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## 2018 Model Railroad Show was Top 10 Event! New Vendors, New Variety

From **BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman**

The Show is over and the results are in. We had yet another TOP 10 show! New vendors bringing new product and new varieties of products, veteran vendors bringing highly sought after new and used products resulted in outstanding sales for many. Some of our veteran vendors let us know that they had their best show yet and record sales (for our show)

Some new vendors to our show said they did better at our show than they have the whole month at their local venue.

Many thanks to all of the members who stepped up and pitched in to make this show a success. How John Sullenberger did it all by himself all of those years is amazing to me. He was indeed a unique individual.

We had great advertising, great TV and newspaper coverage and some of the best displays I have seen in many years! This show was put together as a team, worked on as a team, and the hard work and dedication shows! Bravo Zulu to everyone who worked to make this happen!

\*\*\* BBMRA Meetings \*\*\*

**July 17, 2018, 7:30 p.m.:** Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. Still meeting at the "Old" Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, 3550 Mahan Drive. 2018 Show After Action Report; Discussion of 2018 Officers Elections; Collecting 2018-19 dues. Show.

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



**Gary Edwards' vintage Lionel passenger set and an admirer.**



**Stacey Elliott and John Meister with the awesome N Scale T-Trak layout.**

(More photos below in this Lantern.)

## **Tremendous Large-Scale Efforts at 2018 Show**

From Sam Miller

The June 23 show was one of the best in years, especially the work and activities of the Large-Scale folks – the Live Steamers, the Lionel/O Gauge T-Traks, Ron & Karla Fletcher's Garden Railroad layout, Jeff Hornsby's MTH layout, Disney 2 and Randy Lombardo's Thomas the Tank Engine layout. We had plenty of help and this is appreciated so much. Lots of help meant that all of us had time to enjoy the show and have fun.

"Here is the big thing I really liked about this show. We had our guys to help build the T-tracks and take it apart like a well-oiled machine," Doug Gyuricsko says. "It has been my pleasure to work with them as a crew member; something I do miss about Alaska construction crews. Ken and his sons, with Carlton, and others who came by (Wish I can recall everyone.) made it an easy day. Gary did extra duty running his trains. I got to roam and see how other layouts were doing and my annual shopping. All free shipping too!"

I am bound to miss someone and apologize if I do. But special thanks for their T-Trak work to Doug Gyuricsko, of course; Ken Brock and both his sons; Jack and Jamie Herzog; Carlton Ingram; Cal Ogburn; Ron Fletcher; Gary Edwards; Steve Pollack; Bob Parmenter; and James Dodson. Special thanks to Jeff Hornsby and his wife for operating the new Mike's Train House set-up. The Live Steamers were great and thanks to all of them.

Randy did a wonderful job on Thomas, with a worried mind. His mom was seriously ill at the time of our show. The Fletchers' G Gauge layout was so much fun again. Special thanks for help on Disney 2 to Garth Easton, Andy Zimmerman and the other N Scalers, who transported it to and from the Fairgrounds with their N Scale T-Traks; and to George Allen from Eastpoint and my wife, Linda Medlin, who helped me run it; along with all of the kids who actually ran the trains.

## **Live Steamers Kept the Pot Boiling!**

From Sal Martocci:

The Live Steam group was boiling water and raising steam all day long. The crowds were sometimes 10 deep to see what all the commotion was about; well maybe two deep. Bob Pope's train horn soiled the pants of many of the on lookers, and had small children hollering for more.

Steam is a concept that many of our visitors have no first-hand knowledge of.....trains were "always" electric or diesel. "That's amazing!" was the comment often heard around the layout.....and sometimes we ourselves are amazed that these little steam engines, scaled down from the real thing, run as well as they do.

Us LS guys had a good time showing off our wares and hope our public also had a good time.

Until next year.....Keep Steaming

## **HO'ers Added Switching T-Traks**

From HO Coordinator Art Wilson:

The HO layout improved at this year's show as it does each year. We added a new switching unit two T-Traks long with all new buildings and scenery. Also, all of the T-Traks had scenery upgrades and all were really outstanding. I really think the most outstanding part this year was the tables. They give us a level playing field that allowed trains to run the entire time with little or no downtime due to uneven T-Traks."

