl of stew at home.

Minutes of the May 2012 BBMRA Meeting

The May 15th meeting was called to order at 7:44pm by President John Sullenberger.

Minutes: The minutes from the April meeting were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report indicated that we are still in the black and in agreement with the bank statement.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: thanks to those who have worked on the new module which is almost complete.....one more work party to go; N Scale will run at Home Depot on Capital Circle NE on Saturday, June 2nd;

HO Scale: workdays to continue at the TACM to get the HO layout ready for the show; HO will host a clinic at the Capital Circle NE Lowe's on Saturday, June 9th;

Large Scale: our show is listed in Classic Toy Trains;

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

Switching Layout: thanks were expressed by Joe Haley the assistance he got during the run at Broadview Assisted Living;

NMRA: Sunshine Region convention this coming weekend in Winter Haven;

Train Show: on track and on schedule for June 16th with 39 vendors, 14 layouts and the hot-dog man;

Good of the Group Comments: Eric Ecklund will have an open house in October. The HO Division will host a layout building clinic at the northeast Lowes on June 9th. The Small Scale Division will operate at the northeast Home Depot on June 2nd.

Program: A Swap Meet;

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 14, 2012, at the Old Antique Car Museum. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Respectfully submitted by Drew Hackmeyer, Secretary

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



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