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Minutes of March 2007 BBMRA Membership Meeting

The March 20, 2007 membership meeting was called to order by President Barrett Johnson at 7:40 p.m. in the Antique Car Museum meeting room. Forty-six members were present.

Minutes: There was a delay in the publication of the March issue of *The Lantern*. Therefore, many members had not received their copy of the minutes. Approval of the February meeting minutes will be done during the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report: No report given.

Division Reports:

N Scale: No report.

HO Scale: No report.

Large Scale: Randy Lombardo reported that the O-Scale Thomas the Train display was well received in Jacksonville.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: John Anthamatten reported that they had received a waiver from the federal government for their rails. They are still running the 2nd Saturday in each month and the park and train can still be rented for birthday parties or any other event.

Good of the Group Comments, Etc.:

There were several guests introduced – Jim Moore, Lou Eggar, Craig Nance, a gentleman named Bill, John Autan and Maurice Stone (who joined immediately after the meeting).

David Brazell announced the coming Trainfest at Folkston on 31 March, 2007. This is an annual event.

Randy Lombardo announced that there is an O-Scale layout on display at Cypress Gardens.

Sam Miller announced that Lionel will come out with a FSU boxcar as a part of their collegiate series in October. This car, as well as all the others in the series, will only be available in the town of that particular university.

David Knowles announced (for John Sullenberger) that there will be two new vendors at our show in July. One of these is "Murf" Murphy, who makes railroad paraphernalia from railroad spikes.

Barrett provided a DeVoe Moore update. The sheetrock is up in the new museum and the displays will be moving in April. Scale coordinators need to meet and decide what each one wants to do. There should be enough space for all three divisions. Issues were discussed.

Barrett also provided a Roy Mantoath update. Each day he is getting better and may go home at the end of the week.

Barrett also made everyone aware of a web site "factorydirecttrains.com". There are many bargains there on name brand merchandise.

Barrett also provided an update on the Sunshine Division of the NMRA convention in April. It is still hoped that Roy Mantoath will be able to go to make the first Roy Mantoath Award presentation.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2007, in the Community Room at Myers Park.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary (Minutes taken and prepared by David Brazell – Thank You Again David!).

Swap Meet

Hobbytown USA is hosting a "Swap Meet" on their front patio and side parking lot on Saturday, May 12th from 10 am to whenever. Come as early as you want; its first serve on setup locations. You can setup on the front patio or in the store's side parking lot, the front parking lot is to remain open and unblocked. More details to follow.

2007 BBMRA Roster submitted by John Sullenberger

You will find the official Big Bend Model Railroad Association roster included with this newsletter. Please contact me if any changes need to be made. I can be reached at the following: (c) 544-1870, (w) 410-8425, (h) 562-5137, I have voice mail on all three lines, so leave a message if I don't pickup. I can also be reached via e-mail at sullyjws@aol.com.

Your Input is Required! submitted by John Sullenberger

If you wish to receive an electronic copy of the Lantern you must e-mail me at sullyjws@aol.com so that I can be sure your current e-mail address matches my files. I'll make any and all updates as necessary. If you need to call me, I can be reached at (c) 544-1870, (w) 410-8425, (h) 562-5137 (I have voice mail on all three lines, so leave a message if I don't pickup).

When people complain about change they might want to remember this...

Some changes are hard to accept. In 1829 Martin Van Buren, then the Governor of New York, wrote this to the President:

"The canal system of this country is being threatened by the spread of a new form of transportation known as 'railroads.' As you may well know, railroad carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by engines, which in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed."

(Sylvia Simmons, How to Be the Life of the Podium, AMACOM, New York, NY)

Find your way from your house to Lionel.

