



# THE Lantern

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## Tuesday's Program: Phil Weston – Making Trees for Pappy's Pecan Orchard

HO Coordinator Phil Weston is delivering the program for Tuesday's meeting. As anyone who has paid attention knows, Phil is an outstanding scratch builder and he will talk about one of his latest initiatives, making trees for "Pappy's Pecan Orchard." By the way, Phil is retired from the National Forest Service and knows his trees.

Here is a note from Phil:

I have a Powerpoint program and it does involve an interactive activity. My program is "Pappy's Pecan Orchard" describing one of my new HO T-Trak double modules. The interactive activity involves making the twisted wire trees that are featured on the module.

I'll have several bundles of the wires for each of the tables so that folks can try their hands at making the trees. At the end they can take the trees home with them.

I'll describe the steps involved in building the module and will also bring my new "Waffle House Gathering" corner module and "Autumn on Maple Hill Lane" double module so folks can check them out.

## "Anchor" Vendors Returning for BBMRA's 2019 Show

Folks are beginning to register for our 2019 Show & Sale June 22 and we expect participation from most of the vendors who have anchored our show in the past. We have gotten promises to participate again this year from:

- Porky & Aven Bacon, Name Trains, from Port Orange, who sell t-shirts, hats and similar items;
- Ed's Boxcar, Opelika, AL, offering new and used HO and N Scale items;
- Kettel's Toy Emporium, Bob Kettel, Dahlonga, GA, trains and antique cars and toys;
- Chris Lucibello, Tampa, American Flyer trains; (We are sad to note that Chris' wife, Karen, who always accompanied him, passed away last October.)

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

**March 19, 2019, 7:30 p.m.** "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. Capital City Christian Church, 6115 Mahan Drive. Show Committee meets briefly at 7:15 p.m. Program is from Phil Weston – Making Trees for "Pappy's Pecan Orchard"

**April 16, 2019: 7:30 p.m.** "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. , 6115 Mahan Drive, near the Florida A&M agricultural facility.

## Many Regulars from Previous Shows are Coming Back this June

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- Memory Station, Lewis Collier, Watkinsville, GA, lots of O Gauge and other scales too;
- Joe Ray, Wilsonville, AL, all scales, new and used;
- Tuckers' Train Supply, Terry Tucker, Pensacola, HO and other scales, new and used; and
- Larry Weigel, Homestead, HO and N Scale.
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We have one confirmed new vendor so far, Terry Anstett and NeedTrains.com based in St. Augustine. Terry has a huge inventory covering all scales. BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman met Terry at the Jacksonville Prime Osborne Center show in Jacksonville and Terry accepted Andy's invitation to participate.

Daryll Gunter, from Perry, who runs A Zoo Stuffed by You, is back this year. Daryll and his family joined our show – and our club – last June and we are delighted with their support.

Other club members expected to participate against this year are David Brazell, with lots of HO, including hand-made loads; and Sam Miller with George Allen from Eastpoint, HO and Lionel. BBMRA members are reminded they need to register and pay for their tables just as other vendors.

## HO, Garden Railroad Layouts Featured in March 23 BBMRA Annual Tour of Layouts

Saturday, March 23: 2019 BBMRA Layouts Tour. Final details are still being developed by director Andy Millott, but this year's layout tour will include Tom Rice's HO layout and the Garden Railroad in the back yard of Ron Fletcher's home. Both will be a lot of fun.

Andy M. is looking for one or two more layouts to complete the tour. If interested, please contact Andy Millott at [millott32073@hotmail.com](mailto:millott32073@hotmail.com).

Andy will discuss the layout tour at Tuesday's meeting. And the club will send out detailed information and directions a couple of days before the March 23 tour.

## Passing of Former Amtrak President; Other Model & Proto Railroading Updates

From Randy Lombardo

### Former Amtrak President & CEO Dies

Joseph (Joe) H. Boardman, President & CEO of Amtrak from November 25, 2008 until September 1, 2016, has died. He was a lifelong resident of New York State and was born on December 23, 1948 in upstate Taberg (Oneida County), where his parents owned a dairy farm.

Prior to serving the Nation's Passenger Railroad, Boardman was appointed as the 11th Federal Railroad Administrator by President George W. Bush and held that office from April 28, 2005 until November 25, 2008. He was also the longest serving New York State Department of Transportation (NYDOT) Commissioner, from July 1997 until 2005.

Other noteworthy positions he held in more than 40 years in the transportation industry included chairman of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) & Chair of the American Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials' Standing Committee on Rail Transportation (SCORT).

While visiting Florida, he passed away in the early morning hours of March 7, 2019, at age 70 of a stroke. He leaves behind spouse Joanne and three children. AMTRAK P42DC 42 is named after him. More information available on WIKIPEDIA. Also, Thanks to a Twitter feed from an Amtrak Employee who worked with him.

### **Lego Christmas Trains - Better Get Them Before They're Gone!**

Target on Apalachee Parkway has a limited supply of the 66 piece Lego Christmas Train that came out in 2018 for \$3.99 plus tax. It's normally not in the place you would find most of their Lego Products. I've view it on Amazon.com & been in the store several times & don't know how I missed it! It's for display purposes & doesn't operate.

### **1969: 50 Years of "MATCHBOX", Including Superfast Wheels!**

When "MATCHBOX" competitor HOT WHEELS at the time came out in 1968, it never filed for a patent for its sleek easy rolling wheel design so, "MATCHBOX" duplicated it and Superfast was born! Not every new vehicle received the up-grade that year and you'll see an (SF) after the models that did! There were 12 new models (five with Superfast Wheels): #5-Lotus Europa (SF), #11-Mercedes Scaffolding Truck, #14-Iso Grifo (SF), #16-Case Tractor Bulldozer, #17-Horse Box, Ergomatic Cab, #18-Field Car, #20-Lamborghini Marzal (SF), #35 Merryweather Fire Engine(SF), #42-Iron Fairy Crane, #50-Ford Kennel Truck with Dogs, #51-8-Wheel Tipper Truck and #69-Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow Coupe(SF).

