



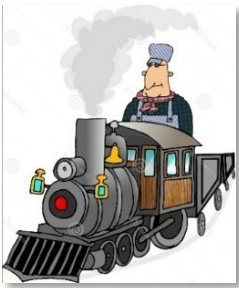
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May 21, 2024

BBMRA meets Tuesday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. through Zoom. The meeting will focus on the June 22-23 Annual Show & Sale at the Fairgrounds. It is only about a month away.

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

BBMRA's Annual Show has Sold Out in May for 2nd Straight Year; Many New Vendors for June 22-23 Fairgrounds Event

From Sam Miller:

Neal Meadows reports that we have sold 159 vendor tables for the Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale and that's all the room we have. We have sold out at least a month before the show for the second straight year as our event is clearly now one of the largest and best in Florida.

"The Big Bend Model Railroad Association's (BBMRA) 2024 Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale will be held on June 22 and 23 at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Buildings 2 and 4 from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday and 9-4 pm on Sunday. Set up will occur Friday, June 21, beginning at 8 am for exhibitors with layouts and 10 am for vendors, until 5 pm, and Saturday morning from 7 am to 8:30 am.

This year's show features 40 folks selling wares, including a dozen coming to the Tallahassee fest for the first time. Newcomers include Texas Model Train Collections and Jim Shepherd from Flower Mound, TX, a major new G Gauge vendor for us; Texas Train Worx and Edward Flaughter from Waller, TX, custom model railroad painting and decaling; Trevor's Train Store, Trevor McMillen, from Mount Dora, N and HO new and used; Robert Walker from Palm Bay, details on Robert later; and Jacqueline and Pete Nelson, and details on them later too.

Also, Paul Malek from Grand Ridge, FL. Paul is a certified MTH and Lionel repair service and his tables will be mainly promoting this. He recently returned to North Florida after several years in Arizona. He is a long-time acquaintance to BBMRA O Gauge members. And Joy Paul, Tallahassee. 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.

We are attracting more crafters as vendors in addition to our model train folks and this is a welcome development:

A Bag for Hope, Jane Meadows, Tallahassee, and others: 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, face painting; Bleakley is Sam Miller's granddaughter and will be set up on one of his tables near the Disney Layout.

Bold Notion Quilting, Brooksville, FL, 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.

Annalisa Zimmerman, Cookies by Annalisa, Tallahassee, cookies, home-made jewelry, (Andy's wife).

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

June 22-23, 2024, Show Vendors

Updated on May 14, 2024

Here are the vendors signed up for our 2024 show.

Green means they are a new vendor.

George Allen, Eastpoint, two tables: 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: new to the Tallahassee show last year; "a family owned model train store dealing in all scales of model trains and mainly used items at this time."

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

Joseph Bernando, Mobile, AL, one table:

Ralph "Pell" Brown, Pace, FL, one table:

BRS Trains, eight tables:

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

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

Alex Fray, three tables:

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

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

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

Rick Heilman, Lynn Haven, FL, six tables; 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: 3D printer detail parts for most scales of model railroading.

Jay Leinbach, Tarpon Springs, one table: 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: HO and O, new and used freight cars; used engines, power supplies and track.

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

Paul Malek, Grand Ridge, FL, two tables: 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: Lionel and other O Gauge. An anchor vendor for us over the years.

Sam Miller, Sam in Tallahassee, LLC, nine tables: 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: a regular; die-cast airplanes and vehicles, usually O Gauge or larger.

***Jacqueline & Pete Nelson, three tables:**

Joy Paul, Tallahassee, one table: 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, O Gauge/O-27, new and used engines and rolling stock.

Joe Ray, Wilsonville, AL: 10 tables, 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: HO, used engines, rolling stock, track, and railroading books.

Texas Model Train Collections, Jim Shepherd, Flower Mound, TX: eight tables, 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: custom model train painting.

