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33rd Tallahassee Model Train Show as Big as Ever! BBMRA Sold Out its Vendor Space for Second Straight Year

From Sam Miller:

We have come a long way from the Elks Club, the National Guard Armory for a couple of years and now to two buildings at the Leon County Fairgrounds and over about 35 years. John Sullenberger was once the heart of the annual BBMRA model train show. Andy Zimmerman and a handful of others lead the initiative now, with overwhelming support from club members.

The 33rd Tallahassee Annual Model Railroad Show & Sale is upon us – Saturday, June 22, and Sunday, June 23. The 166 tables set aside for sales were scooped up by mid-May and Andy had several vendors on a waiting list. This year, there are more than three dozen folks with model and proto-railroading merchandise, including a professional quilter, plus several other craft vendors. There are almost a dozen operating layouts, including seven-point-five scale miles of N Scale T-Traks, which will be one of the largest assembled at any show.

The Tallahassee show now is one of the largest and best attended in Florida, South Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. I have sold at half-a-dozen shows this year and this is bigger in terms of vendors and layouts than events in Dothan, Pensacola and Mobile, although those are fine, fun shows, and on par with Deland and the Villages near Leesburg.

There are 166 tables of new and used model trains of all scales and related inventory; and a more balanced mix of N, HO, O and G than in the past. You are going to find a lot to buy, and remember, as Barrett Johnson has repeatedly told the Large-Scale Sunday Group, model trains “are not a need-based hobby!”

The show features on Saturday four of the quarterly workshops from the NMRA Sunshine Region Northern Division. ND Superintendent Bob Feuerstein, a member of our club, and Andy Zimmerman have made this a regular part of the Tallahassee show. **This year the focus is on 3D Printing – Setting Up Your Prints for Success – by Logan Zimmerman.**

John Sullenberger would be proud and many of the organizers of our small early shows at the Elks Club would be amazed – although not John, who always recognized the potential ahead of us.

June 18, 7:30 p.m. BBMRA Meeting – Last Minute Show Planning



BBMRA meets Tuesday, June 18, at 7:30 p.m. through Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87359055848?pwd=WTVtUDhBUmhXVFp3RkY4WWNnZ2NXdz09>

BBMRA Zoom: Go to Zoom Program or Internet site and use these codes.

Meeting ID: 873 5905 5848, Password: BBMRA2022

Update: Our Show by the Numbers: BBMRA 33rd Annual Model Train Show and Sale

The Big Bend Model Railroad Association (BBMRA) is hosting its 33rd Annual Model Railroad Show and Sale at the North Florida Fairgrounds, 441 Paul Russell Road, Tallahassee, FL 32301 - corner of Paul Russell Road and South Monroe Street. The times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 23. The set-up is Friday, June 21, beginning at 8 a.m. for exhibitors with layouts and 10 a.m. for vendors and until 5 p.m. Set up is available on Saturday, June 22, from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m., when the show opens to the public.

Show Details: Once again, BBMRA is hosting a two-day event housed in **Building 2** and **Building 4** of the fairgrounds with 24,000 square feet of train show offerings.

Again, this year, the show will feature a dozen operating layouts. N and HO Scale T-Trak layouts will be featured, some as large as 40 feet-long. T-Trak aficionados from various clubs have interacted to form an alliance to promote T-Trak modeling at this show and others around the region.



Admission: Adults & Children 13 and over \$10 for the two-day event. Scouts in Uniform as well as children 12 and under are free.

Parking: Free day parking will be available. RV Overnight Parking is available for a charge. Please contact Andy Zimmerman for rates and confirmation of space.

Food: There will be at least one food truck.

BBMRA Members: To Pledge Time and Support for the 2023 Show:

For general volunteering, contact BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman: SeniorChiefZ@outlook.com

- To work in the ticket booth, contact Andy Millott: millott32073@hotmail.com
- To help with the vendors, contact Andy Zimmermann or the division coordinators about Friday work and for Sunday breakdown, Sheldon Harrison: sh330300@protonmail.com
- To help with HO activities, contact Phil Weston: phil.weston2@gmail.com
- To help with N Scale Activities, contact Stacey Elliott: staceyel@msn.com or Andy.
- To help with Large Scale Activities, contact Sam Miller: sammiller61113@outlook.com

BBMRA's Ticket Master – We Still Need Volunteers

The Fairgrounds ticket booth is BBMRA's Ticket Master and the public point of entry to our 33rd annual show. Most of the operating hours have been covered, but there are a few empty slots. Please contact Andy Millott if you can help: millott32073@hotmail.com. Those times highlighted in yellow still need some volunteers!

