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Meeting Entrance

June 17th 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.

Menu: pork loin, creamed corn, butter beans, slaw, bread, a drink and desert, all for \$6.50 per person.

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

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A Suggestion from our Caterer submitted by John Sullenberger

After our dinner at each meeting I get with the caterer to determine what we would like at the next meeting. The menu is decided after talking with her as to what she can prepare easily for 35 to 50 people. If you have a suggestion, please let me know prior to a meeting date. One suggestion from the caterer is for "breakfast in the evening." What do you think, please let me know (John Sullenberger: home 562-5137; work 410-8425, cell 544-1870, or e-mail sullyjws@aol.com) if you think this would be a good choice or not.

Minutes of May 2008 BBMRA Meeting

The May 20, 2008 Membership Meeting was called to order by President Barrett Johnson at 7:35 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the old Antique Car Museum. 38 people were present.

Special Address: Mrs. Elsie Olsen, widow of member Ed Olsen) addressed the members to convey her appreciation for all of the members and friends in the club that came to see Ed while he was in the hospital or in the Hospice Center. He was always glad to see you and seemed to perk up after each visit. She thanked us again and said we were a wonderful group of people. The address was well received. Ed was a wonderful man and a great asset to the club. He will be sorely missed.

Minutes: Minutes of the April 2008 meeting, as published in The Lantern, were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Boyle reported a balance of \$2,038.00 in the checking account as of this date. There are still some outstanding expenses due for the show. HO division has spent most of its budget for the year and Small Scale has some more expenses expected.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: Garth Easton reported there would be a meeting right after this meeting. Every Saturday is a workday at the museum.

HO Scale: Sam Miller reported there will be a meeting at his house on the 2nd of June at 7:00 to discuss the show. (This meeting was cancelled.) All HO members were encouraged to attend.

Large Scale: Ken Brock reported they are working on a layout for the Thomas the Train. Also, Live steam will be at the show.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: No report this month.

Switching Layout: Joe Haley reported that the switching layout was ready for the show but he needs someone else to volunteer to relieve him occasionally at the show.

Train Show: John Sullenberger reported that 69 tables have been sold but there are more tables available. 85% of those are out of town. We have reached the breakeven point which means that we won't lose money on the show. Flyers are available and all members can pick these up and distribute them. We can get in to begin setup on Friday, June 20th at 1:00. He will be there at 7:00 Saturday morning. Every member needs to make sure they sign in. Extra extension cords would be appreciated (be sure you put your name on them). Breakdown will be at 5:00. He was asked a question about whether food will be available. He is working on it. Advertising was discussed. Barrett made us aware that FSU will be at the Museum on the 29th of May to film and will include some of the train exhibits. This program (Dimensions) will air on the 11th of June, perfect to advertise the show. There is a plan for a Morning Show or Community Calendar segment on TV. There was a suggestion for yard signs. He is looking into that. There was also a suggestion for a door prize where the participants give their E-Mail address. These can be used for advertising the show next year. It was also suggested that we can put a section on church signs and the Museum sign. It was also suggested that Boy Scouts get in free (parents would have to pay).

Good of the Group Comments, Etc.:

Sunshine Division Convention: Barrett Johnson made us aware that the Sunshine Division of the NMRA is planning for their 2009 Convention. Ft. Myers has volunteered to host the show but we can sponsor the event if we choose. We can support it entirely and take all of the profits (and risks and liabilities) or we can half sponsor the event but the Sunshine Division has the right to veto any decisions. Barrett encouraged anyone to E-Mail him with your opinions this week as he needs to let them know fairly soon.

Antique Car Museum Update: Bill Bell demonstrated a sign he designed to put at the museum around the layout with news as well as information on the trains that were running at that time. The sign was well received. In addition, Trudy Bell was recognized by Barrett for her contribution to the skirting around the layout.

Operating Rules: The operating rules were passed out and discussed. The rule concerning the bringing of food and drink was discussed. Barrett will discuss the rules with DeVoe Moore to see what he will allow. If anyone has any comments on these rules, feel free to E-Mail Barrett. A question arose about putting the sound system the club has in there. Barrett will form a committee to discuss these issues with the museum. Jim Amidon, Mitchell Green, Sam Miller, and Bill Bell volunteered to assist Barrett on this committee. If anyone has any suggestions, please E-Mail Barrett. A member recommended that if you have a suggestion, rewrite that section and forward that to Barrett.

Paul Beverly: Barrett wanted to recognize Paul Beverly (who was not present) on his achieving two certifications in the NMRA awards program. He received a certification as a master railroader in Civil and Electrical Engineering. Paul will be presented these certificates at a future date.

