



The LANTERN

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P: TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE by John Sullenberger: Ah yes, it's August, no how worry's or concerns for at least a couple of weeks. It's time to sit back and reflect on this year's show and the show we had, we ended up with 22 vendors occupying 89 tables plus a four table BBMRA Company Store. People paying at the door, which is the best we have ever done.

I'd like to thank the following members for helping to make this year's show one of the BBMRA's best shows. Matten, John Bennett, Larry Benson, Paul Beverly, David Brazell, Ken Brock, Jeff Crew, Dick Daniels, Don, R. Dillard, Garth Easton, Eric & Ina Ecklund, John Edrington, Stacy McArthur, Charles & Brenda Francis, Meyer, Terry & Eric Hague, Joe Haley, Jack Herzog, Evan Hughes, Dave Kerns, Dan King, David Knowles, L. Lardo, Roy Mantooth, Sal Martocci, Diane McCarthy, Jim McGill, Sam Miller, Harold Odom, Ed Olson, V. Vore, Paul Richter, Sandy Scott, Reed & Tristan Seeley, Jeremy Shaw, Louis Stokley, Thomas Sullenberger, Eric Taylor, Shawn Vann, Michael Webb, David White and Bob Woodard. Hopefully, I haven't left anyone out. If so, please contact me and I'll rectify the situation.

I'd like to thank the North Florida Lego Train Club (the Dillard's) for setting up and operating a very nice 8 by 12 foot train layout that had three separate trains running; Gregg Mahlkov, from Port St. Joe, with his 2 by 4 foot N Scale layout, Bob Woodard with his 3 by 5 foot N Scale layout and Esposito's Garden Center with their 12 by 16 foot, two "r" garden layout. We truly appreciate all of their efforts and contributions.

BBMRA's reservation for 2004 has been made, the Thirteenth Annual Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale on Saturday, July 31st at the North Florida Fairgrounds, Building #2.

HOW UP: TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE by John Sullenberger: So much for a cool show. Thank you letters and a questionnaire have been sent to the dealers and exhibitors who attended the show. The questionnaire will give the vendors and exhibitors a chance to critique our show and to offer suggestions to make it better.

THE COMPANY STORE: The Company Store was a success. The BBMRA sold \$185 worth of surplus items. Individual members also did well. The Company Store will be included in the 2004 Show & Sale in the same location.

2004 Tallahassee Model Railroad Show & Sale Saturday, July 31st – 10 am to 5 pm North Florida Fairgrounds – Building #2

KING OF THE NORTH FLORIDA FAIR, the BBMRA's next show is just 3 months away; the North Florida Fair in Tallahassee from October 30th through November 9th. Do both Divisions want to set up their layouts, or do you want to display and staff just one? This will be discussed at the August meeting, as I will need to tell the Fair what space we will need. The calendar below shows the days and times we will need to work the Fair. We need a Coordinator to keep track of who's working when, any volunteers?

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Begin: 11:45 End: 9:00	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30 Begin: 4:45 End: 10:30	Oct 31 Begin: 4:45 End: 11:00	Nov 1 Begin: 11:45 End: 11:00
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LOAD CAR KIT WORKSHOPS TO START IN SEPTEMBER: This is a prelude to future programs, workshops on building, detailing, painting, decaling, weathering, etc. model railroad car kits. The idea, as agreed at the July meeting, is to buy car kits of the same type and style in both HO and N Scale. We've decided to offer mountain boxcar kits:

HO Scale			N Scale			
12 Panel 40' Boxcar	Boxcar Red	\$11.50	61098	12 Panel 40' Boxcar	Boxcar Red	\$11.50
12 Panel 40' Boxcar	Gray	\$11.50	61099	12 Panel 40' Boxcar	Gray	\$11.50

If you plan on purchasing a kit, please bring the money (cash, check, money order) to the August 19th meeting or your favorite car kit number and payment to: BBMRA Car Kits, PO Box 3392, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3392. The BBMRA will cover all shipping costs. Please note, each car comes in two color schemes: boxcar red and gray.

the "IT NEVER HURTS TO ASK" file: I asked Eric Ecklund if BBMRA members could bring some of our trains down to his house and run them on his backyard layout and he said, "OK!" If you're interested in running on Eric's layout, please contact me and I'll reserve a date. Contact John at 410-8425 or 562-5137 (voice number) or e-mail me at sullyjws@aol.com).

MEMBER NEWS

Track Plans: submitted by Larry Benson

For everyone, I am redoing my N-scale layout. I am asking you to share ideas for track plans (N or HO than HO) with good, workable switching yards and spurs leading to industries.

Decoder: submitted by Shawn Vann

Why not try our N Scalars using DCC? I purchased a decoder-installed locomotive over the weekend and would like to do a test run to make sure everything checks out.

For Sale: submitted by Shawn Vann

I have listed some of my HO items on my web page that I am hoping to sell. Please stop by and let me know if you are interested in anything. There are color pictures and descriptions on the site. At the show I picked up some N-scale space and had to make room. It only took a few days experimenting to realize N-scale is where I want to be right now (HO Division :). **Editor's Note:** Also, check out Shawn's N Scale and HO Scale slideshows of the 2003 Show on his site: <http://homepage.mac.com/sqvann/trains/PhotoAlbum9.html>

Scenics	Outhouse Mischief, unopened.
Genesis	CSX SD-70M "Spirit of Miami" w/ metal details, tinted wheel sets
Gann Spectrum	CSX GE Dash 8-40 CW Wide Cab diesel, knuckle couplers
Gann Spectrum	Amtrak Phase IV F40 PH Diesel w/ strobe light
n	Santa Fe F7A Powered, knuckle couplers, some weathering
	Texas & Pacific 40' box car, horn-hook couplers
	SL-SF 40' box car, horn-hook
	FEC 3 Bay hopper, some weathering
Line Trains	CSX 50' PS2 covered hopper, tan w/ black lettering
House	Chattahoochee Industrial Railroad, 50' FMC plug-door box car
n	55' ACF Center Flo covered hopper, Pantasote, knuckle couplers
n	SOO Line. 54' Covered hopper, #70639
	Dupont. ACF Center Flo hopper
	Conrail 50' boxcar, metal wheel set, knuckle couplers, used

If you would like an item included in the Lantern, please submit your item to me via e-mail at sullyjws@aol.com or to me at BBMRA, PO Box 3392, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3392.

Pensacola Model Railroad Club Show & Sale

Hadji Shrine Temple
800 West Nine Mile Road
Pensacola, Florida
Saturday, September 6th, 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday, September 7th, 11 am to 4 pm
Adult admission: \$5, children under 12 free with adult
For further information: Jack Rowles (850) 937-8179
Terry Tucker (850) 475-0478

Wiregrass Annual Model Railroad Show & Sale

National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds
Highway 231 South (3 miles south of Ross Clark City)
Dothan, Alabama
Saturday, September 20th, 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday, September 21st, 10 am to 4 pm
Adult admission: \$4, children under 12 admitted free
Further information: Danny Lewis (334) 792-497
Dan Adams (334) 588-3312, Lon Bradshaw (334) 792-497