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NEXT MEETING

April 16, 2002

Community Room

Train Master to Speak – submitted by Jeremy Shaw: Randy Huntley, the Train Master at the “B” yard in Tallahassee will be on hand and speak at the April meeting at the Myers Park Community Room. He will speak on general operations in and around Tallahassee and will answer member’s questions as well.

President’s Column – submitted by Eric Taylor: (Eric’s on the road, this is a partial reprint from of last month’s column.) The Club has been invited to place an exhibit and conduct workshops at the downtown Leon County Library. We have asked to do this on June 22nd and the Library has agreed. We will take the present 4 corners, the Lionel and Timesaver for the public to watch and operate. And we will conduct simple workshops to get people involved in model railroading. The timing of this invitation is excellent. Not only will it again allow us to present ourselves to the community, but it will also allow us to advertise our Train Show just three weeks later. The more awareness of the Show the community has, the greater the likelihood of attendance we will have. So set June 22nd aside and volunteer to help in this presentation.

N Division Meeting – submitted by Evan Hughes: Dear “Member of the N Scale Division” of the Big Bend Model Railroad Association: Now that’s a long salutation! At the January meeting of the BBMRA I was chosen to be the N Scale representative to the Board. Some of the N Scale members have expressed a desire to learn more about our hobby by developing a club layout for our annual show and perhaps other shows with the HO Division. If enough of us want to do something, we have a number of decisions to make before we begin. Do we want to upgrade what we have, do we want to develop a layout on the basis of N-Trak criteria, or do we want to go a different direction and put the emphasis on the advantages of our scale – size, cost, and prototypical accuracy. Do we want to create our own fantasy railroad or do we want to build a prototype road.

In order to have some discussion and make some decision as a group, I am asking the N Scale Division to meet thirty minutes before the April 16th meeting of the BBMRA. We will meet at 7 pm at Myers Park.

HO Division -- submitted by Sam Miller: The HO Division will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at Myers Park Community Room, just before the regular BBMRA meeting. We will update members on the module renovation work underway and assign some specific tasks.

We are planning to set up the layout Saturday, May 11, at 9 a.m. at the Florida Insurance Council office, 1430 Piedmont Drive East, and spend the day working on it. We need as many division members for this work day as possible.

Railfanning Video Producer Joins BBMRA -- submitted by Sam Miller:

Bob Loehne of American AltaVista videos in Thomasville, delivered an outstanding presentation on Saluda Grade in North Carolina during our February meeting. Bob also joined the club and we look forward to his active participation in our activities.

Bob has a fine line of railfanning videos for sale, including a video on Saluda Grade. He also will be a vendor at our July show and sale at the Fairgrounds. Contact Bob and purchase one of his videos.

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HO Division's new modules – submitted by Sam Miller:

Harold Odom has completed the four corners and the two four feet by 30-inch modules to begin the T-Modules and the staging area.

We are putting new tops on the four by two foot modules built by Eric Taylor earlier this year. Eric is building the inside modules to complete the staging area.

All of the new modules have legs attached to them (Harold's design). All of the pre-existing BBMRA modules (which are to be used at the July show) either have legs attached or someone has volunteered to attach them.

The next step is to lay the track on the new modules and then begin detailing them. I have scheduled a HO Division meeting next Tuesday at 7 p.m., just before our regular meeting. I hope to get some volunteers to begin laying the track.

We will set up the entire layout as it will exist at the July show on Saturday, May 11th, at FIC. We will focus on how the modules line up and add or replace skyboards.

More information to follow.



April Rail Fan Websites – submitted by Jeremy Shaw:

<http://www.dlib.indiana.edu/collections/steel/>

This site is a tour of the U. S. Steel Gary Works Photograph Collection. The site has extensive photos of the mill and the surrounding city. The time line covers 1906-1971.

<http://www.freightworld.com/railroads.html>

Homepages for railroads worldwide. Pretty interesting!

<http://www.livesteam.com/directory/bitsstate.asp>

Contact information for live steam fans worldwide!

<http://www.marketstation.com/railfan/railfan.htm>

Humor for those of us who truly have trains on the brain!

<http://www.trainlights.com/>

Led and fiber optics, motors for your layout, locomotives and accessories!

<http://www.pernet.net/~james1/texas/louisiana.html>

Steam along the Mississippi Delta!

<http://www.napanet.net/~jlbaker/index.htm>

The O Gauge toy train page!

<http://www.tfcca.com/merchantPackages.asp>

A resource for locating hobby train merchants and products.

<http://www.signalcc.com/links.html>

Train dispatcher related links.

Model Railroad Open House

Saturday, April 20, 2002

Eric and Ina Ecklund will host an Open House from 1 p.m. until whenever. Eric lives in Crawfordville and has an outdoor G Scale layout

2002 Spring Model Railroad Tour

Saturday, April 27, 2002

Stop #	Arrival	Departure	Member	Scale	Location	Phone
1	1:00 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	Ken Brock	O-27/HO/N	517 Collins Dr	385-4893
2	2:00 p.m.	2:50 p.m.	Roy Mantooth	HO	2427 Winthrop Rd	422-3038
3	3:00 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	Bob Woodard	HO	4125 Scarlett Drive	562-2994
4	4:00 p.m.	4:50 p.m.	Sim Dekle	O-27/G	4280 Kensington Rd	562-2218
5	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Mitt Paul	HO	6992 LL Wallace Rd	576-7254

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