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HO, N Scale, O Gauge Featured in March 10 BBMRA Annual Tour of Layouts

March 10, 2018: 2018 BBMRA Layouts Tour. Final details are still being developed by director Andy Millott, but this year's layout tour will include Gary Edwards' vintage Lionel layout off of Thomasville Road in north Tallahassee and Eddie de Arrigunaga's father's 'Big O' layout and Phil Weston's wonderful HO set-up, both in the Crawfordville area.

Andy Millott is looking for one or two more layouts to complete the tour. See his note below.

After Eddie and Phil, we will travel from Crawfordville to Woodville to end up at the club's awesome N Scale layout and the Timesaver Switching Layout being operated at the Woodville Founders Festival, Woodville Branch Library, 8000 Old Woodville Road.

Here is a note from Andy M.:

"Dear BBMRA Members, "It's that time of the year again! We are planning for our annual layout tour. The tour is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 10th. The specific times for each layout will be announced in the coming weeks. The following people have graciously offered to include their layout on the tour: Phil Weston, Eddie de Arrigunaga and Gary Edwards. We are looking for a fourth (and possibly fifth person) that would be interested in adding their layout to the tour. If interested, please contact Andy Millott at millott32073@hotmail.com. Thank you and we look forward to having this layout tour be a success!"

Club Needs New Meeting Place

BBMRA is searching for a new place for our monthly meetings, probably effective within the next month or two.

BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman confirmed during the January meeting that Devoe Moore plans to convert the "strip mall" including the Old Antique Car Museum, where we have met for the last several years, into climate controlled storage units. The club can meet at the old museum until Mr. Moore begins actual construction. It may get several weeks' notice or much less.

The Antique Car Club is in a similar dilemma.

BBMRA modules on the second floor of the current Antique Car Museum will remain there, Andy noted. This space is not being currently heated or cooled because of the expense involved and several years ago, general public access was suspended.

*** BBMRA Meetings ***

February 20, 2018, 7:30 p.m.: Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. "Old' Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive. George Sellios' Franklin & South Manchester video, part one. The video is being provided by club member Bill Reschke.

March 20, 2018, 7:30 p.m.: Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. Location and program to be announced later.

There was a lengthy discussion of the need for a new meeting site during the January meeting and it will come up again next Tuesday. Options include Leon County library facilities and restaurants like Beef O'Bradys which provide meeting rooms if participants purchase meals and drinks.

Show Committee Getting to Work on BBMRA 27th Annual Show & Sale June 23

Andy Zimmerman and the Show Committee have kicked off full-scale planning for the 27th Annual Show & Sale June 23 at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee and set-up Friday, June 22. Andy and committee members will lead a discussion on the show at the Tuesday meeting. One of the most important things to discuss is the need for additional volunteers for the show committee, including someone to work with Andy and assign vendor and layout tables throughout the two Fairgrounds buildings.

Andy has updated the vendor registration site on the Internet and communications with last year's vendors and potential new ones are under way. Cards publicizing the 2018 show are being distributed at every opportunity, including Children's Day at the state museum in late January and the Golden Spike train show in Jacksonville last weekend. Porky and Avon Bacon, BBMRA members as well as train show vendors marketing t-shirts, hats and lots of other neat items, got a huge supply of the cards in Jacksonville and will be handing them out as they travel throughout Florida this spring. Phil Weston has begun to contact event calendar people continuing the work he did so successfully last year.

BBMRA President Zimmerman made these assignments to the 2017 Show Committee. Let Andy know if you can continue and we hope all of you can.

- Sam Miller and Carlton Ingram to assist Andy in communications with potential vendors and registered vendors.
- Doug Gyuricsko to assign tables and locations in the two buildings to confirmed vendors, exhibitors and operating layouts. Doug already has notified Andy he must step down because of a major construction projection underway at home – a large train building.
- David Brazell to handle publicity, including articles for the Tallahassee Democrat, Chronicle, Tallahassee Magazine and releases for Channel 6, WCTV, and other important local media.
- Phil Weston to contact event calendar people.
- Paul Schneider to coordinate people to the admissions both and helpers for vendor loading and unloading.

