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28th Show to be one of the Biggest & Best in Years It's Here: Saturday, June 22, with Set-up Friday, June 21

We have sold about 130 tables to more than three-dozen vendors, including several first-timers, and the 28th Annual Tallahassee Model Train Show and Sale is shaping up as one of the biggest and best in years. The show also will be highlighted by a dozen operating layouts. The big day is next Saturday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Leon County Fairgrounds. Set-up is Friday, June 21, throughout the day. Our monthly meeting is Tuesday night, 7:30 p.m., at Capital City Christian Church, and it will be devoted to last-minute planning for the upcoming, wonderful weekend.

"The Tallahassee show is nearly three decades old and has become of the major model train events of the summer in north Florida, southern Georgia and southeast Alabama," BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman says. "Attendance has been steady or has grown during each of the last several years. We have pretty much sold out our available space for sellers. We are very excited about this year's show, expecting it to be one of our biggest and best."

David Brazell and BBMRA President Zimmerman appeared on the Saturday Good Morning Show on Channel 6, WCTV, on June 15. "They had a good display of trains and two modules. They did a great job telling the viewers about our hobby and the upcoming event," says Doug Gyuricsko, who caught the program. Channel 6 will be reminding viewers of the model train event next Saturday. David is working to get articles in the Tallahassee Democrat throughout this week. Andy has purchased advertising in the Limelight in this Friday's Democrat and on some area radio stations. "I have talked to Preston Scott who has a daily morning talk show from 6 to 9 a.m., and he will be promoting our model train day," David reports. Preston Scott is on WTAL, 103.1 FM. Phil Weston has placed BBMRA show information on dozens of community service and model train-related Internet sites. Bob Feuerstein, Stacey Elliott and Neal Meadows have been promoting it on Facebook and the BBMRA web page.

Andy will be opening up Building 2 and Building 4 at the Leon County Fairgrounds at 9 a.m. Friday for club members who want to set up layouts, out-of-town layouts and "early bird" vendors and there always are a couple, at least. The air conditioning won't come on until noon, but the buildings should be bearable. Andy needs BBMRA members to help throughout the day, helping vendors and the layout folks unload.

There will be a lot of other jobs, including adjusting table arrangements, installing extension cords and who knows what else. David Brazell will be bringing extension cords as he did last year. Other club members are encouraged to bring hand trucks, with your names on the items, and lots of muscle.

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2019 Show

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HO coordinator Phil Weston reports: "As it stands right now, I am planning to be at the fairgrounds at 10 a.m. We are going to check tables to try for level ones. We are going to start complete setup at 12:30 to 1 p.m."

Joe Haley will, of course, be bringing the HO Switching Layout, which is seeing its first fairgrounds show. Doug Gyuricsko built this new one last fall.

From Garth Easton: "N scale will be starting setup at 9 a.m. and the T-Traks at noon Friday. This year's T-Trak will be 40 feet long and have three or four wings coming off of that. I will also have T-Trak T 1-450 scale. If you have any other questions call me at 528-2297."

From Sam Miller: "For the Large Scale folks, this is the main – sometimes only – set-up of the O Gauge T-Traks for the year and we will be taking photos as part of implementation of the national T-Trak standards. Doug is showing up with our modules at 9 a.m. Friday. I am asking that as many of you as possible meet us and complete the T-Trak setup that morning. We will help unload the Live Steam, Garden Railroad and Thomas layouts as well. If you have a module or insert and cannot deliver it to the fairgrounds, please bring it to me earlier this week. Breakdown is at 4 p.m. Saturday. All of this is pretty much what we have done in the past."

"The live stream bunch will be there around noon on Friday to set up our track and get ready for Saturday," Sal Martocci says. Ron and Karla Fletcher will be running Garden Railroad trains and getting them in place Friday morning. Randy Lombardo plans to stage Thomas the Tank Engine in the afternoon.