Saturday, June 22

9:00-10:00 AM-John and Judy Meister
10:00-11:00 AM-Art Wilson and Barbara Donner
11:00-Noon-Art Wilson and Barbara Donner
Noon-1:00 PM-Sheldon Harrison and Doug Gyuricsko
1:00-2:00 PM- Bob and Kelly Ruggles
2:00-3:00 PM- Bob and Kelly Ruggles
3:00-4:30 PM Ed Schroeder and ?

Sunday, June 23

9:00-10:00 AM-John and Judy Meister
10:00-11:00 AM- Stacey Elliott and Andy Millott
11:00-Noon- Sheldon Harrison and Doug Gyuricsko
Noon-1:00 PM
1:00-2:00 PM– Sheldon Harrison and ?
2:00-3:30 PM



BBMRA N Scalers Hosting 7.5 Scale Miles of N Scale T-Traks – one of the Largest Set-Ups in the Country

From BBMRA Vice President Stacey Elliott:

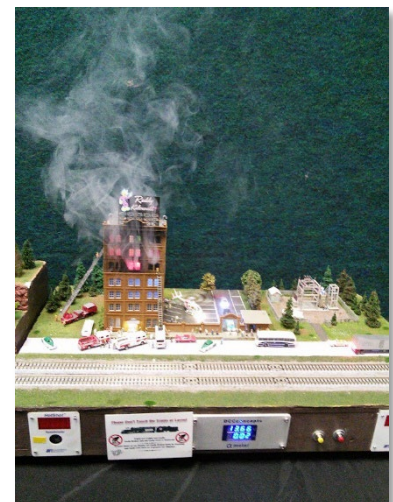
This year's T-Trak layout will be built on 31 eight-foot tables. On these tables we will have approximately seven-point-five scale miles of track. We're welcoming eight participants from as far away as Kentucky and Texas.

Several of them are bringing their own modules to include

in our show including Jaime Valdez's incredible wood trestle and Craig Lang's gorgeous West Virginia themed scenery.

Also included will be Andy Zimmerman's crossing module which tends to be amusing for many of the spectators as they await a crash - which has only happened a couple of times in the last three to four years.

It will be worth anyone's time just to follow a train around and take it all in. If you have N Scale trains and would like to run them, bring them to the show and we should be able to work you in as there is enough room for as many as six trains!



BBMRA Layout Set-Up Notes

See the division coordinators (shown above) for additional details.

HO (From HO Division Coordinator Phil Weston): The HO Division will be using the same two layouts that were operated during last year's show. Members should bring all of their modules including the large and original size corners. We'll be setting up starting about 12: p.m. Friday, June 21, so try to get your modules at the Fairgrounds by that time so that we can begin assembling the layouts. I plan to be at the Fairgrounds by 8 a.m. in case anyone needs to drop off their modules early. I'll have diagrams of the layouts and where each module should be located. Please bring whatever support supplies or tools that might be needed for the layouts. Thank you!

See you soon, this is the BIG ONE that we've been waiting for! If you need anything or have questions please send me a note, text or call. phil.weston2@gmail.com

N Scale: More details later, but Stacey Elliott says folks will begin work Friday morning at 9, assembling the N Scale T-Traks in Building 2.

Large Scale: LS Coordinator Sam Miller says his group will unload the O Gauge T-Traks and Disney Thursday afternoon, June 20, at 2 p.m. Doug Gyuricsko will help us set up the T-Trak frames. The rest of the work on Disney and the O Gauge T-Traks is Friday morning beginning at 9 a.m. Please get your inserts to the Fairgrounds Friday morning or deliver them to Sam at his house earlier in the week.

Ron Fletcher may unload the Garden Railroad layout Thursday afternoon. Randy Lombardo will set up Thomas the Tank Engine Friday afternoon.

