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BBMRA Layouts Tour November 14

You have a chance this Saturday to see three outstanding HO layouts and a wonderful Holiday Village layout during the first BBMRA Tour of Layouts in several years. Thanks for setting this up go to the two Andy's – club president Andy Zimmerman and tour coordinator Andy Millott.

10:30 - 11:30 AM - Paul Schneider's layout

Paul Schneider, 2312 Clara Kee Blvd, Tallahassee, 32303, 562-8998

11:30 - Noon - Drive from Paul's House to Ed Schroeder's House

12:00 - 1:00 PM - Ed Schroeder's layout

Ed Schroeder, 806 Middlebrooks Circle, Tallahassee, 32312, 386-2826

1:00 - 1:30 PM - Drive from Ed's house to Art Wilson's House

1:30 - 2:30 PM - Art Wilson's HO Layout and Theresa Wilson's Holiday Village

Art and Theresa Wilson, 1998 Copper Beech Court, Tallahassee, 32308, 877-3754, off of Hi-Lo (Temple Israel)

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TCA Jacksonville Meet/ Beaches Museum Open House, November 21: General Public is Welcome

From Chuck Bryner, TCA Southern Division Meet Coordinator:

We would like to invite everyone to "ALL ABOARD for JACKSONVILLE," the TCA Southern Division Train Show in Jacksonville, Saturday, November 21, 2015, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The first hour is limited to TCA members, but the general public will be admitted and most welcome beginning at 10 a.m.

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BBMRA Meetings

Third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. "Old" Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive.

November 17, 2015: Sam Miller – York, PA - Sam, Linda and 12,000 of their Closest Friends.

December 11, 2015, 6:30 to 9 p.m.: Sam Miller/Linda Medlin's Model Railroading Holiday Reception, 3008 Stillwood Court, in Woodgate.



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BBMRA Important Events for 2015/2016!!

BBMRA Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Old Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive.

Lionel Interest Group Operating Sessions: Most Sunday afternoons. Sam Miller's, Woodgate. Call 850-459-3012.

November 14: BBMRA Tour of Layouts.

November 17: BBMRA Meeting: York, PA – Sam and Linda Miller and 12,000 of Their Closest Friends.

November 21, 2015: TCA Southern Division Train Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road S, Jacksonville, FL 32224.

November 21, 2015: Fall Farm Day at the Tallahassee Jr. Museum - BBMRA operating sessions.

December 11: Sam Miller/Linda Medlin Holiday Reception, Woodgate. Call 850-459-3012.

December 19-20: 14th Tampa Model Train Show & Sale, Florida State Fairgrounds.

January 9-10, 2016: 54th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Deland.

January 7, 8, & 9, 2016: PROTOTYPE RAILS, Cocoa Beach Hilton Hotel, 1550 N. Atlantic Ave.

January 16, 2016: 49th Atlanta Model Train Show. North Atlanta Trade Center, Atlanta.

January 19, 2016: BBMRA Meeting.

January 30, 2016: 33rd Annual Children's Day, R.A Gray Building (State Museum) , Tallahassee, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., including BBMRA operating sessions.

February 13, 2016: 38th Jacksonville Rail Fair, Saturday, Prime Osborn Convention Center, Jacksonville, FL

February 16, 2016: BBMRA Meeting.

March 15, 2016: BBMRA Meeting.

April 9, 2016, Saturday: 55th Florida Rail Fair, Volusia County Fairgrounds, DeLand, FL

April 19, 2016: BBMRA Meeting.

May 17, 2016: BBMRA Meeting.

June 21, 2016: BBMRA Meeting, Final Planning for June 25 Show.

June 4-5, 2016: 15th Tampa Model Show, Saturday & Sunday, June 4-5, 2016, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL

June 25, 2016: 25th Annual Tallahassee Model Train Show & Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Leon County Fairgrounds, Tallahassee.

July 9, 2016: 56th Florida Rail Fair, Saturday, Volusia County Fairgrounds, DeLand, FL.

August 13, 2016: 50th Atlanta Model Train Show, Saturday, North Atlanta Trade Center, Atlanta, GA

October, 2016: Hobbies Garage Sale, BBMRA, Large Scale Division, Tallahassee, TBA.

NMRA 2017 Orlando: July 30-August 6, 2017, The Rosen Plaza Hotel, International Drive, Orlando, NMRA National/International convention.

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Directions:

Paul Schneider, 2312 Clara Kee Blvd, Tallahassee, 32303, 562-8998

Go north on U.S. Highway 27 past I-10. Go about three miles and three red lights from the Interstate and turn right at the Valero gas station. That is Clara Kee Blvd. Paul's address is 2312 Clara Kee, on the left. Park on the grass or in the drive way.

