



The Lantern

Editor Loses Power and Cable During Hurricane

Wilma Disrupts Lantern Schedule

By Larry Benson

Tallahassee - Nov. 7. When Hurricane Wilma roared across South Florida on October 24, millions of residents were left without electricity. The city of Margate, where Shawn Vann lives, was no exception.

When press time for this issue of The Lantern rolled around, Shawn (who has been composing the newsletter for the past two years) had his power back. But, as luck would have it, his internet server forecasts it will take another four to five weeks to restore his cable service.

A "Plan B" Was Devised

Thankfully, his cell phone has been operational, so we devised a drop back "Plan B" in case he was still off line when this edition of The Lantern was due to arrive in your mailbox.

This abbreviated issue is the result of our best efforts on your behalf. You'll be receiving a combined November-December edition at the regular time next month.

It's Time to Pay Your 2006 BBMRA Dues

In the spring of 2005, your BBMRA Board of Directors approved a new dues payment period effective for 2006. Dues are to be paid between November 1, 2005 and February 28, 2006. Annual dues are \$20 and membership includes your family. You will find in this mailing a BBMRA 2006 Dues Notice. Be sure to read the date by which dues must be paid to vote in the club elections in January and also the date when membership is suspended if dues aren't paid.

BBMRA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15 At Myers Park

The BBMRA membership meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Myers Park. You won't want to miss it!

Coming Next Month

Barring more unwelcome hurricanes, next month's Lantern will carry part two of the coupler article by David Brazell and Dan King. The continuation features "coupler heights" - very important factors in running smooth layouts.

UPCOMING EVENTS November

11/3-13 BBMRA HO Layout Runs
North Florida Fair - Tallahassee

11/12-13 Lions Club Train Show &
Swap Meet - Ocala, FL

11/15 BBMRA Club Meeting
7:30 p.m. Myers Park

11/18-20 Garden Railroad Runs
Sarasota, FL

11/26-27 Scale Rails Holiday Toy
Train Show - Fort Myers, FL

December

12/3-4 Pensacola Interstate Train
Fair - Pensacola, FL

