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BBMRA Holiday Party at Sam & Linda's Friday, Dec. 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Sam Miller and Linda Medlin are continuing the BBMRA tradition of a holiday reception at their Woodgate home for the December meeting. BBMRA members are most welcome, along with spouses, children, grandchildren and even small pets! Sam's Lionel Layout keeps growing – it's like rabbits! The HO layout has been spiffed up. There are new items for the train ornaments-only Christmas tree.

You don't have to bring anything, but if you do, we suggest holiday desserts or snacks. There will be a turkey, ham, Italian sausage and lots of other fine things to eat and drink. Club members and their families are invited.

*** BBMRA Meetings ***

**December 12
2014**

Sam Miller/Linda Medlin Holiday Party

Friday 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**January 20
2015**

BBMRA Monthly Meeting

Third Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

'Old' Tallahassee Antique Car Museum,
3550 Mahan Drive.

Andy and the board are still developing the program.

TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

Saturday, June 27th, 2015 – North Florida Fairgrounds, Buildings 2 & 4 – 9 am to 4 pm
Adults & Children 13 and older: \$6 – Children 12 and younger are free – Free Parking



All Aboard for Christmas
by Christopher Jennison
Harry N. Abrams Publishers, New York, 2004

“When we were children, it always snowed on Christmas, trains were always on time and at the end of our holiday journeys, grandparents always welcomed us with smothering hugs, and piles of presents.”

The intent of this book is to remember good times, and rekindle a sense of wonder; the wonder of childhood Christmases, the trains that carried us to Christmas and the trains that captured our imagination.



**Veterans Memorial Railroad, Bristol –
Winter Wonderland Express Bigger & Better**

"Dazzling lights and new scenes await the riders in this year's "Winter Wonderland Express". Riders may choose to ride one or all of the three trains during this event: "Old Reliable"(the Red/White/Blue), a diesel engine replica; Engine No. 59, a steam replica; and the Crown(the "jewel" of the railroad), a coal-fired steam engine.

Dates: Dec. 12, 13, 19, 20 (steam train unavailable Dec. 12) 7:00-10:00 ET

Tickets; \$5.00 per person for RWB or No. 59; \$8.00 per person for the steam train.

Children 5 and under are FREE

Located in Veterans Memorial Park - 10561 NW Theo Jacobs Way - Bristol, FL 32321. or additional information call 643-6646 or visit our web site: www.veteransmemorialrailroad.org

A Christmas Layout

By Mike Sassard

I am familiar with Christmas layouts - aren't we all - but I have never built one. Life, as we have recently earned, is much too short. I decided I want one, but I am out of room. So since I am re-doing my main train room layout, I have decided to incorporate some Christmas type items in the landscaping.

Christmas is a good season. Let's enjoy it!

I have a small 24-inch decorated tree I got at Michaels last year, which I looked at and said "no," not on a train layout. That was last year. I have changed my mind and I am using it this year on my layout. .

I recently found some neat stuff at Walgreens, including Disney characters. They're way out of scale, but that's not new to me. I've been breaking scale for a long time now and enjoying it.

If you have room and trains for a separate layout, a lot of people use Department 56 buildings. Use LED lighting. Boy, that will really light up those buildings. Give it some thought and you will find lots of uses for a lot of lights.

It is probably needless to say Christmas and toy trains go together. This is a good chance to use those "toy-like" trains, in this highly "scale" world.

Merry Christmas, Mike

Lantern Layout Labyrinth, Swap Shop, Q&A's, Other Grandiose Ideas for 2015

By Sam Miller
The Lantern Editor

Doug Gyuricsko and I came up with some ideas for possible new features in The Lantern for 2015. Let us know if you like them and would be willing to participate. One is no good without the other.

Lantern Layout Labyrinth: We want to develop an inventory of club member layouts, complete with descriptions and photos. If you have a layout or plans for some, a special collection or other important modeling

accomplishes which deserve attention, tell us about them and, if you like, it will appear in The Lantern.