Ed Schroeder, 806 Middlebrooks Circle, Tallahassee, 32312, 386-2826

Here is the easiest way from Paul's house to Ed's:

- Go south on U.S. 27 to I-10;
 - Go east on I-10 to Thomasville Road;
 - Go south on Thomasville Road to Live Oak Plantation Road;
 - Turn right (west) onto Live Oak Plantation Road;
 - On Live Oak Plantation Road go west approximately one mile to Middlebrooks Circle;
 - Turn left (south) onto Middlebrooks Circle;
 - Including the corner house, 806 Middlebrooks Circle (a grey ranch) is the 4th house on your left, coming from Live Oak Plantation Road;
 - There will be an American flag and a city of New Orleans flag flying at the front door;
 - Come up the driveway; enter my train room through the car port.
 - There is limited parking at my garage and carport; the ditches on Middlebrooks Circle are deep;
 - Hope you enjoy my New Orleans & Northeastern Railway;
 - See you Saturday.
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Art and Theresa Wilson, 1998 Copper Beech Court, Tallahassee, off of Hilo (Temple Israel)

Here is the best way from Ed's house to Art's:

Take Piedmont or Live Oak Plantation east to Thomasville Road and then use Hermitage to cut over to Capital Circle East. Take Capital Circle to Mahan Drive and turn right, or west. Go west on Mahan a couple of miles to Hilo, which has a red light and Temple Israel Church on the left corner. Go south on Hilo and this becomes Copper Beech Court, and a cul de sac. Art's house, 1998 Copper Beech Court, is on the right at the top of the hill.

Alternatively, get on Blairstone Parkway, either at Centerville or Miccosukee, and so south. Turn left at Mahan Drive and then a short distance later, turn right onto Hilo.

TCA Jacksonville Meet/ Beaches Museum Open House, November 21

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Our new location is the Morocco Shrine Auditorium, **3800 St Johns Bluff Road S, Jacksonville, FL 32224**. The new location has significantly more space available and very easy access off of I-295 (the east side of the loop).

The new facility allows us to incorporate operating layouts with five displays, including clubs from Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach, Ocala and Flagler County including the world debut of a new modular S gauge layout from the Atlantic Coast S Gaugers.

Meet Hours: Opens at 9 a.m. to TCA members only—open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m.

Admission: Admission is free for Southern Division Members and \$5.00 for other TCA Members and the public. Free admission for a child under 12 when accompanied by an adult.

Open House: Breaking with tradition, our Open House will run concurrently with the train meet. This year it will be held at the Beaches Museum & History Park located at 381 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville Beach. They will have a new permanent exhibit called Waiting for the Train. The exhibit brings alive the early railways at the beaches, Henry Flagler's development of the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) and the role they played in the history of the Jacksonville area. The exhibit will include an interactive O gauge layout constructed by the Toy Train Collectors of Jacksonville.

If that is not already enough to lure you out to the museum, all TCA members and anyone attending our train meet will have free admission that day to include all the areas and exhibits of the museum. For railroad buffs, this includes the new exhibit, an original FEC train depot from Mayport and the original foreman's house furnished with proper period pieces.

We will also have access to the recently renovated locomotive #7 built in 1911 by the H.K. Porter & Co. of Pittsburgh and used to haul pine and cypress logs in Florida. It sits in a climate-controlled enclosure on the original Jacksonville and Atlantic Railroad bed which later became part of the FEC. The locomotive is available to touch and climb into the cab. Come ring the bell.

For the special TCA touch, the museum will be open extended hours from 4 to 6 p.m. for TCA members and their families only and we will have docents (tour guides) ready to inform you about all the exhibits and lead you through the historical buildings and exhibits.

Freebie Table: Continuing our tradition from last year, we will provide a table where you are invited to browse for free stuff. I plan to fill it once again with items that are not complete or not in "mint" condition—little cars, boats, parts, and/or whatever I can find by then. Have something under your workbench that has been there for a long time but you can't bear to throw out because someone may need it someday? Bring it. Add to the table. Maybe someone could really use that motor with only one wheel left on it; the Plasticville roof that does not match any of your buildings; one of the 7 Model Power HO transformers in the back of the closet; or the airport beacon with no top, no light, no base and a bent ladder painted purple. Who knows?