N-Scale Work Day Saturday, February 17

BBMRA "N" Scale Work day N-scale work day at Garth Eastons house, 9723 Bull Headley Road, Tallahassee FL 32312

Yes it is that time again!! We are now in the upgrade and maintenance phases of the N-Scale modules. We will be working on electrical and adding the details we could not get to last time, All in Preparation for the Wakulla Founders Day Celebration on March 10th. So we need to meet again so we can get 'er done! Come on out and get involved even if it is just to learn a little something or to lend a helping hand and socialize. Everyone is welcome!! . So come on out Help us get the remaining items finished off. Lots to do and see!. See you Saturday Morning at 9:00 a.m..

Andy Zimmerman

Bob Temple Passes in Lakeland

Bob Temple, a BBMRA member in recent years even though he did not live in Tallahassee, passed away recently in Lakeland. Bob was in his early 80's. His health had been failing and he had moved into an assisted living facility.

Bob was a retired Methodist minister and close friend to Vernon Parramore, a pioneer in HO model trains in Tallahassee and long-time member of our club. I imagine he also was close with club members Dave Kerns and Jeff Crew, who, along with Vernon and their families, were long-time members of Trinity Methodist Church downtown.

Bob was a vendor at the BBMRA show at least one year. He had bought a lot of HO metal freight car kits from Vernon and put them together and sold them at the show. I still have a couple somewhere. Bob was a member of the NMRA Sunshine Region and served as SR historian for several years. He was a nice man and great model railroader.

Sam Miller

Phil Weston's Unique Greenhouses; Don't Throw Anything Away!



See these greenhouses and Phil Weston's impressive HO layout in Crawfordville during the March 10 layout tour.

By Phil Weston

I wonder what I can do with these?

Do you have a bunch of clutter laying around your train area that is left over from something you purchased but couldn't throw away because you might find a use for it some day? I purchased several HO vehicles and they came in nifty collectible style plastic cases. I put the vehicles on my layout but kept the cases...just because.

I noticed a spot on my layout that needed something and here's what I came up with.

Those plastic cases can be used to build greenhouses which is what I decided to fill my blank spot with.

I used nylon netting to cover the tops and the upper portion of the sides to simulate the sun protection screening. I cut plastic strips to serve as benches/tables and glued them inside. I bought some JTT flowers and shrubs and glued them onto the benches or placed them in strategic locations.

I framed up a casing and added some foam to create a swamp cooler that is commonly used in the greenhouses. I used plastic stock and siding material to build a mini heating unit. I placed them outside of the cases.

I painted the floor then added a few wires to simulate the hoses that clutter most greenhouses. I added some additional external scenery, signing, access road, lighting, mulch pits, a dump truck and Bobcat to finalize the project.

Bat Girl among Model Train Fans at Children's Day; Penn Central Anniversary; 1968 was Match Box Banner Year

From BBMRA member **Randy Lombardo**, a frequent contributor to the Lantern:

35th Annual Children's 2018

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart of it". Proverbs 22:6

There was much excitement inside & outside The Museum of Florida History on Saturday, January 28. As Doug Gyuricsko and I entered the museum complex, a helicopter hovered overhead watching a protest at the Old Capitol while a sudden gust of wind nearly took a performer with B J the Clown and canopy for quick leap in the air. All remained well, however. The warmest Children's Day I could remember with a high temperature of 75 degrees.

Inside, Joe "Yard Boss" Haley's Ho Scale Switching Layout, Randy "Mr. Conductor" Lombardo's Thomas the Tank Engine & Sam Miller's Lionel Disney layouts were visited by children & parents armed with the latest digital devices. There were minor derailments caused by children's curiosity, Thomas being cranky and refusing to run, minor switching problems and Goofy's feet falling of the hand car.

Towards, the end of the event, everyone, including the museum was pleased. Thanks to Bob Parmenter (new member), Doug, Ed Schroeder, Sheldon Harrison, **Leo Shaffer** (Bat Girl, who exclaimed, "This is supercool!"), Mel McCarthy, Patrick Shaffer and those I didn't name.