Brooksville Professional Quilter has Special Railroading Themes

From Sam Miller:

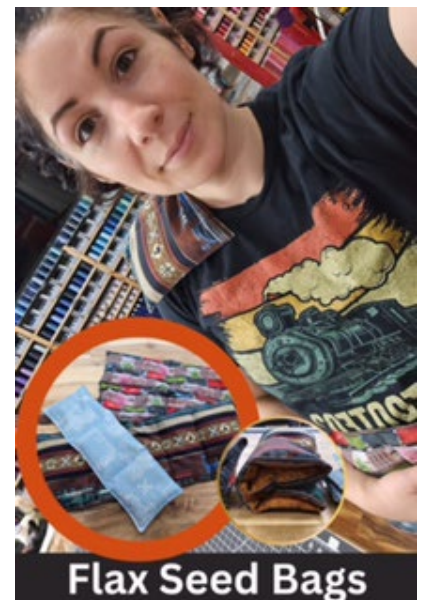


It may be the first in the 33 iterations of BBMRA's annual Tallahassee model train show – a professional quilter who crafts using railroad cross bucks and other railroad themes. She is Lauren Jackson, of Bold Notion Quilting in Brooksville. Lauren is BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman's daughter.

My daughter, Lily Shettle, my 13-year-old granddaughter, Bleakley Shettle, and

Lily's mom, Sarah Bleakley all are quilters. They have seen Lauren's videos and monitored her Internet site and are very excited about the chance to meet her. I have heard from other quilters now that word is spreading that Bold Notions Quilting will be part of our show.

Lauren agreed to provide some thoughts on railroading and quilting and about her activities generally:



“Railroading isn't a typical theme I work with. Train-themed fabrics are really scarce. My dad is Andy Zimmerman and I know he loves this show so I thought I would come and vend and show my support. I didn't realize things had to be railroad themed until he told me last month, so I whipped up some of my famous Therapeutic Flax Seed Bags and had so much left over fabric I decided to whip up a few quilts too. I made a railroad crossing raffle quilt that will be fun to do and give people a chance at winning something of greater value for just a few raffle tickets.

“I love quilting on my giant 12-foot longarm quilting machine and I feel like there is a correlation in mixed media arts. You all are creatively engineering your models to create functional 4D art and sewing shares that synergy!

“I have met so many ladies in my quilt shop whose husbands do model railroading so I thought it would be fun to vend a train show, with some sewn items. I will have my longarm there and I will be quilting during the show so I can share the love of sewing with others. (I'll probably be quilting another train-themed quilt.)



“What I spend the most time doing is custom quilting. That's my happy place. I get to make creative and functional layouts for the quilts provided to me.

“I find joy in teaching others how to do the textured quilting on my website on BoldNotionQuilting.com. It's my favorite thing to do. I share tutorials on YouTube for free and have a multifaceted quilt shop both in person and online with tons of sewing fabrics and notions.

“I started quilting about nine years ago and started my online website around the same time. As a military spouse it was important to build a business I could take with me from station to station. I used to work as a retail manager so running my shop is second nature.

“As a longarm quilter, something we often do is make t-shirt quilts. It could be with train shirts, or marathon shirts. This is a service we provide to a few people a year. I have a class on my website that shows people how to create them with confidence!” This vendor will be located in building 2.



Bold Notion Quilting

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A Bag For Hope

By: Neal Meadows, Ed.D.

Another new vendor this year is this group of women who sew items for sale and donate the proceeds to the Hope Community.



leaders.



[A Bag For HOPE](#) has for 15 years sewn bags and more with proceeds supporting the children at HOPE. This awesome project has raised close to \$150,000. Projects they started includes the basketball court and the playground as well as a new program helping families to move into stable housing. We thank you! Here CEO Nick Maddox does a behind-the-scenes tour of the renovations underway at HOPE with some of the Bag for HOPE

This is the first year that [A Bag For HOPE](#) will participate in BBMRA's Annual Show & Sale. They are all excited about this new venture. The members have been busy making various sewn products using train related fabrics for sale at the show. A popular item is the potato bag that you use in the microwave to cook a potato really fast. Designed using train themed fabric will make it even better tasting for all of us railroaders. There is even a BBQ apron that

has been styled for a grilling railroader! A handy trash bag for our vehicle is another find. This vendor will be located in building 4.

June 22-23, 2024, Show Vendors

Here is a complete list of vendors signed up for our 2024 show. And we sold out – more than 160 tables.

Green means they are a new vendor.