Directions: From I-295 East Beltway heading south, take the Beach Boulevard exit and turn right (west) and a quick left turn onto St. Johns Bluff Road South. From I-295 East Beltway heading north, take the Town Center Parkway / Univ of North Florida exit, turn left (west) and a quick right onto St. Johns Bluff Road heading north (you can't go south). The Morocco Shrine Auditorium has a very large sign and is a very prominent structure on the west side of St. Johns Bluff Road.

How To: Build HO Wheel Point Masks

(Part of a "How To" Series from BBMRA club members. Your contribution to sammiller61113@outlook.com is welcome.)

From Bill Bell:

If you're like me, you don't use your HO Wheel Painting Mask regularly because the clean-up time on the wheel points is too tedious. I now use grey BD Pen Needle Caps (pictured) to mask the wheel points; other brands have similar sized caps in different colors. Pen Needles are the single use, disposable needles used on insulin pens and other medical pens. You probably know dozens of people that would gladly give you a hand full of the Pen Needle Caps.

To make a wheel point mask, place a grey cap over the drill bit in the pen-vice (pictured), drill the hole. A little sanding will remove any crater at the end of the cap while making the plastic thin enough to expand easily over the shoulder on the wheel point. Make at least two dozen for a single wheel mask, because a few will quickly widen and drop off.



I've never liked the results of spray painting the wheel face to simulate rust or grease, the color always came out exceeding uniform. I now setup the wheel mask with wheel sets and point masks, spray with dull coat or clear lusterless paint. This leaves enough "tooth" on the wheel face for "PanPastel" Weathering Powders to be applied with a micro-brush to simulate oil, dirt, or rust.

Materials:

- HO Wheel Masks, 33" or 36"
- BD Pen Needle Caps, Fine or Ultra-fine
- Pen-Vice
- Drill bit, 5/64" or #46 are good starting points for most Wheel sets;
 - some cheaper wheel sets may require 1/16" to 5/64" or #54 to #46.
- Med-Fine Sand paper (150 - 220)

(Contact Bill at 408-0038 or wbell9520@comcast.net)

BBMRA Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2015

President Andy Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

Guests: none.

Old Business: Minutes of September 15, 2015, were accepted as is.

Andy led a discussion leading to ratification of the division coordinators for another year: N Scale, Garth Easton; HO, Art Wilson: Large Scale, Sam Miller. These folks will round out the BBMRA Board.

New Business: We were reminded that dues not paid for 2015/16 are now overdue.

Treasurer's Report: Drew Hackmeyer reported we are in the black.

Educational Director: Lisa reported she is checking into area schools for educational opportunities. Lisa sent photos to schools engineering classes as an example. She asked for ideas and suggestions and information for BBMRA flyers.

Division Reports/Large Scale: Sam Miller reminded us of the October 31 Hobby Garage Sale coming up at his home.

HO: No report.

Small Scale: Garth Easton is checking on the Fall Farm Day event November 21, 2015 at the Tallahassee Junior Museum and planning on a set up. Andy Zimmerman noted that we need to determine which other units from the club will be participating. This will be finalized at the November meeting.

Good of the Group: Andy reported Porky is doing better.

A note that Trains by Johnson has a 50% off sale of pre-owned G scale.

A reminder that the Veterans Memorial park will run the Halloween "spooky" special.

Andy Millott has new Broadway limited catalogs on hand.

Sam Miller said the York train show is on his list this year along with the other nearby attractions in Pennsylvania. He and his wife will make the trip before Halloween.

The business meeting ended at 7:54 p.m.

Our Program: "Using Your Layout to Tell a Story" was presented by Andy Millott. Andy did some very detailed thinking on this idea. I had not thought of this view of any layout before. Andy described how the town of Wolfbauer deals with the railroad switching operations designed around it. We now know who lives in which home, and who runs the small businesses nearby. He provided not only scenic details, but stories behind the scenes.

Good job Andy.

I counted 27 Members tonight. Next meeting scheduled for Nov. 17th 2015.

Respectfully submitted, by **Doug Gyuricsko**.

November 17 Program:

Sam Miller, Linda Medlin and 12,000 of Their Closest Friends

Lou Palumbo, Classic Toy Trains Columnist

Lou also is author of "I Never Met a Train I didn't Like." Meeting Lou at the York Train Show was one of the highlights of the wonderful trip last month by Sam Miller and Linda Medlin, his wife, which is our program for the November 17 meeting.



David Blodgett's Digital Blog

(David Blodgett is the club photographer and a good one. He also works for free.)



From the Large Scale Division's Trains, Boats, Planes & Toys Garage Sale October 31.



More Garage Sale.



Andy Millott: Using Your Layout to Tell a Story.

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