



# The LANTERN

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**NEXT MEETING**

**May 21, 2002**

**Community Room**

**ATTENTION ALL BBMRA MEMBERS - submitted by John Sullenberger:** Does anyone want to scenic a 2 by 2 foot NTRAK module? The BBMRA will provide the module (with track already laid), 4 legs, a backboard and a "catch." The catch is that the module needs to be completed by July 13th for inclusion into the N Division's layout at our Show. I will bring the module to the May 21st meeting at the Myers Park Community Room for inspection and/or pick up.

**Open House and Spring Layout Tour – submitted by John Sullenberger:**

April 20th: Eric and Ina Ecklund's Garden Railroad Open House was enjoyed by all. Four separate trains ran on the main line, each alternating with the other three for main line right-of-way. A log train pulled by a shay double header operated on the logging spur. The trains, mountain, waterfall, lake, train shed and everything else made the trip to Crawfordville worthwhile. Eric reported that he had around 90 guests attend the Open House.

April 27th: The 2002 Spring Layout Tour was also a success. Anywhere from 15 to 35 people attended each of the Whistle Stops. The Big Bend Model Railroad Association would like to thank Ken Brock, Roy Mantooth, Bob Woodard, Sim Dekle and Mitt Paul for hosting a Stop.

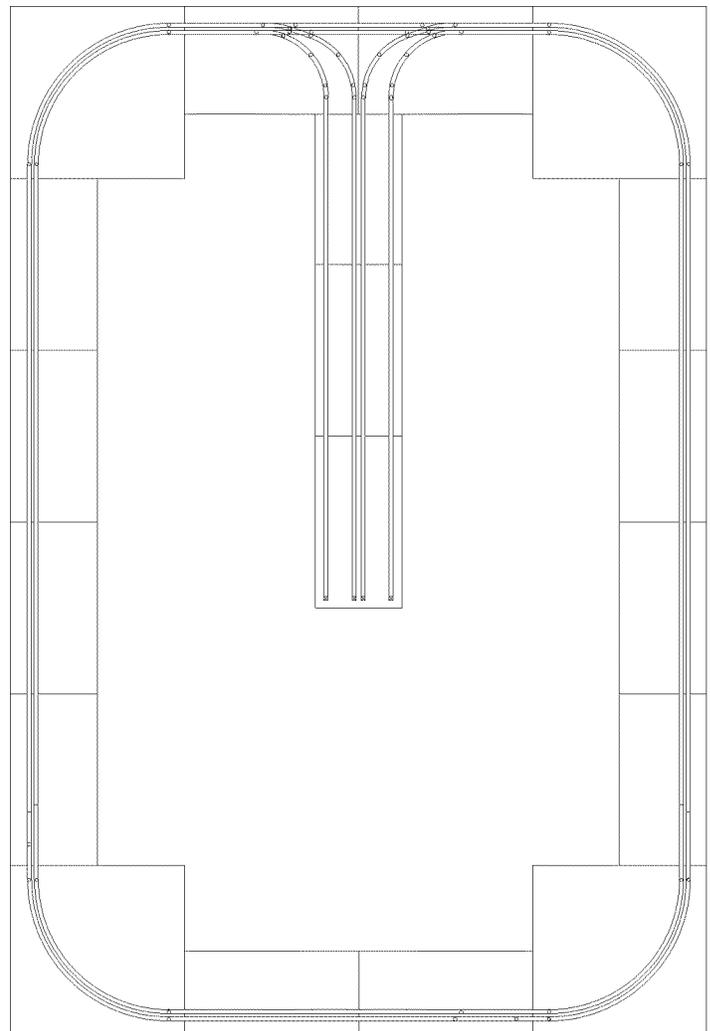
If anyone would like to host an Open House or a Whistle Stop on our Fall Tour, please contact John Sullenberger at (w) 410-8425 or (h) 562-5137.

