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Car Museum Entrance

Meeting Entrance

## January 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting: at the OLD Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

The OLD Tallahassee Antique Car Museum is located on Mahan Drive just east of the intersection of Capital Circle and Mahan Drive. The meeting will begin with a catered dinner at 6:45 and continue with a regular meeting at 7:30.

Mr. Gary Sease, Director of Media Relations for CSX, will make a computer presentation of the work CSX did in the days following Hurricane Katrina to restore service. Following his presentation, BBMRA will hold its annual elections.

**Menu: ham and chicken, veggies, bread, a drink and pie for desert, most likely apple, all for \$6.50 per person.**

We need as good a body count as possible, so please RSVP to me (John Sullenberger) by Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>: I can be reached by telephone at (850) 562-5137 (h) or (850) 544-1870 (c) or via e-mail at [sullyjws@aol.com](mailto:sullyjws@aol.com).

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## Sam and Linda Miller's 2007 Christmas Open House

On behalf of the BBMRA, I would like to thank Sam and Linda for opening their home and for their hospitality last December 14<sup>th</sup> during their annual Christmas Open House. Sam told me that this was by far the best attended open house as members and friends showed up to look at Sam's layouts. There was plenty of food and drinks and a good time was had by all.

## Minutes of December 2007 BBMRA Christmas Open House

All members who attended Sam and Linda Miller's Christmas Open House had a very merry time.

**Next Meeting:** The BBMRA's Annual Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum located on Mahan Drive.

## 2008 Membership Dues

2008 membership dues are now due. Currently the BBMRA only has one dues category: an all inclusive category covering you and your family. Membership dues are \$20. Members will default their membership if their dues are not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## 2008 Lantern Delivery: snail mail or e-mail?

You can either receive the Lantern in a paper format (snail mail) or in an electronic format (e-mail). If you want to receive the Lantern in an electronic format you MUST e-mail me at [sullyjws@aol.com](mailto:sullyjws@aol.com) allowing me to verify your e-mail address, otherwise you will continue to receive a paper copy of the Lantern in the mail. Please note: there will be times when the Lantern is mailed to everyone regardless of your "snail mail or e-mail" choice.

## Flint River Model Railroad Show is January 26 & 27, 2008

The 17th Annual Flint River Model Railroad Train Show and Sale will be held in Albany, GA on January 26-27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2009 Gillionville Rd. Hours for the 2-day show are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Adult admission is \$4.00; 12-18 is \$2.00 and 12 and under are free with an adult. Under our reciprocal agreement with the FRMRRC, BBMRA members get in free. For more information, contact Jimmy Swann at (229) 883-3517.

# Children's Day Festival is January 26, 2008

This annual event includes entertainment, hands-on crafts, exhibits, storytelling, and much more for the whole family. There is a small fee for some crafts. The event runs from 11 am to 4 pm. The BBMRA has voted to participate in the 2008 Children's Day Festival at the R. A. Grey building on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. The switching layout will be set-up and operated. More information will be forthcoming.

## Operating Agreement Ballot

Fifty-three out of ninety-one ballots (58.24%) were either mailed in or left at Sam Miller's Open House. All were marked "Yes." The Operating Agreement referendum passes.

## Tallahassee Antique Car Museum Operating Agreement

This Operating Agreement is a lease by the Tallahassee Antique Automobile Museum, Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation, as Landlord, to the Big Bend Model Railroad Association, Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation, as Tenant. The parties are hereinafter referred to as "Museum" and "BBMRA", respectively. The Parties agree as follows:

The formal lease term of the Operating Agreement shall begin January 1, 2008 but BBMRA shall have the right to move in modules and begin construction of layouts prior to that date subject to Museum's approval. Annual rental shall be \$1.

BBMRA shall have the right, but not the obligation, to construct and modify layouts in three scales: O, HO and N. BBMRA shall construct additional layouts or displays, including coin operated displays, as mutually agreed. Museum shall designate a contiguous square feet amount (not yet determined) for BBMRA layouts, which cannot be changed once layout construction begins. BBMRA layouts shall always be the property of BBMRA. BBMRA has the right to determine the days and hours of operation of its layouts and all non-static displays, but times outside Museum's hours are subject to Museum's approval. Museum shall provide for security for layouts and BBMRA member items thereon.

BBMRA shall use the collective expertise of its members to help Museum reconstruct a layout for Museum from components Museum owns to which it may add.

BBMRA shall use the collective expertise of its members to advise Museum as to the display and maintenance of the railroad items in Museum's possession, as to any railroad related additions Museum might desire to make to its collection or to trade with other museums and in general as to railroad related matters.

If either Party decides not to renew this Agreement, that Party shall give the other Party at least 90 days notice of intent not to renew. This Agreement shall renew for successive five year terms beginning January 1, 2009 if no notice of intent not to renew is given. Notice of intent not to renew a five year term shall be given two years in advance.

## 2008 BBMRA Officer Slate

The BBMRA will elect their 2008 officers during the Annual Business Meeting to be held Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at the old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum. The following is the current slate of nominees: President – Barrett Johnson, Vice-President – John Sullenberger, Treasurer – Bill Boyle and Secretary – Lyn Heath. Nominations can be taken from the floor prior to the elections. The Division Coordinators will be elected by their respective Division after the general elections.

## Logging Railroads

A gentleman named Bill Lansing recently sent notice of two books he has written about logging railroads and the timber industry in the Northwest. The titles are "Seeing the Forest for the Trees" and "Can't You Hear the Whistle Blowin'". Anyone interested can contact Mr. Lansing at: [blansing@hughes.net](mailto:blansing@hughes.net). The books are priced in the \$45 range.

## TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

Saturday, June 21st, 2008 -- North Florida Fairgrounds, Building #4 -- 10 am to 5 pm

Admission: Adults & children 13 and older: \$5 -- Children 12 and younger are Free -- Free Parking





Young "engineers" learn to operate the BBMRA "Switching Layout" watched closely by Yardmaster Joe Haley during the December 2, 2007 exhibit at Goodwood's Christmas celebration for kids. Garth Easton ran his N-Scale layout which also delighted the children as well as their parents. This was the fifth consecutive year the BBMRA has operated layouts at Goodwood. *Photo by Larry Benson*