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

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

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

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

Robert Walker, Palm Bay, FL, five tables:

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

CRAFTS

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OTHER

NMRA Sunshine Region/Northern Division
Lloyd Depot & Historical Society

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.railserve.com/events/train_shows.html

BBMRA meetings are the third Tuesday of each month. We currently meet through Zoom, but Andy Zimmerman is planning face-to-face

meetings soon.

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 May 19, but each Sunday until the show begins on May 26.

June 22-23, 2024: 33rd Annual Tallahassee Model Railroad Show and Sale, North Florida Fairgrounds, 441 Paul Russell Road, Tallahassee, 32301. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The set-up is Friday, June 21. Kids 12 and under get in free; ages 13 to adult, \$10.

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.

HobbyTown USA Has Closed



From Randy Lombardo:

HobbyTown USA, a national hobby store chain, has been in several locations in Tallahassee over the years. It started out on Mahan Drive, where Japanica Steakhouse now resides, then moved closer to downtown next door to Awards for You on East Lafayette Street and finally into Tallahassee's oldest and first shopping center, Capital Plaza on Thomasville Road, originally built in 1957.

Reports in the local newspaper and television media late last month reported that the store was shutting down. There was a going-out-of-business sale with significant discounts and then a "soft closing sale" on Sunday, May 5, 2024, with most items marked with "50 percent off" red tags and then 50 percent off of that.

The owners have to be out of the building June 1 and will be selling their dwindling stock until then, through irregular opening hours. Look for a sign on the front window announcing the next date they may be open. Hardly any model train items remain, but there are paints and other hobby supplies, as well as toys.

Vendor and former BBMRA member Marc Beshara and vendor and current member Sam Miller have been getting some items for resale. The current folks are the third owners of the business since it's been in Tallahassee, assuming control in 2014. The decision to close down involves spending time with their grandchildren.

More Greyhound Service from Tallahassee

Greyhound added stops in two cities not served in decades between Tallahassee and Jacksonville - Macclenny (BP Station) and Live Oak (food store). The 8:05 a.m. departure from Jacksonville adds Macclenny and Live Oak, arriving in Tallahassee at 11:25 a.m. The 4:15 p.m. departure from Jacksonville will no longer be non-stop to Tallahassee. Macclenny, Lake City and Live Oak were added, arriving in Tallahassee at 7:25 p.m. The 11:35 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. departures from Tallahassee add stops in Live Oak and Macclenny, arriving in Jacksonville at 3:10 & 8:50 p.m.



Signals from the Sunshine Region



By: Robert Feuerstein

Event: 1. FCMRS (First Coast Model RR Society) - FCMRS Florida, Jacksonville (Beaches)–First Coast Model RR Society open, running club continues its Saturday open running session while it's still cool enough. May 25th is the FCMRS formal OPS session. 9 am to noon Operational 750 sq ft. The double-level freelance mixed-era HO layout is 50% complete. Meet On30 modular layout members. Gated location near I295 & Monument Rd. Please contact us 24 - 48 hours before your visit. John Piselli jpmickey@att.net. www.FCMRS.club. You can see the club on YouTube (FCMRS). <https://www.facebook.com/groups/471801286331141>

2. BBMRA (Big Bend Model Railroad Association) - It is preparing for its 33rd Annual Show and Sale on June 22nd and 23rd, 2024. Location: North Florida Fairgrounds.

Visit: Train Exhibit In the Northern Division Area at the Grady County History Museum. It is about forty miles from Tallahassee FL to Cairo, GA. - Don Nickerson, Director, 101 North Broad St, Cairo, GA 39828, (229) 377-5142.

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2024 BBMRA March Layout Tour - #4 Gary Edwards Lionel Layout

By: Dr. Neal Meadows

Back in March, the BBMRA Spring Layout Tour was held, and I reported in the April Lantern showing the pictures and descriptions of the first three layout visits by members. Gary Edwards was the last on the tour. I took so many pictures that I could not fit them into the April Lantern and get it to the point it could be sent via email. We shared a lot of info in that issue.

