



# The LANTERN

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Next Meeting  
Dec. 13, 2002  
Sam Miller's Home

*Season's Greetings*

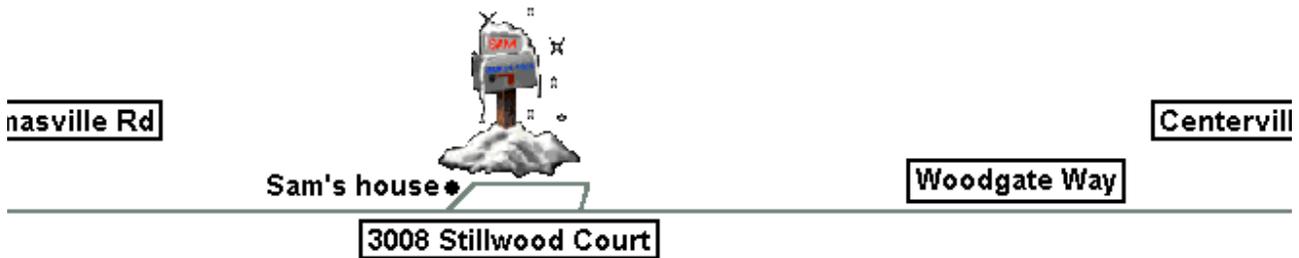


**Miller's Christmas Open House - submitted by Sam Miller:** Linda and I would like to invite members of the club to our Christmas Open House in Woodgate on Friday, December 13th, to see the Christmas lights on my train layout. We really enjoyed having many of you last year. The get together begins at 7 pm and runs until 9:30 pm.

The Open House is at 3008 Stillwood Court, Tallahassee. Stillwood is off of Woodgate Way. Coming on Woodgate from Centerville Road, it is the first left, about half-a-mile from Thomasville. Ours is the third house on the left. The engine mailbox.

From Centerville, it is about a mile. Go to the second Stillwood Court sign and turn - to the right. Again, it is the first left on the left. If you turn in at the first Stillwood Court, go almost all the way to the end and look for the train engine mailbox on the right.

When you see the mailbox, you will come to our Christmas Open House. And I would be happy to help anyone trying to decorate their Christmas this year. Just call me.



**Elections:** Elections will be held during the BBMRA's Annual Business meeting this coming January 2003. The nomination slate is as follows: President - Jeremy Shaw; Vice-President - Evan Hughes; Treasurer - Sandy; Secretary - John Sullenberger. The N, HO and Large Scale Divisions will elect their respective Coordinators during the January meeting.

Nominations for the above listed positions can be made at any time from now until the elections are held. You may sign your name in nomination or have another BBMRA member place your name in nomination for you. Nominations for Division Coordinators will only be taken during the January Division meetings.

**Swap Program, Another Swap Meet - Myers Park Community Room:** Another Christmas has come and gone, and with it, toys and equipment galore, now if you can just find a place to store it all. Well, we may have an answer for you. BBMRA will hold another semi-annual (semi-annual because we hold one every couple of months/years) Swap Meet during the January meeting. You know, in with the new and out with the old. This Swap Meet is open to all local clubs (Gulf Coast Limited Modular Railroad, Gulf Wind Chapter NRHS or any other club in the Big Bend region.)

rent's Column - submitted by Eric Taylor. Happy holidays! I wish each and every Club member a safe holiday season and a very happy New Year that brings model railroading excitement and satisfaction to all of

my last column as President (a ghost one at that the past few months). I have been happy to serve the Club to capacity and hope my efforts have advanced the aims and goals of the Club the past year. As the New Year begins I will be spending even more time in Kissimmee. This has mixed blessings for me. While I will miss the work of many of you all, the road trips and the Club's activities, my consolation is the fact that I will finally have the opportunity to work on my own layout, something I have wanted to start for years. At present, my 6-foot module is in Kissimmee on my rolling carts. The first permanent benchwork in my garage (32" x 15') has been built and the room inside where my interior layout (a little like Sam's) will go has been constructed and benchwork can begin in there. I have a 10 x 16 foot layout in the garage with a 2 x 8 connecting bridge to the interior layout in a room 10 x 12 feet. Now I have no excuse for building all of the cars and buildings I have been buying at the shows and of

to thank all of you in your support of the Club and me during this past year. Since I joined the Club in December the Club has grown in both members and sophistication. All of that has been due to the efforts of all members. Without your dedication and time in the various efforts, we would not be able to have our show grounds, go to Libraries and other venues or be in the North Florida Fair. The quality of the HO layout has improved and now the N Scale is really beginning to take off. It has been my pleasure to have been present when

I may be leaving, I will still try to contribute as my time allows. Hopefully I will be able to make most meetings, the July Show and the Fair next year and until I leave. And with Gale having a contract to be in Tallahassee each week into sometime in 2005, I will try to join her on the occasions of the meetings and the Show even when she moves.

Thank you for all of your support and help. This is a great Club and I have been proud to have been a part of it at Sam's house on Friday, December 13th.

Announcement of Florida History's "Children's Day" Festival: The Museum of Florida History is sponsoring their "Children's Day" Festival on Saturday, January 25, 2003 and the BBMRA's "traveling show" has been invited back. The HO DCC is pleased to set up and run its layout. Set up in the first floor lobby will commence at 9 am Saturday morning and will commence at 4 pm. The Festival is scheduled to run from 11 am to 4 pm. The HO "Time-Saver" will be available for those who want to "run trains!"

Year's theme is "Alligators"! It would be nice if we could have a few of them riding on flat cars or in a go

I would like to volunteer to help set up, operate the layout or tear down, please contact me (John Sullenberger) at 562-5137 (h) or 410-8425 (w). I have voice mail on both lines, so please leave a message

Announcement of our next "Whistle Stop" Layout Tour: Eric and Ina Ecklund have invited the BBMRA to our next Open House (sometime in April 2004). Details will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

2003 Spring "Whistle Stop" Layout Tour is now in the planning stages. Jim Faris has volunteered to host a "Whistle Stop". If anyone is interested in hosting a "Stop", please contact John Sullenberger at (w) 410-8425 or (h) 562-5137

## 12/03 SCHEDULE & TIMETABLE: all meetings 7:30 to 10pm

### Schedule

December 13	2nd Friday	Sam Miller's Christmas Open House (See map on front page)
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### Schedule

January 21st	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community R
January 18th	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community R
January 15th	3rd Tuesday	To Be Announced
January 12th	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community R
January 9th	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community R
January 6th	3rd Tuesday	To Be Announced
January 3rd	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community R
December 31st	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community R
December 28th	3rd Tuesday	To Be Announced
December 25th	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community R
December 22nd	3rd Tuesday	Myers Park Community R
December 19th	3rd Tuesday	To Be Announced

**Note: the deadline for submitting articles for the Lantern is the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. Send all articles to: c/o Secretary/Editor, P.O. Box 3392, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3392.**