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Amtrak Train Tour Makes Tallahassee Stop Feb. 19

BBMRA Members: Show up and show your support for the return of passenger rail service to Tallahassee. It will be a wonderful, exciting event if the train is on time and okay even if it is a little late. We'll have our BBMRA sign and be ready to go. I also will have my grandchildren!

The Tallahassee Democrat reports that, "the city will host a rally in support of renewed service when the train stops in Tallahassee Friday, February 19, at 2:47 p.m. The city has invited residents to show their support as well. The joint City-County Community Redevelopment Authority has dedicated \$25,000 to repainting the Railroad Avenue Station ahead of the train's visit."

Sam Miller

John Sullenberger Room to be Dedicated at ANRR Depot, Greensboro

The historic Apalachicola Northern Railroad (ANRR) depot in Greensboro was built in 1907 and is the only remaining depot on the line which runs from River Junction in Gadsden County to Port St. Joe in Gulf County, Florida.

The ANRR was the favorite railroad of the BBMRA's cornerstone and founding member John Sullenberger. As such the BBMRA, in conjunction with the West Gadsden Historical Society, is happy to announce plans to dedicate a room at the ANRR depot to John Sullenberger. Plans are in the final stages now with a formal announcement and ceremony coming in early spring.

BBMRA, at its January meeting, adopted a motion authorizing by President Andy Zimmerman to make a donation to the historical society to facilitate this honor to John. We anticipate a dedication ceremony sometime in March and John's widow, Suzanne, and other family members will be invited..

The motion also authorized Andy to explore the possibility of the club helping build a shelf layout which would be permanently located in the John Sullenberger Room at the ANRR depot..

This would be the most significant honor for our late president, but not the only one. Through Garth Easton, the club purchased Thomas the Tank engine items which were donated to Tallahassee Toys for Tots just before Christmas. Also, the club purchased Sully's Tavern models in HO, N and O scales for the T Trak setups and these were displayed for the first time during the annual show and sale last June.

Sam Miller

BBMRA Meetings

February 16, 2016, 6:45 p.m.:
BBMRA Board Meeting – Planning for 2016 Show, Old Antique Car Museum.

February 16, 2016, 7:30 p.m.: "Third Tuesday" T Traks & Drew Hackmeyer/Matt Baronovich Surprise; Large Scalers: Gearing up for Rest of Year!

March 15, 2016: 7:30 p.m.: "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting – Running T Traks.



Historic Apalachicola Northern Railroad depot in Greensboro.



TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

Saturday June 25, 2016 – North Florida Fairgrounds, Buildings 2 & 4 – 9 am to 4 pm
Adults & Children 13 and older: \$6 – Children 12 and younger are free – Free Parking



N Scalers, Time Saver at Woodville February 27



The Big Bend Model Railroad Association will be running trains in Woodville in honor of the Woodville Founders Day! Come and join us as we display our largest n-scale layout yet!!! Children and adults will be able to view the layout, search for miniature scenes and even receive their Junior Engineer certificate after running the Switching layout!

The festival is in Woodville at Leon County's Woodville Branch Library. Hours at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The N-scale and Switching Layouts will be displaying. BBMRA will be out front in the main Lobby with the Full N-Scale layout.

BBMRA Suffers Another Loss - Nancy Ingram

Fellow Model Railroaders past and present, It is with a very heavy heart that I come before you today. Nancy Ingram, wife of Carlton Ingram, passed away January 26 at Tallahassee Hospice. As Sam Miller disclosed at the club meeting in mid-January, she became terminally ill during the prior week, although she had been suffering greatly since a severe fall last fall. Nancy was 74 and she and Carlton would have been married 27 years in February.

Sam Miller represented it best, "Carlton is a good friend, wonderful person and fine, innovative Lionel modeler. Nancy was wonderful and friendly and accompanied Carlton, Lou and Cal Ogburn, and before he passed away, fine friend Dave Kerns to train shows all around. We need to do what we can to help Carlton in the days to come."

May the Lord Bless you all and may he comfort Carlton and Nancy's family in this time of need.

Andy Zimmerman



We're not sure Carlton ever went to a train show without Nancy

Dan King Tribute Feb. 20

On December 31, BBMBRA lost Dan King, an expert modeler, good friend and someone described by close friend David Brazell "as the railroader's railroader." A "celebration" of Dan's life is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, at 3 p.m., at Abby's Funeral Home, 4037 N Monroe St, Tallahassee.