**HO DIVISION – submitted by Sam Miller:** The HO Division has decided not to use the internal return loops. We are going to use three two by four foot staging modules behind the "T" modules (which will be located between the farm and mountain corners). See diagram to the right. Also, we have some tentative plans about detailing, including a fly-over interchange for cars and a double track bridge. We are planning additional work days in June and will have another full set up at the FIC office building in early July.

If you are interested in taking a module home and working on it there, contact Sam Miller at 386-6668 ext. 223 (w) or at 385-7733 (h).

**Attention HO Division Members:** A final vote on whether to use Snap Switches with 18"r curves (staging modules would be 24 inches by 48 inches) or #4 Switches with 22"r curves (staging modules would be 28 inches by 48 inches) will be made at the May 21st meeting. If you want to vote but cannot attend the meeting, contact John Sullenberger at 410-8425 (w) or 562-5137 (h) to cast your vote. There is voice mail on both phone numbers, so leave a message if no one answers. The diagram shows the 18"r option.

**N DIVISION - submitted by Evan Hughes:** The club's N-Scale modules have all been moved to the warehouse. Several Division members met to look at the condition of the loops and corners and found them generally in good repair. They need a little dusting, cleaning and maybe some touch up paint. In order to report the module condition in detail to the N-Scalers and continue our discussion about the Division's direction (started at the last meeting), the N-Scale Division will meet at 7:00 pm on May 21st in the Myers Park Community Room.



# **MAY PROGRAM: Ken Brock will hold a workshop on weathering, roofing and window treatments for your model railroad structures & cars.**

**JUNE SET UPS - submitted by Jeremy Shaw and John Sullenberger:** BBMRA members, I realize that two set ups back to back could be a hardship. But, with our Show's new location, any publicity is worthwhile. There will be sign up sheets for both set-ups at the May (21st) and June (18th) meetings. If at all possible, please sign up for at least one set up.

## **JUNE 22nd: Leon County Public Library, Tallahassee:**

The Club has been invited to place an exhibit and conduct workshops at the downtown Leon County Library. We have asked to do this on June 22nd and the Library has agreed. We will take the present 4 corners, the Lionel and Timesaver for the public to watch and operate. And we will conduct simple workshops to get people involved in model railroading. The timing of this invitation is excellent. Not only will it again allow us to present ourselves to the community, but it will also allow us to advertise our Train Show just three weeks later. The more awareness of the Show the community has, the greater the likelihood of attendance we will have. So set June 22nd aside and volunteer to help in this presentation.

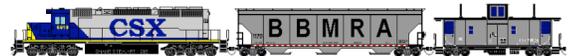


## **JUNE 29th: Jefferson County Public Library, Monticello:**

The Club has been invited to set up the Lionel and Timesaver layouts at the Jefferson County Library on Saturday, June 29th. The layouts are to be operational by 10 am and will be running until 3 pm. The timing of this invitation is excellent for all of the afore mentioned reasons (see JUNE SET UP: Leon County Public Library). Not only will it again allow us to present ourselves to the community, but it will also allow us to advertise our Train Show just two weeks later. The more awareness of the Show the community has, the greater the likelihood of attendance we will have. So set June 29th aside and volunteer to help in this presentation.



# **BBMRA SCHEDULE / TIMETABLE**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 19	May 20	May 21 Meeting 7:30 to 10 pm Community Room Myers Park	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25
May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	Jun 1
Jun 2	Jun 3	Jun 4	Jun 5	Jun 6	Jun 7	Jun 8
Jun 9	Jun 10	Jun 11	Jun 12	Jun 13	Jun 14	Jun 15
Jun 16	Jun 17	Jun 18 Meeting 7:30 to 10 pm FIC	Jun 19	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22 Set Up & Run Leon County Public Library 10 am to 4 pm
Jun 23	Jun 24	Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29 Set Up & Run Jefferson County Public Library 10 am to 3 pm