Sheldon Harrison is coordinating assistance for vendors and we need participation from as many club members as possible. Sheldon will be arriving at 1:30 p.m. Friday afternoon, June 21, when most vendors will begin coming in. BBMRA members coming to the Fairgrounds Friday morning may be asked to spare a few minutes to help early bird vendors. Please contact Sheldon if you can participate in this important role: sheldon_harrison@comcast.net

The actual show is Saturday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Doors will be open at 7:30 a.m. for last-minute work and for vendors not arriving until Saturday. Vendors have agreed in their registration packet not to break down early Saturday, the day of the show.

To work in the ticket booth Saturday, **contact** and BBMRA Vice President Paul Schnieder: schneiderpaul@centrylink.net .

2019 Show Vendors

There were a couple of late registrations which are not included here.

- All About Toy Trains, Richard Adelberg, Melbourne. Nine tables and wide variety of things.
- A Zoo Stuffed by You, Daryll Gunter, Perry, BBMRA member. Stuffed animals.
- Aven Bacon's Name Trains, Porky & Aven Bacon, Port Orange. Ten tables, t-shirts, hats, similar items.
- Big Creek Hobbies, Atlanta, six tables, a new vendor. HO vehicles, kits, containers and other accessories; no engines or rolling stock, but everything else.
- Richard Bivins, Tallahassee, one table, N Scale variety.
- David Brazell, Tallahassee, BBMRA member. Two tables, HO cars and loads.
- Ralph Brown, Pace, FL, one table. G locomotives and box cars, N scale locomotives.
- William Burney. Three tables, HO new and used and Hess Trucks. A new vendor.

- Wes Corscia, Dade City, 10 tables, all scales, and all kinds of stuff.
- Crusader Hobbies, Tom Lacher, Suwannee, GA. Four tables, shelves and wall units.
- Ed's Boxcar, Opelika, AL. Three tables, N and HO, new and used.
- Ina Ecklund, Crawfordville. One table, G Garden Railroad parts and supplies.
- Ron Frederick, Tallahassee. Two tables, vintage Lionel.
- Bill Frey, Atlanta, eight tables. new vendor.
- Jason Hardee, Lake City. Two tables, HO.
- JLD Trains, Atlanta. Four tables, Newer Lionel, other O Gauge.
- Kettel's Toy Emporium, Bob Kettel, Dahlonoga, GA. Four tables, large scale, toys.
- Dale Kishbaugh, Tallahassee, two tables. Tallahassee, BBMRA member, N, HO and O and wide variety of items.
- David Kirkland Art, Panama City. Photos and art.
- Jay Leinbach, Tarpon Springs. Two tables, HO, new engines, books, odds & ends.
- Chris Lucibello, Tampa. Five tables, American Flyers trains.
- Memory Station, Lewis Collier, Watkinsville, GA. Eight tables, Lots of O Gauge and other scales too.
- Sam Miller, Tallahassee/George Allen, Eastpoint. Six tables. George and Sam have partnered for the last few years at our show. HO and Lionel/O Gauge.
- NeedTrains.com, Terry Anstett, St. Augustine, a new vendor. Six tables. HO and other stuff.
- Richard Passaur, Contonment, FL, one table, O and G Gauges.
- Allan Porostovsky, Tallahassee. One table, Vintage Lionel.
- Joe Ray, Wilsonville, AL. Ten tables, all scales, new and used.
- Thomas Rice, Tallahassee, a BBMRA member, one table, S Gauge.
- Gary Sparks, Sunset, SC. One table, older used items, all scales.
- Todd Tait, Hahira, GA. Two tables, HO.
- Bill Thompson, Rome, GA. Two tables, HO and Lionel. Bill is a former member of BBMRA.
- Tuckers Train Supply, Pensacola. Nine tables. HO and other scales and a lot of stuff.
- Nelson Walker, Fort Walton Beach, O Gauge, including some brass. Three tables.
- Shana Warren, jewelry, one table.
- Larry Weigel, Homestead, FL. Four tables, mainly HO.
- Annalisa Zimmerman, Tallahassee. Jewelry, two tables. Andy Zimmerman's wife.

***** BBMRA Meetings *****

June 18, 2019: 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting, 6115 Mahan Drive. Final planning for 2019 show.