All About Toy Trains, Richard Adelberg, Melbourne, FL, six tables, Building 4: Used HO and O and maybe other scales as well. Richard was a regular at our show, although he did not participate last year.

George Allen, Eastpoint, two tables, Building 2: Vintage O Gauge engines, rolling stock and accessories; he is a regular at our show.

A&S Trains, Aaron & Sarah Chamberlin, North Port, FL, ten tables, Building 4: new to the Tallahassee show last year; “a family owned model train store dealing in all scales of model trains and mainly used items.”

James Barrett, Pensacola, FL, three tables, Building 2: HO used engines and freight cars.

Joseph Bernando, Mobile, AL, two tables, Building 4: Variety of O Gauge trains and accessories, including Menards as well as Lionel and MTH. Sam met Joe and his wife at the Pensacola show last month.

Ralph “Pell” Brown, Pace, FL, one table, Building 4: Used items, a regular at our show.

BRS Trains, Steve Foster, Jacksonville, eight tables, Building 2: Steve is new to our show, used HO and O Gauge, lots of crated rolling stock in HO, lots of upper end MTH and Lionel items.

Wes Coscia, Dade City, 12 tables, Building 4: Wes is a long-time regular, with all scales of used trains.

Capital City Comics and Toys, Daryll Gunter, Tallahassee, four tables, Building 4: Legos and wooden Thomas railroad items. He will operate a Lego train and accessories.

Ina Ecklund, Crawfordville, one table, Building 2: Ina is the widow of Eric Ecklund and has been a pioneering Garden Railroader and O Gauger in the Tallahassee area for 50 years. She and Eric developed what was in its heyday one of the finest G Gauge backyard layouts in the country. She is bringing some of Eric’s buildings, parts and other items.

Bill Frey, Pittsburgh, PA, three tables, Building 4: Used and vintage O Gauge, including Lionel. Bill has sold at our show before, but not in the last several years.

Ron Frederick, Tallahassee, two tables, Building 2: Sells from his personal collection of vintage Lionel O Gauge trains.

Aaron Goodman, Rainbow City, AL, six tables, Building 4: new to the show last year. Used HO and O Gauge trains.

Steve Herzog, Tallahassee, one table, Building 4: one of Jack Herzog’s several sons, miscellaneous train items, other toys, and lots more.

Rick Heilman, Lynn Haven, FL, six tables, Building 4: O Gauge, new and used locomotives and rolling stock and new O Gauge vehicles.

Koda’s Model Train World, Rick Wolfe, Bay Minette, AL, two tables, Building 4: 3D printer detail parts for most scales of model railroading.

Jay Leinbach, Tarpon Springs, one table, Building 4: a regular at our show; HO, new engines, new and used rolling stock, books, and odds 'n ends.

Chris Leone, Ponte Vedra, FL, three tables, Building 4: HO and O, new and used freight cars; used engines, power supplies and track.

Locomotive Logos, Kim Hawkins, Byron, GA, seven tables, Building 4: new to our show last year, embroidered caps, hat pins, patches, signs.

Paul Malek, Grand Ridge, FL, two tables, Building 2: Paul is a certified MTH and Lionel repair service. He recently returned to North Florida after several years in Arizona. He is a long-time friend to BBMRA O Gauge members.

Memory Station, Lewis Collier, Watkinsville, GA, eight tables Building 4: Lionel and other O Gauge. An anchor vendor for us over the years.

Sam Miller, Sam in Tallahassee, LLC, nine tables, Building 2: Sam has O Gauge, including high end Lionel and MTH locomotives; HO DCC and DCC Sound locomotives; lots of used HO DC trains and accessories, including Marklin HO, some On30, and some On3 items, including brass. Also, some factory-new Bachman HO items.

Jacin Mueller, Baton Rouge, LA, three tables, Building 4: a regular; die-cast airplanes and vehicles, usually O Gauge or larger.

Jacqueline & Pete Nelson, three tables:

Joy Paul, Tallahassee, one table, Building 2: Joy is the widow of Mitt Paul, who once operated the All Aboard Hobby Shop in the area. She is bringing a variety of things, including railroad lanterns.

PKG Railway, Preston Knuth & Lily Maytorena, Navarre, FL, three tables, Building 4: O Gauge/O-27, new and used engines and rolling stock.