### **YouTube Train Videos Which May be of Interest to Club Members**

TrainBrain2000 has about every model produced in HO Scale that bares the Amtrak Logo, from AEM 7 and the newest Siemens Charger Electric Locomotives (even has overhead power!), to P40/P42 Diesels, Heritage Baggage Cars, Material Handling Cars and Diners and the current Amfleet equipment. If Amtrak isn't your thing, watch the presentation closely; you'll see tons of CSX Engines too!

Eritrea was part of Ethiopia until independence was declared on May 24, 1993. The 1915 Steam Loco believed to be a 0-4-0 is seen climbing the mountains in this rural country at approximately 10 mph blowing its distinctive whistle, while the native Eritreans observe from high among the cliffs. You will also see it oiled & ready to continue on its journey. I've only seen a small portion myself.

This year's Folkston Funnel Annual Train Fest is Saturday, April 6. Many club members have attended this wonderful event on a regular basis over the years, including David Brazell, who reports on the activities for the Lantern. The festival includes a free meal and special booths and exhibits, but the main attraction is train after train after train, including Amtrak. Folkston is about 40 miles north of Jacksonville.

The following comes from the Inn at Folkston webpage:

*Folkston is located on the CSX Transportation double-track main line 40 miles north of Jacksonville FL.*

*To many rail fans, it is known as the CSXT funnel out of Florida, or [The Folkston Funnel](#). The double track from Jacksonville to Folkston, and north to Savannah, Georgia, and beyond is the Nahunta subdivision. Within viewing distance, just north of town, the rails split. The Jesup subdivision cuts off and goes west to Waycross GA (Burt Reynold's home town!) and on to Atlanta.*



**May 21, 2019: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. , 6115 Mahan Drive, near the Florida A&M agricultural facility and a little east of the Old Antique Car Museum.**

**June 1-2, 2019: 16th Tampa Model Show, Saturday & Sunday, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL**

**June 18, 2018: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. Capital City Christian Church, 6115 Mahan Drive, near the Florida A&M agricultural facility and a little east of the Old Antique Car Museum. Final planning for 2019 Show.**

**June 22, 2019: BBMRA's Annual Model Railroad Show & Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., again at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee. Setup will be the day before, Friday, June 21.**

**July 18, 2019: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. Capital City Christian Church, 6115 Mahan Drive, near the Florida A&M agricultural facility and a little east of the Old Antique Car Museum. Critique of 2019 Show.**

**August 20, 2019: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. Capital City Christian Church, 6115 Mahan Drive, near the Florida A&M agricultural facility and a little east of the Old Antique Car Museum.**

**August 17-18, 2019: The Villages Summer Train Show, 9a to 4p on Saturday, 10a to 3p on Sunday. The Villages near Leesburg.**

**September 14-15, 2019: Wiregrass Annual Model Railroad Show & Sale, National Peanut Festival and Fairgrounds, Dothan, AL.**

**September 17, 2019: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. Capital City Christian Church, 6115 Mahan Drive, near the Florida A&M agricultural facility and a little east of the Old Antique Car Museum.**

**October 2019: Halloween Trains, Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol. Not yet scheduled because of the hurricane damage last fall.**

**October 15, 2019: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. Capital City Christian Church, 6115 Mahan Drive, near the Florida A&M agricultural facility and a little east of the Old Antique Car Museum.**

**November 19, 2019: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. Capital City Christian Church, 6115 Mahan Drive, near the Florida A&M agricultural facility and a little east of the Old Antique Car Museum.**

**Woodgate Lionel Open House: November 24, 2019, 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 2019: Christmas Trains, Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol. Not yet scheduled because of the hurricane damage last fall.**

**December 6, 2019: 6:30 p.m. BBMRA Holiday Reception, Sam Miller & Linda Medlin, Woodgate.**

**December 7-8, 2019: 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 14-15, 2019: Winter Tampa Model Show, Saturday & Sunday, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL.**

## **Big Bend Model Railroad Association Minutes for Meeting of February 19, 2019**

President Andy Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. at the Capital City Christian Church, 6115 Mahan Drive. Around 25 were present.

The Secretary's Minutes for January 15, 2019 were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Drew Hackmeyer reported that BBMRA is solvent. To date 63 have renewed memberships. 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.*]

New Members - no new members.

### Division Reports

- ❖ Large Scale -For Sam Miller, Doug Gyuricsko reported focus on T-Trak modules and standards in the coming months.
- ❖ N Scale - Garth Easton -
  - work party before Woodville exhibit.
  - Garth reminded everyone of the Woodville exhibit on 9 March.
- ❖ HO Scale- Phil Weston
  - Upgrading modules and three new modules.
- ❖ Switching Layout -Joe Haley - Woodville next.
  - old layout given to Joe by vote of the members present.
- ❖ Youth coordinator - Lisa Blair no updates.

### Good of Members

- ❖ President Andy -Annual Show - June 22, 2019; committee hard at work.
- ❖ Bob Fuerstein is focusing on developing T-Trak standards for all scales, HO up-graded
  - Bob and Stacy Elliott working on Sunshine NMRA Facebook postings
- ❖ Layout Open-House -Andy Millott suggested and the members approved Saturday, March 23, 2019 for the Spring Layout Open House.
  - Andy developing list.
  - Asked for volunteered.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. and members ran trains on modules.

Respectfully submitted  
March 7, 2019  
Ed Schroeder, Secretary