



# THE Lantern

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## February Program: A Swap Meet

Another Christmas has come and gone and you have new trains and equipment galore, now if you can just find a place to store it all. Well, we may have an answer for you; the BBMRA will hold a Swap Meet during the February meeting. You know, in with the new and out with the old.

The meeting room at the old Tallahassee Antique Car Museum will open by 6:45 pm so all you need to do is show up, grab a table and start selling. We'll take a break for the meeting at 7:30 and then you can start selling again when we are done.

## LCCA / Lionel FasTrack Modular Concept

Richard Schmitt has provided a comprehensive write-up on the modular concept devised by a committee of the Lionel Corp and the Lionel Collector's Club.

These are full-size modules, with broader curves and more space available for scenery and running longer trains.

The concept is well thought out with high-quality hardware and module framework kits available. Track packages for different configurations are offered along with accessory bundles to scenic the modules. The tool for correctly spacing track at the module interfaces will almost guarantee good results.

Richard's write-up is posted on our website at <http://bbmra.org>

## Minutes of the January 2013 BBMRA Meeting

Meeting started at 7:30 P.M.

Visitor -- Tom Rush, welcome. He started years ago in model railroading, life made him put it away. Now he is back after years, in HO.

A salute to Larry Benson who passed away Dec 6th moment of silence.

November minutes; accepted as is.

\*\*\* Next Meeting \*\*\*

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

at the

**'old' Tallahassee Antique  
Car Museum**

The 'old' Tallahassee Antique Car Museum is located at 3550 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**.

The room will open at **6:45 pm** with swap meet starting immediately.



Treasurer's report -- John said we are in the black. Also having been voted unanimously by the board, Sandy Scott will step in for treasurer.

Division reports:

Small scale -- Garth reports a workshop on Feb 2 at his house. There will be a display at the craft fair held at Thomasville Baptist Church March 9th.

HO -- Sam told John there will be a workshop at the car museum Feb 2nd.

Large scale -- No report.

Switching -- Joe said he will be at the Grey museum on Sat the 26th.

Veterans Memorial -- No report.

NMRA -- No report.

John told us the train show will be June 15th, volunteers needed and set up day will be one day before the show.

Program committee -- will ramp up to bring ideas for the meetings.

Good of the group -- David Brazil has DVD's of 2011/2012 club activities. Our show, some display actions he has filmed during that time.

End time was 7:47 P.M.

Program -- Clark Turner, retired after many years as a transportation policy planner. He presented the railroad problems for our Sunset Limited AMTRAK service. Discussed the issues for passenger service anywhere in the USA. We are behind Europe in many ways, but have many different issues also. Will we get service back? it's doubtful, but public pressure can help make a difference.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Gyuricsko.

## Amtrak Route Analysis

*The Atlantic Cities* has an interesting article on Amtrak routes and ridership data and how Amtrak serves the US. <http://www.theatlanticcities.com/jobs-and-economy/2013/02/visualizing-how-poorly-amtraks-route-network-serves-most-us/4620/>

## Upcoming Events

### **Saturday February 16, 2013**

35th Jacksonville Show  
Prime Osborn Center  
Jacksonville, Florida

[Show Link](#)

### **Saturday February 23, 2013,**

Knights of Columbus Hall  
2000 Neptune Road  
Kissimmee, FL 34744  
Adults \$5.00 children under 12 free  
EARLY BIRD \$6.00 9AM to 10AM  
Hours 10-3; Food for Sale

[Show Link](#)

### **Saturday March 9, 2013**

Winter Haven, FL  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
401 3rd Street SW  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Adults \$5.00 children under 12 free  
EARLY BIRD \$6.00 9AM to 10AM  
Hours 10-3  
Vendors and Small Layout  
Lunch will be for sale

[Show Link](#)

### **Friday, Saturday and Sunday March 15, 16, 17, 2013**

The 64th H&R Train Show  
H&R Trains  
6901 U.S. Highway 19 North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33781  
(727) 526-4682

Parking - Additional parking was available All Three Days, just one block to the north at the rear of the ROOMS TO GO. The lot is actually On 34th st. behind their Store.

[Driving Directions](#)  
[Show Link](#)

**Saturday March 23, 2013**

Homosassa, FL  
Lion's Club Hall  
3705 Indiana Terrace & Homosassa Trail  
Homosassa, FL 34446  
Adults \$4.00 children under 12 free  
EARLY BIRD \$6.00 9AM to 10AM

Hours 10-3  
Vendors and Model Train Layout  
Lunch will be for sale

[Show Link](#)

## **Let's Go!....**

Last month I urged everyone to "Build something." Several of you did.

We had another T-Trak module building session. Three double-length HO modules were built and a full set of N modules.

Keep watch, we should have an announcement for scenery building sessions soon.

Join us.

Thank you

Drew Hackmeyer

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