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## Tallahassee Museum Farm Days, BBMRA Set-Ups, November 3

HO Coordinator Phil Weston is directing the club's annual set-up at the Tallahassee Museum (aka Junior Museum) Saturday, November 3. The HO group will operate an abbreviated T-Trak operation. Joe Haley will operate the Time Saver. Randy Lombardo will run his popular Thomas the Tank Engine layout, with help from the Large Scale Division.

Phil needs as many HO folks as possible to work with the T-Traks and assist Joe with the Time Saver. Large Scale Coordinator Sam Miller is looking for members to work with Randy throughout the day.

"HO will be running an abbreviated T-Trak layout, six to eight doubles and the four corners," Phil says. "Set up starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Museum and with opening at 9 and breakdown at 4 p.m. HO Division members should let me know ASAP if they are coming."

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## October Meeting Cancelled; BMRA Meetings at Capital City Christian Church Begin November 20

BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman cancelled the Tuesday, October 16, BBMRA meeting because members were still dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew. Several members living in the Lakeshore Drive area did not have their power restored until late Monday.

October was to be the first meeting at Capital City Christian Church. We will now have our initial meeting at this fine facility November 20. Capital City Christian Church is located at 6115 Mahan Drive, next door to the Florida A&M University Viticulture Center (formerly Lafayette Vineyards). It is on the south side of Mahan Drive, a little east of the Leon County Public Library Branch on Pedrick Road. BBMRA member Don Meeks is an elder at the church

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

**November 20, 2018, 7:30 p.m.:** "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. NEW LOCATION: Capital City Christian Church, 6115 Mahan Drive, near the Florida A&M agricultural facility and a little east of the Old Antique Car Museum. Program being developed.

**December 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m.:** BBMRA Holiday Reception, Sam Miller & Linda Medlin, Woodgate. Call 459-3012 for additional information.

## **Tallahassee Museum Farm Days November 3**

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Next on the BBMRA schedule of local setups is November 18, a Sunday, the Woodgate Lionel Open House, 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.

The Large Scale Division also will set up at the Old Capitol in the downtown Capitol Complex, sometime in December with details still being worked out. HO and Large Scale folks also are planning to participate January 27 during the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Day at the Museum of Florida History, also downtown.

## **October Meeting Cancelled due to Michael**

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The Old Antique Car Museum has housed BBMRA meetings for the last few years. Devoe Moore is converting the old car museum and the entire strip mall into climate controlled storage units and construction will begin later this fall.

Our club will meet in the Capital City Christian Fellowship Hall, which is reached through double doors and covered drive-through entrance at the west side of the building.

"We want to serve the community and several groups use our building. It is not a problem," Don says. Regulars at the Fellowship Hall include a card club and seven or eight area neighborhood associations.

The facility has projectors, screens, Internet service and other features helpful to groups like BBMRA. "I don't know how to use a lot of it, but our church secretary will show Andy Zimmerman how everything works," Don promises.

Don Meeks is an HO modeler, with a six-by-10-foot layout in a former bedroom of his home. "A kid moved out and I moved in," he says. Like most of our layouts, it is still under construction, "but it is getting there."

## **Andy Zimmerman Leading T-Trak Initiative**

From Sam Miller: For the last several months, Club President Andy Zimmermann has been leading an initiative to enhance and expand the club's N, HO and O Gauge T-Trak layouts. Andy is working with two designated T-Trak coordinators, Bob Feuerstein and Stacey Elliott. These guys are going to conduct a formal inventory of the club's T-Trak modules, post information on them on a special Internet site, T-Trak Wiki: <http://ttrak.wikidot.com/> and collect as much information as possible on standards developed by various groups, including the National model Railroad Association. We will be following this closely in future Lanterns, including a report from Bob and Stacey in November. Here is a recent note to the club from Andy on the T-Trak initiative.

From Club President Andy Zimmerman:

In August I challenged you to get creative, create a new module, improve an old one, build something prototypical or just get creative. Do something fun!

