



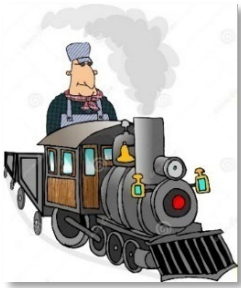
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**BBMRA meets Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. through Zoom.**

**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**

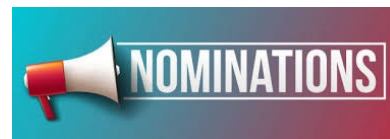
## 2024/25 Elections

It's time to elect BBMRA officers for another year and everyone will be running for another term, including long-time BBMRA President Andy Zimmerman.

The president, vice president, treasurer and secretary will be elected by all participating BBMRA members during the Zoom meeting Tuesday, August 20. The Large Scale, Small Scale and HO Division members will elect their coordinators, completing the BBMRA Board. Small Scale members have nominated Bob Feuerstein as their coordinator.

This year's slate consists of:

- President - Andy J. Zimmerman
- Vice President - Stacey Elliott
- Treasurer - Neal Meadows
- Secretary - Sheldon Harrison
- Large-Scale - Sam Miller
- HO-Division - Phil Weston
- Small-Scale – Bob Feuerstein.



Any club member can run for office and nominations will be taken from the floor during the August 15 meeting.



## Before There was a McDonalds in Quincy, There was Luten's

**From Sam Miller:**

Before there was a McDonalds or a KFC in Quincy, there was Luten's Sandwich Shop, or Luten's as everyone called it, on U.S. 90 in the western part of town. Stacey Elliott has constructed an N Scale model of Luten's which my cousin, Brenda Rowan, who grew up in Quincy, calls amazing. It is amazing and a

reminder of the O Gauge models Sim Dekle built years ago of Tallahassee area landmarks, including Posey's and Bradley's Country Store.

Stacey's rendering of Luten's brought back memories from when I was growing up in Quincy. I was born in Quincy and lived there until age nine and returned to the area often for decades afterwards to visit an aunt and uncle, Lester and Dora Gatin - Brenda's mom and dad - and other relatives.

I told Stacey that I wish he could find a vintage Merita bread truck for out front. That would have been my Uncle Lester, who supplied Luten's with all of their buns for hamburgers and hot dogs, breads and pastries.

I went to Quincy Elementary School with Robert Luten's son. A hot dog company gave away a pony to the kid who turned in the most coupons from hot dog packages and the Luten kid won. We didn't think that was fair because his coupons came from hot dogs bought by the restaurant. But I couldn't have kept the pony if I had won it. I would have been seven or eight.

Here is Stacey's note on the Luten's model for Facebook:



## From Stacey Elliott:

I have lived in the Quincy area for nearly 30 years and ate at this restaurant a couple times. After seeing a picture of Luten's on Facebook, I thought it would be an interesting building to model. I am a model railroader and am also the vice president of the Big Bend Model Railroad Club.

This model of Luten's Sandwich Shop is constructed on a roughly a 12 inch by 12 inch box with railroad tracks at the front.

These "boxes" are called modules and are built to a specific standard to allow them to be connected with other people's modules to make what could be a very large mobile model railroad layout. This past June, during the train club's annual show and sale, we connected over 100 of these modules from about 10 different modelers from a five-state area.

I really wanted to share this to refresh some people's memory of what was, quite possibly, a landmark in the Quincy area at one time and to show some of the things our local club can do. Look forward to hearing your memories of Luten's!



## BBMRA Important Events in 2024!!



Help us build this calendar. Email [sammiller61113@outlook.com](mailto: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](https://www.railserve.com/events/train_shows.html)

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

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**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.

**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 Wiregrass Steel Wheels Train Show** will be held at the Westgate Park Recreation Center next to Water World in Dothan, Alabama. Admission 6 and under is free, 7 – 12 \$5.00, 13 & up \$7.00.

**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.



## WIREGRASS STEEL WHEELS TRAIN SHOW

**Location:**  
501 Recreation Rd.  
Dothan, AL 36303  
Westgate Park  
Recreation Center  
next to Water  
World



**Dates:**  
September 21-22  
2024  
**Hours:**  
Saturday 9 – 5  
Sunday 10-4

**Admission**  
6 and under is free  
7 – 12 \$5.00  
13 & up \$7.00

Most scales will be present  
at the Show

**Featuring  
Vendors from  
near & far**

**T-TRAK**

**Layouts from  
neighboring clubs,  
local individuals, and  
Club Members**

**Contact:**  
George at: [gbaum@roadrunner.com](mailto:gbaum@roadrunner.com)  
Jerry at: [jhughes@jhughesonline.com](mailto:jhughes@jhughesonline.com)  
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*wiregrasssteelwheels.org*

Regal Railways  
**Upcoming Toy Train Shows**  
2024 - 2025

**August 17 - Pinellas Park**  
Lopez hall  
7177 58th Street North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

**September 14 - Brooksville**  
Hernando County Fairgrounds  
6436 Broad Street  
Brooksville, FL 34601

**October 26 - Clearwater - NEW**  
The Point Church  
1430 Belleaire Road  
Clearwater, FL 33756

**November 16 - New Port Richey**  
The ELKS Lodge  
7201 Congress Street  
New Port Richey, FL 34653

**December 7 - Crystal River**  
US Army National Guard  
8551 West Venable Street  
Crystal River, FL 34429

**December 21 - Pinellas Park**  
Lopez hall  
7177 58th Street North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

**2025**

**February 22 - New Port Richey**  
The Elks Lodge  
7201 Congress Street  
New Port Richey, FL 34653

**March 22 - Pinellas Park**  
Lopez Hall  
7177 58th Street North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781

***Vendors - Running train layout - Indoors - Free Parking - Test Track***

**All shows are from 9am - 2pm**  
**Admission : \$6.00 adults, kids 12 & under are free.**

If you are interested in attending or becoming a vendor, and need more information, please contact Joe at the number below, or check us out online.

