



The LANTERN

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NEXT MEETING

Oct. 15, 2002

MYERS PARK

OCTOBER PROGRAM: OUR ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST:

The photo contest will have two categories: 1) Prototype railroads and 2) Model railroads.

Rules:

1. Photographs should be in the form of color or black and white prints, 4X6 inches or larger.
2. Each photograph should feature a railroad subject and be taken by the individual submitting the photograph.
3. Each photograph should have a description of the prototype/model railroad featured.
4. Enter up to 3 photographs per category.

Judging:

1. The club members present at the meeting will conduct the judging.
2. All entries should be given to the Contest Administrator prior to the start of the meeting. The Contest Administrator will number the photographs and display them for the club. The club will be able to view all photographs.
3. The club will vote for the photographs that best depict the category.
4. The photograph receiving the highest score will win.
5. First, Second and Third place awards will be given out in each category.

President's Column - submitted by Eric Taylor: This is the month!! The North Florida Fair begins on Thursday, October 31st and runs through Sunday, November 10th. Set up days are earlier during that week (set up is scheduled for October 27th).

I want to thank Jeremy Shaw for arranging scenery days to finish the Fair's dioramas. I further wish to thank those who have and will assist Jeremy in doing this work. I am sorry I have not had the time to join you but my life has been turned upside down with my wife's business engagements and my sudden spate of hearings outside of Tallahassee. I will be in New York City (first vacation time since June, 2001) October 7th - 12th and then its back to Orlando and Sarasota for hearings October 28 - November 1st. I will be in the second week of the Fair and will spend some time manning the trains.

Being out of touch, I do not have anything else to add. See you at the October meeting.

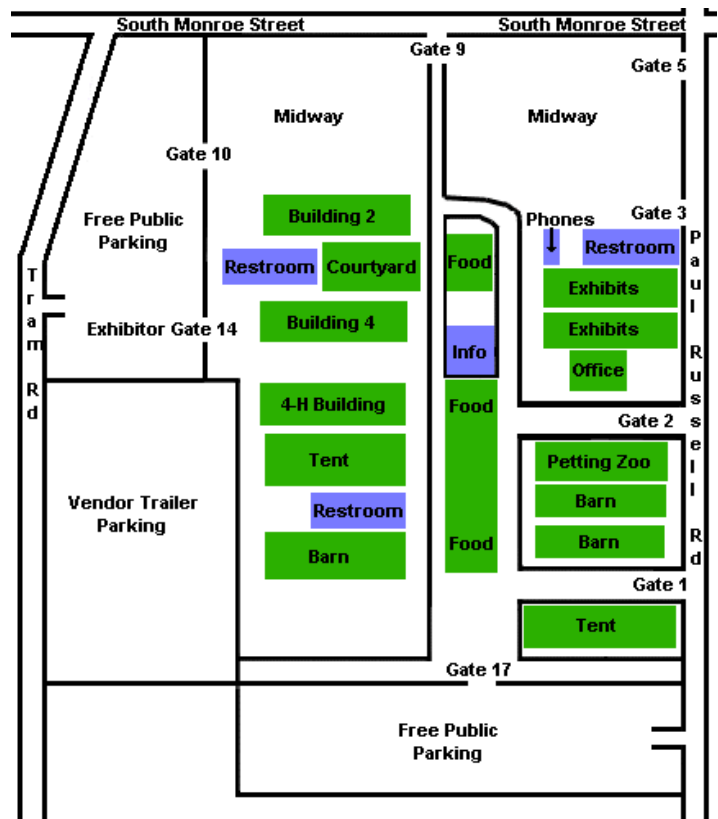
BBMRA Gearing up for North Florida Fair- submitted by

Sam Miller: We will set up the layouts on Sunday, October 27th. Operations will begin on Thursday, October 31st, and run through Sunday, November 10th. Tentatively, we will set up from noon to 5 p.m. on the 27th. I will be asking club members to come to the fairgrounds in shifts the following Monday through Wednesday and complete our selected projects. Breakdown is scheduled for Monday, November 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hours of operation are 4:45 to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4:45 to 11 p.m. on Friday, 11:45 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and 11:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

The N Scale Division will operate their refurbished layout at the North Florida Fair this year as well, so the HO division will have to staff its layout without assistance, but I don't believe we will have any problems. We had plenty of help last year and it was a lot of fun.

