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Vendors, Layouts Commit to June 24, 2017, BBMRA Show & Sale

From Sam Miller:

The 26th Annual Tallahassee Model Railroad Annual Show & Sale is about a month away and registrations for vendor and exhibitor tables have slowed, but continue to come in. BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman will update the group during the meeting Tuesday night. BBMRA members planning on selling at the show must register and pay for their tables. Register Tuesday night if you can. Here is what we have so far:

Vendors

Aven Bacon's Name Trains, Porky & Aven Bacon, Port Orange: t-shirts, hats, similar items.

Crusader Hobbies, Tom Lacher, Suwannee, GA: shelves and wall units.

Bob Kettel, Dahlonga, GA: trains and antique toys and cars.

Dale Kisbaugh, Tallahassee: trains, all scales.

Ron Frederick, Tallahassee, Lionel/O Gauge.

Jay Leinbach, Tarpon Springs: miscellaneous HO.

Ron Meade, Lakewood Christian School, Crestview: laser cut O Gauge car kits.

Memory Station, Lewis Collier, Watkinsville, GA, Lots of O Gauge and other scales too.

Sam Miller, Tallahassee: HO and Lionel/O Gauge.

PM Railroad, Paul Malek, Panama City: lots of O Gauge and some HO and N; and repairs.

Gary Sparks, Sunset, SC: older used items, all scales.

Tuckers Train Supply, Pensacola: HO and other scales, new and used.

Trains by Johnson, Pensacola: HO and other scales, new and used.

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*** BBMRA Meetings ***

May 16, 2017: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. – Show Update and Modeling Lumber Yards, Andy Zimmerman. "Old' Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive.

June 20, 2017: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting – Final planning for the 26th annual Show and Sale June 24. "Old' Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive

Show Committee Full Steam Ahead!

BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman made these assignments to the 2017 Show Committee:

- Sam Miller and Carlton Ingram are assisting Andy in communications with potential vendors and registered vendors.
- Doug Gyuricsko is assigning tables and locations in the two buildings to confirmed vendors, exhibitors and operating layouts. Doug is keeping the critical "cheat sheet."
- David Brazell is handling publicity, including articles for the Tallahassee Democrat, Chronicle, Tallahassee Magazine and releases for Channel 6, WCTV, and other important local media.
- Phil Weston is to contact event calendar people.
- Paul Schneider is coordinating people for the admissions both and vendor loading and unloading.

To Pledge Your Time and Support:

For general volunteering, **contact BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman:** GBTrainman@comcast.net

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To help with Thomas the Tank Engine, **contact Randy Lombardo:** penncentralpatriach@comcast.net

To help with the Live Steamers, **contact Sal Martocci:** sal.martocci@gmail.com



**Vendors,
Layouts So Far**

From Page One.

**Operating
Layouts/BBMRA:**

- Live Steam.

- N Gauge T-Traks.
- HO T- Traks.
- HO Timesaver (rewired), Joe Haley.
- Crate Layout (HO), Bill Reschke.
- O Gauge T-Traks.
- Disney - O Gauge.
- Ron & Karla Fletcher – G Gauge.
- Randy Lombardo's Thomas the Tank Engine (O Gauge).

Operating Layouts/Other:

- Flint River Model RR Club, Albany, "hands-on" HO layout.
- Pensacola model railroading club, huge N-Scale exhibit.
- Keith Jowers, N Scale, Mary Esther, FL.

Confirmed Exhibitors:

- Lisa Blair, BBMRA's Outreach to Schools and other Youth Activities.
- NMRA Sunshine Region, promoting July 30-August 6, 2017: NMRA International Convention, Orlando; The Rosen Plaza Hotel, International Drive, Orlando.
- West Florida Railroad Museum, Milton.

Vendors comments.

We asked registered vendors to tell us a little about themselves and what they will be bringing to the show:

Aven Bacon's Name Trains, Porky & Aven Bacon, Port Orange: Porky and Aven are members of BBMRA and have been regulars at our show for many years. They sell t-shirts, hats and other similar products, which can be customized. Our treasurer, Sandy Scott, had planned to retire to the Port Orange area to live near Porky and Aven when she was tragically killed in a traffic accident.

Crusader Hobbies, Tom Lacher, Suwannee, GA. "Crusader Hobbies has been to your show for a number of years now. We provide display options for model railroad fans with our handmade in the USA solid wood display cases. Our most popular cases are designed for N, HO, S, and O scale trains. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fairgrounds next month.

Bob Kettel, Dahlonega, GA: "I am a retired college dean with a life- long interest in old toys, trains - primarily O Gauge Lionel - , and in recent years, Legos. I have two kids, one living in Tallahassee, one in Jacksonville, and five "grands." We are all graduates of FSU. For the Tallahassee show, I plan on bringing LGB and O Gauge trains, die cast cars and trucks, some antique toys, hand carved model airplanes, and some space pieces (also hand carved). I look forward to doing the show."