So, I have worked to get the pictures of my observations of his layout and descriptions in this issue. Gary's Lionel O Scale layout filled half of his garage and was very impressive to me. It was quite well done with lots of buildings, figures, cars, commercial enterprises, and items for operation. We had daytime scenes and lighted night time scenes.

My experience with Lionel was when I was 9 years old, in 1958. My mother had four brothers, three of which were in the service at the time, Two were in the Navy and one in the Army. They were all home on leave between Thanksgiving and Christmas. They had come to visit and brought me a train set. None of them were married then and had no kids so they used me to play out their dream of having a Lionel train set.

I could hardly get close to it with them in the way putting it together. I finally got to run the controller and run the train. I had a 4-6-2 Steamer with tender, tank car, flat car, gondola, box car, and caboose. After they left to go back to my grandmother's house in Alabama, I got to play with it full time. By the time I got into the 8th grade my sister had left the engine across the tracks with the power on and shorted out the transformer. I could never get it repaired at the time in Marianna where I grew up. No such repair places in the area and no money to boot. It went by the wayside when we moved.



I remember a family that lived a few houses down the street with some kids my age. The father had been in the military and worked at **Graham Air Base in Marianna**. He had a room in their house that had a huge Lionel layout with lots of pieces of scenery, lots of cars, especially passenger cars. I was so envious, but of course he would not let us kids operate the trains.

I did not have any more experience with model trains until the late 1970s when a new Woolworths store was built in Marianna, Florida. They had a huge toy section and really focused on model trains. They carried HO Scale trains, buildings, scenery items, etc.

You could request the toy department manager to order you a

certain car or structure and it would come in the next store delivery. An unheard of practice nowadays. My wife and I started with a small layout on the floor, bought buildings which were all kits, and spent many hours assembling them. My father in law, at the time lived in Largo, FL. They had a big hobby shop there and he gave me a Christmas present one year that was a couple of cars that he had built from kits. They were very detailed and worked very well.

I moved to a new house and had an external garage that I ended up building an HO layout to place all my buildings and be able to run my trains. I had kids by then and they loved to go up the hill to the garage and play trains with Dad.

I lived in Marianna in 1985 when Hurricane Kate hit the area. Marianna was really damaged by that hurricane, but not as badly as Hurricane Michael in 2018. Anyway, I had a huge water oak tree in my backyard near my metal building/garage. The tree was almost 3 feet thick, but hollow inside. The tree broke off about 8 feet from the ground and fell across my garage and smashed everything in it including my trains and layout. Luckily, I had insurance and was reimbursed for my loss.

My train buds encouraged me to consider N Scale when I went to the next train show. I liked it mostly because I could fit more trackage in a smaller space. So, since 1987 I have been an N scaler. I love all the various items available for N Scale trains now, but I was envious once again of Gary's layout with all the mechanized features on his layout. Those types of structures are not readily available in N Scale. A few are now appearing with the advent of DCC.

The BBMRA N Scale group worked on their traveling layout to animate many things on their six tables, converted all the switches with SwitchKats so they could be operated remotely, and converted most of their locomotives to DCC, some with sound, so they could be operated remotely as well. The carnival rides and the rescue helicopter are all operated by motors below the layout surface. So, we are getting there.

But the size and action of Gary's layout was impressive. I am sharing some of the pictures and focusing a little more on some of the animated structures he has in his layout.



This view shows the north end of the layout with the station and the PCC street trolley nearby.



This aerial view is of the logging enterprise with the service station, bank and fire station in back.



This is a south view showing the animated switching tower between the two mainlines.



You can hear the whirring saw blades at the lumber mill.



Overall view facing north. You can see the trolley tracks that circle in the downtown area.



Residential area next to the mountain.



The freight train comes out of the tunnel and takes the inside line.



The 1950s classic cars are getting gasoline at the station.



