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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 15th at 7:30 pm
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 and is across from the McDonalds in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale Recap

The 2014 Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale was our best show ever with a paid gate of 758 (up from last year's 615). Counting children, BBMRA, Flint River and Wiregrass members we estimate we had well over 1200 attendees. The next Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale is scheduled for June 20, 2015 at the North Florida Fairgrounds in buildings 2 and 4.

I would like to thank the following members for their support prior to and up through the tearing down of this year's show: Bill Atkinson, Gary Austin, Porky Bacon, Matt Baronovich, William Bell, Marc Beshara, Dave Blodgett, David Blodgett, John Booth, Bill Boyle, David Brazell, Ken Brock, Ed Buist, Ben Carroll, Ronald Clark, Will Davis, Eric Ecklund, Joe Furiato, Mitchell Green, Doug Gyuricsko, Drew Hackmeyer, Joe Haley, Sheldon Harrison, Jack Herzog, Jamie Herzog, Carlton Ingram, Barrett Johnson, Dan King, Randy Lombardo, Fred Martin, Sal Martocci, Dan McDaniel, Larry McPherson, Neal Meadows, Don Meeks, Judy Meister, Andy Millott, Steve Mindlin, Calvin Ogburn, William O'Rourke, Bob Pope, Paul Richter, Bob Ruggles, Tom Rush, Mike Sassard, Bob Sayes, Paul Schneider, Sandy Scott, Michael Simpson, Louis Stokley, John Sykes, Mark Van Hoeij, Shawn Vann, Phil Weston, Bob Woodard and Wendy Worden.

My special thanks to my co-manager Andy Zimmerman, my volunteer coordinator John Meister, the Division coordinators – Garth Easton, Sam Miller and Art Wilson for their work getting the layouts operational, and to Randy Lombardo and Joe Haley for their tireless work teaching children about trains.

I have two extension cords that I brought home from the show and will bring them to Tuesday's meeting.

2014 / 2015 BBMRA Officer Slate

The BBMRA will elect their 2014/2015 officers during the Annual Business Meeting to be held Tuesday, July 15th, 2014 at the old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum.

The following is the current slate of nominees: President – John Sullenberger; Vice-President – Andy Zimmerman; Treasurer – Sandy Scott; Secretary – Doug Gyuricsko.

Nominations can be taken from the floor prior to the elections and any member can nominate themselves. The Division Coordinators will be elected by their respective Divisions after the general elections.



Time to Pay Your 2014-2015 Dues

The BBMRA Treasurer will be accepting members' dues payments for the upcoming fiscal year – July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at our meeting on Tuesday, July 15th.

Dues for the next year are \$20 and may be paid by cash, check or money order (made payable to BBMRA). To remain an active member you have until August 31, 2014 to pay your dues. After that date members who have not paid their dues will be considered in default and their membership privileges will be suspended until their dues are paid.

July Program: Operations 201: Developing a Roster

Presented by John Sykes

This "class" will provide guidelines and sources of information to help develop a realistic freight car roster for a medium to large layout based on a prototype railroad.

What types of freight cars and how many of each type might be needed will be discussed. Examples of reference documents will be shown and passed around. Modifying the roster for the layout's industries and owners preferences will be included.

Finally, development of a locomotive, MoW and passenger car roster will be briefly touched on.

“Card Table” Workshops at Hobbytown

I'm looking for instructors and for students to participate in “card table” workshops in the newly created classroom at Hobbytown. The reason for the “card table” moniker is that Hobbytown does not have tables for their classroom so if you want to participate you need to bring a card table or some kind of tray (folding or otherwise) to work on. They do have 16 chairs so it might not hurt to bring one of your own (just in case).

We have a lot of bare faced T-Trak modules that need scenery and members who want to learn so we'll discuss this at the July meeting to see if there is any interest.

24th Annual Wiregrass Model Railroad Show and Sale

The 24th annual Wiregrass Model Railroad Show and Sale will be held at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds (5622 US Highway 231) just south of Dothan, Alabama on Saturday, September 20th and Sunday, September 21st. Show hours on Saturday are 9 am to 5 pm CDT and on Sunday are 10 am to 4 pm CDT. The show will feature vendors selling model train equipment and supplies and operating model railroads in many scales. There will be an outdoor train ride for children, concessions and door prizes on both days.

The non-profit show is sponsored by the Wiregrass Heritage Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. Admission is \$5 for adults and free for children under age 12.

Remember, the BBMRA has a reciprocal show entrance agreement with the Wiregrass Chapter and BBMRA members get in free.

June 24, 2014 BBMRA Meeting minutes:

Run Trains: President John Sullenberger called the short meeting to order at 8:12 pm. Our guests were the grandparents of Ben Carroll, who along with his parents support Ben's rail fanning.

President John Sullenberger reminded the members of the June 28th show information. John will be at the fairgrounds early Friday morning and Saturday morning to open the doors to our vendors, and members to set up displays. Again extension cords will be needed for the drops. Name badges for members who do not have one are here. We will use wrist bands for the paying public.

John reminded us that the 2014/15 membership dues will be accepted in July and August.

John answered questions about advertising the show. WCTV will do a spot for us, NPR radio, various magazines, flyers, cards, word of mouth, and other news letters were used.

There will be diagrams of space allotted for vendors and layouts in buildings #2 and #4.

The meeting minutes for the May 20, 2014 were accepted.

Treasurers report; Sandy reports we are in the black. Report accepted.

Good of the group: Dave Brazell will have DVD videos for sale, Ben Carroll will have DVD's for sale also. Claude Hinson, the Wakulla Steamers was discussed.

Division reports: Large scale, Sam Miller said the "O" scale Disney display will be at ACE hardware at 3802-2 North Monroe St. on August 23rd (set up is at 10 am, and running from 11 as to 3 pm). Marc Beshara of Hobby MonstroCity store spoke about being at the show. A first time event for him; he will be selling various train items along with Lego accessories. President John S. then reminded us of the upcoming elections for officers. The meeting ended at 8:36 pm.

Forty-three members and guests were present. The program for the night: "Run Trains" had many people with their modules running and some testing for the show. The next meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of the month July 15th.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Doug G.

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