In September I led by example and brought in my latest T-Trak module, a standard corner I named "Iron Horse Mountain."

What is next?

...Build, rebuild or improve a module!

Let's shoot for one module per group per meeting. Coordinators, let's be sure and work with your group so you have a module ready to display. The next meeting is November 20<sup>th</sup> at Capital City Christian Church 6115 Mahan Dr. Tallahassee Fl. 32308.

- Take before and after pictures. Be ready to tell the club what you did. Did you add more details, lights, moving parts? What was the inspiration for the module?
- Bring the module to the next meeting and show off your work!
- Visit our Wiki Page @ <http://ttrak.wikidot.com/big-bend-model-railroad-association> and be sure to join and add your name to our club.
- Put a picture of your work up on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BBMRA/>
- Take at least two pictures of your module and be sure and name it so we can get it added to our Wiki!

Need Standards? Robert W. Feuerstein and Stacey Elliott are reviewing the standards and will be coordinating our T-Trak groups.

## Fall, Early Winter Busy Time for Area Train Shows

**TCA Southern Division Toy Train/ Christmas Show:** November 17, 2018, 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.

**Winter MRC Train Show, Pensacola:** December 1-2, 2018, 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 Time. Admission \$6 for adults.

**Winter Tampa Model Show:** December 15-16, 2018, Saturday and Sunday: Winter Tampa Model Show, Saturday & Sunday, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL.

## Winter Holiday Festivities/& Sprucing Up Your Personal Layout

Are model railroading or real railroading part of your decorations and celebration of the Christmas and Jewish Holidays? Let the club know through the November and December issues of the Lantern. Contact Sam Miller at: [sammiller61113@outlook.com](mailto:sammiller61113@outlook.com) Send photos if you can.

Do you know of holiday-related special events in our area around the winter holidays; special things like the Polar Express at Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol? Pass that along to Sam as well.

## Hurricane Michael Damages VMRR in Bristol; Halloween Train Cancelled

From the Veterans Memorial Railroad Internet site:



## BBMRA Members Named NMRA Sunshine Region Committee Chairs

BBMRA members Bob Feuerstein and Barrett Johnson were appointed committee chairs for the National Model Railroad Association's Sunshine Region during elections and an organizational meeting in Plant City earlier this month.

Bob was appointed Webmaster and Barrett, Chair for both Boy Scout Program and Estate Counseling.

David Barron was elected president, succeeding Gilbert Thomas of Lakeland. Barrett Johnson is a former Sunshine Regional President.

Richard Segall of Hawthorne was re-elected Northern Division superintendent. The Northern Division includes Tallahassee.

## New Member Profile: Barbara Donner Planning Zillertal Garden Railroad

(From Sam Miller: If you are a new member, we want to know more about you. Please contact me at [sammiller61113@outlook.com](mailto:sammiller61113@outlook.com))

Barbara Donner contacted Club President Andy Zimmerman recently and then dropped by for a Sunday Lionel Group session. She is one of the newest members of BBMRA.

Barbara has worked with Jim Dobson, a club member from Sneads, at a state agency and learned about BBMRA. She attended several of our annual shows and purchased a Garden Railroad beer car and wine car.

"I have met various club members at the annual show over the years...The cars that I have I got at the local show," Barbara says. "The wine car was probably about 15 years ago. I got it for my bar. The beer car I got this past summer and that's what got me interested in the Zillertal railway."

"I do like O Gauge, too. I'm mostly a steam locomotive person. Love the old narrow gauge railways. Rode the Durango to Silverton once. I also have a Christmas North Pole set that I made with a battery operated train. I should have joined the club a long time ago!"



Barbara Donner's beer and wine G Gauge cars

## **BBMRA Minutes for September 18, 2018**

President Andy Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.; About 20 were present.

The Secretary's minutes for July 17, 2018 were presented, a motion submitted and they were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Drew Hackmeyer reported that BBMRA is solvent; dues for 2018-19 are payable. To date 61 have renewed or initiated memberships including two recently received by Andy. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's report is not published in the Secretary's minutes. Members may request details from the Treasurer.

