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Demonstration of Weathering with PanPastels

A hands-on workshop by Bill Bell

Many of you probably read the article in last November's Model Railroader about the marvelous new way to weather an HO locomotive in 7 minutes, using PanPastel Colors for Models and Miniatures, "Weathering a Steam Locomotive in Seven Minutes". PanPastel weathering kits are fairly expensive, but a few model shops on the Internet heavily discount them, (Scale Hobbyist & Factory Direct are two) therefore, I decided to buy a pair of kits and try them.

The club has an HO Bachmann 2-10-0 that had been dropped several times and someone had tried to repair it in the past. I have been trying to re-repair it for the last several months and viewed it as a logical candidate for heavy weathering to disguise my attempts and the previous attempts to repair it. I quickly found that I could come nowhere close to the 7 minutes for weathering a locomotive quoted in the article. I was able to get what I consider satisfactory results in about 20 minutes. I found a few other flaws in the article's instructions: The article claims that you don't need to spray the model first with dull coat to keep the PanPastel from coming off on your hands. That only works well if you are doing a light weathering job. For moderate to heavy weathering, it is best to dull coat the model and let it dry thoroughly (24 hrs). The PanPastel products are very finely ground and will stick to any surface with a little tooth to it. The materials you use to apply the PanPastels to a model are nothing more than sponge makeup application tools, which can be washed and reused.

I will be available to demonstrate the use of the PanPastel product, while the club is running trains at the August meeting and will allow a few people, (5-6) who bring a car or locomotive to try their hand at this new technique. Don't worry about ruining a prized car or locomotive, I have found that the weathering can pretty much be erased or modified in any way that you want after the fact, unless you "fix it in place," using dull coat after the weathering. I will be bringing 14 PanPastel colors for use as rust, earth, smoke and dirt. I will also bring several sets of application tools. See you at the August meeting!

*** Next Meeting ***

**August 19th
2014**

**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.**

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.

If you need to pay your dues and cannot make it to the August meeting they can be mailed to BBMRA, PO Box 3392, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3392.

“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.

August Program: “Run Trains!”

The program for the August 19th meeting is “running trains.” The HO, the Large Scale and the Small Scale Divisions will set-up and run their T-Trak modular layouts.

If you have a module that's ready-to-run (meaning the track is glued down) then please bring it. Scenery can be added at a later date.

There will be a short business meeting: accepting the minutes and the treasurer's report and a few announcements and then we'll be back to running trains.

Remember this is a club event, you don't have to own a module to run your trains so be sure to bring your trains!

Mickey Mouse Lionel Layout Operating August 23rd

Submitted by Sam Miller, Large Scale Division Coordinator

The BBMRA's Lionel/Large Scale Division will be running trains Saturday, August 23rd, at the Ace Hardware store on North Monroe from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Ace is located at 3802-2 North Monroe Street, just south of the Fred George Road/Crowder Road/ Monroe Street intersection.

We will operate a five-foot by eight-foot layout that includes a Mickey Mouse Train produced by Lionel almost 40 years ago and other “vintage” Lionel model trains. Three trains will run at once and there will be several operating accessories, including a Flying Dumbo.

This is the first setup by the Lionel group at an area hardware store, but we don't expect it to be the last. The N Scale and HO divisions have done wonderful work promoting our club and the hobby during setups at Lowe's and Home Depot and we probably will try that in the future.

Several folks frequent the north Monroe Street Ace, though, and we have developed a good relationship with store manager Richard Saylor.

This is the first setup of the Walt Disney Train layout since Children's Day at the State Museum in Tallahassee. The Disney train and flying Dumbo were really popular with kids at the state museum. If you have young children or grandchildren or great grandchildren, bring them out to see us.

We will load up at my house, 3008 Stillwood Court, that Saturday at 9 a.m. and get to the store to begin setting up at about 10 a.m. We will break down at about 3 p.m.

We need as many Lionel folks as possible, but welcome any club members to stop by and support us.

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.

2015 Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale

The BBMRA's 2015 Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 27th. Please mark your calendars.

Veterans Memorial Railroad

Visit Veterans Memorial Railroad on the 2nd Sat. of the month for a free train ride over a mile around the park.
11:00-3:00 EST

Rent a train for rides at another time.

