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Well, it's that time of year again.

Time for our annual train show.

Doesn't seem like a year has passed, does it?

And a new membership year will begin July 1. So right to business.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The 2013 slate of officers is as follows:

President	John Sullenberger
Vice President	Andy Zimmerman
Secretary	Doug Gyuricsko
Treasurer	Sandy Scott

Respectfully submitted

David Brazell

End of Another Year by John Sullenberger, President

It seems strange to say this is the end of the year when 2013 is only half over. But it is the end of the Big Bend Model Railroad Association's "year." And it has been a good one.

The club has gone in a new direction with our N and HO Scale T-Trak modules with more members getting involved. This is a good direction as the BBMRA needs the involvement for us to continue to grow. Please take a moment to read and consider Andy's notes about making an effort to get personally involved in our club.

We've made some new friends and lost some of our oldest members: Larry Benson, Dave Kerns and Vernon Parramore. They will be remembered with fondness for their willingness to help and to impart their vast knowledge for our benefit.

Our 2013 Show and Sale is this weekend, please make every effort to attend and to help out when and where you can. Andy Zimmerman will be running building number 2 and I will be running building number 4. Bob Ruggles has been a big help as my Volunteer Coordinator and has gotten members to "volunteer" to help with set-up, tear-down and selling tickets at our gate. If you are one of the "volunteers" I thank you as Andy and I need all of the help we can get. If you are not one of the volunteers you can still help out, just ask Andy or myself what you can do, it would be much appreciated.

I would like all members to wear name badges at the show and at our meetings. I can create and print one for you if you do not already have one or if you need a new one. I feel the general public and our members should know who they are talking to without having to ask. If you can send me a request by Wednesday evening I'll make every effort to bring the badge to our June 13th meeting, otherwise I'll bring it to the show. I need to know what type of locomotive you want (diesel, electric or steam) and what road name you want. You can make a request for a specific type of locomotive (GP7, SD40-2, etc.) and I'll see what I can do. I can be reached 850 544-1870 or e-mailed at sullyjws@aol.com.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this "year" and please participate with us during our new "year!"

*** Next Meeting ***

June 13th

at the

**'old' Tallahassee Antique
Car Museum**

The 'old' Tallahassee Antique Car Museum is located at 3550 Mahan Drive just east of the intersection of Capital Circle and Mahan Drive (across from the McDonalds in the Wal-Mart parking lot).

*** Second Thursday ***

The meeting will begin at **7:30 pm.**

...From the Veep

Well that time is upon us again! A whole year has flown by and it seems like we just finished with the last one. Your BBMRA leadership has put a lot of time and effort into making this a great show! We know we are in a Down economy and money is tight but we are determined to persevere. We are in 21 different event calendars across the country and locally. We have ads in several Model Railroading magazines such as Model Railroad Craftsman, Model Railroader, Trains, and a few others. We have a Digital billboard featuring our show and we have been in several papers in areas surrounding Tallahassee including our own Limelight. We had a Front page article appear in the June 6th Chronicle (Included with the Democrat) and I am told that we will have an article in the June 14th Democrat as well. We appeared on TV (Dimensions) and on Radio (WFSU) and will have ads running on a Local radio Station (which has 5 broadcast towers and a large reach into Georgia and Alabama as well as south to the Coast and north to Monticello) In Short we have kept the full court press, looking for every opportunity to get the word out to as many communities as possible. This list would not be complete without mentioning the Hollash's and Porky and Aven Bacon! These two vendors have put out flyers for us at EVERY train Show they attend! 44 weekends over the last year our flyers have appeared at a train show somewhere! From North Carolina to the Florida Keys our Flyers have been passed out. Make sure you take a minute to express your thanks to these two great vendors for all they do to make our show great! Lots of time and dedication by a few so that not only can we have a great turnout at the show and maximize the experience but this also translates into revenue for our club....Revenue for repairing layouts, building new modules, advertising for next year's show and paying for the venue to have it in. Many of you do not see the time and effort that goes into this, just know it is immense! Nothing happens by magic, it takes a dedicated team striving to improve at every turn.

When you consider all of this think about where you could help out. At the show, month to month at the club, serve on a committee or as a division coordinator, what can you do to help lighten the load? We need help in many areas and only a few are putting their shoulders to the plow. Next month we are to consider leadership once again as well as rotating members onto one of several committees to the business of the club, look for a place to serve that we all might benefit. Lastly ATTEND the show! Show your support! People need to see an involved club.... See you Thursday!

Andy J. Zimmerman, VP BBMRA



2013 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 building 4) 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 13th (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.

Minutes of May 2013 BBMRA meeting

The night started with dinner at 6:45 P M, and again there was plenty to eat, and done very well.

The business meeting was to be held after our demonstration which started at 7:45 P M.

Excellent demonstration by Bob Grubba President and CEO, and Ken Silvestri Vice President of Sales. Together they described how they started, their background in railroading, and what they plan to do. Taking questions from many about their engines to come and hopes for others. Sound systems that are simple to operate, and many other model products they are working on. On top of that they brought a door prize, HO passenger car won by our very own "Lego Man" Mark Van Hoeij! Then they had the long drive back to Ormond Beach. Thank you both for the products, the time, the engines we got to hold, the sounds we heard, the questions answered.

Let me try to fill in the names of visitors; I hope I did not miss anyone!

D. Reed Ostrander HO secretary of the Pensacola Model Railroad Club. (PMRC). His son Darl R. Ostrander Jr. of Tallahassee. Bob Murph PMRC HO President. Dave Ramirez, (Trains by Johnson). Along with Terry Tucker (Tuckers Trains). Thank them for driving all the way from Pensacola to be involved with our Broadway Limited Import demonstration night.

We also have a new member Matt Buranovich who is deciding which scale he will be involved with.

We also had our upcoming show flyers on the tables, hope everyone passes them around.

There was no official business meeting as time ran short. But I did get to talk with John, who said we are still in the black for treasures report, no division reports.

We still need volunteers for the show, contact Bob Ruggles who is doing the coordination efforts for volunteers.

Bring all "T" Track modules to the show as long as they have track in the proper location, bring them. Scenic portions not required to be finished.

Just a reminder that there are two demonstrations one on May 25th at Lowes, and Home Depot June 5th. Don't forget the NMRA convention in Atlanta this year check their website for dates and times.

Remember to remember our NAME BADGES!

Respectfully submitted by Doug Gyuricsko.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 15, 2013

9 am to 4 pm

**Big Bend Model Railroad Association Presents
22nd Annual Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale**
Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale,

NOW IN 2 BUILDINGS, Buildings 2 and 4!
Admission: Adults & Children 13 and over \$5,
Scouts in Uniform as well as Children 12 and under are free.

Free Parking
North Florida Fairgrounds Location

Show Link: [Click here](#)

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