



# THE Lantern

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## March 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting at the old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

The old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum is located on Mahan Drive just east of the intersection of Capital Circle and Mahan Drive (across from the McDonalds in the Wal-Mart parking lot). The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm.

## March Program: Cardstock Craftsman Models by Jim Gore

That is right Fellow Model Railroaders, at the request of your leadership James Gore has graciously agreed to share his time, talents and expertise with us. You may know Jim from his clinics at a local show or even at a national one. If you attended the NMRA Regional convention in Tallahassee you may have seen one of his workshops. You may well know him from his article in ["O" Scale magazine](#) or from his [FaceBook page the J&RG](#) you may even know him from his "professional" side where he serves as the [Dean of College of Natural and Health Sciences](#) and Professor of Biology for the University of Tampa. Did you know that he is a US Navy Veteran and was a POW for awhile?



However you may know him you know that you are in for a treat with this clinic! If you have not been to a meeting in awhile THIS is one you will not want to miss! We had a great turnout at the last meeting but this one needs to be "ALL HANDS ON DECK!" It is not often that we get this level of talent at our meeting for free so don't pass this up. This is not restricted to club members so if you know someone who would enjoy this, please invite them along! Please be there to support Jim and make his 4-5 hour trip well worth his while!

## 2012 Dues for the first six months of 2012 are due.

Members have until March 31, 2012 to pay the first half 6-months dues of \$10. After that date, members who have not paid will be considered in default and their membership privileges suspended until they pay dues. Please do not attempt to pay in advance for the second half of the year. This new payment amount and period are the result of BBMRA changing from calendar year to fiscal year budgeting.

## Three members of the BBMRA Honored

Three members of the BBMRA were honored for their service to the state of Florida on 26 January 2012. Drew Hackmeyer was honored for his 35 years of service, John Sullenberger was honored for his 25 years of service, and David Brazell was honored for his 20 years of service. Each received a Service Award from Governor Scott and Lt. Governor Carroll. Congratulations.



## TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – North Florida Fairgrounds, Buildings 2 & 4 – 9 am to 4 pm  
Adults & Children 13 and older: \$5 – Children 12 and younger are free – Free Parking



# N Scale Division attends CEF Crafters Market by Andy J. Zimmerman

The Child Evangelism Fellowship or CEF for short held its annual Crafters Market on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The BBMRA was invited for a second time and we were a main attraction. Many visitors from the last show showed great enthusiasm for the fact that we were onboard once again. They brought friends and family members in to specifically see the "N" scale layout and to participate in the "Scavenger Hunt."

Several of the BBMRA N-Scale team were on hand to run trains, including one of our newest members. We set up on Friday around 5:30 pm and completed our setup about 6:45 pm. Setup was smooth and well organized despite the rain Friday evening. Saturday morning we arrived about 8 am and set up for our 9 am show-time. Right from the start our layout was a hit with young and old alike. Special thanks to Andy Fritze who dropped his studies to help out on short notice Friday night and Saturday afternoon. For any of you who know Andy he is a dedicated medical student in what is the most difficult year for them. Studying is his life and breaking from it is difficult if you want to keep your grades up. Several seasoned vets of the BBMRA were there and each took time to interact with show goers and share their passion for the Worlds Greatest Hobby! After hearing about the BBMRA and viewing our layout several inquired about membership and all that entails. One individual was so impressed that he joined right there at the show. An avid "O" scaler and part time "HO" scaler Jim Bush took advantage of our show special to join and check out the BBMRA and all we have to offer. We hope to welcome Jim and his grandson at our next meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

The CEF Crafters Market brought in some 400+ visitors and any and all who came inside made sure they took a moment to view our layout, talk to the members and pick up information on our June show. While many took time to view the layout, 15 young persons ventured out and stepped up to the challenge of the "scavenger hunt" and all of them successfully completed it. Many show goers picked up information on our June show and some signed up on our e-mail list just to be sure that they did not miss out! We had a great time running trains and introducing the public to what we love to do most!

The CEF is a Christian based organization serving children from all over the world. Last year Child Evangelism Fellowship® reached more than 10 million children in over 170 countries. Big Bend CEF serves Leon, Wakulla, Gadsden, Jefferson, Franklin, Liberty, Calhoun, and Gulf County.

## Minutes of the February 2012 BBMRA Meeting

The meeting of February 21, 2012 was called to order at 7:33 pm by President John Sullenberger.

One new member was in the near standing-room crowd: Jim Frances, an HO modeler.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the January meeting were accepted unanimously and without corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report indicated that we are still in the black.

### Division Reports:

**Small Scale:** thanks to those who have worked on the new modules and at future work sessions;

**HO Scale:** there will be a workday in March and a layout building clinic at Lowe's in May;

**Large Scale:** had a successful Children's Day;

**Veteran's Memorial:** No report;

**Switching Layout:** No report;

**NMRA:** Sunshine Region convention in mid-May in Winter Haven;

**Train Show:** 90 tables reserved and 'in the black' - members should make table reservations quickly;

**Good of the Group Comments:** the Folkston Trainfest is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Program:** The program "A day in the life of a T-Trak module" was presented by Vice-President Andy Zimmerman.

### Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at the Old Antique Car Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm. Respectfully submitted by Drew Hackmeyer, Secretary