### Division Reports

\* Large Scale (Sam Miller) was absent

\* N – There was discussion about T-TRAK's and getting them ready for future shows/public events. Robert Peterstein mentioned the N-Scale T-TRAK manual that discusses size, colors etc.

There was a continuing request to obtain information on each module in the club with associated pictures. There was then a suggestion that similar information be collected for all the modules in the other scales.

\* HO - Phil Weston mentioned that an HO meeting is planned for October.

\* Timesaver Layout - There was discussion on the new switching layout and the ways in which it differs from the current one, including the folding functionality.

\* Youth coordinator - Lisa Blair – is continuing to work on collaborative possibilities with a local school.

### Good of the members

\* There was a brief mention of the new venue for monthly meetings which will be at a church located further east along Mahan.

\* If members require additional modules, inform Drew well in advance as he is running low on material for module construction. The possibility of another module build party was also suggested.

\* T-TRAK maintenance – The club needs to have a systematic method of cleaning up and repairing modules as necessary.

\* The meeting was then adjourned following Andy's presentation.

### Presentation

Andy presented on innovative casting techniques to do unique prototypical module.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Ed Schroeder

October 4, 2018 - Sheldon Harrison.

## **Railroads working to restore service cut by Hurricane Michael**

From the Trains Magazine Internet Site:  
October 15, 2018

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Railroad crews from Florida's Gulf Coast to across the Appalachians are still recovering from Hurricane Michael's devastating blow to the Southeast.

In Florida and South Georgia, railroad crews have already cleared more than one thousand downed trees and sent out nearly 100 generators on CSX Transportation rail lines. Generators are expected to power lineside devices that would normally rely on the electric grid, such as signals, switch motors, and radio towers.

In a weekend service update, railroad officials say they're working to restore service to the Dothan and Thomasville subdivisions between Troy, Ala., and Quitman, Ga., the P&A and Tallahassee subdivisions between Defuniak Springs and Live Oak, Fla., and the Bainbridge subdivision between Bainbridge, Ga., and Tallahassee, Fla.

As of Saturday, the railroad's main focus was tree removal and deploying temporary generators. CSX crews had already removed more than one thousand trees and deployed 34 generators on the lines that remained out of service. The railroad did not say when rail service would resume on routes currently without power or which are blocked by trees.

Trains are, however, moving once again on CSX's Fitzgerald subdivision between Waycross and Manchester, Ga., after crews spent much of late last week clearing more than 800 trees and installing 91 generators in locations without commercial power.

And Norfolk Southern didn't escape Hurricane Michael's fury, either. The Class I railroad reported storm-related damage across much of its network from rail lines on the Georgia Division to the Pocahontas Division in Virginia.

On Sunday, NS outlined the extent of the damages in a service advisory, reporting that 53 locations on the Georgia Division were running on generator power and 122 locations had commercial power restored this past weekend. On the Piedmont Division, all repairs were complete and 44 generators had been deployed, while in Virginia and West Virginia on the Pocahontas Division, there were 71 locations without power and more than 50 generators still deployed.

While NS has repaired all mainlines and resumed operations, it still warned customers of delays of 24 to 48 hours in affected areas.

As freight railroads gradually restored service across the Southeast, Amtrak service also resumed. On Friday, the passenger railroad restored full service on its Palmetto Nos. 89 and 90 from New York to Savannah, Ga., and Crescent Nos. 19 and 20 from New York to New Orleans. On Saturday, Amtrak Silver Star Nos. 91 and 92 were fully restored from New York to Miami.

News outlets say Hurricane Michael was the third-most intense hurricane in U.S. history with more than 30 deaths. Damage costs are estimated to exceed \$8 billion.

## Hurricane Michael Hits Panama City Bay Line Yard

Steve Pollack, a member of the Sunday Lionel Group, provided this photo of empty freight cars blown over in Panama City. "It's as far as the eye can see," Steve says. The photo was taken by a friend of one of Steve's daughters at the Bay Line yard off of U.S. 231, just north of Panama City.



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