E. (Wing) Hunter Harrison, 1944-2017

Jacksonville, Fla.-CSX Chief Executive Officer (CEO) E. Hunter Harrison, passed away from unspecified medical complications on December 16, 2017.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., he began his career 20 years after his birth with The Saint Louis-San Francisco Railroad (Frisco) while, attending college and continuing with high management positions with Burlington Northern (BN, absorbing Frisco in 1980), Illinois Central (IC); Canadian National (CN, absorbing IC in 1998); Canadian Pacific (CP) and finally for 9 months with CSX beginning March 6, 2017. He also wrote several books. James (Jim) M. Foote who, worked close to Harrison at CN was named as permanent CEO by the board of directors on December 22, 2017.

Complete coverage can be found in March 2018 Trains, the magazine of railroading.

"Matchbox" for 1968

Recently, the local newspaper wrote about negative events that happened in 1968, I am here to bring you something positive about that year: "Matchbox" celebrated their 15th Anniversary and was still owned by Lesney Products & Company of London, England. The line-up consisted of 75 models (22 were new): #2-Mercedes Trailer (on Joe's Switching Layout); #3-Mercedes-Benz Ambulance; #6-Ford Pick-up with camper cover; #14-Iso Grifo Sports Car; #15-Volkswagen 1500 Saloon; #21-Foden Concrete (Cement) Truck; #25-Ford Cortina G. T.; #26-G. M. C. Tipper Truck; #28-Mack Dump Truck; #32-Leyland Petrol (Gas) Tanker; #34-Volkswagen Camper Car; #43-Pony Trailer; #46-Mercedes-Benz 300SE; #47-DAF Tipper Container Truck; #50-Ford Kennel Pick-up Truck with Dogs; #53-Ford Zodiac Mark IV (4); #55-Mercury (Ford) Police Car; #58-DAF Girder Truck (on Joe's Switching Layout); #62-Mercury (Ford) Cougar; #63-Dodge Crane Truck; #71-Ford Heavy Wreck Truck; #73-Mercury (Ford) Commuter Station Wagon with 2 dogs.

Penn Central Railroad Anniversary

I almost forgot to mention the merger of The New York Central (NYC) & Pennsylvania Rail Road (PRR) on February 1, 1968. As the 1970s lingered on, it turned out to be the biggest bankruptcy of a company in American history at the time, lasting until March 31, 1976. Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail), a U. S. Government created agency, assumed control on April Fool's Day 1976.

Children's Day 2018



Disney always a hit!



Joe Haley always a hit too!



Mel McCarthy, Randy Lombardo, friend. It's all about control.

CSX Reviewing 8,000 miles for potential sale, including Florida

Excerpted from *Trains Magazine*, January 22, 2018. Thanks for the heads up from Ed Schroeder.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — CSX Transportation is reviewing 8,000 miles of rail lines as potential candidates for sale or lease, *Trains News Wire* has learned.

People familiar with the situation do not expect all 8,000 miles to go on the block. But they say the sheer amount of mileage under review — more than a third of CSX's 21,000-mile network — is an indication of management's intent to leave no rock unturned in a drive to cut costs and boost profitability.

"Everything we've got out there is going to go through some scrutiny. If it creates shareholder value to sell it, we're going to sell it," then CEO E. Hunter Harrison told the Credit Suisse Industrials Conference on Nov. 29. "If it creates shareholder value to keep it, we're going to keep it."

The review effort is continuing under new CEO Jim Foote. The first four subdivisions were put out to bid (in mid-January), including a pair of routes in Illinois and Florida. Routes under review include:

- The former B&O from Greenwich, Ohio, to Baltimore. (Update: CSX has since removed this route from the review list and will retain the line.)
- The former Boston & Albany main and related branch lines in Massachusetts.
- The former Louisville & Nashville between Cincinnati and Atlanta.
- Most of the former Baltimore & Ohio main linking East St. Louis, Ill., and Cincinnati.
- Former Pere Marquette trackage in Michigan.
- CSX's cross-border incursions into Canada and related U.S. trackage.
- The railroad's hard-hit Appalachian coal network, including portions of the former Clinchfield.
- Large sections of the Florence Division in the Carolinas.
- The Dothan sub in Alabama and Georgia.
- The Auburndale sub in Florida.
- Branches and redundant trackage scattered around the system, including some in Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and New York.

In a statement, CSX said it's continuing to evaluate all aspects of its network and operations.

