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President's Comments: June Meeting, Saturday, June 17th

The June program, **with a change in meeting date to June 17th**, will be a layout tour followed by a cookout at Garth Easton's. The tour layouts are Larry Benson's N-scale, Sam Miller's new O gauge and Sal Martocci's outdoor live steam. The tour starts at 2:00 and the cookout begins at 5:30. Garth's address is 9723 Bull Headley Road. **Please call our secretary Lyn Heath (942-2202), with a head count no later than June 15th.**

The July program will be organizing and doing the last minute matters for the July 29 show.

The August program is scheduled to be a presentation on the ins and outs of airbrushing techniques and equipment by Brad from Hobbytown USA. If members have specific things they want covered, get that information to Barrett Johnson as far in advance as possible.

The September program will be a demonstration of techniques in weathering and detailing cars by Barrett Johnson and Bill Boyle. Members who wish may bring a car to weather. There will be a written handout covering the basics.

Minutes of May 2006 BBMRA Membership Meeting

The May 16, 2006 membership meeting was called to order by Vice President Randy Lombardo at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Myers Park. Twenty-eight (28) members were present.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 18, 2006 meeting, as published in the May issue of *The Lantern*, were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Boyle reported a bank balance of \$1,807.74 as of this meeting. His report was accepted.

Division Reports:

N-Scale: Garth Easton announced the division will meet at his house on Saturday, May 20, 2006, at 9:30a.m. He also announced if there are no more than the same 2-3 people showing up to work, the N-Scale division will not be participating in the show. Sal Martocci offered the assistance of HO division.

HO Scale: Sal Martocci announced the division plans to meet in June.

O-Scale: Beth Edwards announced they are still making progress.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: John Anthamatten is in Alaska. No report available.

2006 Train Show: John Sullenberger announced 92 tables have been reserved. He said there was one (1) cancellation, so there is still 1 table grouping available. A reminder once again, our Annual Show is being held on **July 29, 2006**, at the Leon County Fairgrounds.

Good of the Group Comments, Etc.:

Joe Haley requested the allocation of funds to purchase a diesel engine with sound and a controller so two (2) kids at a time can operate the switching track at the show in July. He says, and others agreed, this will help move the line along faster. After a discussion, it was suggested he look at several other options and come up with a total cost for the next meeting. It will be voted on at the meeting in June.

Dan King made a motion that a Board Meeting be held to set the budget for this year and that the budget be presented at the meeting in June. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The **Board Meeting** will be held at **7:00p.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2006**, at Sam Miller's house.

Randy Lombardo announced our show information is in the June issue of *Toy Cars & Models*. Larry Benson announced our show is also mentioned in *Rail Roaders Events* on the web.

Randy mentioned to the group that May 1st was Amtrak's 35th Birthday.

Program:

Sal Martocci brought in the test track and measured the roll ability of several members' cars. Of the cars tested, Jim Duncan's caboose was the winner, with Randy Lombardo's box car running a real close second.

We had no guests at this meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at **7:00p.m., Tuesday, June 27, 2006**, in **Program Room A** at the **Leroy Collins Library**.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary

Minutes of May 25, 2006 BBMRA Board Meeting

The May 25, 2006, Board Meeting was called to order by President Barrett Johnson at 7:07 p.m. at the home of Sam Miller, 3008 Stillwood Ct., Tallahassee, Florida. The following quorum was present: Barrett Johnson, Randy Lombardo, Bill Boyle, Lyn Heath, Sam Miller, Beth Edwards, and Garth Easton.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The main purpose of this Board Meeting was to discuss and adopt this year's budget. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to adopt last year's budget, with a separate budget item of \$100.00 to be subtracted from Miscellaneous for Awards. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. An additional motion was made for the Board to meet again Mid-year to make any revisions to this year's budget that may be necessary. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Bill Boyle is to draft this year's budget and present it at our next Membership meeting.

Garth Easton brought to our attention that using the Web site more would make the cost of the site cheaper and help our budget.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

A discussion was held regarding having club picnics/cookouts. It was decided to possibly have a Bristol picnic in the fall when it's cooler.

Bill suggested changing our June meeting to a weekend and start with a Tour of Layouts ending with a picnic. A discussion was held and the decision was made to change the June Membership Meeting to Saturday, June 17, 2006. The day would begin with a Tour of Layouts (Larry Benson, Sam Miller and Sal Martocci – tentatively) starting at 2:00p.m.; and end approximately 5:30p.m., at Garth Easton's house for a cookout and meeting.

The Board held a discussion on programs for future membership meetings. Some of the ideas were air brushing demonstration, weathering, converting to winter scenes, CSX, etc. No final decisions have been made at this time. The Program for the July meeting will be to break up into committees to finalize plans for the Show.

The meeting (initially) adjourned at 7:57p.m.

ADDENDUM TO BOARD MEETING

2006 Train Show:

John Sullenberger was late due to a prior commitment and had important information and suggestions to present to the Board, therefore, the Board reconvened to go over his information.

John informed the Board the North Florida Fairgrounds has given him information regarding an increase in rates/fees for 2007. John provided a comparison sheet of the increase in relation to this year's fees. He says the NFF is willing to do a possible ½ increase for 2007, and then the full increase for 2008, but this is not absolute at this time.

A discussion was held and it was decided, as a promotion for the Show, to have membership dues for the rest of the year \$5.00 and \$20.00 for 2007, for a total of \$25.00 through December 2007.

