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Dothan Train Show Rescheduled for this Weekend, October 14-15, Because of Hurricane Irma

The rescheduled Wiregrass Annual Model Train Show & Sale in Dothan is this weekend, October 14-15, Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Central time, and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central. BBMRA members get in free under a reciprocal agreement we have with Dothan show leaders.

This is an outstanding show at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds on U.S. 231, a couple of miles south of Dothan proper. A dozen or more BBMRA members usually attend. There will be lots of train things of almost every scale, and a good combination of used and new items. There are several operating layouts as well. Hot dogs and hamburgers are available inside the building housing the show.

Vendors include at least two from our area – Sam Miller from Tallahassee, and George Allen from Eastpoint. Sam has quite a bit of Lionel and MTH items in O Gauge along with a lot of HO and N Scale. Much of it was purchased from Paul Malek, who recently returned to Arizona from Panama City. Sam will be loading up at his house in Woodgate Friday, October 13, and encourages anyone interested in seeing it all and not able to go to Dothan to drop his house between noon and 5 p.m.

This year's Dothan show was moved back a month because of Hurricane Irma. Irma didn't damage the Dothan area, but did cause severe damage, flooding and disruption throughout much of Florida. The Wiregrass show draws a lot of vendors and attendees from throughout our state and it was determined that a postponement until mid-October was necessary, according to Dan Adams and Danny Lewis, two leaders in the show coordinating committee.

Once again, show hours are: Saturday, 9a-5p, and Sunday, 10a-4p. This is Central time, so add one hour for Tallahassee time. Admission is \$5, with children under 12 getting in free. BBMRA members will get in free because of a long-standing reciprocal agreement between our club and the Dothan folks.

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GIANT Garden Railroad Sale – Crawfordville, FL.

NOMA Talking Station; British OO Scale Modeling (HO)

Ghost Train at VMRR, Bristol; "Spooky Fun for the Entire Family"

*** BBMRA Meetings ***

October 17, 2017: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting: October 17, 2017: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. "Old" Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive.

A two-part program this month from three new BBMRA members: the NOMA O Gauge Talking Railroad Station by Gary Edwards; and from Patrick and Leonesse Shaffer a presentation on British OO Scale model trains, including prototypes for Thomas the Tank Engine and the Harry Potter Express.

Giant Garden Railroad Sale – Crawfordville, FL. Saturday, November 4, 2017, Noon to 5 p.m.

Eric Ecklund, long-time member of our club, built one of the finest Garden Railroad layouts in the country. Eric turned 80 a while back and has experienced some major health issues and he and Ina have decided this fine layout must be dismantled and everything offered for sale. They are hosting a giant garage sale at their home in Crawfordville Saturday, November 4, from noon to 5 p.m. This is a private sale by invitation, but every BBMRA member is invited. It is exclusively Garden Railroad scale (except for a collection of O Gauge parts) and a wonderful opportunity if you operate G Gauge or want a small setup for Christmas. There is something special around the larger G Gauge around the winter holidays.

This sale includes buildings, track, bridges and figures still on the layout as well as other buildings and accessories. It includes more than a dozen engines and dozens of freight cars; from LGB, Lionel, Bachmann, Aristo Craft and others. Included are three passenger train sets. Also included in the sale are hundreds of G Gauge and O Gauge parts, including brass wheels, screws and a lot more. The sale includes power packs, an operating G Gauge Doodlebug/leaf blower to clean the tracks and other electrical items.

These wonderful items will be priced to sell and discounts will be provided on volume purchases.

Contact Sam Miller, BBMRA, for other information and directions if you have not already visited Eric and Ina. Sam also will have an inventory of major items which he can email you sometime next week. Folks not in our club can register to participate at the Dothan train show October 14-15, with Sam or at the Milton Swap Meet October 21 with Edward Dice. Feel free to contact Sam at any time.

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Eric's Crawfordville Garden Railroad layout. We have enjoyed many wonderful hours with Eric and Ina over the last couple of decades.

NOMA Talking Station: an O Gauge Classic from the 50's; British OO Scale Modeling (HO)

(From Sam Miller: Three new BBMRA members will be presenting workshops during our October meeting: retired financial planner Gary Edwards on the NOMA O Gauge Talking Railroad Station; and Patrick and Leonesse Shaffer on British HO model trains, including prototypes for Thomas the Tank Engine and the Harry Potter Express.

These will be fine programs but also an opportunity for you to get to know these new BBMRAers. Gary has developed an outline of his program below and Leonesse has written about her husband and herself and their passion for British OO Scale trains.)

From Gary Edwards:

Since I will be setting up my O gauge layout in October I would like to do a presentation on the NOMA talking station before the station becomes a permanent fixture on my layout. It should only take about 20 minutes and I have spoke publicly more times than I can count so I promise you it will be concise and interesting (at least to model train enthusiasts!).

Here is the outline of what I would cover and I will bring my NOMA station with working (digital replacement of original PRR announcement originally recorded announcement at Chicago RR station) with electrified lighting that I added to the station:

- I. Brief history of NOMA talking station
- II. Description of record player mechanism
(my own mechanism from the station as visual aid)
- III. History of recorded announcement of the "Number 28 Pennsylvania Broadway Limited" that ran from Chicago to New York on the PRR.
- IV. Demonstration of the talking station with the digital replacement (sounds exactly like the original record that station came with).
- V. Where and how to get the digital replacement to restore a NOMA station and how to install lighting in a NOMA station.



Gary Edwards with his classic NOMA Talking Station.

