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Woodville Founder's Day Festival

The Small Scale Division and the Time Saver sub-division will set-up and run on Saturday, October 12th at the Leon County branch library in Woodville (8000 Old Woodville Rd – 606-2925). The library's activities are in conjunction with Woodville's Founder Day Festival. Set-up begins at 9:00 am and the event runs from 10 am to 4 pm. Three of the N Scale modules will be run while Joe Haley will be running the Time Saver.

2013 Veteran's Memorial Railroad Halloween Train

New for this Halloween is "The Haunted Depot" with goblins, zombies, witches and all that moves in the dark. There will be a static display skeleton train on-site. The trains will run on Friday, October 25th, Saturday, October 26th and Thursday, October 31st from 6:30 pm till 10 pm (Eastern Time). Tickets are \$5 per person; children 5 and under ride for free.

The Veteran's Memorial Railroad is located in just behind the Civic Center in Veterans Memorial Park, 10561 NW Theo Jacobs Road / County Road 12, Bristol, FL 32321.

Hobby Monstro-City

Hobby Monstro-City is the name of the new hobby store in town. They opened this past July and are an online hobby and toy retailer. They carry Tamiya plastic model kits and Bachmann trains (N, HO and G scales) plus other toys. The store is located at 720 Capital Circle NE, Suite G, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Their telephone number is 322-5442 and their website is www.hobbymc.com

Mark Beshara, the owner of Hobby Monstro-City is planning on attending our meeting next Tuesday and he will be bringing some Floquil railroad paints (from his dwindling stock) that he will sell to members for 20% off of retail.

One Green Extension Cord

I still have one green extension cord – does anyone know who it belongs to? If so, please contact John Sullenberger at 544-1870.

What makes a successful club

There are many factors that contribute towards the success of a club:

"When you get right down to it, one of the most important tasks of a leader is to eliminate his peoples excuse for failure" Robert Townsend

What makes a successful club? The following statement represents the criterion that tends to be allied with successful Model Railroading Club This statement is not exhaustive in indicating important elements which

*** Next Meeting ***

October 15th

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).

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

contribute to a successful club. However, the ideas suggested have been extracted from years of experience tied to the developing of a successful Model Railroading Club.

The success of any club depends on keeping its enthusiastic spirit, and to remember the ideas that were the focus point for the formation of the club in the beginning. The best asset a club has is "Enthusiasm" from its leaders and members with the Modelers best interest in mind. This is fairly easy to attain when a club is new and just beginning, but within a few years this can change drastically. Analyzing how this evolves may allow redirecting our priorities to ensure a healthy and growing club

1. A successful Model Railroading Club has a reason to be organized. The members of the club rests upon these reasons.
2. A successful Model Railroading Club is goal oriented. The goals and objectives of the organization are written and are understood by the leaders and members the goals and objectives reflect the reason for the organization as well the mandates of the membership.
3. A successful Model Railroading Club has a developed organization and a line of authority. It is important that someone be responsible for carrying out the mandates of the club members and the ability to discipline when and where necessary.

As leaders, remember to be responsive to the needs and feelings of the members, and, as members, remember to give your leaders the authority to make decisions for the club on your behalf. Members have a responsibility to help the elected Officers/Directors to carry out the duties required to make the Club, shows and club activities successful. Then everyone can have a successful club that responds to all in unity and harmony.

4. A successful Model Railroading Club is led by an individual and/or board which is capable and willing to make decisions, especially the hard ones.
5. A successful Model Railroading Club is financially sound. A dues structure must be established to carry out the long/short range programs. The members who pay must benefit from their contribution. The paying member must see his dollars working.
6. A successful Model Railroading Club has a sound, long—range program which serves the membership's needs, while accomplishing stated goals and objectives.
7. A successful Model Railroading Club has established an enjoyable, competitive environment which facilitates the member's development in the hobby of Model Railroading. Rewards are presented to those members who achieve success in events thought to be important by the club.
8. A successful Model Railroading Club has established meaningful traditions. These traditions are meaningful because the membership looks forward with anticipation to the events associated with them.
9. A successful Model Railroading Club is alive, as demonstrated by member's activity at meetings, outings, contests, hearings and events.