## **Nice When You are Missed**

From David Brazell:

This was one of the best shows I've personally had. I sold a lot of stuff and found a lot of bargains too. Since I missed last year's show, it was great seeing some people I haven't seen in a few years. One particular couple asked about me last year and I told them where I was (out of town with grandchildren) and they understood. They told me it wasn't the same without me. Made me feel missed. It was a great show and I am certainly looking forward to the show next year.

## **Memorial Services Monday for Anne Lombardo, Mother of Randy Lombardo**

Anne Lombardo, mother of long-time BBMRA member Randy Lombardo, died Monday, July 2, and her funeral services will be held Monday, July 9, at 3 p.m. Services are at Beggs Funeral Home, 3322 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32311.

Randy operates the club's Thomas the Tank Engine layout and did devoted service with Thomas during our June 23<sup>rd</sup> show even though his mom was hospitalized and severely ill at the time. Randy has now lost both his father and mother within the last several years.

Please extend your condolences to Randy. His email is [penncentralpatriarch@comcast.net](mailto:penncentralpatriarch@comcast.net)

## **BBMRA Dues - Time to Pay Up**

Annual dues of the Big Bend Model Railroad Association are due now and will be delinquent after August 31. Dues remain at \$20, which is pretty darn attractive. Members can renew during the July and August meetings or by mail through:

Drew Hackmeyer, Treasurer  
3201 Hawks Landing  
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Several new members were recruited during the June 23 show by Lisa Blair.

## **Needed for HO Layout: Atlas Code 100 Nickel Silver Track, Switches**

Sam Miller is looking for used HO Atlas Code 100 nickel silver flex-track track and switches, Atlas no. 6 and 8. This would be part of a swap between Sam and an O Gauge collector. Flex-track full pieces are needed, but also shorter pieces. Sam is looking for several pairs of used switches, either Atlas Code 100 6's or 8's. Sam also needs cork bed, but it must be in good shape. Prices are negotiable. Please contact Sam at: (850) 459-3012 or [samiller61113@outlook.com](mailto:samiller61113@outlook.com)

Sam is a vendor at the Dothan show in mid-September. Remember that he buys and sells quality trains – mostly HO and O Gauge.



**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: 18<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## **2018 Show & Sale in Fabulous Fine Foto Review**

**From Sam Miller and Andy Zimmerman**



**Gary Edwards running his vintage Lionel passenger train on the O Gauge T-Traks layout.**



**Leo and Patrick Shaffer, British model trains.**



**Keith Jowers, Mary Esther.**



**A Zoo Stuffed by You, new vendor.**



**Phil Weston and much imported HO T-Traks**



**Andy Zimmerman and grandson**



**Porky Bacon, long-time BBMRA friend**



**It's All About Families**



**Trains attract kids and how!**



**Sam Miller, center, and Disney 2.**

## **BBMRA Minutes for June 19, 2018**

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

The Secretary's minutes for the May meeting were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Drew Hackmeyer reported that the BBMRA remains solvent. Dues for 2018/19 are now payable. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. Note, details of the Treasurer's monthly reports are not published in the Secretary's minutes. Members may request details from the Treasurer.

President Andy welcomed new member Robert Fuerstein, N scale, who recently moved here from Southern California where he was quite active in model railroad clubs. He can be reached at Robert Fuerstein, [photobob321@gmail.com](mailto:photobob321@gmail.com)

Show Comments. Andy reported

Show PR

§ Ads in Tallahassee Democrat

§ Article by David Brazell in Thursday Chronicle Section of Democrat

§ Interviews on local TV stations

§ Facebook ads

§ Plastic show cards available for member distribution at barber shops etc.

Friday Vendor Set-up beginning at 8 A.M.

Saturday

Open for Vendors - 7:15 A.M.

Breakdown beginning at 4 P.M.



Street Chefs Food Truck of Tallahassee will be at the show

Head Counts

§ Boy and Girl Scouts in Uniform – Free. No wrist bands

§ Wrist bands to identify vendors and paid customers

Power cords needed

Water and drinks will be provided for members and vendors

As of meeting time, 87 tables had been purchased.

Help needed for wrap-up and pick-up.

Group leader Reports:

Large Scale, Sam Miller

HO, Art Wilson

And N Scale, Garth Easton

Reminded all of need to be at Fair Grounds Friday morning, June 22, to help with show set-up

Good of the Members

Meeting Sight Change Remains in Limbo

Business Meeting adjourned around 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

July 5 , 2018

Ed Schroeder, Secretary

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