British OO Scale Modeling (HO) as Much an Obsession as U.S. HO

From Leonesse Shaffer:

Patrick and I moved to Tallahassee from Tampa and just got married in July of this year. Patrick has an avid love and interest in British trains and modeling. This fascination spawned from his love of the original Thomas the Tank Engine show he would watch as a child. As he got older, his interests matured as well and he found himself in love with the real locomotives he grew up with. The progression of modeling them just seemed right.

I had not been introduced to the world of modeling trains until meeting Patrick. However, I quickly found an interest in painting models, designing scenery and filming layouts. I also was educated extensively on steam locomotives and am slowly learning all there is to know from Patrick.

Patrick and I model in N-Scale and OO-Scale (HO-scale), and are happy to share our love of trains with the club.



Thomas and a friend.

Fall/ Early winter Busy Time for Area Train Shows

Here are other upcoming train shows. If Sam has missed any, please let him know.

Pickup Truck Model Railroading Sale: October 13, a Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. At Sam Miller's house in Woodgate. Sam will be loaded up for the Dothan show and is inviting BBMRA members to a private preview. All scales. Call 850-459-3012 for more details.

NMRA/SER Gulf Region Old Fashioned Tailgate Swap Meet, Milton. October 21, 2017, a Saturday: NMRA/SER Gulf Region Old Fashioned Tailgate Swap Meet, 8 a.m., to 1 p.m., Central Time. Milton, FL, at the old Railroad Depot. No admission but donations to the Railroad Museum will be appreciated.

TCA Southern Division Toy Train Show: November 18, 2017, Saturday: Jacksonville, Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road, Jax, 32224. Open to the public from 10a-3p. Open to TCA members beginning at 9a. Vendors will include BBMRA members Dale Kishbaugh and Sam Miller.

Winter Tampa Model Show: December 16-17, 2017, Saturday and Sunday: Winter Tampa Model Show, Saturday & Sunday, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL.

Winter MRC Train Show, Pensacola: 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.

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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. The Crown, a wonderful steamer, will be running Saturday, October 21, and Saturday, October 28. Diesels will be providing the fun and pull on these nights: Friday, October 20, Friday, October 27, and on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31.

November 4, 2017: Saturday, noon to 5 p.m., Giant Garden Railroad Sale in Crawfordville. Contact Sam Miller for details, (850) 459-3012.

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December 9, 2017, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tallahassee Museum Fall Farm Days; details of BBMRA setup still being planned.

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

December 16-17, 2017: Saturday and Sunday: 18th Winter Tampa Model Show, Saturday & Sunday, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL. Dates to be announced.

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December 2017: Celebrate the Winter Holiday Season with the Polar Bear Express at Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol. Dates have been announced: the steam train on December 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23; and diesels on December 7, 10, 14, 17, and 21. Admission is \$15 for the steam train and \$10 for non-steam. Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Children two and under ride free.

We will have additional information on the Christmas trains in an upcoming Lantern.

January 4-5, 2018, Prototype Rails 2018, , Cocoa Beach, Cocoa Beach Hilton, 1550 North Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, an NMRA-sponsored event.

January 13-14, 2017, Saturday and Sunday, 62nd Florida Rail Fair, DeLand, FL, Volusia County Fairgrounds.

January 27, 2018; 35th Annual Children's Day, Museum of Florida History, Capitol Complex; Details of BBMRA setups being planned.

February 10, 2018, Saturday: 40th Jacksonville Rail Fair, Prime Osborne Center, downtown Jacksonville.

Minutes for Meeting of September 19, 2017

President Andy Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

A motion was approved to accept the minutes of the August meeting.

Reports/Good of the Group: Andy Zimmerman noted that because of Hurricane Irma the Wiregrass Annual Model Train Show & Sale in Dothan was rescheduled from mid-September October 14-15, Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Central time, and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central. BBMRA members will continue to get in free under a show reciprocal agreement we have with Dothan show leaders.

Andy said he will have a talk with Devoe Moore after one club member said Mr. Moore had questions about the club's use of the old Antique Car Museum for its monthly meetings. Andy noted that a friend had donated several boxes of O Gauge trains and members should take what they could use. He noted his wife had been hospitalized in recent days, but was home now and doing better.

Andy introduced two new members: Patrick and Leonesse Shaffer, who recently moved to Tallahassee from the Tampa Bay area. The Shaffers have a special HO interest: HO models of British trains.

Drew Hackmeyer said Matt Baronovich, who is going on military service active duty, was looking for a home for two good N Scale modules. (The modules wound up going to Patrick and Leonesse Shaffer.)

John Sykes updated the club on program on the HO layout he is building in his garage and hopes to have an open house later this year.

Treasurer: Drew Hackmeyer noted, "We still have money."

Reports/Large Scale: Large Scale Coordinator Sam Miller noted that the Sunday operating sessions have resumed. He said a new "returns to basics" alternative to the O Gauge T-Traks was being set up that night during the operations sessions. The T-Traks are bulky and involve a lot of work for a quick setup. Doug Gyuricko developed an 0-27 set-up which is a lot easier and a lot quicker.

HO Division: Art Wilson said the folks would be using that night's operating session to program or reprogram several engines for DCC. "I found out I know nothing whatsoever" about complicated DCC issues, Art said.

N Scale: Garth Easton said he would soon schedule a workday to re-scenic and re-wire some of the N Scale modules. This is a good opportunity to learn about wiring and scenic work.

Program: Running trains. The meeting adjourned around 9 p.m. Estimated attendance: 35.

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