Joe Ray, Wilsonville, AL, 10 tables, Building 2: all scales, new and used, but heavily N Scale. Joe is a long-time anchor of the Tallahassee show and other area shows.

Cliff Smith, Atlanta, GA, one table, Building 2: HO, used engines, rolling stock, track, and railroading books.

Texas Model Train Collections, Jim Shepherd, Flower Mound, TX, eight tables, Building 4: a major new O Gauge vendor for us; new and used engines and rolling stock, power supplies, track, scenic materials.

Texas Train Worx, Edward Flaughter, Waller, TX, two tables, Building 2: custom model train painting.

Todd Tait, HO, Hahira, GA, three tables, Building 2: used trains and accessories, heavily N Scale, usually.

Trevor's Train Store, Trevor McMillen, Mount Dora, FL, four tables, Building 2: N and HO, new and used engines and rolling stock and building kits.

T-Trak by Denniston, Stuart Denniston, Cantonment, FL, one table, Building 2: N and Z T-Trak modules.

Tuckers Train Supply, Terry Tucker, Pensacola, 12 tables, Building 2: another long-time regular at the Tallahassee show. Large inventory of new model railroading products, including HO and N.

Robert and Walker, Palm Bay, FL, five tables, Building 4.

Larry Weigel, Homestead, four tables, Building 4: used HO and N. Larry has been selling with us for a long time. He is also active in NMRA Sunshine Region shows.

CRAFTS

A Bag for Hope, Jane Meadows, Tallahassee, and others, two tables, Building 4: hand-made cloth items. Jane is Neal's wife, and this group makes and sells these items as a fund raiser for the Hope Community, a program under Tallahassee's Big Bend Homeless Coalition. They have sold items and donated over \$60,000 to the Hope Community.

Bleakley Shettle, Tallahassee, one table, Building 2: face painting; Bleakley is Sam Miller's granddaughter and will be in his group.

Bold Notion Quilting, Lauren Jackson, Brooksville, FL, three tables, Building 2: A quilting store with this vision: "To use the love and craft of quilting to create content and develop a supportive network for quilters to learn new techniques and reach their fullest potential. (Lauren is Andy Zimmerman's daughter.)

Annalisa Zimmerman, Cookies by Annalisa, Tallahassee, one table, Building 4: cookies, home-made jewelry, one table: (Andy's wife).

Judy Weston, Crawfordville, one table, Building 4: greeting cards and other originals. (Phil's wife).

OTHER

NMRA Sunshine Region/Northern Division, Building 2.

Lloyd Depot & Historical Society, Building 2.

Test Tracks, Building 2.

BBMRA Membership, Bldg. 2.

Texas Train Worx, Edward Flaugher, Waller, TX: Custom Model Train Painting.

We asked our new vendors to send in something about themselves. We heard from Edward:

"I've been a model railroad enthusiast for more than 40 years and have been in the area of custom painting in model railroading for more than 30 years. Throughout that time, I've painted a wide variety of roads and schemes on models in a broad range of scales.

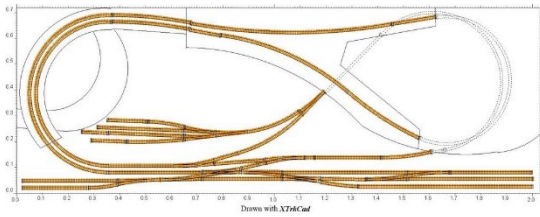
"I have experience working with brass and plastic models and have worked with items from multiple manufacturers. The mission of my small business, Texas Train Worx, is to provide quality



craftsmanship that will allow you to enjoy your personal model railroading experience for many years to come.

“A funny thing happened on the way to a train show... A train show that had been held near Ft. Worth the last few years decided to change their dates, so I took this opportunity to look for another train show in June -- an opportunity to go somewhere new and grow the business. My wife found your show, the Tallahassee Model Railroad Show, and we are both very excited to come to Tallahassee to meet new people, make new friends, and advertise my custom painting services.”

Operating Layouts. The layouts are in the same buildings as last year and, generally, in the same locations. The Live Steamers and the N Scale regular layout will not be operating this year.



LARGE SCALE

- O Gauge T-Traks, Bldg. 2.
- Disney - O Gauge, Bldg. 2.
- Ron & Karla Fletcher, G Scale, Bldg. 4.
- Randy Lombardo's Thomas the Tank Engine, Bldg. 4.