**Joe - 727-244-1341**  
**Regalrailways.com**  
**wwwFacebook.com/Regalrailwaysshows**

**Updated - 7/11/2024**

**Pay Your 2024-25 Dues – *Not Paid? Get your dues paid quickly – Use PayPal!***

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.

**Current Paid members as of August 17, 2024**

|              |            |          |             |          |           |
|--------------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Dave & David | Blodgett   | Mike     | Helms       | Francis  | O'Conner  |
| Sharon       | Brock      | Jack     | Herzog      | Bob      | Parmenter |
| James        | Dodson     | Dale     | Kishbaugh   | George   | Revels    |
| Barbara      | Donner     | Dan      | Lhotka      | Paul     | Schneider |
| Gary         | Edwards    | Randy    | Lombardo    | Mayra    | Segovia   |
| Stacey       | Elliott    | Paul     | Malek       | Michael  | Sentman   |
| Phil         | Ferguson   | Sal      | Martocci    | Louis    | Stokley   |
| Bob          | Feuerstein | Dan (HA) | McDaniel    | John     | Sykes III |
| Ron & Karla  | Fletcher   | Craig    | Matthews    | Jaime    | Valdez    |
| James        | Frank      | Neal     | Meadows     | Benjamin | Walker    |
| Doug         | Gyuricsko  | John     | Meister, Sr | David    | Walker    |
| Drew         | Hackmeyer  | Sam      | Miller      | Phil     | Weston    |
| Joe          | Haley      | Andy     | Millott     | Andy     | Zimmerman |
| Sheldon      | Harrison   | Steve    | Mindlin     |          |           |



**Meeting Minutes**

**Minutes from the July 16, 2024, Meeting of BBMRA**

**Submitted by Sheldon Harrison**

**President Andy** called the meeting held on July 16, 2024, via Zoom to order at 7:34 pm. There were 8 participants present at maximum.

**Minutes** – The minutes from June were tabled as Sam and Neal were absent.

**Treasurer's Report** – There was no Treasurers Report, so this item was also tabled.

**Division Reports**

**Small Scale** – Stacey had nothing to share re small scale activities except that the show was a success. He mentioned that there were 9 participants operating the layout and things worked seamlessly. President Andy mentioned that aside from the initial leveling out of the modules etc., the operations went smoothly, and engines did not jump the track or otherwise give trouble. There was then discussion about the number through the gate and total traffic etc. and the consensus was that it was a good show.

President Andy mentioned a proposal for vendors who want to only come in for one day to pay \$50 per table to give them options re flexibility in leaving early. There was then discussion about the merits and downsides of

this proposed arrangement. Eventually there was agreement that we should stick to the status quo with one exception, being to end at 3PM instead of 4PM on Sunday.

**Large Scale** – Sam was absent, but Dave McDonald did give an update regarding problems with wiring but overall, they worked through the issues, and everybody enjoyed themselves. He also mentioned Sam will shortly be having a medical procedure and we need to keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

**HO Scale** – Phil mentioned that everybody “survived” the show and had good participation amongst members. He mentioned the need to put together two modules at the last minute owing to Bill Bell’s absence due to a personal emergency. He also mentioned the upcoming Sopchoppy Depot effort in September where the HO group will be setting up.

**NMRA** – President Andy gave an update on NMRA activities during the show, including a 3D Printing demonstration that his son shared. He mentioned the NMRA table that was also present. He then mentioned that the regional convention in October has been moved to Ocala and they are really working to encourage participation, registration etc. The Kingsland Train event should be on the radar for all, and it is an effort to Re-Rail and otherwise get folks interested in the NMRA. Several activities are proposed including things like a Pizza Train etc.

**Switching Layout** – Joe was absent, and nothing was shared.

**New Business** – There was discussion about in-person meetings, with the Senior Center being a strong possibility. Bob F has been coordinating the details and will provide an update at the appropriate time. President Andy then mentioned that the Fairgrounds is talking about converting to an amphitheater type facility which will have implications for accommodation for our train show layouts, vendors etc. There was discussion as well of different times of year to host the show, preferably at times of the year with more moderate temperatures.

### Good of the Group

President Andy mentioned medical issues a regional NMRA member had to deal with shortly after the show. He stated that following emergency operation, the person is doing better and slowly recovering. He also mentioned that it is dues time and that a reminder for unpaid members will be forthcoming.

There was a motion to adjourn, and the meeting was concluded at about 9:04 PM.

## Another roadside structure you could add to your layout!

The advertisement is a two-page spread from a catalog titled "GEMS OF AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE". The left page features a photograph of a small, rectangular, weathered metal structure with a door, set against a background of trees and a building. To the right of the photo is a line drawing of a wooden signpost with two directional signs: "N 3 ML" and "SKOWHAGEN". Below the photo and drawing is a decorative banner with the word "TOURIST" in a stylized font.

The right page contains text describing the product. At the top, it repeats the title "GEMS OF AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE". The main text reads: "THE TOURIST is the only portable jake made in this country. Reinforced to permit rough usage without damage, this palace of comfort will delight any man who is away from home." It then explains the product's use: "In use, the cabinet is placed over any sewer manhole after removing the cover. With each Tourist we furnish charts of manhole markings in all cities of more than 10,000 in the United States. This prevents painful involvements with steam tunnels." It also mentions that charts for other countries are available for a nominal charge. At the bottom, the product code "66 P 9991", the name "THE TOURIST", and the price "\$27.39" are listed. A small line drawing of a signpost with "MEN" and "LADIES" signs is positioned at the bottom right.