Dale Kisbaugh, Tallahassee: Dale is a member of our club and runs one of the classified ads in the Democrat saying he wants to buy old toy trains. He says he is bringing to our show "lots of G Gauge, HO engines and cars, N gauge engines and cars, track, building in all scales, hundreds of model cars plus boxes I haven't opened yet. All priced to sell."

Ron Frederick, Tallahassee: Ron is a friend and neighbor of Sim Dekle. "I mostly have O and O27 Post - War Lionel engines, tenders and rolling stock. I have a Bascule Bridge and an oil derrick. I have some old O-22

switches, a miniature village and some handmade wooden train engine models and a like new Lionel NYC 700E Hudson (18005) without the tender. I have been out of the hobby about 15 years now...I haven't been to a train show in about three years, so I will enjoy poking around to see what is out there.”

Jay Leinbach, Tarpon Springs: “Miscellaneous HO. As to what I am bringing, Ho painted/decaled freight cars & some new HO factory painted locomotives and railroad books. I had a shop until a few years ago & am getting rid of the surplus.”

Ron Meade, Lakewood Christian School: Crestview: O gauge laser cut car kits, new vendor.

Memory Station, Lewis Collier: “We started Memory Station in 1985. We will have Lionel, Ho, some N and some G.” (Memory Station is one of the largest Lionel and o Gauge stores in the south and a regular at all of the big shows in our region. Lewis has come to the BBMRA show several times, but was unable to attend last year because of a conflict. He does Lionel repairs for members of our club.)

Sam Miller, Tallahassee: Sam is a member of our club and is Large Scale Division coordinator. He buys and sells model trains – mainly O Gauge and HO. He is bringing lots of HO to the show, including DCC Sound locomotives, DC locomotives, rolling stock, buildings and transformers. He also is bringing priced to sell Lionel rolling stock.

PM Railroad, Paul Malek, Panama City: “I am an avid O Scale train man in all respects - collector, operator, buyer, seller and authorized MTH Service Center. I am planning on bringing to the show O-Scale, MTH, Lionel locomotives, rolling stock, track, and accessories. I may bring a few HO items and maybe a few N gauge items as well. I will also be promoting my Repair Service and offer a show special pricing on any new repair or services lined up from customers at the show. I can repair HO as well as O Gauge trains.”

Gary Sparks, Sunset, South Carolina: “My product is vintage to present day N, HO, and O-27 trains, including Lionel. Also model cars. I am ex-Navy, a retired mechanical engineer. My home state is South Carolina and I am married. I look forward to meeting the participants of the Tallahassee Model Train Show.”

Tuckers Train Supply, Pensacola:

Trains by Johnson, Pensacola: Pensacola is lucky to have two wonderful model train stores when most communities now do not have one. BBMRA also is lucky to have these two fine retailers as anchors for our annual show and sale. All scales, lots of new products and some used items.

Larry Weigel: Homestead, FL: Miscellaneous used trains, all scales. A previous vender at our shows.

Big O Layout Work Continues



Doug Gyuricsko, Mel McCarthy and Sam Miller

Since January, a fine group from BBMRA has been working with Eddie de Arrigunaga, of Lynn Haven, his mom and other family members on the wonderful Lionel layout which was 70 percent constructed by Eddie's dad, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Ramon "Ray" de Arrigunaga. Ray died late last year. The layout is at the family's home near Crawfordville.

Me McCarthy has emerged as the strategic leader of our group as we try to make sense of Ray's sophisticated and complex wiring work. If there were wiring diagrams we can't find them now, so a lot of our effort is tracing wires, lock-ons and turnouts. We are making progress and Eddie can run two trains at once now. There are still some problems.

Along with Mel, regulars in the Large Scale Division initiative include Doug Gyuricsko, Phil Weston, Ron Fletcher, Jack Herzog, Sal Martocci, Barrett Johnson, Steve Pollack and Sam Miller.

Doug did double duty during our last trip to the Big O Layout. The well pump went out and there was no water in the house. Doug fixed it!

This is a rewarding project and all of us look forward to the Holiday open houses the family plans for late this year on this outstanding Lionel layout. It is taking a lot of time and effort, but the gratitude of the de Arrigunaga family and the progress we are achieving make it so worthwhile.

Sam Miller



Phil Weston, Sam, Ron Fletcher and Doug

October 2017: Celebrate the Halloween Season at Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol. Many of the special Halloween trains will be powered by VMRR's two-foot gauge Crown Live Steam Locomotive. Dates to be announced

**November 21, 2017: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting.
"Old" Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive.**

December 15, 21, 2017: 6:30 p.m. BBMRA Holiday Reception, Sam Miller & Linda Medlin, Woodgate.

December 2017: Winter Tampa Model Show, Saturday & Sunday, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL. Dates to be announced.

December 2-3, 2017: 2017 Winter MRC Train Show, Pensacola, Hadji Shrine Temple, 800 North Nine Mile Road, Pensacola, FL 32534-1858, 9 to 5, Saturday, 10 to 4 Sunday, Central. Admission \$6 for adults.

December 2017: Celebrate the Winter Holiday Season with the Polar Bear Express at Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol. Dates to be announced.