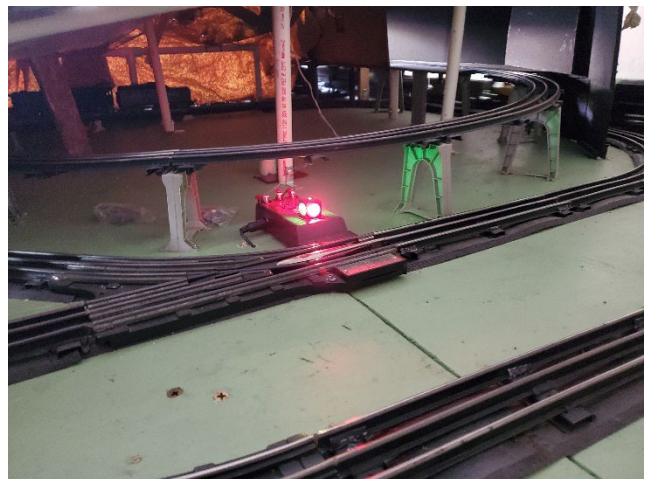
The Log Loader and the Saw Mill are in the foreground and you can see the PCC trolley in the background.



The Boston & Albany LionChief Plus 4-6-4 Hudson Steamer #616.



A silhouette view of the Hudson 4-6-4 Lionchief Plus Boston & Albany #616 locomotive and tender.



A view under the mountain where the magic of the disappearing passenger train happens.



Night time scene of the passenger train going by.



View toward the station at night.



This is the log dump car in action on the layout.



The log loader is putting the logs onto a flatcar.



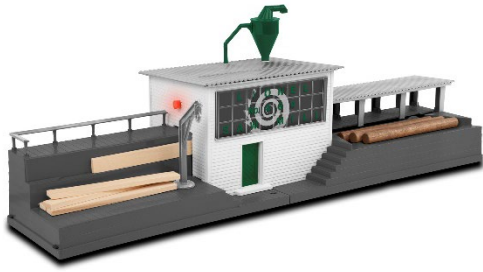
Gary's Whirring Saw Blade Lumber Mill.



Model of the type of passenger station that Gary has on his layout. This is a Noma product and is described more in detail below.



The **Lionel O Scale 445 Switch Tower** was first released in 1952 and became an instant success. The tower on Gary's layout switches the tracks as they come out of the tunnel. The freight train is switched to the inside track and the passenger train is switched to the outside track. The tunnel is at the mountain of the disappearing passenger train event. Both trains can enter the mountain but only one train comes out. How is that possible? If you look under the mountain, you see the helix under there and the switches that make the passenger train go around the helix and let the freight train pass on through the tunnel to the outside. Nice trick!



The **#464 Animated Saw Mill** with its whirring saw blades first came out in 1956. See the logs enter into the sawmill by conveyor belt and watch in amazement as fresh wood planks come out of the other side. Safety strobe lights on both sides warn workers to be careful around the action. Together with your favorite Lionel log dump cars and log loader, the Sawmill can complete a classic logging railroad empire. Realistic cutting sounds when logs enter sawmill.



First built in 1948, the 364 Conveyor Lumber Loader is a simple, but fun accessory. For use in conjunction with the Lionel log dump car, the Loader accepts logs at its base. A conveyor belt takes the logs to the top of the Loader. Once there, gravity sends them careening over the edge into a waiting car. An exterior light near the base augments this fun accessory. The 364 Conveyor Lumber Loader is a great way to start your own logging empire! It has a precision can motor, stamped metal construction, operating conveyor belt system, exterior illumination with red and green jewels, and 12 wooden logs.