SMALL SCALE

- T Trak N Scale, Bldg. 2.
- Jim Valdez, Albany, N-Scale layout, Bldg. 2.
- Pensacola model Railroad Club N scale Layout, Bldg. 2
- T-Trak Z Scale – Small Scale Div, Gary Austin, Bldg. 2.
- T-Trak T Scale – Small Scale Div., Bldg. 2.

HO

- HO T-Traks, Bldg. 4.

BBMRA Important Events in 2024!!

Help us build this calendar. Email sammiller61113@outlook.com. Please confirm that an activity is still on before you travel to it. We are listing Internet links whenever possible.



Here is a terrific national calendar:

https://www.railserv.com/events/train_shows.html

BBMRA meetings are the third Tuesday of each month through Zoom.

BBMRA Zoom: Go to Zoom Program or Internet site and use these codes.

Meeting ID: 873 5905 5848, Password: BBMRA2022

Lionel Interest Group Operating Sessions: most Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Sam Miller's house in Woodgate. Call (850) 459-3012 for further information. No meeting on June 23 because of the show. We resume our regular Sundays on June 30.

June 22-23, 2024: 33rd Annual Tallahassee Model Train Show & Sale: North Florida Fairgrounds, Tallahassee. The setup is Friday, June 21 from 9 to 5. Show hours are 9 to 5 on Saturday and 9 to 5 on Sunday. <http://bbmra.club/>

June 22, 2023, Sunshine Region NMRA Northern Division Workshop: In conjunction with the BBMRA annual train show and sale at the Leon County Fairgrounds, 441 E Paul Russell Rd, Tallahassee.

Sopchoppy Depot Days September 14, 2024, Sopchoppy, FL: The BBMRA HO Division has become a regular participant, operating a special layout developed for this festivity.

September 21-22, 2024, The Villages Model Train Show: Savannah Regional Center, 1545 N. Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages, FL, 32162. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 am. To 3 p.m. Admission \$7; children under 12 free.

November 16, 2024, Woodgate Neighborhood Model Trains Open House: 1:30 to 4 p.m., at Sam Miller's house in Woodgate.

December 2024: Polar Express Holiday Trains, Veterans Memorial Railroad, Bristol. Dates to be announced later.

December 2024: BBMRA Holidays Trains at the Tallahassee Senior Center. Date to be determined this fall.

Pay Your 2024-25 Dues at June Show or by PayPal

BBMRA dues must be renewed by late summer and an easy way to do that is at our upcoming show. There will be a membership table at the front of Building 2, near the side door. You can also renew with Treasurer Neal Meadows and the division coordinators. They request that the \$20 in dues for 2024-25 be in a personal check with your name and address on it, if possible. **If paying with cash, please pay at the ticket booth.**



BBMRAers will be welcoming new members during the show as well and the event has become our single best recruiting tool over the years.

The BBMRA now has the option for new and current members to pay their dues online by using the PayPal link on the BBMRA.ORG website. It is under the Membership menu item. When you select the PayPal button you will get the option to use your PayPal account if you have one or use a credit/debit card. The dues are \$21.25 using this method, 2 years for \$42.00.



BBMRA dues are \$20 a year and must be paid by July 30, under club bylaws. Over the years, however, we have not considered dues delinquent until the end of August, BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman says.

Lifetime Model Railroader in Lionel O Scale - by Gary Edwards

Edited by Neal Meadows, Ed.D.



BBMRA hosted the Spring Layout Tour with four different hosting sites. I provided some article information and pictures of those layouts in the April and May Lanterns. I had so many pictures I could not get them all in one issue. Gary Edwards layout pictures were in the May issue. Gary sent this background information after I sent out the May Lantern. I thought it should be published in the June issue so you would know how long he has been a Lionel fan.

Gary states: First started with Lionel trains at age 3 (1950) with an 027 Lionel Scout steam train set that my dad gave me

at that Christmas. My dad was impressed with how well I took care of that train so 2 years later he bought a Union Pacific diesel passenger train set.