BBMRA Holiday Reception Being Moved to Dec. 15, Third Friday in December

BBMRA's December meeting is once again the Holiday Reception at Sam Miller & Linda Medlin's home in Woodgate, but this year it is the third Friday, December 15, not the second Friday as in previous years. From 6:30 p.m. on. Sam and Linda will be out of town on the second Friday – in Nashville for the Nashville area TCA Holiday Show and to visit Linda's mother, Gladys Medlin, and other family.

Brightline welcomes Two New Trains to Florida on National Train Day

(National Train Day is the second Saturday in May.)

MIAMI – May 11, 2017 –Brightline, the only privately funded express inter-city passenger rail service in the United States, took delivery of two new trains that will provide service in South Florida later this year. Named BrightGreen and BrightOrange after the signature color schemes of the train cars, the sets were delivered simultaneously after a 3,052-mile journey across the country from Siemens Rolling Stock manufacturing hub in Sacramento, California. Their arrival is in celebration of National Train Day, taking place on Saturday, May 13. Combined, the two Brightline trains are approximately 1,000 feet long, each foot symbolizes the 1,000 Siemens employees who helped build them. They are 100 percent Buy America compliant, manufactured with components from more than 40 different U.S. suppliers across 20 states. BrightGreen and BrightOrange now join BrightBlue and BrightPink at Workshop b, Brightline's 12-acre railroad operations facility in West Palm Beach.

"Today marks another milestone as we welcome two additional trainsets to Workshop b," said Dave Howard, Brightline's CEO. "The arrival coincides with National Train Day, which is a chance to celebrate these powerful machines and the rich history passenger rail has played in our country. Brightline is a shining example of U.S. manufacturing and innovation while setting a world-wide standard of service in the hospitality and transportation industries."

Workshop b is now home to four trains with BrightRed, the fifth trainset, arriving late-June. Workshop b provides over 120 jobs, serving as the on-duty location for train crews as well as the site where trains are



BrightLine took possession of these locomotives to celebrate National Train Day.

maintained, cleaned and stored. There are four tracks within the facility, two of which are covered and one featuring a 500-foot long maintenance pit underneath for performing daily inspections and service.

Brightline is committed to leading private investment toward transportation infrastructure benefiting the public. Brightline will provide a much-needed, hospitality-driven alternative to South Florida's congested roadways. Each train abounds with innovations and comfortable features including automatic level boarding, wide aisles exceeding ADA compliance, multiple outlets for devices and complimentary, robust Wi-Fi, powered by multiple antennas in every car. The company is anticipating a grand opening and official launch of its service this fall.

About Brightline

Brightline is the new benchmark for travel by train in America with express inter-city passenger rail service connecting Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach, with future service to Orlando. Providing a travel option that lives at the intersection of transportation and hospitality, the service will ease the stress of traffic, provide a simple and intuitive experience from door to destination, and foster new opportunities to explore more of Southeast Florida. Brightline is the only privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail system in the United States.

Big Bend Model Railroad Association Minutes for Meeting of April 18, 2017

President Andy Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.; about 30 were present.

The March 21, 2017 Secretary's minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report - Drew Hackmeyer reported that we are in the black; about \$ 2,000 in expenses expected; 70 have paid their dues. Report accepted as presented.

Reports

- ❖ **Large scale - Sam Miller**
 - **Grandparents as Parent day at Maclay School - awesome**
 - **Saturday, April 29 - Crawfordville**

- ❖ HO - Art Wilson
 - Size of HO T-Trak for show
- ❖ Timesaver Layout - Joe Haley
 - Updated and working - Doug
- ❖ N Scale - Garth Easton
 - Work party Saturday, April 22
- ❖ Show - Saturday, June 24, 2017
 - Help needed for all aspects
 - Friday set-up
 - Saturday throughout show
 - Sat pick up
- ❖ Education coordinator - Linda Blair - no report
- ❖ Good of the group:
 - Ed Schroeder - had other miscellaneous lumber free for the taking
 - Web page being updated
 - John Sykes - suggested making Classic Metal Works 50's & 40's vehicles with vintage signage
- ❖ New member[s]
 - Scott Garner - HO
 - Paul Geyer - HO

The business meeting ended at 7:55 P.M.

T-Trak modules were set up and run

Respectfully submitted.

May 10, 2017

Ed Schroeder, Secretary

BBMRA Classifieds!!

(We're trying this again. This is free! Submit classifieds to buy or sell to Doug Gyuricsko:

akdoug@mindspring.com



Doug's Used Cars

"Doug's Used Cars", "The little dealer with the big heart". The sale is for a limited time. "0" Down, "0" interest for 36 minutes! Trades possible, low mileage nice cars, all are 1/32 scale, matches G gage trains. Some could be used with O gage. Cars for \$5, trucks for \$8. Contact Doug Gyuricsko at our next meeting.



Doug's Used Cars.

Sam Miller Buys Old Trains for Resale.

Sam buys trains, all scales, but Lionel and HO are what he sees the most. Sam also takes model trains on consignment. Commission varies according to the value of the trains. Sam: sammiller61113@outlook.com or (850) 459-3012.

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