July 16, 2019, 7:30 p.m. "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting. Capital City Christian Church, 6115 Mahan Drive.

Operating Layouts/BBMRA:

- Live Steam.
- Vintage N Scale Layout
- T Trak N Scale.
- Z Scale – Garth Easton, three tables.
- T Scale
- HO T-Traks.
- HO Switching Layout.
- David Brazell, Dewitt Clinton.

- O Scale T-Traks.
- Disney - O Gauge.
- Ron & Karla Fletcher, G Scale.
- Randy Lombardo's Thomas the Tank Engine.

Operating Layouts/Other:

- Miniature War Games Club, Tallahassee.
- N Scale Pensacola.
- N Scale, Keith Jowers, Mary Esther.
- Paul Karcewski, Seven and a Half Gauge, Mossey Head, FL.

Exhibitors

- Lisa Blair, BBMRA's Outreach to Schools and other Youth Activities.
- West Florida Railroad Museum, Milton.
- NRHA, Gulf Winds Chapter.

To Pledge Your Time and Support for the 2019 Show:

For general volunteering, **contact BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman:** GBTrainman@comcast.net

To work in the ticket booth, **contact and Vice President Paul Schnieder:** schneiderpaul@centrylink.net .

To help with the vendors, **contact Sheldon Harrison:** sheldon_harrison@comcast.net

To help with HO activities, **contact Phil Weston:** phil.weston2@gmail.com

To help with N Scale Activities, **contact Garth Easton:** gweston@hotmail.com

To help with Large Scale Activities, **contact Sam Miller:** sammiller61113@outlook.com

To help with the Switching Layout, **contact Joe Haley:** jhaley3rd@msn.com

To help with Thomas the Tank Engine, **contact Randy Lombardo:** penncentralpatriach@comcast.net

To help with the Live Steamers, **contact Sal Martocci:** sal.martocci@gmail.com

Herzogs Launch YouTube Channel with Ron's Garden Railroad

Jack Herzog and his son, Jamie, have launched a new YouTube channel on model railroading with excellent footage of Ron Fletcher's Garden Railroad from our club's layout tour earlier this year.

"Though we regret it taking so long, we are glad to now have up a video from the "tour of layouts." This was posted to a new channel my Dad and I have been working on and features Ron's garden railway," Jamie says.

The report is entitled, Great Garden Rails ALIVE with Garden Gnomes! and is available from this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0G211cjsIA&feature=youtu.be>

The new channel is listed under "John Long." Here is the YouTube description:

In the debut video for a brand new channel, John Long Silver and the J-Man collaborate to chronicle an outdoor garden railway. This layout was featured in the spring of 2019 as one of two stops on the "Tour of Layouts" as sponsored by the Big Bend Model Railroad Association.

It's All About Kids: Two Gem Photos from the 2018 Show



This and That – Gorilla Visits Model Train Layout

From Randy Lombardo:

Have you seen the latest commercial for Gorilla Glue? It opens up with a man trying to put a drop of glue on a small figure. A gorilla shows up and offers a small bottle of Gorilla Precision Glue, while the announcer off camera says, "Try it." The guy does and eventually he uses it on a building which turns out to be a station on a model train layout. It is HO, I believe."

Two More Women You Should Know in Railroading

Stephanie Wiggins became CEO of Metrolink on January 1, 2019. Metrolink serves the Greater Los Angeles Area and adjacent counties.-*June 2019 Trains*

Cynthia Garneau became President & CEO of VIA Rail Canada on May 9, 2019, when Minister of Transport Marc Garneau (no relation) would not appoint former President & CEO Yves Dejadins-Siciliano to a second five-year term. -*Passenger Train Journal, 2nd Quarter 2019*

Correction: # 33-Lamborghini Miura with Superfast Wheels (SF) was omitted from The 50 years of Matchbox (1969 List) of Models that appeared in The March 2019 Edition of The Lantern.