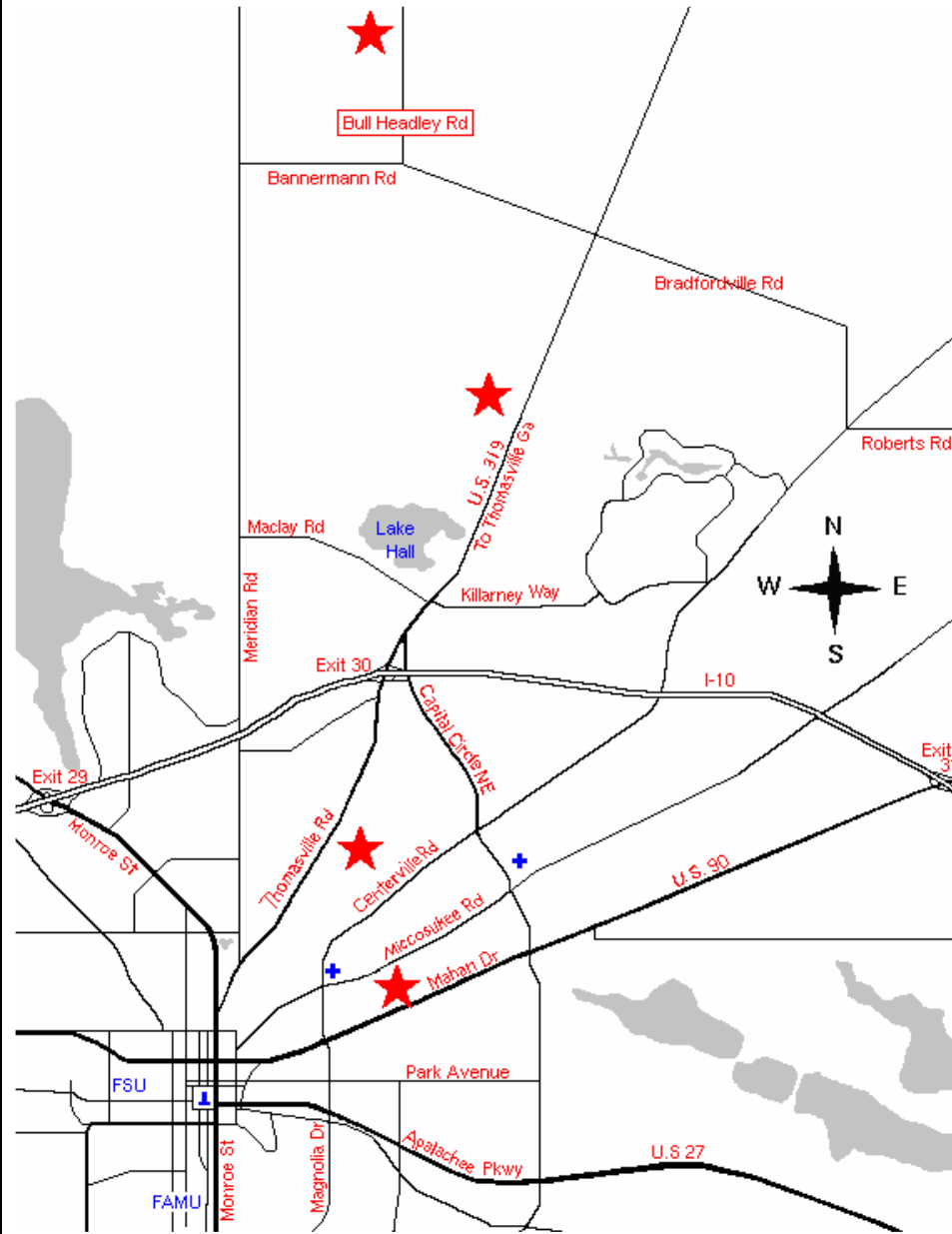
A discussion was held and decision made to allow any scouts in uniform into the Show free.

The meeting was re-adjourned at **8:16p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary

2006 BBMRA Whistle Stop Tour

Saturday, June 17th, from 2 to 5 pm



Whistle Stop Location:

Larry Benson
1832 Jean Ave
877-7001

- From Miccosukee Rd turn onto Brandt Drive
- Jean Ave bears left within 100 yards, Brandt Dr continues with a right turn; bear left onto Jean Ave

Whistle Stop Location:

Sal Martocci
4702 High Grove Road
893-4138

- Drive north on Thomasville Rd
- Pass entrance to Killlearn Estates
- Turn left on High Grove Rd

Whistle Stop Location:

Sam Miller
3008 Stillwood Court
385-7733

- From either Thomasville Rd or Centerville Rd, turn onto Woodgate Way
- Turn onto Stillwood Court

Cookout/Party Location:

Garth Easton
9723 Bull Headley Rd
906-0860

- Drive north on Thomasville Rd
- Turn left onto Bannermann Rd
- Turn right onto Bull Headley Rd
- or-
- Drive north on Meridian Rd
- Turn right onto Bannermann Rd
- Turn left onto Bull Headley Rd

This year we are trying a new “Whistle Stop” format. In years past, the BBMRA assigned each “Whistle Stop” a time slot and had the membership running from one “Stop” to another.

This year each of the three “Whistle Stop Locations” will be open for viewing continuously from 2 pm to 5 pm. Go where you want to go, when you want to go and stay as long as you like.

There is a fourth “Location,” instead of having a formal, regular meeting in June, the BBMRA is throwing a party at Garth Easton’s house. Arrival time for the cookout/picnic/swim party/meeting is anytime after 5 pm with the party/meeting officially beginning at 5:30 pm. The BBMRA will provide food & drinks for current members.

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