Raising Money for the Club: Jack Herzog had some suggestions on how to raise money for the club. He suggested a raffle every meeting where half of the money is awarded to the winner and half given to the club. This will be done in future meetings. We could have an auction too. He also suggested we have a swap meet that the participants can either give none, half or all proceeds to the club.

Program: There was no program as Barrett thought the business portion would be lengthy, which it was.

Guests/New Members: No visitors were introduced.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at 7:30p.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at the Old Antique Car Museum. Dinner will be catered again for \$6.50 at 6:30p.m. Please contact John Sullenberger if you plan to eat dinner so he or Barrett can give the caterer a head count.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary (David Brazell – thanks!)

New Rock Island Passenger Cars Are Now "On Track"

Part 3 in a Series by Larry Benson

In part 2 of this series, I wrote that I hoped to have the former Santa Fe passenger cars converted to Rock Island by the time this episode appeared in *The Lantern*. Well, they're repainted and ready for decaling as can be seen in the photo.

I also mentioned earlier about spraying the coaches with aluminum paint to cover my "boo-boos" when I got carried away



erasing the old Santa Fe decals. I experimented with several types of paint, some made especially for hobbies which were too shiny and didn't look right to me. The paint I ended up using was a common variety of flat aluminum by *Valspar Ultra Enamel* #165887 made for wood, metal and crafts. I purchased the can some time ago in a local home store and had good results. Why fight city hall, I figured. The paint sprayed on easily, dried quickly and was a very close match. **Repainted coaches are now ready for decals to be applied.**

As I removed the windows and seats from the cars, I put them in their original Con-Cor boxes so it was a snap, literally, to re-install the right ones back inside their respective coaches. The last step involved applying "Rock Island" decals on the cars and selecting names for the two with mounting plates on the sides.



(above) This newly flagged observation car now travels under the Rock Island banner and is named in honor of the "Sooner" State.

I chose "Sooner" for one and "Chisholm Trail" for the other. I am from the "Sooner State" – Oklahoma and my home town of Enid was a major watering hole and stop-over for longhorn cattle drives along the famous Chisholm Trail between Texas and Kansas.

I shuddered when I thought about replacing the decals and worried over this step from the very beginning. But, for once, I had good luck. Some numbers were so tiny they were difficult to handle and I had to use a magnifying glass to read them. Using decal set sparingly, then not leaving the decals in the water too long before placing them on the coach, seemed to be the secret. At least, this combination worked best for me.



For Sale: an HO layout submitted by Bill Thompson

FOR SALE: HO scale layout 6' x 8' on 4' stand that's portable. 1950's theme on 6'x 6' surface and 1960's theme on 2'x 6' surface. Includes 4 working tracks, 2 partially elevated for fun and fast near misses. 3 trains included: AMTRAK silver passenger with coach, diner, mail car, 2 bubble top cars with passengers & observation car, 2-8-2 steam loco with coal cars, tankers & caboose, vintage diesel with boxcars & caboose, and yard diesel pulling whimsical cars through the town. Comes with 80 die cast & plastic toy cars and trucks on layout, drive-in theater, 2 train stations, school, bank, used car lot, saloon, industrial structures, restaurants, mountain tunnel, bridge over river, hobo camp, junk yard, gas stations, fire house, red cross station, court house, church, hotels, hardware store, to name a few. Also 4 switches, 3 power packs, 3 electric flashing signals & 170 pieces of track. Also digital sound effects for a layout that will entertain for hours & needs only minor work to complete to your satisfaction. I need the space and funds to develop my next layout plans. Asking \$1,500, call Bill at 385-6581 to see it for yourself.



TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

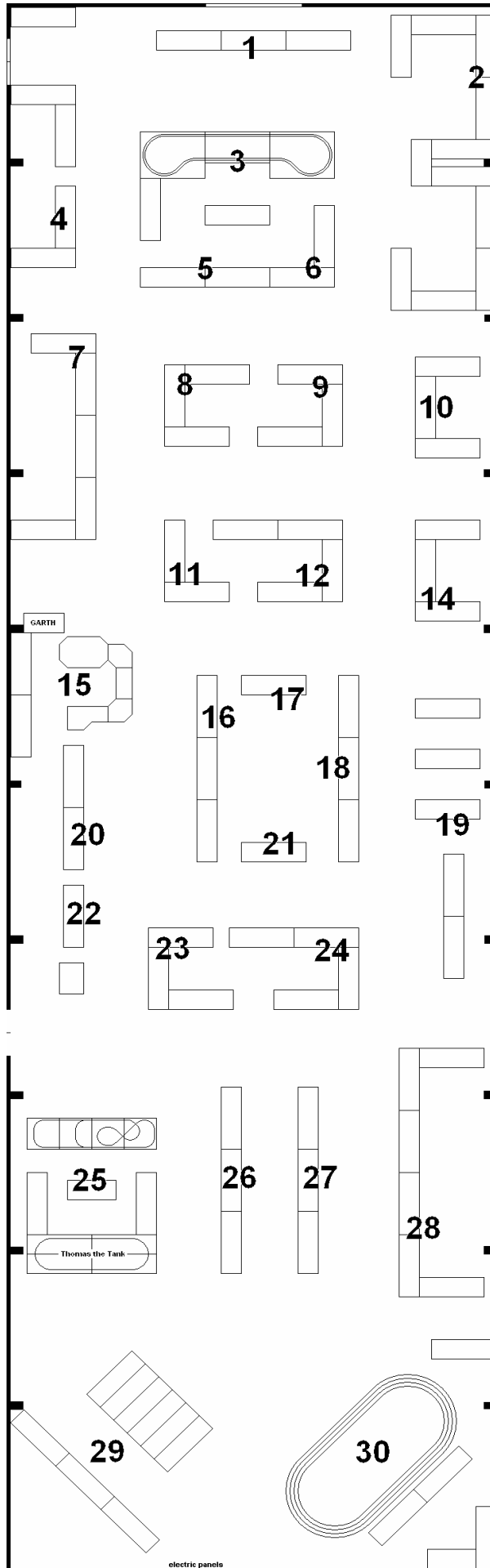
Saturday, June 21st, 2008 -- North Florida Fairgrounds, Building #4 -- 10 am to 5 pm

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



June 21st Tallahassee Model RR Show & Sale - - June 21st Tallahassee Model RR Show & Sale

Vendor	Tables
1 Sim Dekle Scales: O, O-27, G	3
2 Ron DeVincenzo Scales: N, HO, O, O-27, G	11
3 HO Layout	
4 Time Saver Layout	
5 Roy Mantooth Scales: HO	2
6 Sam Miller Scales: O, O-27	2
7 Trains of Ocala Scales: N, HO, O, O-27	5
8 Dan Sheppard Scales: N, HO, O, O-27	3
9 David Knowles, Bill Nass, Carlos Garcia Scales: HO, O-27	3
10 Julian Mathews Scales: HO	3
11 Boy Scouts of America Model RR Merit Badge	2
12 Crowe Railroad Art Railroad Art	4
14 Bob Temple Scales: N, HO, O, O-27, G	3
15 Small Scale Layouts: N Scale Layout Garth Easton's Layout	
16 Teal Toad Wood Company Solid wood display cases	3
17 Bill Thompson Scales: N, HO	1
18 Tropicana 17 Hobbies Scales: HO, O	3
19 John Jay Hobbies Scales: N, HO	5
20 Larry Benson, David Brazell, Dan King Scales: N, HO	2
21 Larry Weigel Scales: HO	1
22 Laurie Wischmeyer Scales: N, O-27	1
23 Hobbytown USA Scales: N, HO, O-27, G	3
24 Eric Ecklund Scales: G	4
25 Large Scale Layouts: O-27 layout Thomas the Tank layout	
26 American AltaVista Videos	3
27 David Kirkland Railroad Art	3
28 TRFTrains Scales: N	6
29 Bill Atkinson's G Scale layout Scales: O, O-27, G	3
30 Live Steam layout	



Set-Up - Friday: set-up begins at 1 pm and runs to 5 pm.

Saturday set-up is scheduled from 7 am to around 10 am. I will be opening the fairgrounds and building #4 by 7 am. Members are welcome to come in and either complete their set-ups or to "Run Trains".

Saturday Tear-Down will commence at 5 pm and continue until the last vendor is out of the building.

Sign-In Book - There will be a sign-in book at the entrance table. I would like all members who work the show, either Friday or Saturday, to sign the book.

Extension Cords - We will need extension cords. Using the masking tape and a magic marker found in our building (I will provide both) please put your name on your cord. This will help during tear down making sure the cord goes to the proper home.

Admission Table: Help Wanted I need help at the admissions table. I have five slots (four actually as one has already been taken) that need to be filled. The job is to run the admissions table: take money, give change, stamp hands (for re-entry) and to point out the door prize slips. The time slots are: 9:30 to 11, 11 to 12:30, 12:30 to 2 (Calvin Ogburn has volunteered), 2 to 3:30 and 3:30 to 5 (closing).

Name Badges If you need a "clip-on" name badge printed by me (John Sullenberger: home 562-5137; work 410-8425, cell 544-1870, or e-mail sullyjws@aol.com) please let me know by the June meeting (Tuesday, June 17th) and I'll print you one and you can pick it up when you come to the Show.