Veterans Memorial Railroad
10561 NW Theo Jacobs Way
State Road 12(behind the Civic Center)
Bristol, FL 32321

<http://VeteransMemorialRailroad.org>

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BBMRA meeting minutes for July 15, 2014

President John Sullenberger was accepting dues during the pay period of July, August.

John called the meeting to order at 7:36 P.M.

New members: James Dodson, of Sneads FL. He is an HO fan. Ron Renaldos on Old Bainbridge Rd, had HO packed away, time to get started again. Welcome to the new members.

Minutes of June 24th meeting -- accepted as is.

John gave the treasurers report for Sandy -- We are in the black.

John then announced the show details. We had counted 758 paid visitors at the gate. This is a record amount of people not including the 12 and under, club members and reciprocal club members who came. John has ideas for improvement for the next show under the lessons learned this year. A few bugs noted were people not using the wrist bands as described, but just holding them. The issue of people not using both buildings even though building numbers were displayed. John opened the subject to members who gave information they observed and some ideas for next year. Signs showing gate prices, train buildings included, location of the ticket booth and gate control, were just a few ideas. The issue of tearing wrist bands from sheets while dealing with the customers was found to be the late delivery of said bands to us.

President John Sullenberger thanked the members; he estimates 60 who were on hand to help out even if just visiting. He also thanked Vice president Andy Zimmerman for his operation of the second building without who's help could not be done.

John also announced the next show to be the 27th of June 2015. This does not conflict with other known events or Fathers day.

Members noted their conversations with our vendors as a great show, with only one having very poor sales. Concerns over issues for vendors were discussed also. Theft of items, vendors having to leave their tables, among the issues. It was noted the public were very savvy over the items for sale and prices by eBay and others being used as guides.

Ken Brock said he had people ask to run their train on Ken's display. Ken said it made them very happy.

Vice President Andy Zimmerman thanked those who ran the new test track Garth had built, a very good idea, and successful.

The membership then thanked President John Sullenberger for his efforts to bring this show to action, as he does the big parts. The applause was loud!

John went on to say he has started a "to do" list, one item being a more efficient "engineers certificate" for Joe Haley's switching layout. Joe said he handed out 75 cert's this year. Joe also said there is a restaurant called the Caboose Restaurant. They are interested at their expense for an elevated "G" point to point layout maybe in the entry area.

Small scale report; Garth thanked all who helped with this year's show effort.

HO; Art Wilson thanked all for the work. He also noted the extraordinary help Sheldon Harrison had done all day. Art also had brought in HO items along with magazines on the table for free to those who could use them. Many did have some work to do before using but were too good to not put out there for members.

Large scale; Sam Miller thanked all who helped with the large scale show work. He also reminded us of the August 23rd 2014 Disney display to be held at the North Monroe ACE Hardware store. Set up around 10, and starting from 11 to 3. It is understood to be inside the front door.

Switching; Joe Haley says nothing to report. (he did thank all who helped him do this).

Dave Brazell asked Sam to email the Disney info before the August 23rd event. Dave also asked if WCTV could do a spot about our show even the morning of the event? This was noted as a good thing if possible.

Elections of officers was next. President John Sullenberger nominated Dan King for president. Dan King immediately moved to close nominations!

There were no new nominees brought to the floor, it was moved to reelect the present officers, all accepted as is.

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

The general meeting ended at 8:03 P.M.

The members assembled in their scale area's to elect the coordinators. (do not know of any changes to the leaders of the groups).

- Small scale -- Garth Easton.
- HO -- Art Wilson.
- Large scale -- Sam Miller.
- Switching -- Joe Haley.

The Program for tonight is Train operations 201, develop a roster, by John Sykes.

John Sykes sure did his homework on railroad roster information. Using the Penn Railroad as an example, he described in detail the use of equipment, storage, classification, number of cars, and engines the Penn and some others would use on the prototype. He also showed ratio's of the numbers of engines, box cars, stock cars, and others that would be found on a typical home layout. He knows few of us would have the space to do the entire roster so he used percentages to demonstrate how many cars/ engines we might need. John described the various engines and what they would be used for. Passenger trains, steam era, along with diesel mid 50's allows for many variations, yet, be sure to check build dates and types of equipment used for the period we may model. Double decked auto cars were later additions, few railroads owned tankers. There was much more to this presentation, John has plans for another program to go with this one in the future.

Great work John.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Gyuricsko

(some call me a rivet counter; I don't stay up as late as John Sykes does).