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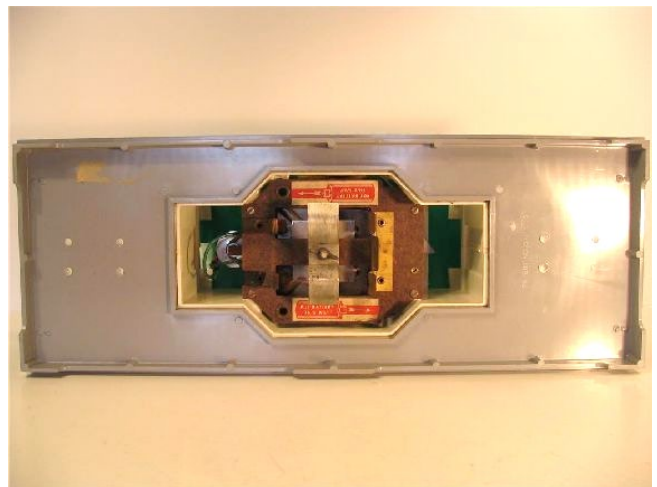


Next is Noma **Talking Station #450**.

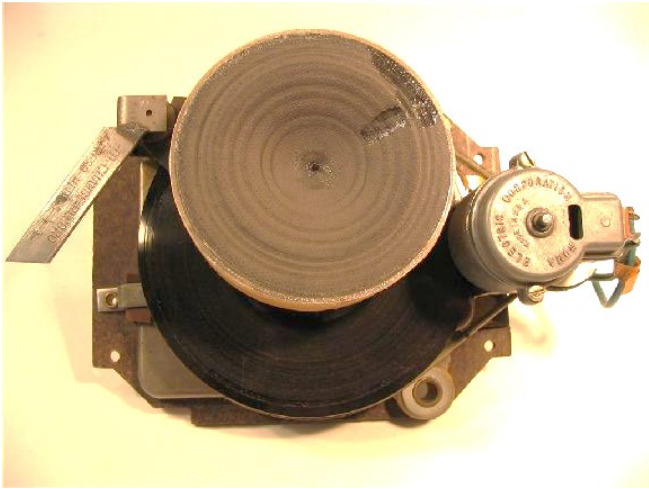
The Talking Station by Noma was powered by two 'D cell' 1.5v batteries and actuated by a button on top of the station roof, or cupola. It was originally released in 1951. The building contains a small record player with at least four prerecorded discs available. The station was available with either red or green roofs, red being the more common. At one time, Joe Mania of JLM Trains manufactured a modern digital sound module for the Noma Talking Station.



The green roofed version



Battery compartment empty



Record player top view



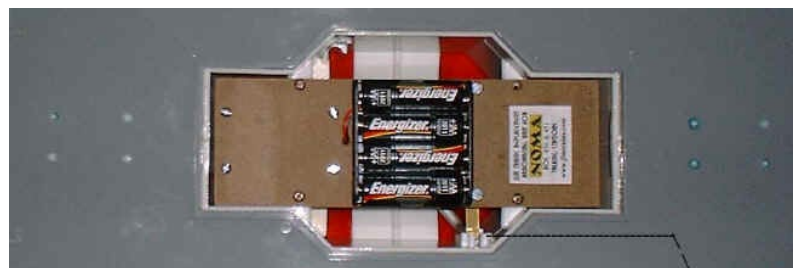
Record viewer side view



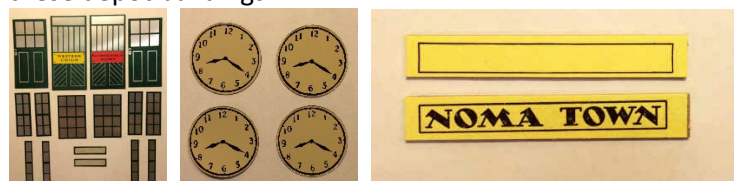
Batteries installed



The red push button



JLM Trains, L.L.C. has replacement parts, decals, and signs for these depot buildings.





[Train No.17 Santa Fe Super Chief](#)



[Train No. 28 Pennsylvania Broadway Limited](#)



[Train No. 32 All Streamline Roomette](#)



[Train No. 101 Union Pacific Streamliner](#)

If you click on the links under the logos, you will download a small WMA sound file. You can play it on your audio player on your computer, pad, or phone. You can hear each of the announcements.

Many thanks to Gary Edwards for allowing all the tour participants to come into his home and view his Lionel layout. It was impressive.