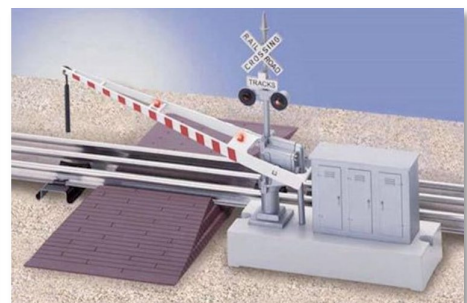
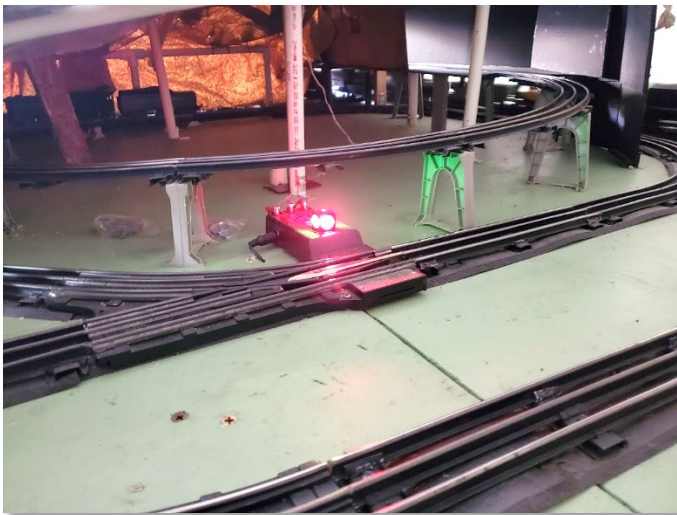
I have been assembling my train set as a young person from ages 3 through about age 15- mostly by my dad buying a new accessory or other item each Christmas and I would add to that. After getting into N gauge for a few years due to limited space (about 40 years ago) and I had neglected my Lionel O gauge for decades until I retired & decided to get them out from storage and then added the trains I admired as a kid, but my dad could not afford, the Santa Fe F3 diesel passenger set and PRR 610 Steam turbine 6-8-6 locomotive.

My current layout initially took about 3 months to build but I have spent a lot more time changing it and adding to it over the last 6 years.

I also purchased a working replica of the PRR suburban commuter trains (2 car set) that are exactly like the ones I used to ride from Paoli PA into center city Philadelphia when I was a kid. I also purchased a Lionel Lion Chief Hudson steam engine that has more modern sounds and a remote control that my grandson loves to run.

My accessories include: log and barrel loaders, crossing gates, operating signal bridge, flashing crossing lights, automatic gateman and switch tower, operating freight station, operating beacon lights, a SEPTA trolley (replica of ones in Philadelphia), lighted village of Plasticville buildings, Lionel street lights, and lighted billboard, and even a Noma talking station. 90% of my layout consists of items that are over 60 years old, and everything operates as Lionel designed it to do. I especially enjoy showing off my trains in the dark as the lights of the trains, passenger cars, and the village glow brightly in that setting.

What is especially unique about my layout is that my diesel passenger train disappears inside the mountain and waits until the steam driven freight train emerges from the same mountain before reappearing again from out of the mountain. *Gary Edwards*





FCMRS (First Coast Model RR Society)

The club boasts a unique mixed-era HO layout, currently 50% complete, that is sure to captivate any model railroad enthusiast. Meet our On30 modular layout members and experience the magic of our club. The gate is conveniently located near 1295 and Monument Rd. Please contact us 24 - 48 hours before your visit.

www.FCMRS.club <https://www.facebook.com/groups/471801286331141> or you can see the club on YouTube.

BBMRA (Big Bend Model Railroad Association)

On June 22nd and 23rd, 2024. Location: North Florida Fairgrounds. The Northern Division meeting will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024, in building number 2. Logan Zimmerman will present 3D printing for our clinic – **Setting Up Your Prints for Success!**

While in our area, you might like to take a side trip to the **Grady County History Museum** in Cairo, GA. It is about forty miles from Tallahassee FL - Don Nickerson, Director.

Bob Feuerstein will be demonstrating some modeling he is currently working on and Ken Hoot will be working with Bob to show him some soldering techniques.

If you are a member of the Sunshine Region attending the show you will need an armband. Those will be available at the ticket booth. Just give your name and state that you are a Sunshine Region member, and they will give you a VIP Armband.



Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the May 21, 2024, Meeting of BBMRA

Submitted by Sheldon Harrison

The May minutes are not available at this time. They will be shared in the July issue of the Lantern.

ON WITH THE SHOW!

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