Like last year, we will seek volunteers in two-hour shifts and encourage you to sign up for a double shift when possible. Two club members are needed per shift. I am asking Vernon Parramore to once again help me coordinate the scheduling and call club members and remind them of their assigned shifts. We will circulate the signup sheets at the October 15th BBMRA meeting for finalization.



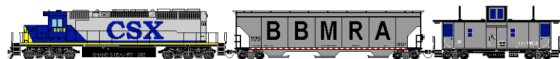
The fair setup will be a lot of fun again this year. I know all of you will help and I certainly appreciate it.

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP by Jeremy Shaw: Hey Everybody, I'm not sure where my brain went so I'm going to wing it until it gets back. The Swap meet was fun. I hope everyone was able to find a swap or a deal. I wiped out Harold Odom with one sale. Hush Ed! What wasn't sold or swapped might be good to take to an upcoming show to swap with the vendors. You never know what they are looking for.

A couple things were discussed that should be noted. The best thing was meeting our new member, Paul Richter.

1. Dan King updated the club on Carolyn Edrington's passing.
 2. The North Florida Fair needs volunteers to help with the scenic part of their project. The dates are October 5th and 12th from 9am-1pm. My understanding was to go to the fairgrounds office. The set up is near the office.
 3. Questions were brought up about the fair layouts. BBMRA is contracted to have a working HO layout for 10 days. The N-Scale Div said they will have a layout ready to bring. The other question is for the Large Scale Div on their layout? I know improvements have been made. Are you planning on having the O-27 layout at the fair? Concerns have been made about being able to schedule 2 people each shift for all the layouts. Sign up with a friend or sign up with someone you don't know very well and get to know them. This may be a good time for the HO'ers to run a different scale. Get in touch with Vernon Parramore to add yourself to the schedule.
 4. Photo contest Rules. We decided to drop the part about what type camera, lens, settings when taking the pictures. Photos should be black/ white or color 4x6 or larger, have been taken in the year 2002, framing is not necessary and be of a railroad subject and be taken by the individual submitting the photo. A description of the picture is needed: example ' A CSX diesel building a container train in Baldwin, FL'.
- Categories: Prototype and Model. Enter up to 3 photographs per category. You may enhance the photographs as long as you are using your own pictures. Camera accessories like color filters are ok too. Look out for Larry's train in the snow pictures, they are great.
5. Those at the meeting decided that a 2-day show may not be a good idea right now. The decision was based on vendor comments and added expenses. This will probably be addressed again sometime later.
 6. More about the details of the fair will be discussed at the October meeting. Keep it on the rails!

BBMRA SCHEDULE / TIMETABLE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12 Dioramas Fair work-day 9 am to 1 pm
Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15 BBMRA Meeting 7:30 to 10 pm Myers Park	Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19
Oct 20 Set Up North FL Fair Building 4 Noon to 5 pm	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26
Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31 North FL Fair Building 4 4:45 to 10:30 pm	Nov 1 North FL Fair Building 4 4:45 to 11 pm	Nov 2 North FL Fair Building 4 11:45 am to 11 pm
Nov 3 North FL Fair Building 4 11:45 am to 9 pm	Nov 4 North FL Fair Building 4 4:45 to 10:30 pm	Nov 5 North FL Fair Building 4 4:45 to 10:30 pm	Nov 6 North FL Fair Building 4 4:45 to 10:30 pm	Nov 7 North FL Fair Building 4 4:45 to 10:30 pm	Nov 8 North FL Fair Building 4 4:45 to 11 pm	Nov 9 North FL Fair Building 4 11:45 am to 11 pm
Nov 10 North FL Fair Building 4 11:45 am to 9 pm	Nov 11 Tear Down North FL Fair Building 4 11pm to 2 pm	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16