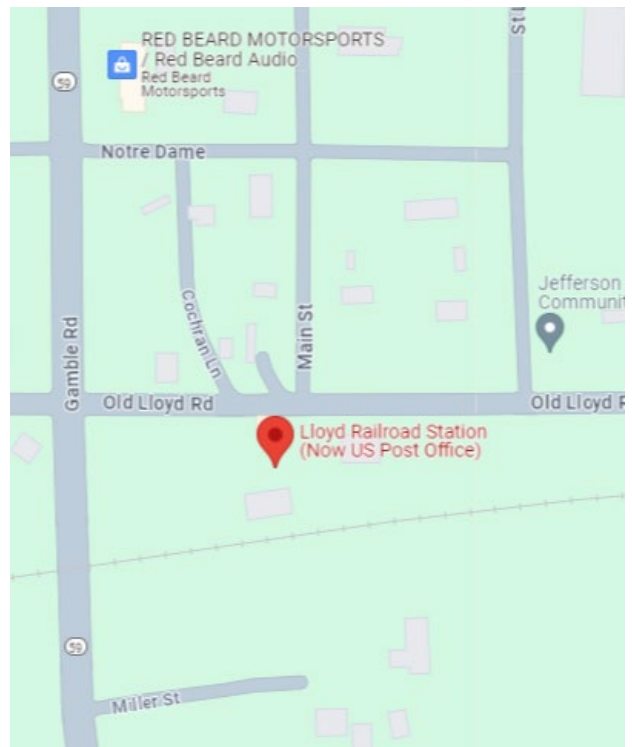
Lloyd Depot Open House is June 8



From Randy Lombardo:

Come one and all to the Historic Lloyd Depot Open House on Saturday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; sponsored by the Gulf Wind Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. There will be exhibits and updates on work in progress to preserve this building, which is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. NRHS members will be cooking on the grill serving a free hot dog lunch with all the condiments!

The depot is located on Old Lloyd Road east of Hwy 59. You can get there on I-10 by using Exit 217 and turning south toward Lloyd. Turn left on Old Lloyd Road and the depot will be on your right.



Presentation of the Georgia, Florida & Alabama Railroad History

By: Dr. Neal Meadows

On Tuesday, May 14, 2024, I delivered a presentation to the Wakulla County Historical Society, about the creation of the Georgia, Florida & Alabama Railroad from its two beginning points. **The Southern Part:** The Thomasville, Tallahassee & Gulf Railroad had its beginnings in Carabelle, FL in 1883 and was only able to build 11 ½ miles toward Tallahassee when it had to stop at the Ochlocknee River. There were



no funds to build the bridge, so the railroad stopped dead in its tracks with no where to go. It regrouped as the Augusta, Tallahassee & Gulf Railroad. This railroad had no more success at getting across the river. William Clark of Clark Thread Company bought 175,000 acres of pine woodlands and needed a solvent railroad to transport his pine wood to the plant in New Jersey to make spools for the thread. He purchased the AT&G RR and changed the name to Carrabelle, Tallahassee & Georgia RR in 1891. The railroad reached Tallahassee in October of 1893.



TRAINS OF THE C. T. & G. R. R. CROSSING THE OCKLOCKNEE RIVER.

The Northern Part: In 1895, John P. Williams from Savannah, GA, owned a lot of pine woodlands south of Bainbridge, GA. He needed a railroad through his pine lands, so he quickly incorporated the Georgia Pine Railway on September 13, 1895, which as luck would have it was a Friday. He started building the railroad south from Bainbridge, reaching Arlington, GA 40 miles away in 1897. At that point, Williams could see the potential if he could reach Tallahassee to connect with the Florida, Central & Pacific RR and reach Jacksonville, Florida.

Considering that potential, Williams realized the connecting railroads offered up more traffic from other railroads wanting to use his trackage to access locations to the north and south. His railroad was the only one that ran north and south in an area of the country that only had east and west running railroads. He reincorporated his company and called it the Georgia, Florida & Alabama Railroad in 1901.

