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## March Program - Bill Metzger, map maker

For the last 10 years, Bill Metzger has been the Contributing Illustrator for Trains and Classic Trains magazines. He's responsible for the Map of the Month in Trains and all the maps in Classic Trains. In addition, his maps have appeared in such Kalmbach publications as "Railroad Maps," "Hotspots" and the forthcoming "Big Boy" and "History of North American Railroads."

For six years in the late 1970s and early '80s, he was a freight expeditor, accompanying high-wide and other special shipments by rail all over North America, and has traveled well over 100,000 rail miles. An ardent supporter of the rails-to-trails movement, he is the author of the "Great Allegheny Passage Companion, a guide to the trail from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, MD", and bikes about 2,000 miles a year.

He was also the Editor at Large for Rails Northeast Magazine, and a freelance photographer for over 20 years.

He lives in Confluence, PA, with his wife Pam, but happily spends the winters in Panacea, FL.

## T-Trak Run Session

The next BBMRA T-Trak set-up and run session will take place during our April meeting on April 15th.

## Some casual web browsing...

The Sn3 Symposium just ended. I wasn't able to go but photos of the event are posted to the web.  
<http://www.sn3-2014.com/>

If you have a need for homes for your layout, Sears homes were very popular  
<http://www.searsarchives.com/homes/bydate.htm>

Central Valley has videos on building their bridges  
<http://www.cvmw.com/video-instructions.htm>

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

**March 18th  
2014**

**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**.



## 3<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL - WEAR GREEN - RIDE THE STEAM (TRAIN)

Veterans Memorial Railroad, Inc., presents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration - Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Veterans Memorial Park - NW Theo  
Jacobs Way, Bristol, FL.

Travel through park over one mile of track, including 350 ft. trestle in Cypress Preserve.

Time: 11:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

\$7.00 per person per ride - Children 5 and under ride free

Enjoy a family fun day - picnic pavilions, playground, walking trail

<http://Veteransmemorialrailroad.org>

<http://YouTube.com/veteransrailroad>

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## BBMRA Meeting minutes for Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 2014.

President John Sullenberger called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M.

Guests, Jim Gore, Bill Metzler, Mike Applebee, Allison Riley.

Treasurer Sandy S. reports, we are in the black.

Minutes of Jan. 21, 2014 accepted as is.

Division reports;

Small scale; Garth E. announces a work party Sat. March 1<sup>st</sup> maintenance and upgrades to N scale modules.

HO Art W. needs people to work on the HO layout at the new car museum.

Large scale, no report.

President John Sullenberger reports tables being sold for the June 28<sup>th</sup> train show. The N scale modules and the switching layout to be set up and run at the March 8<sup>th</sup> Crafters Market. It will run from 9 to 3. John also mentioned we have Bill Metzler who will be going back north soon, who can do a presentation for us before he leaves. We would need to do the presentation in lieu of a "running trains meeting". No objections noted. April will be a running trains meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Vice president Andy Z. introduces Jim Gore. Jim describes to the group about modeling scenes with a story in the details. He brings to life small details overlooked by many of us. Okay now I know O scale people can have eyeballs, and not all of Jims building are cardstock. I need to tighten up my work now!

Respectfully submitted by Doug Gyuricsko.

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