Harold Odom Dies on February 10

The sad news continues. Former club member Harold Odom passed away on February 10. Harold was one of the earlier HO leaders in our club and then was absent for several years, but returned and was active a second time with us.

Harold was a master builder of wooden models including the Liberty Ship he served on during World War II, and also a great carpenter. He constructed many of the pre-T Trak modules used by the HO Division. Harold constructed a highly detailed turpentine mill from scratch for his personal HO layout.

There is a visitation Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bevis Funeral Home, 2710 North Monroe Street, and a memorial service Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Sam Miller

May 17, 2016: BBMRA Meeting.

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

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

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.

Nearly 4,000 Attend Children's Day at State Museum

BBMRA had three operating layouts – the Time Saver with Joe Haley, Thomas the Tank Engine with Randy Lombardo, and the Large Scale Division's Disney Layout.

"Thank you so much for your participation in Children's Day 2016! The event was a great success with around 3,700 guests attending. We could not have accomplished such a great day without the help of all of our exhibitors," said Mikaela Pearson, Museum of Florida History Education Program Representative.



A layout highlighting Walt Disney Trains, produced by Lionel MPC in the 1970's, is a popular project of the club's Large Scale Division.



Joe Haley, our time Saver Guru, and Vice President Sheldon Harrison

Photos courtesy of Sara Brockmann Photography

Yes, Virginia: There is a Santa and He Likes Model Trains

Well, here it is in living proof. There is a Santa Claus and he loves children, including Marc Beshera's little girl/cutie.

Santa is BBMRA member John Meister of Crawfordville and John found time to make BBMRA's Annual Holiday Reception very special.

Photos by club photographer David Blodgett



Thomas sets for Christmas



Thomas sets donated by BBMRA to Toys for Tots in John Sullenberger's memory.

BBMRA Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2016

President Andy Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M.

Instead of a meeting in December, we enjoyed the annual Christmas party at Sam Miller and Linda Medlin's home. Therefore, no minutes to report.

Treasurer's Report for January: Drew Hackmeyer reported to the members that we are in the black.

Good of the Group: President Andy Zimmerman turned the meeting over to David Brazell. David spoke of his long time friend and mentor Dan King, who passed away in December, and asked for a moment of silence.

Education coordinator Lisa Blair reported the school railroad set up by our members before Christmas was a great success for such a short notice; Mathew Blair was the representative.

Garth Easton reports he has photo's of the John Sullenberger train sets donated to "Toys for Tots" program.

President Andy Zimmerman brought before the membership a motion to approve a more permanent memorial for John Sullenberger. The motion, which was approved unanimously, authorizes Andy to make a donation to the West Gadsden Historical Society to dedicate in John's memory a room at the Apalachicola Northern Railroad (ANRR) depot in Greensboro. Andy said some details to finalize the memorial are being worked out, but there will be a dedication ceremony sometime in March and Suzanne Sullenberger, John's widow, will be invited, along with other family members.

Andy also was authorized to explore the possibility of the club helping finance a shelf layout which would be permanently located in the John Sullenberger Room.

As Andy noted, this would be the most significant honor for our late president, but not the only one. Through Garth Easton, the club purchased Thomas the Tank engine items which was donated to Tallahassee Toys for Tots just before Christmas. Also, the club purchased Sully's Tavern models in HO, N and O scales for the T Trak setups and these were displayed for the first time during the annual show and sale last June.

Andy also reminded the members there are only 158 days to show time, (June 25) and it will come fast. A youth table may be set up this year. Any upcoming shows or events the members may visit would be good places to pass on our show flyers.

Andy Millott notified the members; there are magazines for the taking. There were also many HO items in boxes, in hopes to sell.

Andy Zimmerman asked for Division reports;

Small Scale: Garth Easton reports "N" scale will have a work party February 13. This is prior to the Woodville Founders Day event on February 27 in Woodville.

HO: Art Wilson asked that we have a "run trains night" for March. Art also requests the HO group to meet at the new car museum this Saturday.

Switching: Joe Haley will be set up for Children's Day at the museum, and will be in Woodville for Founders Day also.

Large Scale: Sam Miller reports O scale will be at the museum with Thomas, run by Randy Lombardo, and the Disney layout; where help will be needed.

The business meeting ended at 8:07 P.M.

The January program: John Sykes III, "History of F Units, the diesels that destroyed the steam engines.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by **Doug Gyuricsko.**