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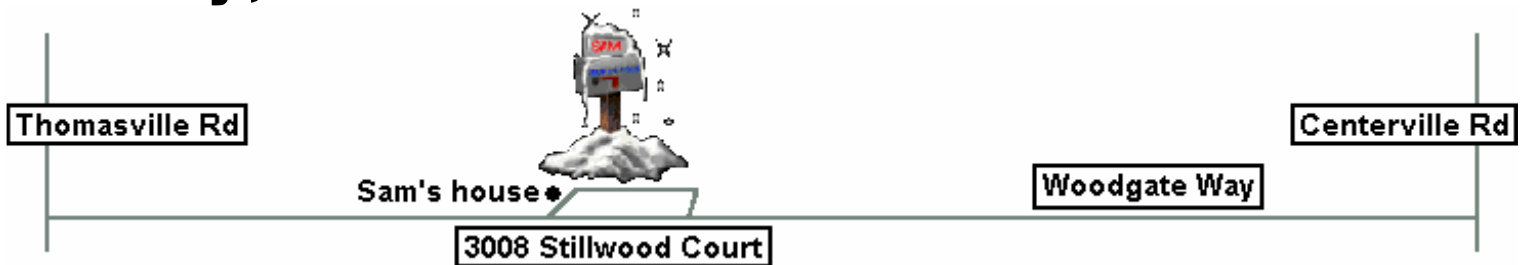
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NEXT MEETING:

Sam and Linda Miller's

**Christmas Open House will be held on
Friday, December 15th from 7 PM to 10 PM**



2007 BBMRA Officer Slate

The BBMRA will elect their 2007 officers during the Annual Business Meeting to be held Tuesday, January 16th, 2007 at the Community Room at Myers Park. The following is the current slate of nominees: President – Barrett Johnson, Vice-President – John Sullenberger, Treasurer – Bill Boyle and Secretary – Lyn Heath. Nominations can be taken from the floor prior to the elections. The Division Coordinators will be elected by their respective Division's after the general elections.

Flint River Model Railroad Show is January 27 & 28, 2007

The 16th Annual Flint River Model Railroad Train Show and Sale will be held in Albany, GA on January 27-28 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2009 Gillionville Rd. Hours for the 2-day show are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Adult admission is \$4.00; 12-18 \$2.00 and under 12 free with an adult. For more information, contact Jim Swann evenings at (229) 883-3517.

Flint River / Wiregrass Model Railroad Shows

Jimmy Swann of the Flint River Model Railroad Club has informed Dan King and Danny Lewis of the Wiregrass Heritage Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society has informed Larry Benson that their respective clubs will participate with the BBMRA in a reciprocal agreement/offer between the clubs for train show entry. Many thanks to Dan King and Larry Benson for their work on this.

Children's Day Festival is January 27, 2007

The BBMRA has voted to participate in the 2007 Children's Day Festival at the R. A. Grey building on Saturday, January 27th. The switching layout will be set-up and operated. More information will be forthcoming.

Minutes of November 2006 BBMRA Membership Meeting

The November 21, 2006 membership meeting was called to order by President Barrett Johnson at 7:36 p.m. in the Community Room at Myers Park. Thirty seven members were present.

Minutes: Minutes of the October 17, 2006 meeting were approved as published in the November issue of *The Lantern*.

Treasurer's Report: No report. Dan King brought up an issue concerning a membership break next year in light of the amount in the treasury. Dan would like to see a dues reduction. The Board will address this issue.

Division Reports:

N-Scale: Garth Easton announced the division will participate at Goodwood on the 3rd of December.

HO Scale: Sam Miller announced we will participate in the "Polar Express" showing at the Challenger Center on December 2 from 10-3. Set up will be on the 1st. We will also participate in Havana's 100th Celebration with the layout on display. Set up will be on December 7th. It will be in a storefront at the corner of 7th and Main Street. Times will be Sat from 10:00 – 5:00 and Sun from 12 noon – 5:00. Breakdown will be Monday. Finally, all are invited to his house on the 15th for the annual BBMRA Christmas party from 7:00 -10:00.

O-Scale: Nothing new.

Veteran's Memorial – Bristol: John Anthamatten reported that the Christmas Train will run on the 8th and 9th and the 15th and 16th of December. All are invited. The Halloween runs were successful.

Good of the Group Comments, Etc.:

Guests: Brian Roslund was a visitor from Pennsylvania. He wants to join. He owns an excursion RR in Pennsylvania. He brought Jeff and Nicki Haran who work for him. David Dryess was also a guest.

Paul Beverly announced that the Thomasville Historical Society wants us to create a layout for them as a permanent exhibit. Issue was discussed.

Larry Benson announced that the Wiregrass Heritage Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society has approved reciprocity for admittance to their show. We need to provide to them a roster 30 days in advance.

Dan King announced that the Flint River Model Railroad Club was meeting tonight concerning reciprocity to their show for our members. He doesn't think it will be a problem.

Devoe Moore update. Barrett reported that the skeleton of the building is up and one side blocking is moving along. He will not require us to man the layout if the museum is open. Looks optimistic.

Paul Schneider suggested we have a small wooden train for the little ones at the show. He had a locomotive to demonstrate. Someone even suggested we get a Thomas the Train layout for this.

The members discussed participation in the RA Gray Children's Day on the 27th of January, 2007. This event conflicts with the Albany Show. Discussion followed and it was decided we will participate to some degree.

John Sullenberger expressed some concern about having our show at the Tallahassee Antique Automobile Museum mainly because of the difficulty of getting up to the 2nd floor for the vendors. He also mentioned that we needed a full slate of people to run for officer positions next year. We need to know if anyone wants to run.

A nominating committee composed of Sam Miller, Sal Martocci and David Brazell was appointed. Those interested in seeking office should contact any or all of them.

It was mentioned that Union Pacific has dropped their suit concerning the use of their name on model railroads. The suit covered not only U. P. but all of the railroads they absorbed.

Joe Haley updated us on the switching yard.

Program: David Brazell presented a program on Passenger Trains 101. It was well received by all.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at the Community Room at Myers Park.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Lyn Heath, Secretary (Many Thanks to David Brazell for taking and providing the Minutes again!)

