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August 18th 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: beef roast with potatoes, carrots, salad, muffins, desert and a drink.

We need as good a body count as possible, so please RSVP to me (John Sullenberger) by Monday, August 17th: I can be reached by telephone at (850) 562-5137 (h) or (850) 544-1870 (c) or via e-mail at sullyjws@aol.com.

August Program: Colorado Rail Fanning and Paint Your Own Model Railroad People

by Sam Miller & Barrett Johnson

The August program is a two-partner program from Barrett Johnson and Sam Miller. The first part begins during the dinner hour and is a slide presentation of the recent trip to Colorado by Sam and Barrett and their wives, Linda and Merry Ann.

The group took three train rides through the Rocky Mountains, including the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico, and saw three other excursion trains. Barrett and Sam toured the Union Pacific Steam Program shop in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Sam is dwarfed by UP's operating Challenger in one photo he has dubbed Humility.

The second part is: Pant Your Own Figures – Save A Lot of Money & Surprise Yourself

Sam has been painting HO and O gauge people for several years. He is willing to try to paint N scale folks, but only after he gets stronger glasses

Painting your own people is the only way to accurately populate a town on your layout without spending a ton of money and it is not really hard, especially for figures placed in the background.

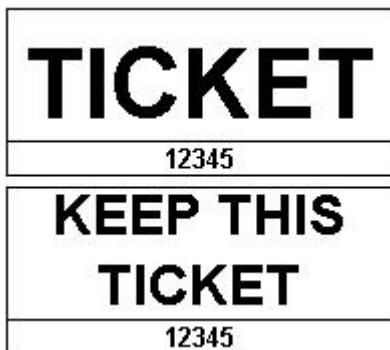
Use cheap paint sets from Wal-Mart, but good quality brushes with pointed, firm ends from Wal-Mart or Michaels. Be ready to touch up the same guy or lady over and over again. It is close enough for government work.

"Paint boots or shoes first and then the pants and then some of the paint for the pants gets on the shoes," Sam says. "Redo the shoes and some of that paint gets on the pants. Sooner or later you get it perfect or close enough."

"Don't try to paint hair and caps different colors unless you are a better modeler than me," Sam says.

In Memoriam:

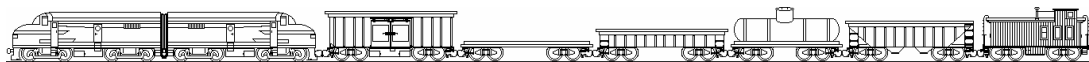
Mike Mathis, a member of the BBMRA for the last 2 years, passed away on Tuesday, July 28th, 2009. He was an avid model railroader and model car collector. On behalf of the BBMRA I have offered condolences to the Mathis family.



MEETING RAFFLE

The BBMRA ran our first raffle during the July meeting, we sold 38 tickets. Paul Schneider won \$19 as did the BBMRA. The idea is that members who attend the meeting deposit \$1 for one ticket (multiple tickets can be bought) into a box. When the business meeting begins (7:30 pm) a single ticket is drawn, the member who holds the matching ticket gets half the money in the box, the BBMRA gets the other half.

We'll do it again during the August 18th meeting. This is an optional event.



Minutes of July 2009 BBMRA Meeting

The July 21, 2009 Membership Meeting was called to order by President John Sullenberger at 7:35 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the old Antique Car Museum. 50 people were present.

New Members/Guest: Guests included Art Wilson and Richard Schmitt. Ron Eudy, a new member, was recognized.

Minutes: Minutes of the June 2009 meeting were accepted as published in The Lantern

Treasurer's Report: John reported a balance of \$4,200.00.

Division Reports:

Small Scale: Garth Easton thanked all of those that helped during the show and announced there would be a work party this Saturday at the museum.

HO Scale: Barrett Johnson also thanked all of those that helped during the show and announced there would be a planning meeting in the near future.

Large Scale: Ken Brock also thanked all of those that helped during the show.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: John Anthamatten told the meeting that the steam engine is still working and they are 99% sure they are going to oil to burn for fuel. They are still open on the 2nd Saturday of each month and for special occasions. John explained the basics of the project for the benefit of the new members. They also have a web site - www.veteransmemorialrailroad.com.

Switching Layout: Joe Haley thanked Ken Brock for helping with the certificates during the show and acknowledged that Bob Pope gave a switching engine for the switching layout. About 70 kids participated in the layout during the show.

Good of the Group Comments: John Sullenberger provided some feedback on the show. He thanked all that helped. Attendance was good. The next show will be on the 19th of June, 2010 at the fairgrounds. John was given a round of applause for his work on the show

John Sullenberger also announced that there was a DVD of BBMRA highlights available for \$5.00. All proceeds go to the club. If anyone wants one, contact him or David Brazell.

Carlton Ingram spoke to the membership about an instance where membership had been less than tolerant to other members at the TACM. He spoke about our need to be soft spoken and to instruct other members in the operation of the layouts, thereby helping them to be able to run either layout when needed.

Program: Jim McGill and John Edrington presented a workshop on paper models. It was enjoyed by all.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 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 headcount.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary

Program Misbehavior by John Sullenberger

This has come up before and I got caught doing this during the above mentioned "Modeling with Paper" workshop: **talking!** If you feel the need to talk to another member, please remove yourself from the group and go to one of the far corners of the room or outside. This way you can talk to your hearts content without bothering the members who are concentrating on the program.

Planning Stage: Children's Day Festival is January 30, 2010

The BBMRA has been invited to attend the 2010 Children's Day Festival on Saturday, January 30th. This past January (2009) the HO Division set-up and ran the Ed Olson layout and the switching layout. The BBMRA will remain in the main floor lobby in the alcove to the left as you enter. Set up will begin at 10 am and the event will run from 11 am to 4 pm; tear down is from 4 pm until completion. The theme is "When I grow up I want to be..." and the museum would like us to dress-up as train workers to look the part (overalls, train hats, etc.). Please note, the Flint River Model Railroad Show is January 30th and 31st, 2010 so there will be a conflict on that Saturday. So, who wants to attend the 2010 Children's Day Festival on Saturday, January 30th?

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