



THE Lantern

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BBMRA Holiday Party - BBMRA Holiday Party – Sam & Linda's - Friday, Dec. 11, 2015, 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. 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 deserts, snacks or goodies to drink.. There will be a turkey and ham and lots of other fine things to eat and drink. Call Sam with questions: 459-3012 or 385-7733.

Directions: Turn onto Woodgate Way from Thomasville Road just north of Tallahassee Nurseries, and go about half-a-mile to Stillwood Court, which is the first left. Our house, 3008 Stillwood Court, is the third house on the left. "Real" railroad signs are beside the garage door. If you come onto Woodgate Way from Magnolia Avenue, go west for a couple of miles. Look for Reddington, then Stillwood, then a 2nd Stillwood, and turn right. Our house is still the third house on the left.

BBMRA Meetings

December 11, 2015: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Sam Miller/Linda Medlin's Model Railroading Holiday Reception, 3008 Stillwood Court, in Woodgate.

January 19, 2016, 7:30 p.m.: First "Third Tuesday" BBMRA Meeting of 2016. Program still being developed.

Santa & Mrs. Claus in BBMRA Family!!

Classic and contemporary Christmas illustrations, movies, songs, books, toys and Christmas ornament provide plenty of proof that Santa Claus loves model trains. Santa could have joined any of the thousands of model train clubs worldwide, but he chose the Big Bend Model Railroad Association in Tallahassee.

Santa joined BBMRA under the alias of John Zmeister, a stalwart N Scaler. Mrs. Claus goes under the alias of Judy.

Well, the truth is that John and Judy are Santa Helpers, performing as the Christmas Holidays' leading couple throughout the Tallahassee and Crawfordville area.



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus (also known as John and Judy Zmeister. Not sure about the very young one.)



TALLAHASSEE MODEL RAILROAD SHOW & SALE

Saturday June 25, 2016 -- 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



Celebrating the Holidays on Your Layout

This wonderful dirama was built by Theresa Wilson, who is married to HO Coordinator Art Wilson. It was one of the most popular displays in our recent club tour of layouts



Holiday Carnival from Sam Miller's Lionel Layout. Send photos of your holiday modeling scenes to the Lantern: sammiller61113@outlook.com

For Sale: HO Scale Layout - 13 by 6 feet

David Blodgett is selling this layout. Here are the details:

- ==Double track with 30" minimum radius.
- ==Spiraled curves.
- ==Primarily Code 100 Nickel Silver track - one small section done with Code 85 Nickel Silver track.
- ==13 switches
- ==Selling because I have gone to a larger shelf railroad.
- ==Price flexible; want a good home for layout..

Contact David Blodgett on Oldfield Drive in Woodgate at 386-9228.



BMRA Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2015

Vice president Sheldon Harrison started the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Sheldon explained our President, Andy Zimmerman, was traveling at this time.

V.P. Sheldon opened with **Old Business**, and asking for any changes to the meeting minutes of Oct 20th 2015? The minutes were accepted as is.

New Business: Garth Easton announced for President Zimmerman that five Thomas the Tank Engine wooden sets will be donated by BBMRA to "Toys for Tots". This will be done in John Sullenberger's name. Garth told us these are the wooden push/pull toy trains ideal for tots; hopefully; to start a new generation of train enthusiasts

Treasurer's Report: Drew Hackmeyer reports we are in the black.

Division Reports/Small Scale: Garth Easton said there will be work parties starting the second week of January, 2016. Garth also said there will be 5 train sets to be donated to "Toys for Tots". This will be done in John Sullenberger's name. Garth told us these are the wooden push pull toy trains ideal for Tots. Hopefully; to start a new generation of train enthusiasts.

HO Division: Art Wilson thanked all who showed up for the layout tour organized by Andy Millott. Art and his wife enjoyed showing their work to the members. Art also said it will be time to get back to the Antique Car Museum to work on the layout. Art said at least the four corner HO modules would be needed for the fall Farm Day at the Tallahassee "Junior Museum."

Thomas: Randy Lombardo said he would be interested setting up at the Fall Farm event at the Natural Museum if needed and is planning on Children's Day at the newly renovated State Museum near the Capitol in late January.

Large Scale: Sam Miller said the Large Scalars are planning to operate the Disney Layout at the state museum. Sam also wanted to thank David Blodgett for traveling with the layout tour and taking great photos of the members' layouts, and people appreciating the work involved. Sam said the October 31 garage sale was good; many people and neighbors got to see the various items for sale. Looks like it can be done next year.

Sam also said remember the open house Christmas party at his and Linda's home set for 6:30 p.m. till a reasonable hour, Friday, December 11. This is in lieu of a regular BBMRA meeting. V.P. Sheldon Harrison closed the business meeting at 7: 40 P.M. and announced the night's presentation by our large scale coordinator, Sam Miller.

Our Program: The program Sam set up was far more than seeing where he and Linda had traveled. Sam introduced us to the York Train Show, along with what a train enthusiast might see and run into around the area. Sam had many photos of the show, the vendors you might see, and an author who was very friendly to them and signed his book. There were places of interest around York area, along with a huge cabooses motel site, steam train ride, and a museum to envy. While doing the presentation Sam was able create some laughter and to include many members present to share some of their first hand experiences in the York/Strausburg, Pennsylvania, area. It was a valuable report of how it may be for any of us who want to go some day. There was applause for not only the program, but also for the work Andy Millott did for the layout tour.

We had 23 members on hand tonight.

The next BBMRA meeting is planned for January 19, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by **Doug Gyuricsko.**