Swap Shop: Doug and I will list items for swap or sale in The Lantern. If you are looking for something, we can include that too.

Florida/Georgia/Alabama train Rides, Exhibits, Other Neat Things: Help us develop a record of neat things in our area for nuts like us in model railroading and 'real' railroading. There is a lot and things many of us would enjoy when in the area if we knew about them. Examples are; excursion trains, train layouts, old locomotives and other rolling stock in town squares and parks, and restored railroad stations.

Other Grandiose Ideas; What do you suggest?
Contact me at sammiller61113@outlook.com or 850-459-3012

BBMRA Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2014

Andy Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

Guests: (or not so), Paul Johnson, he is involved with all scales.

Minutes of October 21, 2014 as published in the Nov. Lantern; accepted as is.

The addendum to the by-laws concerning denial of membership printed in the September Lantern for review; accepted as is.

Treasurer's Report: Drew Hackmeyer reports we are in the black. Bank account issues had been worked out. Accepted as is. Andy then reported he and Drew were helped very much by Tallahassee State bank with important details in the account.

Andy also said John Sullenberger's family asks that donations in Johns name be made to the BBMRA. Many donations have been accepted, along with the FDLE and will be separate from general funds.

Fall Farm Day: Andy thanked those who helped with the Fall Farm Day at the "Junior Museum" November 1. Joe Haley, Randy Lombardo, Garth Easton, Matt Baronovich, Gary Austin, Doug Gyuricsko. (We know John set this up, and without Andy to follow through, such a successful event would have been very difficult).D.G.



Holiday Scene from Jack Herzog's Layout

Andy said he discovered during Fall Farm day about 40 people were not aware of our show, or other deeds, and found it to be very interesting.

Division Reports

- Large Scale: Randy said Thomas ran well, he had some issues that were repaired on scene at the Farm Day event.
- HO: Art Wilson said there are new corner modules so running trains should be successful again.
- Small Scale: Garth Easton reports there needs to be a work party in early Jan.
- Switching: Joe Haley said he had fun at the Fall Farm Day event. He had again the haunting mystery of electrical routing in the turnouts. The mystery goes on.
- NMRA: no report.

Good of the Group/ Memorials to John Sullenberger: Andy reminded us of Sam's Christmas open house for December 12, to be from 6:30 to 9:30. Club members may bring goodies if desired.

There was a motion to memorialize John Sullenberger. Many ideas were brought up, many are being worked on, and more are desired and welcomed. This main motion was tabled to allow the board to consider all ideas and develop the best to honor John's memory and his years of work on behalf of BBMRA. A motion was accepted to purchase four (4) child's wooden style train sets to donate in John's name. Printed information about John and the BBMRA could be put into the sets and the trains could be donated to organizations like Toys for Tots. Some details must still be worked out.

Andy said he is going through the data base John developed on the Annual Show & Sale, and getting in contact with previous vendors. They are shocked over John's passing but planning to participate in 2015.

Drew Hackmeyer mentioned that the Veterans Memorial Railroad in Bristol will run a Christmas train this year.

Ben Carroll reported the Folkston, GA., Train Rail watch will be on December 5, 6, 7^h. CSX fans can use the Funnel platform for a great experience. Check on line for more information.

"The Journey Forward:" Andy had assembled an agenda list for "the journey forward" as we regroup and move forward following the passing of John, Sandy Scott and other fine friends. Andy has said many times "many hands make light work." For us to carry on we will need volunteers, more than in the last year.

Andy detailed these needs:

- A vice president to help oversee many of the clubs projects;
- A club membership coordinator;
- An assistant show coordinator, which could be the vice president ;
- A volunteer show coordinator for the show;
- A publicity coordinator; and
- A monthly program coordinator.

There can be assistants to help in many of these positions.

Contact Andy for information about these, and your suggestions for memorials we want to do. John's family has asked that if John was doing sales for your benefit, please notify Andy also.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Gyuricsko.