

JUNE PROGRAM: Larry Benson will lead a discussion on RPO's (Rolling Post Offices).

WORKSHOPS – submitted by Jeremy Shaw: Is anyone willing to volunteer to lead a discussion or conduct a workshop during the Leon County Public Library set up on June 22nd? If so, please contact me (877-3617) or see me or John Sullenberger at the BBMRA meeting on June 18th at FIC.

JUNE 22nd: Leon County Public Library, Tallahassee:

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.



JUNE 29th: Jefferson County Public Library, Monticello:

The Club has been invited to set up the Lionel and Timesaver layouts at the Jefferson County Library on Saturday, June 29th. The layouts are to be operational by 10 am and will be running until 3 pm. The timing of this invitation is excellent for all of the afore mentioned reasons (see JUNE SET UP: Leon County Public Library). 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 two weeks later. The more awareness of the Show the community has, the greater the likelihood of attendance we will have. So set June 29th aside and volunteer to help in this presentation.



HO DIVISION – submitted by Sam Miller: The HO Division has decided to use 18"r tracks on the "T" modules (Atlas Snap Switches (18"r), Atlas 19 degree Crossing Tracks and 18"r Snap Curves). We are going to use three two by four foot staging modules behind the "T" modules (which will be located between the farm and mountain corners). We are planning additional work days in June and July at the FIC office building (see below). The HO Division will meet at 7 pm on the 18th prior to the Association's meeting.

If you are interested in taking a module home and working on it there, contact Sam Miller at 386-6668 ext. 223 (w) or at 385-7733 (h).

N DIVISION - submitted by Evan Hughes: On Monday, June 3rd, N Division members met at my house to discuss what direction the N Division wants to follow. We decided to build a stand-alone N-Scale layout of about 2' X 4' on a hollow door base to be used for educational programs at schools, other clubs, and various groups to interest others in the hobby of modeling trains.

The layout would use tables at the presentation location or stand on legs made from PVC of various lengths depending upon the audience. Legs would be adjustable for leveling by threaded caps on the bottom of the detachable legs.

The track plan will be simple, perhaps a figure eight or an oval with spurs and will include varying elevations. The track would be electrified by a traditional DC transformer. Scenery is to be modularized so that the theme of the layout can be easily changed. The layout will be surrounded with Plexiglas for protection. Portions of the layout would be left unfinished so people could see the development and materials used to build the layout.

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NEXT MEETING

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FIC

The July meeting is the 11th, it's the second Thursday in July!

President's Column – submitted by Eric Taylor: Crunch time is on us. With our Annual Show but one month away on July 13th, the HO and N Divisions have a lot of work to get the respective set ups ready to show operation. The new corner modules are built and have track attached. The new end-airport modules are built with track and as I write this article, Sam Miller has informed me that the new switches for the “top” of the staging yard have arrived. Sal Martocci and Roy Mantooth have come up with a new method to electrically join the HO modules. I have wired 2 of the modules and this system works well. The system is color coded and uses professional speaker connections. Additionally, Harold Odom has devised a better system to hold up the legs while the modules are being handled. This will avoid future injuries like that suffered by Joe Haley on June 1st while carrying a module for set up. I have three of the new transport carts finished and hope to have the last one done by June 15th. With each module now able to be “doubled up,” we can carry 12 modules in a small space. And the fact that they roll on and off of the trailer makes moving them easier and safer.

The present schedule for the HO Division calls for another set up on Saturday, June 15th again at FIC. A week later we take our Kid's O-27, the Time Saver and the 4 old corner modules to the Leon County Library and the week after that, June 29th, the timesaver and the O-27 layouts go to the Jefferson County Library in Monticello. The final set up of the HO modules takes place on July 6th. Sam will need help so volunteer your time. I do not know the N Division details, but please contact Evan Hughes to also offer your help.

Mark your calendars now for July 12th and 13th. We begin setting up at 6PM on Friday the 12th and we will open up the hall for additional work at 7AM on the 13th. The show times are 10AM to 5PM. This year we have made the big leap to the larger Fairgrounds. While we have sold all of the tables and will not lose money, we do need two things from all of the members. First, spread the word about the Show and the new location. Second, because we have a larger space we do need all of the members to help run the show efficiently and make this an enjoyable show for the public.

BBMRA SCHEDULE / TIMETABLE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 9	Jun 10	Jun 11	Jun 12	Jun 13	Jun 14	Jun 15 HO work day 9 am to 1 pm FIC
Jun 16	Jun 17	Jun 18 Meeting 7:30 to 10 pm FIC	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22 Set Up & Run Leon County Public Library 10 am to 4 pm
Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29 Set Up & Run Jefferson County Public Library 10 am to 3 pm
Jun 30	Jul 1	Jul 2	Jul 3	Jul 4	Jul 5	Jul 6 HO work day 9 am until..... FIC
Jul 7	Jul 8	Jul 9	Jul 10	Jul 11 Meeting 7:30 to 10 pm Myers Park Community Room	Jul 12	Jul 13 Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale Fairgrounds