"Based on an initial review of our network, the company has decided to put forth two rail segments near-term for a potential transaction: the Decatur and Danville Secondary Subdivisions in western Illinois and the Tallahassee and PA Subdivisions in the Florida Panhandle. CSX is communicating with its customers on these rail lines, as well as union representatives and employees," CSX says.

Short line and regional railroad operators, as well as private equity investment firms, have already expressed

June 19, 2018: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. "Old" Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive. Final planning for the Annual Show & Sale.

June 23, 2018: Saturday, BBMRA 27th Annual Show & Sale; 9 a to 4p at North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee. Set-up is Friday, June 22.

July 14, 2018, Saturday: 64nd Florida Rail Fair, DeLand, FL, Volusia County Fairgrounds. Golden Spike.

July 17, 2018: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. "Old" Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive. 2018-19 dues and election of officers. Also debriefing on June 23 show.

August 5, 2018: 55th Atlanta Show, Infinite Energy Center, Atlanta, Golden Spike.

August 18-19, 2018: The Villages Summer Train Expo, Show, 9a to 4p on Saturday, 10a to 3p on Sunday. The Villages near Leesburg.

August 21, 2018: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. "Old" Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive. Program being developed.

August 2018: The Villages Summer Train Show. Dates and times to be announced. The Villages near Leesburg.

September 18, 2018: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. "Old" Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive. Program being developed.

September 2018: Wiregrass Annual Model Railroad Show & Sale, National Peanut Festival and Fairgrounds, Dothan, AL. Dates and times to be announced.

October 16, 2018: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. "Old" Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive. Program being developed.

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 20, 2018: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. "Old" Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive. Program being developed.

November 2018, Saturday: TCA Southern Division Toy Train Show, Jacksonville, Morocco Shrine Auditorium, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road, Jax, 32224. Exact date to be announced. Open to the public from 10a-3p. Open to TCA members beginning at 9a.

Woodgate Lionel Open House: November 18, a Sunday, 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Sam Miller and Linda Medlin's home, 3008 Stillwood Court, Woodgate in Tallahassee. Sunday Lionel Group Therapy folks are helping.

December 7 or December 14, 2018: 6:30 p.m. BBMRA Holiday Reception, Sam Miller & Linda Medlin, Woodgate. Final date will be selected later.

December 2018: Florida Old Capitol Museum. Date and times to be announced. The Large Scale Division will be operating the Disney Layout platform, with some special touches for Christmas.

December 2018: Tallahassee Museum Fall Farm Days. Date and times to be announced. BBMRA setups planned.

December 2018: 18th Winter Tampa Model Show, Saturday & Sunday, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL. Dates to be announced.

December 2018: Winter MRC Train Show, Pensacola, Hadji Shrine Temple, 800 North Nine Mile Road, Pensacola, FL 32534-1858,. Exact dates to be announced later; 9 to 5, Saturday, 10 to 4 Sunday, Central. Admission \$6 for adults.

December 2018: Celebrate the Winter Holiday Season with the Polar Bear Express at Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol. Dates to be announced later.

BBMRA Minutes for January 16, 2018

Big Bend Model Railroad Association

President Andy Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.; about 25 were present.

The Secretary's minutes for November 17, 2017 were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Drew Hackmeyer reported that we are in the black. Dues for 2017-18 are payable; 62 have paid dues. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

President Andy welcomed new member - Bob Parmenter

Reports

Large scale – Sam Miller - Children's Day at State Museum, Saturday, January 27 R.A. Gray Building – 2 layouts

HO - Art Wilson - no updates

Timesaver Layout - Joe Haley – no updates

N Scale - Garth Easton – work parties for Woodville t.b.a. when weather warms up

Education coordinator - Lisa Blair - no updates

Good of the Members:

High Country Hobbies; Enterprise, AL <http://www.highcountryhobbies.com> was recommended by one of our members.

Andy Millott - layout open house in March, probably March 10

New Meeting Sight Necessary

Antique Car Museum is turning their old museum into air conditioned storage space

BBMRA will have to relocate, possibly on short notice.

Mentioned options must be pursued:

- Ed Schroeder checking into Scout hut at Levy Park and AMTRAK station
- Levy Park does not appear likely.
- AMTRAK Station has to be pursued
- Leon Public Library
- Myers Park Community Center
- Church or similar public type

No presentations

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

February 16, 2018

Ed Schroeder, BBMRA Secretary

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