As time goes by, the enthusiasm may decrease, and generally the control of the club may go to only a few people. When this happens, the involvement of the total club's planning and action may not be shared any longer with the majority as far as decision and input are concerned. Some members could subconsciously feel slighted, thus bringing negative comments and complaining. If this starts to happen, unrest throughout the club could set in. As a member STAY INVOLVED do not settle for being an armchair quarterback. Do not settle for letting someone else do it is you have the knowledge, skills and ability to see it through, you never know who you may inspire to step up next!

10. A successful Model Railroading Club believes, practices, and is involved in promoting their hobby and conserving the resources associated with their hobby. The best asset a club has is "Enthusiasm" from its leaders and members with the Modelers best interest in mind. This is fairly easy to attain when a club is new and just beginning, but within a few years this can change drastically. Analyzing how this evolves may allow redirecting our priorities to ensure a healthy and growing club
11. A successful Model Railroading Club is welcoming and engaging. Throughout the year each club will experience new modelers and their families coming to events/shows. It's up to the club, its members and its management as to whether or not these people will want to come back and be involved in the club. If they are treated special, they will be back. If they are ignored or not made to feel welcome, then you can guess the outcome.

12. A successful Model Railroading Club keeps an enthusiastic spirit by: (1) always attracting new members and letting them be part of the club, and (2) have a training program for the leadership positions within the club etc. It's a well-known fact that if the work load is not shared (which can be fun), a person who is always overworked will burn out. It's natural.
13. A successful Model Railroading Club remembers that it's not unusual for members to have some personal conflicts in their approach to the operations of the club. However, if they continue to pursue their common goals, they should all be big enough to set aside any trivial differences that they may have. This will allow the modelers to continue enjoying the hobby, and to have a feeling of pride and comradeship about and within the club.
14. With Respect to our Show: Everyone does their part helping in all of the areas of the show, such as, getting notices out to the public via word of mouth, Flyers, online boards. Or set up and take down crews, Transportation crews, etc. We are all working for a common goal: to collectively be successful.

Minutes of September 2013 BBMRA meeting

BBMRA meeting minutes for Sept. 17,2013

President John Sullenberger opened the meeting at 7:41 P.M.

New member; Paul Myrick

Aug. 20th 2013 minutes; accepted.

Treasurer report; Sandy S. reports we are in the black.

Small scale; Home depot was a good day, many viewers, including the staff.

HO.; Sheldon H.; says no report.

Large scale; Sam M. reports O scale making details for the "T" track modules.

Switching; Joe H. reports the Grey museum enjoyed the visit he and Randy L. had set up.

Veterans Memorial, Bristol; no report.

NMRA; no report.

President John Sullenberger says budget reports are in the works. Vice President Andy Z. reports the by-laws committee have been meeting and updating the by-laws. Andy explained some changes that are needed. He also said there will be an email and hard copies sent showing the old and the new by-laws for members to review. Comments for input accepted. This will be sent at least 14 days before the next meeting.

President John Sullenberger said the Dothan train show is this next weekend. We have a reciprocal agreement with the Wiregrass club, just tell them you are a BBMRA member, admission is free.

Tom who travels around Florida frequently has visited many hobby shops and has been to many shows. He reports our show has more substance than any he has seen. We just don't have chandeliers from the ceiling. He also reported that he thinks Sarasota Gulf Coast Hobby may have the best shop in Florida.

Andy M. passed a note book around with a lot of notes on the NMRA convention in Atlanta this year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Program was presented by David Brazell; eBay 101 Rail fans. If you are new or an old timer in eBay, he explained many ins and outs of the eBay experience for the buyer. He will have a demonstration for the "seller" in the future. Good job David.

The next BBMRA meeting is scheduled for October 15th, 7:30 P.M. at the "old" Tallahassee Auto Museum.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Gyuricsko.

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