Model Trains for Better or for Worse

For Better or For Worse is a comic strip by Lynn Johnston that ran originally from 1979 to 2008 chronicling the lives of the Patterson family and their friends, in the town of Milborough, a fictitious suburb of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, according to Wikipedia. Now running as reruns, *For Better or For Worse* is still seen in over 2,000 newspapers throughout Canada, the United States and about 20 other countries, including the Tallahassee Democrat.

Ms. Johnston grew up with a father immersed in model trains. Over the years, she has devoted cartoons to her dad and trains. Recently, some of these have been reappearing throughout the country and in the Tallahassee Democrat. We have been calling each other saying, "Did you see For Better or For Worse in the Democrat today?"

This one is so much on the mark that Sam Miller spent enough for a high quality new locomotive to buy the print and have it framed. Appropriate for one of life's truisms.



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 May 19, 2019

BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman called the meeting to order.

Division Reports

Small Scale – Garth Easton reported there will be an N-Scale work party on June 1st starting at 9:00 AM and it will continue until the last person leaves. There is now a plan to include a T-Scale layout at the show.

HO – Phil Weston, the division coordinator, mentioned that there was a T-Trak setup the previous Saturday to verify everything works. He mentioned that the setup went well and all is set for June. Andy mentioned the good job that the HO division is doing.

Large Scale – Sam Miller, the Large Scale coordinator, mentioned that the group is working on the O-Scale T-Trak modules with some new scenic inserts. Doug has a new feature that will be a surprise. Photographs will be taken as part of the effort to formalize adoption of the new national T-Trak standards for the club's O Gauge. The large scale group meets every Sunday at Sam's house and everybody is welcome.

No education committee present.

Treasurer's Report - Drew Hackmeyer was not present but Andy reported that the club is solvent. Money for the show has been paid out, including annual fees to the Fairgrounds, and some income received from table sales etc.

Member cards are ready for next year. The club's paid membership was 68 last year and is 64 currently.

Switching Layout: Joe Haley said this was at the Kids Fest event at Cascades Park, along with N Scale demonstrations by Andy and Garth. There were lightning issues and a consequent mixup re protocols for handling this type of situation. Andy reported that there was an apology from the city representative. Protocols are now in place to prevent repeat incidence.

Good of the Group – Sheldon Harrison mentioned his trip to Utah to observe the 150th Anniversary celebrations including the reintroduction of the Big Boy.. There was a bit of discussion on this and Andy asked Sheldon to share formally with the club via a presentation later on his pictorial and video account of the trip.

Paul Schneider mentioned that we will need ticket booth volunteers again and a sign-up sheet is available.

Sheldon was again asked to help organize volunteers for vendor help loading and unloading. We are asked to get there by 7:30 AM on Saturday. Andy will open up on Friday early (about 7:00 AM) to allow layouts to enter and be setup. Vendors can set up afterwards and should plan to be done by 5:00 PM on Friday.

Neal Meadow's mother passed away. There was a discussion of getting flowers but it may have already been too late. Andy mentioned Roy Mantooh, former club member also passed away recently. Sam was at his funeral and represented BBMRA.

Show - Andy mentioned cooperation for visiting clubs with the N-Scale T-Traks this year. He encouraged anyone who wants to get involved to do so. The clubs include from Pensacola, southern Georgia and southwestern Alabama.

There was discussion of issues with vendors breaking down early. A suggestion to charge a deposit and refund only if vendors meet the contractual obligation was suggested. There was unanimous support to such an arrangement.

There was also discussion on persons buying vendors out and subsequently selling at a markup and protocol to handle this. Do we have vendor name tags?

As usual for shows, hand trucks are useful and it would be great if they can be provided by club members for the weekend. Power cords, duct tape, etc. are also useful.

Dave Brazell mentioned that WCTV will be playing the "info bit" of the show on the morning of the show.

Other Items: Don Meeks mentioned a camp for returning military who are having problems readjusting to society after deployment. A banner to sponsor these veteran returnees who are undergoing emotional issues and their families was present. The sponsorship cost was \$5 per available banner square.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM after which John Sykes delivered his presentation.

Submitted by Sheldon Harrison, sitting in for secretary Ed Schroeder.