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'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.

September Program: by Drew Hackmeyer

Many of you own PowerCabs and many are in use.

But I would bet there are more than one still in the box unused.....put safely away where they can do no harm.

So, our September program will be '**PowerCab 101**', a hands-on clinic for using your PowerCab.

Bring your PowerCab, the plug-in panel, power supply and both cords (straight and curly). So you have something to play with, also bring a stick of flex-track, a loco with DCC installed and about two feet of wire to connect to the track.

Regardless of your expertise with a PowerCab, **BRING YOURS!**

Novice, beginner or old hand. We'll all learn something and have some fun.

Report: Large Scale Ace Hardware set-up

Submitted by Sam Miller

The Lionel folk's setup of the Disney Train Layout was really a lot of fun. I appreciate the wonderful support from the Lionel/Large Scale Group.

My special thanks to Doug Gyuricsko, Jack Herzog, Ken Brock, Barrett Johnson, Cal Ogburn, Carlton Ingram, Bob Woodard, and Sim Dekle. Several club members dropped by including David Brazell and Bill O'Rourke. I probably missed someone and apologize for that.

*** Next Meeting ***

**September 16th
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.**



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.

Wanted: Drivers and Riders

Are you a rider looking for a driver (and are willing to share the trip cost) of a ride to Dothan, Alabama? Or perhaps, you a driver looking for a rider (who is willing to share the trip cost) of a trip to Dothan, Alabama, then this may be for you.

Our September 16th meeting is the Tuesday prior to the Wiregrass Show and Sale which will allow the "easy" facilitation of rides to Dothan for the show.

If you are going to drive to Dothan and want riders please let me know and I'll see if I can get you a rider. Vice-versa, if you want to go to Dothan let me know and I'll see if a can get you a ride.

I can be reached at 850-544-1870 or at sullyjws@aol.com.

Veteran's Memorial Railroad Schedule

Public Run Days on second Saturdays through November (September 13th, October 11th and November 8th).

The Haunted Depot Halloween is scheduled for Thursday, October 30th through Saturday, November 1st. The trains run from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm ET. Tickets are \$5 for all riders over the age of 5. Riders will experience a maze of haunts at the Depot this October holiday, it's NEW and the scariest fun for Halloween yet!

The Winter Wonderland Express is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th, Friday, December 12th, Saturday, December 13th, Friday, December 19th and Saturday, December 20th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm ET.

Tickets are \$5 for all riders for the Red-White-blue diesel and the Nbr 59 Steam locomotive and \$7 for all riders for the steam train (the steam train is not running on Friday, December 12th).

Railroads & Riverboats: An excursion into the golden age of transportation

A free exhibit of riverboat history on the Suwannee River presented by the Levy County Historical Society and by the Ocala Model Railroaders Historical Preservation Society.

Photographs, news articles and memorabilia of the riverboat era on the Suwannee will be displayed and the Ocala Modelers will demonstrate, through their operating model railroad exhibits, the many facets of model railroading.

This will be a unique and interesting exhibit for the young, the young at heart and the history enthusiast.

The event will take place at the Cedar Key Community Center (located at the corner of F and 6th Streets in Cedar Key, Florida on September 26th, 27th and 28th, 2014 from 9 am to 4 pm. Admission is free and there is plenty of parking. For more information: www.levycountyhistoricalsociety.com.

Woodville Founder's Day Festival / Battle Celebration

Woodville is preparing to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Natural Bridge the first weekend of March 2015. For that reason, as well as several others (like, not as many football games in the Spring) the decision has been made to move their (Founder's Day) Festival to the last weekend of February 2015.

The BBMRA has been invited to set up again in the library on February 28th. More details will follow.

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.

BBMRA meeting minutes for August 19, 2014

Run Trains meeting, heavy rain storms could not cancel.

President John Sullenberger called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M. (over the noise of operating engines).

Visiting guest, Gary Graves, Gary carried an O scale Williams engine with him. Gary was at the June show with the 1/43rd scale Carrera slot car operation that drew a crowd. He can set up the slot car track at many events, birthday parties or other events, (850)-445-4389). He was asked if he would be back next year? Yes, he said.

Minutes of July 15th 2014 meeting accepted as is.

Treasurers report; John reporting for Sandy said we are in the black.

Small scale report; none.

HO report; none.

Large scale report; Sam Miller reminded the group of the Saturday Aug. 23rd Disney layout set up at ACE Hardware on Hwy 27, north of I-10 from 11-3.

Switching report; none.

Veterans Memorial report; none.

NMRA report; Barrett J. said the Veterans Memorial operations are better than earlier information we had gotten.

President John Sullenberger brought up the question of interest in the workshop at Hobby Town store class room. Enough interest was shown to develop classes in various hobby disciplines, John will get with Hobby Town to coordinate the effort. John said there are 'N' scale items on the counter for anyone interested for free. A gift from an estate. John reported the Wiregrass show in Sept, and we have the reciprocal agreement still in effect.

President John Sullenberger said Bill Bell is set up in the back to demonstrate the use of PanPastels for weathering. John opened the floor to good of the group discussion. Tom B. said he was in New Port Richie and there is a hobby sales group called Yankee Dabbler, they have many train items, in stock, on eBay and 20% less prices on most items, check them out. Andy M. said the NMRA web site Clinic link, still has free Clinic handouts to down load. That may end soon.

The meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

Bill Bell can weather very quickly with the PanPastel items he had there. He uses Dullcote at times with the pastels for a more permanent fix. He had a variety of items to apply the weathering colors that looked real good on the models. The last Lantern news letter (volume 19 number 8) had Bill's detailed experience with this item. Thanks Bill, good demonstration and sharing your experience with it.

I did not do a member count, but the room was full with all the modules and scenic items around the room to look at. The operations were decided to close sooner than expected with news of more stormy weather approaching soon, I saw a lot of members helping anybody needing help. Another positive experience to witness, thanks to all.

Respectfully submitted by Doug G.