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In Memoriam: Ron Villella

Ron Villella, a long-time member of the BBMRA passed away from cancer on Saturday, September 13th in Tallahassee at the age of seventy.

Ron was an O Scaler and a member of the Large Scale division. He touched the lives of many Floridians. He became the truest of friends to those he knew best. He was principled and honorable, creative and tireless. In all that he did he always put the interests of others ahead of his own.

October Program: "Run Trains!"

The program for the October 21st 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 them!

Fall Farm Day – Saturday, November 1st – 10 am to 5 pm

Fall Farm Day will host an array of activities and demonstrations celebrating the historic and the contemporary stories of our region's farmed resources. Demonstrations and activities include: blacksmithing, living history interpretation at the 1880s farm, cooking demonstrations in the 1880s farmhouse, wood carving, model train exhibit, grinding sugar cane and making syrup (syrup making will begin at 9:30am and should be ready by 2pm).

The BBMRA will be participating in this year's Fall Farm Day at the Tallahassee Museum (3945 Museum Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32310).

Joe Haley will operate the Time Saver and Randy Lombardo will operate the Thomas Sub-Division for any and all to operate and the N Scale Division will set-up and operate a T-Trak layout.

*** Next Meeting ***

**October 21st
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**.



Veteran's Memorial Railroad: Haunted Depot Halloween

The Haunted Depot Halloween is scheduled for Thursday, October 30th from 7 pm until 10 pm ET and Friday, October 31st and Saturday, November 1st from 7 pm to 11 pm ET.

This is a "No Trains" event. The depot will become a haunted house. Admission is \$5 per person with children under 5 free. People will experience a maze of haunts at the Depot this October and participate in some of the scariest fun for Halloween yet!

2015 Layout Tour

First, let me state that I realize that this is very early, but I'm hoping that some members who are currently building layouts will consider hosting a tour stop next year. By giving members 6 to 8 months of notice perhaps enough work can be accomplished that you'll want to show it off. If you are interested please e-mail me at sullyjws@aol.com, or call me at 850-544-1870 or talk to me at one of our meetings.

Proposed Bylaws Addition

2.4.1 Denial of Membership

The Associations Board of Directors may deny membership in the Club to any person (s) whom the Association determines (by a vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Board) does not meet the requirements for membership as set forth in Section 2 of these Bylaws.

2.5 Revocation/**Denial of Membership.**

Membership may be **denied or** revoked for:

- Failure to pay dues within 60 days of the published due date
- Deliberate or willful falsification of membership application
- Making material misrepresentations of fact or willful or reckless acts which jeopardize the continued lawful existence of the Association
- Wrongful allocation of the Association's money **or goods, materials or possessions of fellow club members, vendors or guests. Theft is not to be tolerated.**
- Continuing to engage in actions of an abusive or disruptive nature, or acts of violence or intimidation after receiving written warning from the Board, including violation of Association rules.
- Engaging in inappropriate and/or serious criminal conduct and/or being/becoming a registered sex offender.

A Member being considered for revocation/**denial** of his/her Membership for one or more of the reasons above will be informed within five (5) business days in writing of the intention to revoke/**deny** his/her membership, and given an opportunity within a further fifteen (15) calendar days to defend his/her actions before the Association's Board of Directors, either in person or by submission of relevant documentation.

If the Board determines a Member has engaged in activity that warrants revocation/**denial**, the Board shall vote to recommend revocation/**denial**. A majority vote of the Board is required to recommend revocation/**denial**. The Member's membership shall then be revoked/**denied** upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Board. A revoked/**denied** Member may only be readmitted upon the same procedure.

At the time a member being considered for revocation of his/her Membership is informed of that intent, his/her Membership will be suspended. If the result is that Membership is not revoked then the suspension will be lifted when that result occurs.

Hobbytown Special Order/Lay-Away Policies

If you want to know the details of Hobbytown's new special order and/or lay-away policies you will need to go to Hobbytown and ask for Mike (the new owner). Please be aware that Mike lives in Pensacola (where he owns another Hobbytown) and is in Tallahassee only two or three days of the week. So you might want to call first to see if he is in.

BBMRA meeting minutes for September 16, 2014

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

No guests present tonight.

Minutes for August 20, 2014: Accepted as is.

Treasurer report: Sandy reports we are in the black.

President John Sullenberger announced the board has accepted the new budget proposed. Members are welcome to look at the budget on hand.

John also reports that Hobby Town has been sold, and changes to the card table room space has changed at this time. There may still be room for classes, and he will talk with the new owner about the class room ideas. There is enough interest by the members to proceed if possible.

Joe Haley reports he has not been getting any return calls from "The Caboose Restaurant". They had been interested in a G gage elevated rail line near the entrance.

John reminded us of the Dothan Train show coming up.

Barrett Johnson gave us news of member Ron Villella.

Art Wilson says HO has been a work in progress; he requests more volunteers in the HO area. Art is open for suggestions.

President John Sullenberger gave a quick rundown of coming events we may be involved with, Woodville run Feb 28, 2015, Fall farm day HO, Thomas, and switching? Nov. 1st Grey Museum, Woodville Library, John will get details. The business meeting ended at 7:54 P.M. I counted 28 members tonight.

The program tonight is presented by Drew Hackmeyer, with assistance by Matt Baronovich. They introduced the NCE Power Cab 101 class! Drew has made it look simple to set up test and run decoder installed trains by a modern control system. Lights, sound, action, and making consisting a breeze to do. He answered all kinds of questions about the NCE controller, and helped others who brought their finest to trouble shoot issues. He still recommends reading the manual! Thank you Drew and Matt this was better than "you tube".

Respectfully submitted by Doug Gyuricsko.