He kept building the railroad and reached Tallahassee in 1902. He also built north 25 miles to Cuthbert, Georgia. He leased the CT&G RR in 1904, buying it outright in 1906 and merged it into the GF&A. With the added traffic he could see the added potential of reaching the next Seaboard Air Line rail line in Richland, Georgia, so in 1901 he built the railroad further north to reach Richland. Williams also built a spur line from Havana to Quincy to reach the tobacco business and Fuller's Earth mining operations.



After the sale of the railroad in 1927, Seaboard assumed all the GF&A rail lines. The line was very useful during WWII to access the Camp Gordon Johnston Amphibian Training Base, transporting over a quarter of a million soldiers, many who later participated in the D-Day invasion in Normandy, France. After the war, in 1948, the line was abandoned, and the rails were removed on the Carrabelle to Tallahassee route. Also, the spur line from Havana to Quincy was abandoned since it was already being served by the Seaboard. The Tallahassee to Bainbridge route is still being operated by Florida, Gulf & Atlantic Railroad.

Phil Weston and Scott Garner, fellow BBMRA members, helped me with the presentation bringing two of the modules from the HO-Scale group and a collection of 1920s era and 1940s era locomotives and cars that were decorated for the GF&A Railroad. Some of the models of military vehicles on the flatcars were really commented on by the participants in the meeting. I really appreciate them bringing their modules and trains to show their modeling expertise. **Nelson Martin**, Depot Museum Director gave a short tour of the museum while the participants were there. He focused on the many photographs of the people who lived in and around Sopchoppy who would have ridden the railroad. We had 25+ people in attendance.

Andy Millott Needs Workers for the Ticket Booth at the Show.

Hey everyone,

Here is an update on the booth slots and who I have scheduled. I am still needing people in the vacant slots, so please contact me if you can serve.



Saturday, June 22

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

Sunday, June 23

9:00-10:00 AM-John and Judy Meister
10:00-11:00 AM
11:00-Noon – Sheldon Harrison
Noon-1:00 PM
1:00-2:00 PM
2:00-3:30 PM

Again, big thanks to those that are volunteering!

Andy - millott32073@hotmail.com

April BBMRA Meeting Minutes

Stacey Elliott called the meeting held on April 16, 2024, via Zoom to order at 7:47 pm. There was only a small contingent in attendance, with about 6 participants present at maximum.

Minutes – The March minutes were provided in the Lantern. There were no suggested edits. The motion to move was delayed until towards the end of the conversation. Phil forwarded and Sam seconded a motion to accept the minutes as presented. It was accepted without objection.

Treasurer's Report – President Andy was absent, but Neal Meadows proceeded to give details of the Treasurer's report. The motion to accept the report was not made until towards the end of the meeting. Phil forwarded and Sam seconded the delayed motion to accept the minutes as presented. President Andy arrived at the meeting giving his apologies for the delay.

Division Reports

Large-Scale – There was general discussion on several topics. We had a small contingent at this meeting but generally the theme for all the divisions was getting prepared for the Annual show in June.

Small-Scale – As for Large Scale. Some concern for whether the N-Scale traveling layout will make it to the show this year.

HO-Scale – Phil reported that several of the HO TTRAK modules will need some repairs. The issue is the older ones are too flimsy and have started to bow in the middle of the module. They intend on stiffening the sides and supporting the top in the middle area.

Good of the Order – Andy Millott shared about sending out the request for workers in the ticket booth at the show in June. There was general discussion about the vendor sales for tables at the show going well. Bob Parmenter had shared (via email or attendance?) that he would be going on vacation for a couple of weeks and would relinquish the building layouts to someone else before he left for vacation. Neal Meadows shared that he,

Phil Weston, and Scott Garner would be giving a presentation at the Sopchoppy Depot to the Wakulla Historical Society about the Georgia, Florida & Alabama Railroad. On Tuesday, May 14 at 4:30pm.

The meeting concluded at about 8:30 PM.

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